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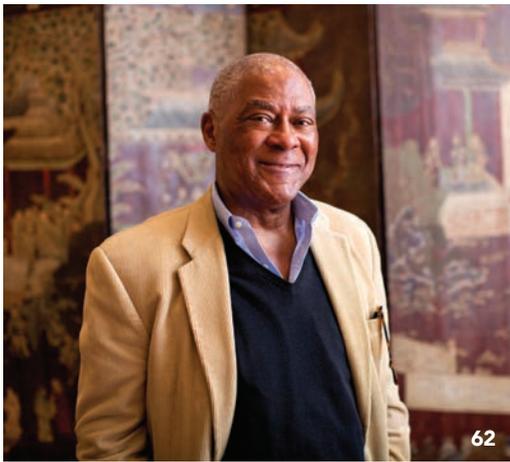




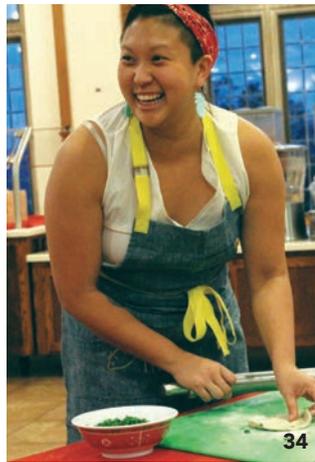
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In the archives of Kroch Library resides a collection of oral histories recorded in the months following the takeover of Willard Straight Hall in April 1969, an event that would make headlines as the first armed occupation on an American campus. A half century later, those seldom-accessed interviews serve as vibrant testimony to the events of that spring, when Cornellians wrestled with difficult and divisive issues that continue to challenge American society today. To mark the takeover's fiftieth anniversary, CAM excerpts those histories—eyewitness testimony, striking in its freshness and detail, recalling a defining moment in Big Red history that had only just unfolded.

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When Tom Jones '69, MRP '72, was a senior, he was among the dozens of African American students who took over the Straight. But in a remarkable transformation, the former activist went on to become not only a barrier-breaking finance executive but a University trustee who even endowed a campus prize for interracial understanding. This spring, Cornell University Press is publishing his memoir, *From Willard Straight to Wall Street*. "You had good people on both sides," he says, pondering the takeover in a recent interview with CAM. "Everybody was well-intentioned. Nobody was a bad person. But because of the communication breakdowns and other dynamics, you ended up in this almost unimaginable confrontation."

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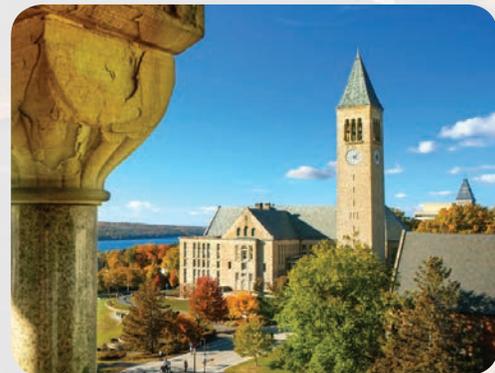
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On education and exploration



In the early nineteenth century, Wilhelm von Humboldt, the German philosopher and linguist, put forth a framework for higher education that incorporated both comprehensive general learning and cultural knowledge in an academic environment that valued both teaching and research. He argued that such an education, with its emphasis on intellectual exploration and freedom of thought,

encouraged the full development of intellectual capacity and professional potential. It equipped students for an unknown future: giving them the tools for responsible citizenship, the capacity to adapt to unanticipated situations, and a solid grounding for specialized training.

At the time, what we now call a liberal education was a radical concept. Two hundred years later, in a rapidly changing and increasingly unpredictable world, it is more relevant, and more valuable, than ever before.

A liberal arts and sciences education arms students with the ability to speak and write clearly, to think and reason critically, to understand and work with data, and to appreciate different perspectives. More broadly, it builds higher reasoning—training the mind to absorb, analyze, and synthesize new information from a variety of sources, and to base sound decisions on these assessments. The goal is not simply the acquisition of knowledge. It is the development of a capable mind, and the maturation of an individual at home in the world.

At Cornell, these aspects of a traditional liberal education combine with the uniquely American aspects of our uniquely American university: a foundational commitment to diversity that welcomes not only “any student,” but also “any study.” Cornell is home to a breathtaking diversity of academic disciplines and professional studies, enabling students to explore and discover a breadth of knowledge and thought. For those who have chosen the College of Arts and Sciences, their liberal arts and sciences studies are complemented (as is the education of every Cornell undergraduate) by both the offerings of other colleges and the diversity of our student body and faculty.

While remaining true to its principles, a liberal education can and should be fluid in its content: responsive to

the interests of the student, the resources of the institution, and the state of modern knowledge. In 2016, with this in mind, the College of Arts and Sciences undertook a comprehensive review of its undergraduate programs, engaging students, faculty, and other stakeholders in a detailed examination of the existing curriculum and of potential scenarios for change. I am pleased to share that in October the faculty overwhelmingly approved a new Arts and Sciences curriculum, focusing on the theme of exploration. Changes include a more meaningful and streamlined set of distribution requirements that encourage exploration across the college’s offerings; simpler and clearer graduation requirements; and greater scope for interdisciplinary study and pedagogical innovation.

The new curriculum (whose details are available at as.cornell.edu/curriculum) enables early exploration, establishing five distribution categories to be fulfilled within a student’s first four semesters. It also expands the breadth of exploration, introducing a new set of ten distribution categories: arts, literature, and culture; social difference; biological sciences; physical sciences; ethics and the mind; social sciences; global citizenship; statistics and data science; historical analysis; and symbolic and mathematical reasoning. Elective

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requirements, breadth requirements, and minimum course graduation requirements have all been eliminated, while the existing language requirement—which can be fulfilled by any living or extinct human language, including sign languages—has been preserved. These changes, which will be rolled out in the next two years, will modernize and simplify the curriculum, while providing students with exposure to a greater diversity of disciplines, and challenging them to explore new areas of learning and thought.

A Cornell education, in every college and in every generation, aims to equip students not only for their careers and their professions, but for their lives. I look forward with excitement to the changes ahead, and to the new journeys of learning, discovery, and engagement that will begin here. ■

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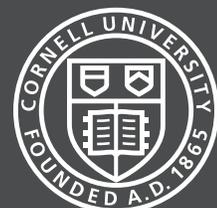
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From the Hill



Hempstead Is Named Dean of Weill Cornell Grad School

Barbara Hempstead (left)—who has spent more than three decades at Weill Cornell Medicine as a professor, researcher, and administrator—has been named dean of its Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Hempstead’s previous roles include serving as co-chief of the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, as associate dean for faculty development, and most recently as senior associate dean for education; in the latter position, she oversaw implementation of the Medical College’s revised curriculum. “Technological advances over the last decade have transformed how we think about science,” observes Hempstead, also a professor of medicine and of neuroscience. “Our work today is collaborative, capitalizes on large datasets, and harnesses state-of-the-art techniques to ask questions that haven’t been addressed before. This evolving landscape requires us to think more broadly about how we train the next generation.” Hempstead is an undergraduate alumna of Tufts University who earned her MD-PhD from Washington University in St. Louis; she joined the WCM faculty in 1987. A board-certified hematologist, she has had her research continuously funded by the NIH for more than three decades and has published more than 130 scholarly papers.

New Global Affairs Institute

A former congressman from Long Island will lead a new Cornell institute that’s set to open in 2019–20. Steve Israel, a Democrat who served in Congress for sixteen years, will be the inaugural director of the Institute of Politics and Global Affairs. A unit of the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs, it will have offices in metro New York, and Israel will teach a fall class on the Ithaca campus. The institute’s programming is still in the planning stages, but is expected to include offerings in New York City, Ithaca, and Washington, DC.



Aedes aegypti mosquitos, which transmit diseases like yellow fever, can hear from as far as ten meters away. Researchers had previously thought capturing sound at such a distance required eardrums.

Musical tastes can be influenced by season and time of day, finds Cornell’s Social Dynamics Lab. Analyzing more than 765 million Spotify streams from around the globe, researchers have found a preference for less intense, more relaxing music during colder times of the year and at night.

Grad students at Cornell Tech have developed an app to help people moderate their social media use. In a study, participants whose phones vibrated when they exceeded designated screen-time limits spent an average of 20 percent less time on Facebook.

Analyzing ten years of data from New York apple orchards, entomologists have found that productivity depends on the surrounding landscape: natural habitats attract more diverse bee species—and therefore more effective pollinators—than farmland.



Brewing green tea in bottled (rather than tap) water—which increases levels of a potent antioxidant—makes the drink taste more bitter but doubles its health benefits, food scientists say.



Skorton to Head AAMC

President Emeritus David Skorton (left) is leaving the Smithsonian to lead the Association of American Medical Colleges. Skorton, a cardiologist, served as Cornell president for nine years before departing for Washington, DC, in 2015 to head the world’s largest museum. He takes the helm of the AAMC, the nation’s leading nonprofit devoted to academic medicine, in July.

‘I think the biggest challenge for all of us is to be open to new approaches, and OK with taking that risk and maybe failing.’

– **J. Meejin Yoon, BArch ’95**, who assumed the deanship of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning in January

Next Year’s Tuition Set

Trustees have announced a 2019–20 budget that includes what Provost Michael Kotlikoff calls the lowest percentage increase in undergrad tuition in decades. It sets tuition at \$56,550 for students in the endowed colleges (and out-of-staters in the statutory colleges) and \$37,880 for New Yorkers in the statutory colleges—an increase of 3.6 percent. The total cost, including tuition, housing, and dining: \$71,796 and \$53,126, each up 3.5 percent.

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'The value of a collection is not what we have in the drawers, but in what we send out to the world.'

— Earth and atmospheric sciences professor **Greg Dietl**, on digitizing Cornell's collection of mollusk specimens

Did You Know...

An alum recently got his diploma more than six decades after his class graduated? Now an orthopaedic surgeon, David Murray '52 got into med school after three years of undergrad, thanks to summer courses at Iowa State. After reviewing his transcripts, the University finally granted his degree last fall.

Give My Regards to . . . These Cornellians in the news

David Honan (right), named Cornell's new chief of police. Honan—who has served with CUPD since 1995, most recently as deputy chief—succeeds Kathy Zoner, who held the post for nearly ten years.



Ithaca, chosen by *USA Today* as one of the top twenty-five most innovative cities in the U.S.



C.C. Chu (left), professor of fiber science and apparel design, elected a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors for his work designing biomaterials, including tissue engineering for human body repair.

Leonard Schleifer '73, president and CEO of the biotech firm Regeneron, honored as Cornell's Entrepreneur of the Year.

Johnson Museum Hires Director



Jessica Levin Martinez (left) has been tapped as director of the Johnson Museum of Art. She comes to the Hill from the Harvard Art Museums, where she currently heads the Division of Academic and Public Programs. "Nearly 400 classes are already visiting the Johnson Museum each academic year," notes Martinez, who begins her new job in July, "and that constant flow of opportunity with new students, fresh eyes, and bold questions is exciting to me." Martinez holds a doctorate in the history of art and architecture from Harvard. Her previous work includes investigating the provenance of Nazi-looted artworks in Prague and Slovakia, and serving as an educator and administrator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art.



TINY TUNES

Big Red researchers created a nanoscale instrument that's the width of a strand of DNA—and played the Alma Mater on it. What was it?

- a) Harp
- b) Flute
- c) Xylophone
- d) Guitar

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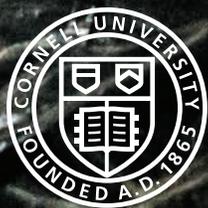
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Together with Dr. George Yancopoulos, president and chief scientific officer, Schleifer built Regeneron from a tiny startup into one of the world's leading biotechnology companies, with seven FDA-approved treatments and more than 20 investigational medicines to help patients with eye disease, heart disease, allergic and inflammatory diseases, pain, cancer, infectious diseases and rare diseases.

Schleifer has been named repeatedly to Harvard Business Review's list of best-performing CEOs in the world, as well as to Yale School of Management's Legends in Leadership list and was honored as an E&Y Life Sciences Entrepreneur of the Year. Under his leadership, Regeneron has earned top honors as the best place to work in the annual Science Magazine employer ranking and has been consistently ranked among the most innovative companies by Forbes.

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WINGED VICTORY

CALS prof Anurag Agrawal studies the monarch butterfly, including its stunning—but increasingly threatened—seasonal migration

Anurag Agrawal is an expert in monarch butterflies and their migratory lives—so he has long known the details of their winter sojourn to Mexico, where hundreds of millions of insects spend months clustered on trees in a state of semi-somnolence. But even he wasn't prepared for the reality of viewing it firsthand. "It was unbelievable to see their tattered wings, knowing that they've come from New York State or Ontario," he recalls. "And the sheer density—in one meter squared, there's 5,000 butterflies. >



SNACK TIME: A monarch caterpillar (above) dines on a milkweed leaf, which exudes toxic latex. Top: The caterpillar forms into a chrysalis. Bottom: A milkweed plant.

You can't be prepared for that." Some mornings, he says, sunlight would warm the insects enough to rouse them, and they'd take off en masse in search of a sip of water or floral nectar. "There are 20,000 butterflies all clustered, and then something happens and they all decide to fly," Agrawal marvels. "You weren't even positive they were alive, and they take to the air. It's magical."

The James A. Perkins Professor of Environmental Studies, Agrawal is an evolutionary ecologist who studies not only monarchs but their sole food source: milkweed. In his lab in Corson Hall—and in fieldwork throughout North America—he explores the relationship between the plant and its tenacious consumer. As Agrawal notes, monarch caterpillars manage to thrive on milkweed despite its potent defenses, which include a toxic, sticky, white fluid (known as latex) that gushes at the ravenous newborn bugs with the relative force of a fire hose the moment they bite into a leaf. The butterflies themselves have a lifespan of just two to six weeks—except for an annual "Methuselah" generation, which lives for six to eight months. Its members fly thousands of miles from the Northeast to overwinter in Mexico, then commute back up to Texas to breed and eventually perish. The next generation then continues the journey north. "Butterflies are the ultimate transformers," Agrawal observes. "They have these two phases of their lives: the eating phase as a caterpillar, then they turn into this other creature where their only job is to mate, fly around, and lay eggs."

Agrawal's research projects have

included studying the differences between various species of milkweed—he planted samples from all over the world in a common garden on campus, then assessed how appealing they were to monarchs—and isolating milkweed's individual toxins in the lab. The insects themselves, he says, "are very tractable to study. We can have colonies with hundreds of butterflies; an individual might lay 300 eggs for us, and we can mate specific males to specific females." When it comes to monarchs, Agrawal says, "They're just part of me. I dream about them."

But all is not well in the monarch world. While Agrawal stresses that the species is by no means in danger of extinction—there are self-sustaining populations in locales as far flung as Spain, Hawaii, and New Zealand—something is going awry with their annual migration in North America. While the population that Agrawal focuses on—which mainly commutes from the Northeastern U.S. south to Mexico and back again with the seasons—has seen its numbers fluctuate over the years, there has been an overall downward trajectory of overwintering monarchs in Mexico over the past quarter-century. As he and a colleague wrote in the journal *Science* last summer: "The sustainability of their long-distance migration in the Americas is in question, and

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understanding the mechanisms driving their decline is crucial to reversing the trend."

Those potential reasons, unsurprisingly, include climate change—which could have such effects as causing droughts that deprive monarchs of needed water, changing the ecology of the forests in which they overwinter, and raising tempera-



tures enough to prompt the butterflies to be active when they should reserve energy for their return journey north. Other potential causes, on which Agrawal's investigations are ongoing, include pesticides, pollution, and habitat fragmentation, such as having highways cut through their migratory routes. (As he noted in the *Washington Post* a couple of years ago, "Twenty million monarchs die in car accidents every year on their way to Mexico.") Another potential—though unproven—factor: cell phone towers, which some believe could interfere with the butterflies' ability to navigate. "Monarchs are sentinels for the health of our >



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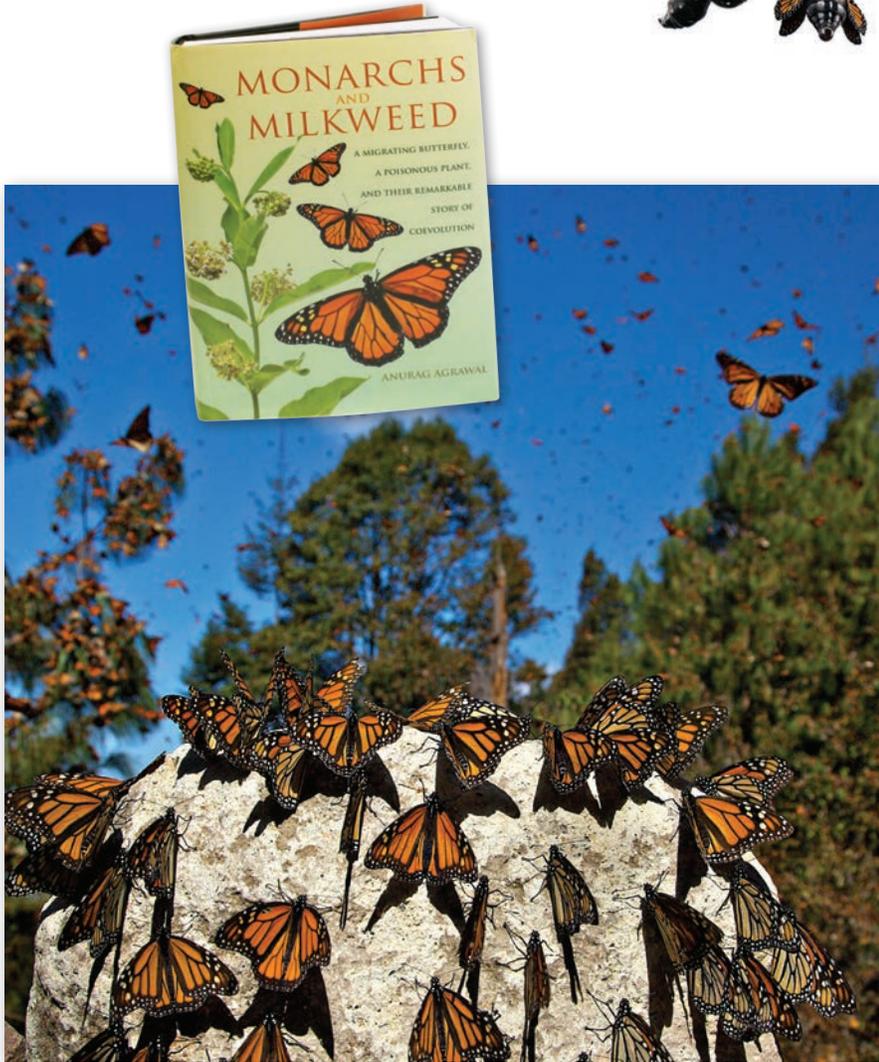
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FLIGHTS OF FANCY (clockwise from above): Agrawal in the field, surrounded by milkweed plants; masses of migrating monarchs; his 2017 book; the insect's transformation from chrysalis to butterfly

continent," he says. "And it's not just monarchs that are declining. Most neotropical migratory bird species, like tree swallows, are showing equal and correlated declines. That, to me, says that there is some serious, continent-wide degradation going on that is impacting many species. It's unclear what that alarm bell is signaling—but it's signaling something. Something will be lost, whether it's environmental health or human health."

Agrawal covers this and much more in *Monarchs and Milkweed*, his 2017 book from Princeton University Press. Subtitled *A Migrating Butterfly, a Poisonous Plant, and Their Remarkable Story of Coevolution*, the hardcover was named one of the year's ten best biology books by *Forbes*, and *Kirkus* lauded it as "a lively, highly informative introduction to significant research in ecology that highlights the importance of conserving our natural habitats." In addition to an exhaustive dive into monarchs, milkweed, and their dramatic interactions, Agrawal covers such unorthodox territory as the time he cooked milkweed shoots for dinner and passed it off to his family as asparagus. (They liked it.)

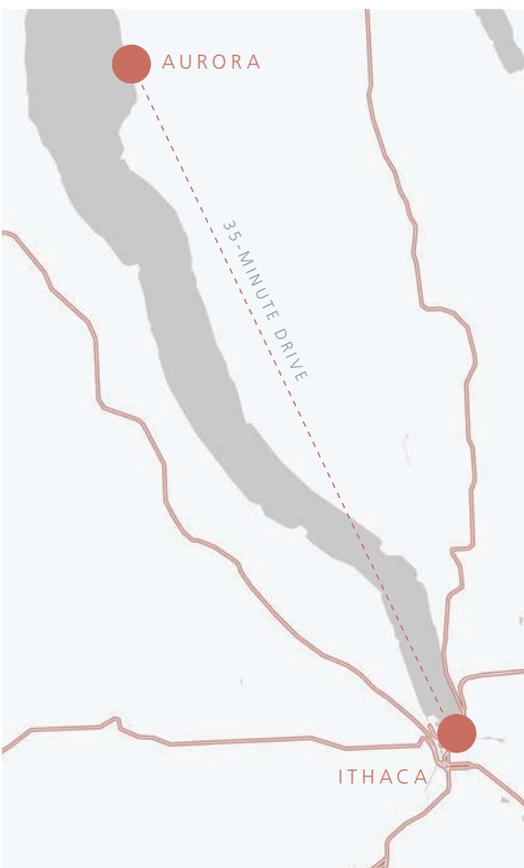
At another meal, not mentioned in the book, he topped homemade pizza with monarch frass—also known as baby butterfly poop. "Caterpillar frass is nothing other than chopped up leaves with some of the nutrients and toxins taken out of them," he explains, noting that it "just tasted like 'green.'"

Asked to ponder why humans tend to find monarchs so appealing, Agrawal cites multiple reasons. There's their sheer beauty, with striking orange-and-black coloration; the ubiquity of the caterpillar, with its distinctive yellow and white stripes; the fact that they're easy for schoolchildren and hobbyists to rear at home; and their notorious reputation for being toxic enough to spark vomiting in birds unwise enough to eat them. And of course, there's their indefatigable, and visually stunning, seasonal commute. "A wildebeest migration is spectacular—but it seems unfathomable that an insect that weighs as much as a paperclip would travel the same distance," Agrawal says. "That just blows people's minds—as it does mine, every time I think about it." ■

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DEFYING GRAVITY

Nagin Cox's conservative father didn't support her NASA dreams—but that didn't stop the 1986 alum from reaching for the stars



'MARS TIME': Cox delivering a TEDx talk on the discombobulating logistics of working on the rover team

The bio for the TEDx talk that Nagin Ahmed Cox '86 gave in late 2016—and which now has more than two million views—describes her as a “first-generation Martian.” A longtime spacecraft operations engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California, Cox has spent the last quarter-century helping to develop and run mission control systems for the space agency's robotic explorers, including *Galileo* and three of the four Mars rovers. She works on designing the processes and tools—as well as training the staff—that fly NASA's electronic eyes and ears to other planets and to outer space, where they gather data and send it back home. “The first Martians are the teams who are operating the rovers on Mars,” Cox says, “even though we live on Earth.” She's currently at work on NASA's next rover, planned to depart for the Red Planet in 2020. To the oft-asked question of why she never aimed to be an astronaut, Cox replies: “If you really want to go ‘where no one has gone before,’ it's the robots

that see a place first.”

The “Star Trek” allusion is no offhand remark; growing up in the Midwest in the 1970s, Cox was captivated by the TV space adventure, then airing in reruns. While most of her friends quickly moved on to Nancy Drew books and other pursuits, she found inspiration in the show's vision of a multi-ethnic crew in which women played key roles. It was a particularly

‘If you really want to go “where no one has gone before,” ’ says Cox, ‘it’s the robots that see a place first.’

potent message for Cox, given that her conservative Muslim father, who'd emigrated to the U.S. from India, didn't support her dreams of studying science or even going away to college. But by fourteen, Cox was fixated on working for JPL someday—thanks not only to “Star Trek,” but also to “Cosmos,” the PBS astronomy program that inspired so many kids to pursue STEM fields. “For a while, I had thought maybe I should write >

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SWEET SUCCESS: Cox (right) and a colleague in JPL's Mission Support Area in August 2012, just before the landing of the *Curiosity* rover. They're holding celebratory gift bags including—naturally—a Mars bar.

science fiction," she recalls, "but then I thought, Why work on fiction when this is real?"

Just applying to colleges required a force of will. Confused as to why she hadn't received information from any of the schools she'd queried, she discovered that her father had been intercepting the envelopes. She persevered, applying to more than a dozen schools and paying the application fees with money she'd earned; she ultimately funded her education through an Air Force ROTC scholarship. Cornell was always the front runner—because at the end of each "Cosmos" episode, it was listed as the home institution of host Carl Sagan. When it was time to leave for Ithaca, Cox—who'd never been on a plane by herself—got a friend to take her to the airport. "I had two giant suitcases and my bike," she says. "I knew I could never go home."

On the Hill, she double majored across colleges, earning degrees in psychology and in operations research and industrial engineering. She went on to six years of active duty in the military, during which she earned a master's in space operations engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. She landed her dream job at JPL in 1993 and has been there ever since. (To this day, she writes "IWWTWTF" on the cover of each work notebook—a reminder, she says, that she wanted to be there so badly, "I was willing to wash the floors.") The first mission Cox worked on was *Galileo*, which launched in 1989 to study Jupiter and its moons, arriving at the planet in late 1995. For that mission and every one since, she has felt a poignant emotional connection to the technological emissary she was helping to shepherd. "I would go outside and look up at the sky when she was struggling with [Jupiter's] radiation belts and we had anomaly after anomaly," Cox recalls. "I would say, 'How are you? Hang in there, we're trying to help.' We all talk

time, she and her colleagues live and work on Mars time for several months at the beginning of each mission, shifting the start of their "morning" by about forty minutes a day. (Her husband, electrical engineering alum Earl Cox '86, MEng '91, helps out by covering their home's windows to block out the light.) Since the rover is typically active only during sunlight hours, she and her team are on the Martian "night shift,"

'We all talk to our spacecraft and think about them,' Cox says. 'These are our babies. They are extensions of us. When we lose one, it's like a knife to the heart.'

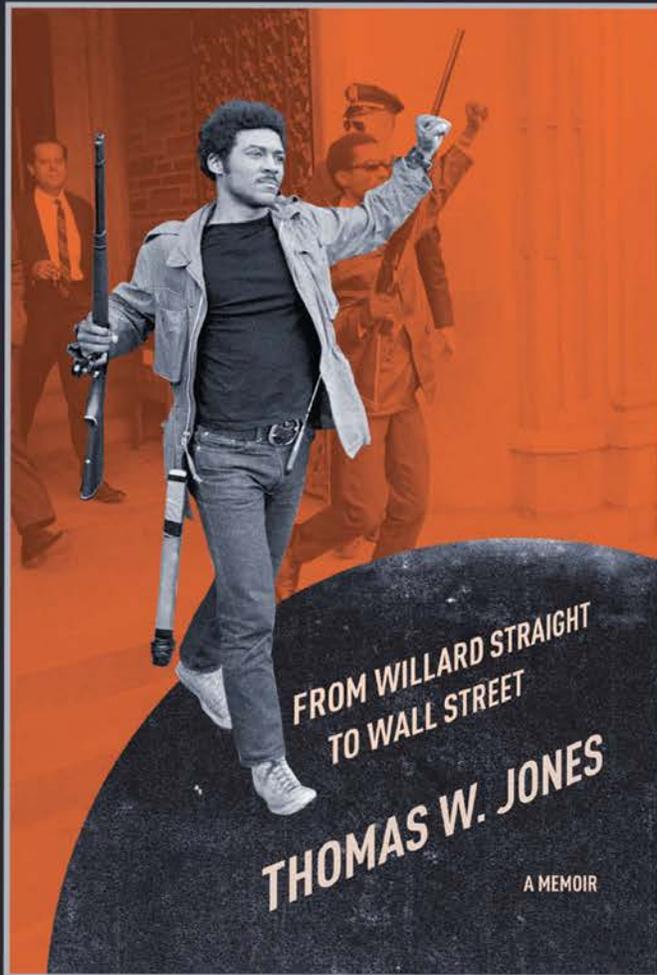
sending the rover commands to drill, drive, or perform other tasks when it wakes up the next morning. "We are living on Earth, but working on Mars," she told the TEDx audience. "So we have to think as if we are actually on Mars with the rover." They've developed an argot to distinguish between the terrestrial and Martian calendars—using, for example, "yestersol" and "solorrow" instead of yesterday and tomorrow. When Cox is on Mars time she even sports a second watch on her left wrist, one that has been specially altered to run more slowly. "I couldn't possibly get tired of this," she says. "I'm an explorer, and I love being on Mars. It's everything my fourteen-year-old self hoped it would be."

To inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers, Cox has given some 700 STEM talks over the past two decades—not only around the U.S. but in countries like Jordan, Morocco, and Pakistan. "There are always people who will tell you that you can't do something because of your gender, race, or ethnicity," she says. "In some small way, I want to share the message that yes, you can." ■

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Bob Feinberg '84 founded the Montclair Film Festival, now a magnet for stars and cinephiles



MOVIE MAGIC: Stephen Colbert (left) interviewing actress Meryl Streep at the Montclair Film Festival last December

Last spring, Academy Award-winning actress Rachel Weisz appeared before a film festival audience to discuss her latest movie, *Disobedience*, an indie drama about a love affair between two Orthodox Jewish women that she produced and starred in alongside Rachel McAdams. During a chat with the event's master of ceremonies—late-night host Stephen Colbert—she talked about everything from creating experimental theater early in her career to recently starting a production company that's focused on telling stories centered around women. So when an aspiring actress asked for advice during the Q&A portion of the evening, Weisz spoke from experience. "Write a

play and put it on. Write a Web series, film it on your iPhone," she said with a wide smile. "Don't just wait for work to come to you. Make your own work."

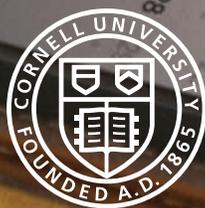
Weisz's appearance didn't take place in Manhattan or L.A., Telluride or Toronto. She was in a medium-sized New Jersey town (population: 39,000), at a regional event that has quickly become a favorite stop for movie industry A-listers. Since the Montclair Film Festival debuted in 2012, stars like Weisz, Richard Gere, Claire Danes, Jeff Daniels, and Ethan Hawke—as well as powerhouse directors like Richard Curtis, Rob Reiner, and Jon Favreau—have headed to the New York City ▶



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HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD (clockwise from top left): Feinberg (left) with director J.J. Abrams; a local TV journalist who presented a screening of a documentary on Mr. Rogers; *20 Feet from Stardom* star Darlene Love (left) and director Morgan Neville; Ethan Hawke; Colbert (left) interviewing Richard Gere; Rachel Weisz (at left); John Leguizamo (left) at a showing of *Chef*.

Top-notch selections are part of the attraction, with a wide array of foreign films, documentaries, and future Oscar contenders offered in the typical lineup.

suburb to showcase their work. The festival's rapid rise comes thanks in large part to its founder, attorney Bob Feinberg '84, who got the idea after showing off his hometown to a co-worker who was considering a move there. As Feinberg proudly pointed out some of the area's cultural institutions—a century-old art museum, an independent cinema, and a former 1920s movie palace turned concert hall, to name just a few—his colleague asked if Montclair had a film festival. "We didn't," says Feinberg, now chairman of the festival's board of trustees. "And then I thought, Well, why not?"

That inspired him to launch a grassroots effort in Montclair, tapping his connections as vice president and general counsel at WNET, the PBS flagship station in New York City. He organized fundraisers and hired veteran festival directors to get the project off the ground, later helping recruit prominent residents like Colbert, makeup maven Bobbi Brown, and actor Patrick Wilson as advisers and board members. More than 7,500 movie lovers attended the inaugural festival, watching seventy-five films over seven days at venues throughout

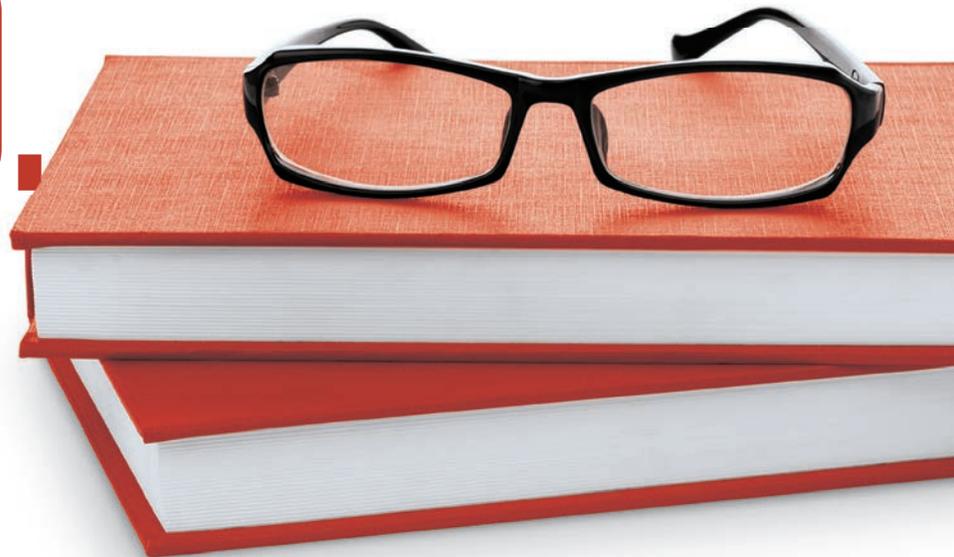
town, with special guests such as director Michael Moore and actors Kathleen Turner, Oliver Platt, and Olympia Dukakis.

In the intervening years, *MovieMaker* magazine has twice named Montclair to its list of the "25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World." Top-notch selections are part of the attraction, with a wide array of foreign films, documentaries, and future Oscar contenders offered in the typical lineup. (*La La Land* and *Moonlight* are just two of the films that were shown >

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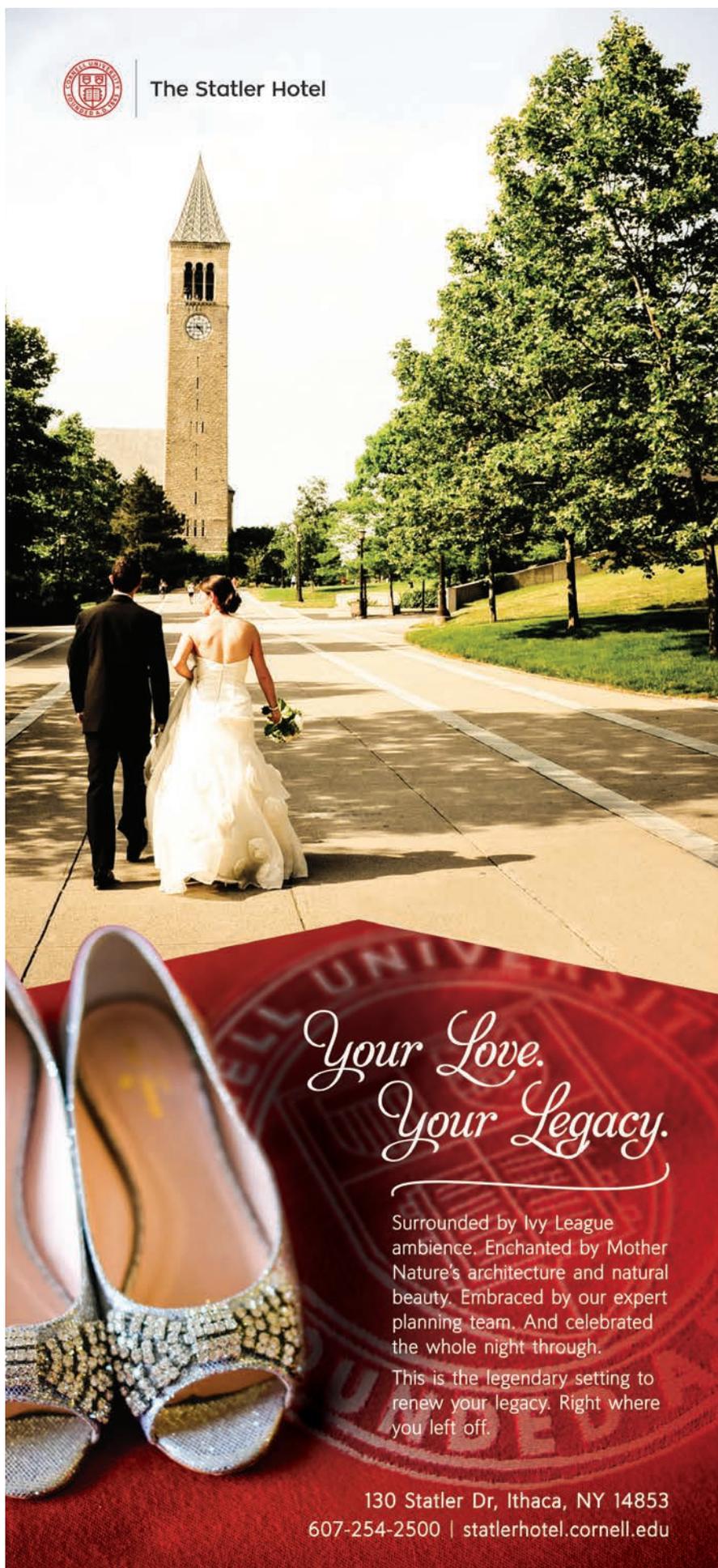
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in Montclair before gaining widespread acclaim and major awards.) Last year, for instance, the festival held a pre-release screening of the well-reviewed coming-of-age drama *Eighth Grade*, followed by a Q&A with director Bo Burnham.

Feinberg believes that Montclair's festival stands out because it champions the creative side of moviemaking in a small-town setting. He says festivals like Sundance have become more like marketplaces, where auteurs go to sell their projects and land distribution deals. "There's a real industry aspect to them," he says. "The Montclair Film Festival is purposefully not that. It's really about community. When people bring their films to Montclair—whether they're Richard Gere or a first-time, independent filmmaker—they walk away feeling like they've been embraced."

In early 2017, Feinberg's organization—now a nonprofit dubbed Montclair Film—gained a permanent home, which allows it to offer educational and entertainment programs year-round. The headquarters is the result of a two-year, \$3.5 million capital campaign to renovate the 6,000-square-foot building, donated by a regional bank. Colbert—who has headlined six-figure fundraisers since the festival began, and whose wife currently serves as board president—contributed significantly to the cause by hosting sold-out evenings with celebrities like Jon Stewart, Steve Carell, Samantha Bee, and Meryl Streep. Montclair Film now boasts a \$2 million annual budget, a full-time staff of ten, and hundreds of volunteers. It shows independent films in its sixty-five-seat cinema five nights a week; holds improv and storytelling shows; offers workshops on topics like screenwriting, editing, cinematography, and makeup design; and hosts an annual filmmaking competition for students in grades six through twelve. "There's a lot of sizzle associated with a ten-day festival," notes Feinberg. "But the year-round programming is just as important to us."

And as for this year's festival? Feinberg estimates that the event, which is set for May 3–12, will draw as many as 30,000 visitors—a figure approaching the population of its host town. "The trajectory," he says, "has been nothing short of incredible." ■

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An ILR prof chronicles the decline of secure labor and the rise of the gig economy



Labor historian Louis Hyman opens his most recent book with a dramatic twist. First, the ILR professor recounts a recession-era speech in which a leading executive stressed the need for American firms to lower costs by rolling back job security, using more temporary workers, and increasing automation. Then he reveals the year in which the talk was delivered: “not in 2008, but in 1958.”

In *Temp*, published last summer by Viking, Hyman chronicles how America evolved away from the ideal of secure employment, challenging a host of assumptions along the way. He demonstrates not only that the shift toward temporary labor began in the late 1940s—decades before the advent of Craigslist and Uber—but that for women, minorities, and immigrants, the vaunted “man in the gray flannel suit” era of well-compensated, lifetime employment never really existed. “This was the postwar era, where we created the stable job; how did these new forms of labor get invented in a time when work was supposedly meant to be secure?” muses Hyman, chatting with CAM by phone from Manhattan, where he directs ILR’s Institute for Workplace Studies and teaches a weekly seminar for ILR students interning in the city. “But as it turns out, that stable job was only for white men, whether they worked in unionized factories or white collar offices.”

One of the main characters in Hyman’s book—which the *New York Times* lauded as “illuminating and often surprising”—is Elmer Winter, deliverer of that 1958 speech. Ten years earlier, he had co-founded Manpower, the now-global temp agency that Hyman says “was almost singlehandedly responsible for undermining postwar job security.” Hyman describes how Winter positioned Manpower as no threat to full-time workers; on the contrary, Winter said, it helped them by providing replacements during vacations or illness.

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Besides, Winter argued, his temps weren’t “career girls”; they were married women just earning extra money for their families. “Temporary work was possible in the postwar era because it was framed as women’s work, and therefore wasn’t deserving of better wages and security,” explains Hyman, whose previous books include *Debtor Nation: The History of America in Red Ink*. “This created the opportunity to rehearse a more insecure economy through women, as well as people of color and migrant laborers [in other arenas of employment], that would ▶



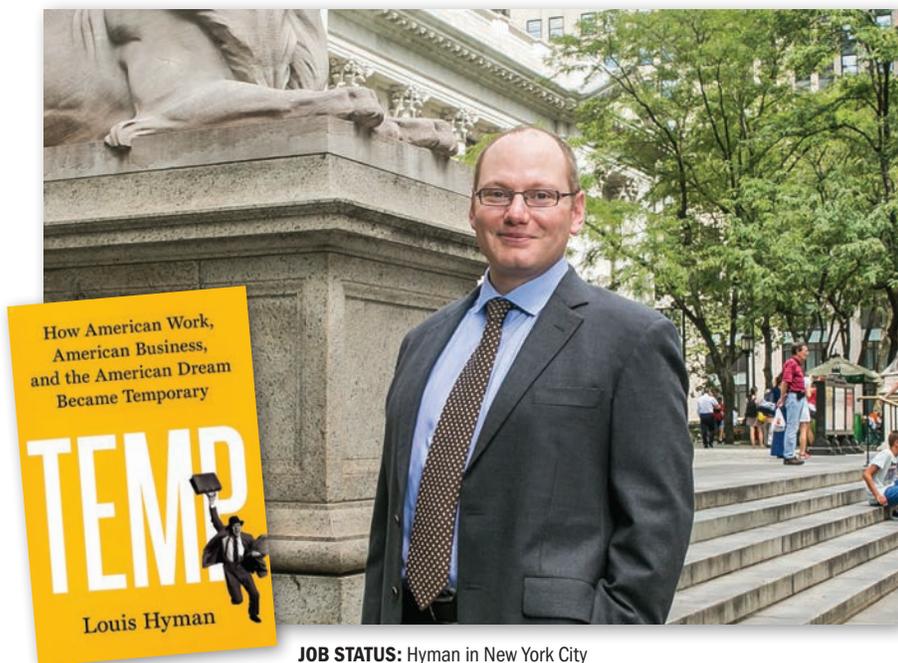
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never have been acceptable if it had been applied to white men.”

Just as services like Manpower showed companies that they could prosper without providing job security and benefits to a portion of their workforce, Hyman writes, another firm—the management consultancy McKinsey—spread the gospel of workplace Darwinism throughout the C-suite. The firm, where Hyman himself worked before shifting to academia, developed what he describes as a culture of brutal meritocracy for its consultants, in which “every evaluation contained the possibility of promotion or firing.” That philosophy, he says, was not only passed on to the firm’s corporate clients, but was propagated by former McKinsey consultants who went on to lead companies worldwide. McKinsey’s performance, Hyman writes, “was a result of the way in which employees could not count on job security. Bringing that excellence, and insecurity, to their clients—first in the U.S. and then abroad—would reshape the future of the corporation.”

In writing about temporary labor, Hyman drew on some personal experience: in high school, he had a summer job as a data-entry temp, a dull gig whose main appeal was air conditioning. He majored in history and math at Columbia, earned a PhD in American history from Harvard, signed on with McKinsey, and had a bit of an epiphany when he went on his first assignment. “On my very first day of work,” he recalls, “I sat down in this big corporate boardroom and thought, I’m a temp, just like I was in high school—only now I’m wearing a suit and I’m paid ten times as much.”

While researching *Temp*, Hyman interviewed none other than Craig Newmark, the tech industry gig worker who inadvertently upended the marketplace by founding his eponymous online “list.” He tapped such varied sources as Winter’s personal archives

and the Nineties-era “zine” (indie magazine) *Temp Slave*. He also dived into an internal library at the Immigration and Naturalization Service; the book includes a primer on the history of migrant labor in the U.S., not only in agriculture, but—surprisingly—in the tech industry. During the rise of personal computing, he explains, companies touted high-tech factories with “machines building machines”; the reality was far less futuristic, with some workers assembling circuit boards with their fingernails. “To understand the electronics industry is simple: every time someone says ‘robot,’ simply picture a woman of color,” he writes. “Instead of self-aware robots, workers—all women, mostly immigrants, sometimes undocumented—hunched over tables with magnifying glasses assembling parts, sometimes on a factory line and sometimes on a kitchen table.

Though it paid a lot of lip service to automation, Silicon Valley truly relied on a transient workforce of workers outside of traditional labor relations.”

One of Hyman’s central arguments is that, contrary to received wisdom, technology isn’t a primary driver of job insecurity; after all, the postwar heyday of stable employment coincided with the dawn of the Jet Age. Rather, he attributes the shift to changes in corporate values and fiscal policy, such as a focus on quarterly profits over long-term growth. “People imagine that insecure work began with Uber, but I say in the book that Uber is the waste product of the service economy,” says Hyman, who’s currently

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commuting to Ithaca to teach *The History of Consumption: From Wedgwood to Walmart*, which draws about 200 students each spring. “What I mean is that Uber is only possible because the alternatives for working people are so bad. It’s not like if you work at Starbucks or Walmart you’re very secure and well paid.”

Hyman cautions readers not to be overly nostalgic for a perceived golden era of employment—which, even if it benefited some workers, was also a time of profound racial and gender inequality. On an optimistic note, though, he stresses that if employment insecurity is the result of policy decisions, then different choices can be made to mitigate it; factors like portable benefits and universal healthcare, he says, could leverage the gig economy’s advantages (like flexibility) while ameliorating its downsides. “I don’t think it’s depressing to think that the economy doesn’t run on autopilot,” he says. “It’s invigorating that we have choices over where we want this all to go. It reminds us that people can act to make America worthy of its promises.” ■

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SPICY SICHUAN SNACK: Dan Dan Noodles with Crispy Pork Belly and Brussels Sprouts, a dish from the new cookbook that Li co-wrote with her siblings

On a Thursday night in November, a crowd gathers around Irene Li '12, BA '15, as she stands in the center of the bustling Okenshields dining hall, demonstrating how to turn a few basic ingredients into something delicious. She grabs a ball of dough—just flour and salt mixed with hot water—and rolls it flat, coats it with sesame oil, and sprinkles on a liberal layer of chopped scallions. Then she rolls the disc up into what she calls a “snake,” coils that into a snail-like shape, and flattens it back down with a rolling pin. Voilà: a flaky scallion pancake, ready to be fried in oil and shared with the hungry undergrads.

The co-founder of a popular Chinese-inspired eatery in Boston, Li is no ordinary chef; in fact, she has little culinary training beyond a six-month stint as a line cook at an Italian restaurant. On the Hill, she was a College Scholar who spent her first three years focused on criminal justice reform and prison education, even teaching at a maximum-security facility in nearby Auburn.

But when her father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Li took a leave of absence to move back to her native Boston and open a food truck with her two siblings.

That truck, dubbed Mei Mei (her sister's childhood nickname), eventually grew into a casual restaurant in the city's Fenway neighborhood. And its creative fusion of Chinese and

Li has landed on '30 Under 30' lists by both *Forbes* and *Zagat* and has been a James Beard 'rising star chef' semifinalist for four years running.

American flavors—along with a focus on pasture-raised meats and local produce and a commitment to fair labor practices—has garnered some major accolades. Li has landed on “30 Under 30” lists by both *Forbes* and *Zagat* and has been a James Beard “rising star chef” semifinalist for four years running. “It feels ▶

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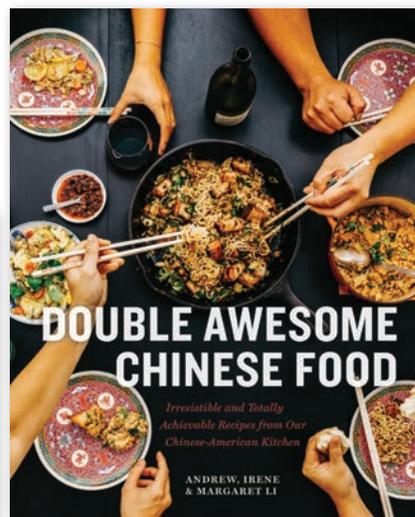
COMFORT FOOD (from left): Mei Mei's top seller, the Double Awesome egg sandwich; Li making scallion pancakes in Okenshields; the new cookbook

really wacky," Li says of her many laurels. "I still feel like I'm mostly a hobbyist. We do so many things as a business that maybe objectively are a little stupid and kind of unprofitable"—like paying two or three times the norm to source top-quality ingredients—"so to be rewarded for that is an interesting thing."

Last fall, Li returned to campus for a visit—speaking to classes, holding training sessions with Cornell Dining staff, meeting with students, doing the cooking demo in Okenshields (which served several Mei Mei dishes at dinner), and giving a talk entitled Entrepreneurship, Participatory Business Governance, and Food Justice. "Irene is an amazing young woman and entrepreneur, and she has a lot to give to the food service and restaurant management industries," says one of her mentors, Jennifer Majka, director of diversity and inclusion at the Dyson School. "She's very high energy, passionate, and smart. In her sphere of influence, she'll make meaningful change."

While Li didn't grow up dreaming of opening a restaurant, she notes with a laugh that food was very much at the center of life for her Chinese-American clan. "I think every family gathering was about, 'What are we eating for dinner?'" she says. "And at every dinner, it was like, 'What are we eating tomorrow for dinner?'" As an undergrad with her own apartment downtown, Li made weekly trips to the Ithaca Farmers Market as a way to decompress. "Lots of people go there just to eat, and that was definitely me at first," she recalls. "But once you get past the cider donuts and breakfast burritos, there's all this produce and meat and lots of really interesting people."

She started watching "a ton of Food TV," joined a CSA, and got a job at the Piggery, an Ithaca purveyor of humanely raised pork products. When she moved back to Boston to open the truck with her siblings, they divided the labor: she was in charge of the food, her sister the business side, and her brother the hospitality and human resources issues. (Li bought them out last year, though they still serve as advisers.) Mei Mei now uses the truck only for special events, including catering about a dozen weddings a year; Li's main focus is the restaurant, a thirty-six-seat venue



on Boston University's South Campus.

The menu features a variety of scallion pancake sandwiches, in which the traditional Chinese flatbread is employed as a wrap; they include Mei Mei's top seller, the Double Awesome, which comprises two "oozy" eggs, Vermont cheddar, and pesto made from local greens (priced at \$9). A variety of "little plates," costing around

\$4 to \$6, include parsnip fries, spicy cucumber salad, broccoli with black bean spread, and a turnip cake topped with hoisin sauce made from local apples and sweet potatoes. Mei Mei is also known for its dumplings—the restaurant offers classes on making them—with unusual fillings such as cheddar and potato; braised beef with red wine and blue cheese; and "three sisters,"

'We knew it was never going to be authentic Chinese food,' Li says. 'But it's about being authentic to who we are.'

the traditional Native American triad of beans, squash, and corn. "We knew it was never going to be authentic Chinese food, but it's about being authentic to who we are," Li says. "A lot of the food is a little bit Chinese, some of it's very Chinese—and some of it's not Chinese at all, it's just about an ingredient we love or an idea we came up with."

Recipes for all three of those dumplings, along with dozens of other dishes, are collected in a cookbook that Li and her siblings published in February. Entitled *Double Awesome Chinese Food: Irresistible and Totally Achievable Recipes from Our Chinese-American Kitchen*, it also includes a shopping list for a basic Chinese pantry (and an advanced one), as well as pro tips that can aid the home chef. "We definitely feel that people should cook more—and that for whatever reason, there's a lot of fear around it," Li says. "Our message, in part, is that you can do it. Cooking doesn't have to be hard. And if you mess up, you can just eat the evidence and start over." ■

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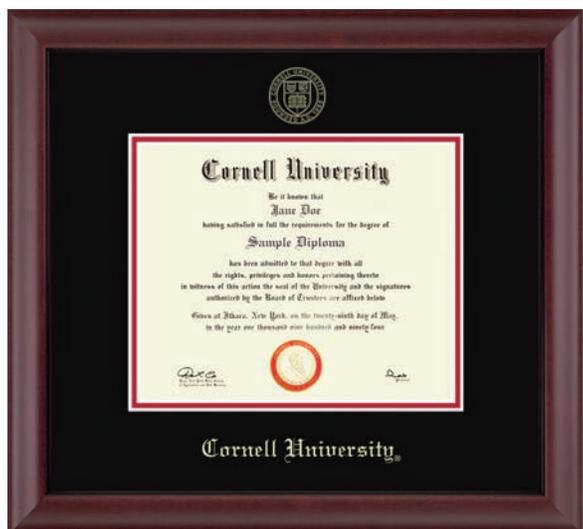
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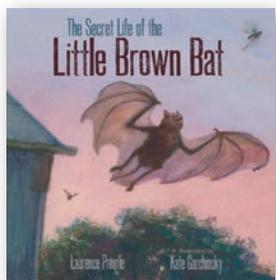


Dark Commerce

LOUISE SHELLEY '72

Shelley is a professor at George Mason University, where she directs its Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center; her previous books have explored human trafficking and the connection between corruption, crime, and terrorism. In her latest, she delves into such topics as sex trafficking, the narcotics trade, and the rise of crypto-currencies. Her overarching

message is that the underground economy presents a grave and increasing danger to the environment; the illegal trade in rhino horn, for example, threatens to drive the species to extinction. *Kirkus* calls the book “an informative study of the vast and pervasive problem of criminal trade.”

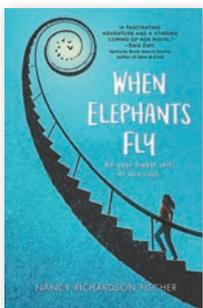


The Secret Life of the Little Brown Bat

LAURENCE PRINGLE '58

This children’s hardcover, featuring Pringle’s educational text and an artist’s pastel illustrations, follows a bat named Otis through various adventures—from his early days as a pup through nocturnal hunting and finally to hibernation. (“With his

amazingly flexible wings,” Pringle writes, “Otis zigs and zags, flutters and dives, hovers and swoops, dips and swerves.”) The book is the latest in an animal-oriented series from the prolific children’s author, whose previous protagonists include Vixen the Red Fox and Bella the Woolly Bear Caterpillar. “As always, this veteran science writer mostly avoids anthropomorphization,” says *Kirkus*, “describing actions with lively language that’s fun to read aloud.”

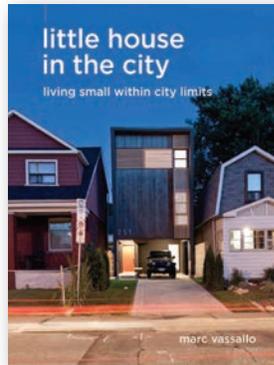


When Elephants Fly

NANCY RICHARDSON FISCHER '88

Fischer’s fourth novel for young adults centers on Lily, a high school student whose mother is schizophrenic. Knowing that she herself is genetically predisposed to mental illness, Lily has purposefully constructed a calm and ordered lifestyle in the hope of staying well. But her careful plans are upended when she witnesses a zoo elephant abandon her three-week-old

calf, and the baby seems headed for a circus. Saving it means going on a cross-country road trip in the hope of placing the creature in an elephant sanctuary. As Fischer writes, in Lily’s voice: “It’s not like I don’t know how you feel. My mother tried to kill me too. It’s awful. It’ll always be awful.” The calf can’t possibly understand what I’m saying because she’s three weeks old. And she’s an animal. I’m eighteen, human, and I still don’t totally get it.”

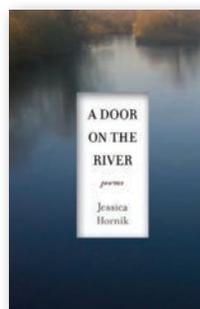


Little House in the City

MARC VASSALLO '83, BARCH '84

Vassallo’s book chronicles the growing trend of Americans not only eschewing the suburbs in favor of cities but opting for small homes in tight-knit neighborhoods instead of apartment buildings. The veteran architectural writer offers a photographic tour of three dozen houses in the U.S. and Canada, ranging in size from 500 to 1,600 square feet. Some

are remodels; others have sprouted on tiny or oddly shaped lots; still others are outbuildings meant to serve as rentals or extra space. Small houses, he writes, “can provide you with something both grander and more precious than square footage: a chance to enjoy an unencumbered home life and an unfettered urban life in equal measure.”

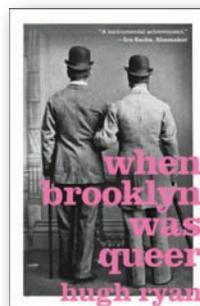


A Door on the River

JESSICA HORNIK '83

In her debut poetry collection, Hornik contemplates such themes as the natural world, the struggles of raising a family, and coming to terms with oneself. An *Upstate New Yorker*, Hornik ties her collection together with the image of a river that flows through her backyard, which serves as a window into nature and a symbol of self-reflection. As she writes in a poem

entitled “November”: “*Sitting by the bank / I want to send the stray dogs / Impatience and Distraction / home to where they came from.*” Hornik’s work has been published in numerous literary journals as well as in the *New Republic*, the *Atlantic*, and the *National Review*.



When Brooklyn Was Queer

HUGH RYAN '00

In what *Publishers Weekly* calls an “evocative and nostalgic love song to the borough and its flamboyant past,” Ryan chronicles the stories of LGBTQ residents of Brooklyn from the 1800s to the mid-twentieth century. He unearths a host of colorful characters—including women who openly cross-dressed as men, an African American lesbian burlesque performer on

Coney Island, and a brothel owner caught up in a World War II-era scandal involving gay Nazi spies—who found work and acceptance in Brooklyn until conservative backlash prevented them from living as openly. Himself a Brooklynite, Ryan is the founder of an organization that helps communities explore their own queer history through pop-up exhibits.

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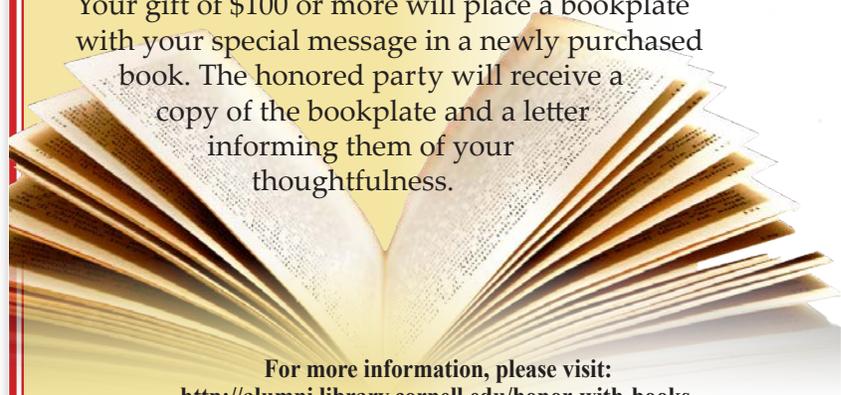


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Big Red Highlights

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL **Theresa Grace Mbanefo '22** (right) was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week for December 31. The honor came after she helped lead the Big Red to a 79-53 win over Hampton, scoring 12 points and grabbing nine rebounds in 19 minutes. She's the first Cornell player to earn Rookie of the Week honors since **Samantha Widmann '20** in January 2017.

FENCING **Gillian Harrill '22** earned silver in a junior women's saber competition in Kansas City, the best finish ever by an active Big Red fencer at a North American Cup event. She entered the competition seeded 18 out of 183 fencers and went 6-0 in opening round pool play. She reached the final by beating the sixth and third seeds before losing to the top seed in the title match.

MEN'S LACROSSE The Big Red is one of two teams featured in a five-part multi-platform video and digital content series, "The Season 2019," that debuted in February. (The other is University of Florida women's lacrosse.) Now in its second season, the program is a joint venture of *Inside Lacrosse* magazine and equipment manufacturer STX. Last year's edition drew 1.4 million views on YouTube and ESPN.

MEN'S HOCKEY **Austin McGrath '21** (below) made the most of an unexpected opportunity to start in the net, opening the 2019 portion of the season by stopping 65 shots and recording a win and a tie to earn ECAC Goaltender of the Week honors. McGrath made 30 saves in a 3-2 defeat of defending ECAC champion Princeton,



then followed that with 35 saves in a 2-2 finish with fourth-ranked Quinnipiac. McGrath assumed the starting job after **Matthew Galajda '21** was injured in a November loss to Harvard at Madison Square Garden.



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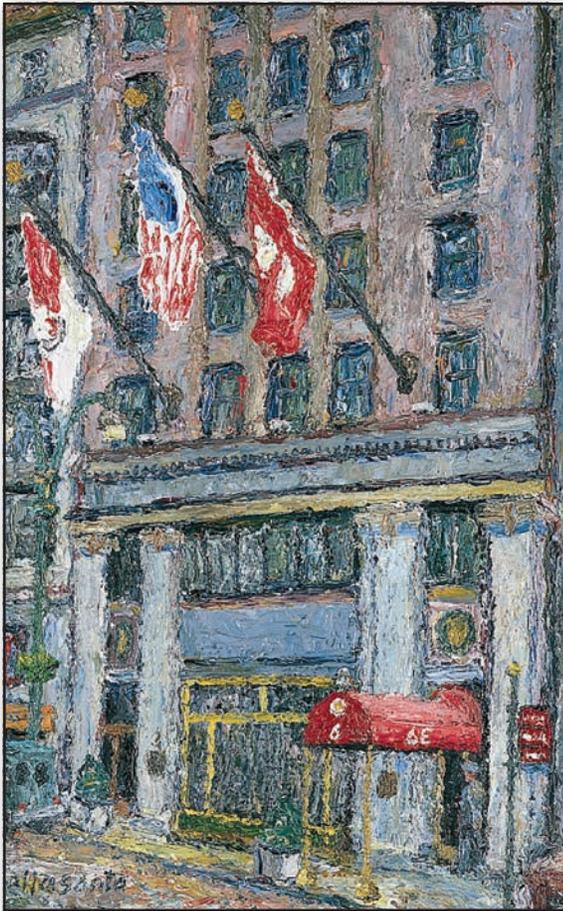
FOOTBALL **Jim Hoffer '79** has moved into the pro ranks after 40 years of coaching college football. Hoffer is the quarterbacks and wide receivers coach for the Atlanta Legends in the Alliance of American Football, a spring league that debuted in February 2018 with eight teams. Hoffer had previously served as passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Iowa State. He spent eight seasons as head coach at Cornell, going 45-35 and leading the Big Red to a share of the Ivy title in 1990. Since leaving East Hill he has been head coach at the University at Buffalo and an assistant at several other schools.

WRESTLING **David Hirsch '94** is one of six recipients of the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award, which recognizes athletic and professional achievements on the 25th anniversary of the end of an individual's college career. A three-time Eastern champion and two-time All-American, Hirsch won the 1994 NCAA Division I championship at 126 pounds, becoming the first Cornell wrestler to win a national title since 1960. He is now chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery at New York's Lenox Hill Hospital and is considered a pioneer in the field of jaw surgery.

POLO Former Big Red player **Branden Van Loon '13** has returned as the team's head coach. Most recently, he held the same position at Yale, and previously worked at polo clubs in four states. An Ithaca native, Van Loon played on the Hill for four years, twice serving as captain.

WOMEN'S ROWING **Solveig Imsdahl '13** earned bronze in the women's pair at the 2018 Pan American Games Qualification Regatta in Rio de Janeiro. The finish qualified Imsdahl and her teammate for the 2019 Pan American Games, scheduled for this summer in Peru. During her time at Cornell, Imsdahl rowed in two NCAA Championships and in two Under-23 World Championships, winning gold in the women's double sculls in 2013.

SOCCER After serving as interim coach of the U.S. men's national team, **Dave Sarachan '76** has taken the reins of North Carolina FC in the United Soccer League. Sarachan has extensive professional coaching experience, having spent a combined 12 years as an assistant for D.C. United and the Los Angeles Galaxy and seven seasons as head coach of the Chicago Fire. He also served as Cornell's head coach for 10 years, leading the team to the 1995 Ivy title and a pair of NCAA tournament appearances.



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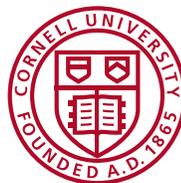
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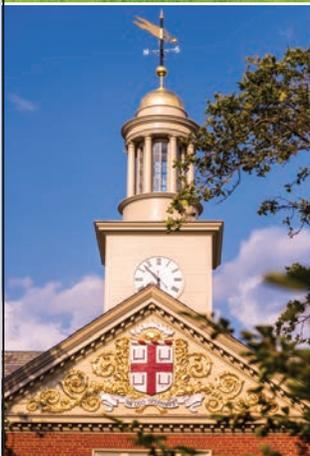
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Time Capsule

A half-century-old collection of oral histories in Kroch Library captures the tumult of spring 1969 in vivid detail

By **Beth Saulnier**

Over the past fifty years, the takeover of Willard Straight Hall has been exhaustively analyzed and revisited—in books, at least one documentary film, and innumerable articles, particularly those marking major anniversaries. But one trove of memories from those days hasn't been widely accessed. In the months following the takeover, dozens of Cornellians and other community members were invited to formally record their thoughts—on the occupation, the events leading up to it, its aftermath, and its potential legacy. The interviews were conducted as part of Challenges to Governance, an oral history project launched by the University Library to capture memories of the drama that had roiled the Hill, as well as to chronicle students' increasing demands for a stronger say in how Cornell was run.

The interviews—whose participants include students, faculty, administrators, and local officials—were recorded on audio tape and transcribed; those old-school typewritten pages now reside in red folders in Kroch Library, repository of the University's Rare and Manuscript Collections. To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the takeover, CAM read them from cover to cover (excluding those whose access is restricted at the interviewee's request). The following are excerpts from those histories—voices from two generations ago, when Cornellians wrestled with difficult and divisive issues that continue to challenge American society today.

The collection itself, and therefore the excerpts featured here, doesn't constitute a comprehensive retelling of the events of that spring. There are few voices from inside the Straight, for one thing; faculty and administrators predominate. The histories occasionally contradict each other on points of fact. Interviewees aren't reflecting on long-ago events with the benefit of distance and perspective, but rather recounting what recently happened. Some of the language may seem dated or insensitive to modern ears. But as the University looks back on April 1969, the interviews serve as potent time capsules—eyewitness testimony, striking in its freshness and detail, recalling a defining moment in Big Red history that had only just unfolded.

The excerpts have been condensed and edited for clarity.

ICONIC MOMENT: Black students exiting the Straight following the two-day occupation



CAMPUS CONFLICT
 (from top): President Perkins (left) is shoved from the podium during a symposium on South Africa in February 1969; protesters dance on tables in the Ivy Room in December 1968 to express displeasure at a lack of progress on a black studies program; students address faculty and administrators circa 1969.

‘I think almost from the beginning we were inevitably on a collision course leading up to the events of April.’

— Ruth Darling

LEAD-UP TO THE TAKEOVER

In 1964, President James Perkins established the Committee on Special Educational Projects (COSEP), a program that recruited more African American students to campus, including those from less privileged backgrounds. Many participants would come to feel that the University didn't entirely welcome or accommodate them, leading to a series of protests and culture clashes.

Ruth Darling ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS

“Clearly when COSEP was instituted we were all completely unaware of the magnitude of the problems we were getting into. I think we started off, not consciously, on a very paternalistic, somewhat benevolent basis, and we had no conception of the way black students would feel, coming into what was essentially a white racist university. At that time I don't think we thought we were racist; in fact, I don't think it even occurred to us. The main problem was we didn't know what we didn't know. It was our feeling at the time that all we needed to do was to ensure that black students would be welcome in our white fraternities and sororities,

and if we could accomplish this, our campus would be receptive and appropriate for black students. I don't need to tell you now how wrong we were, and how blind. I think almost from the beginning we were inevitably on a collision course leading up to the events of April.”

Cleveland Donald Jr., PhD '73 TAKEOVER PARTICIPANT

“Perkins did not create an atmosphere conducive to black people on this campus, so that encouraged black people to think that white men didn't care anything about them. Many of the faculty members, especially conservative ones, felt that black students should be treated just like any white students—that they were white students with black skin. And with that kind of attitude, the black students began to develop a more extreme position, and there was a growing amount of hostility.”

Walter Slatoff PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

“One could feel the tension over the growing movement on the part of black students toward greater self-definition, greater separatism. More white students and professors were feeling that blacks were becoming hostile toward them. More black students were coming to feel that all whites were their enemies; others were simply feeling greater pride in their blackness. Whites were over-reacting to this and seeing it as some sort of threat.”

Darling (associate dean)

“I went to a security meeting, and we discussed what the procedures would be in the event of the occupation of Day Hall, how to keep the University in operation. And I said rather smugly that we had already planned what we would do in the case of an occupation of Day Hall—we would regroup at Willard Straight.”





THE OCCUPATION

Early on Saturday, April 19, a group of African American students entered the Straight and demanded that everyone leave; those evicted included families staying in the building's guest rooms for Parents' Weekend.

Donald (takeover participant)

"We walked in and one of the janitors was cleaning up and we asked for the keys. We informed him that black students were going to occupy the building. There was no overt threat of physical violence. The people who went into the building did not have sticks or guns or anything like that."

Rev. David Connor '59 CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

"I walked over to the Straight with [members of Students for a Democratic Society, or SDS], where they set up a friendly picket, which said 'Support black demands,' 'Amnesty for black students,' and other similar signs. They were a small crowd of about forty or fifty. It was a cold, drizzly morning. The mood was not one of great panic. The Straight was eerily silent and the blacks were up in the pool room where we could see them shooting pool. Parents came in an almost tourist kind of way, taking pictures. There was a little bit of, 'Look, Mom, there's a real live demonstration.'"



STUDENT UNION
(from far left): An occupier looks out a window; students gather outside as an SDS leader addresses the crowd; parents pack their belongings after being evicted.

Michael Wright '68, BS '69 SDS MEMBER

"We decided the best thing to do would be to throw a kind of security guard around the building to give the blacks whatever moral support they needed. So a group of about twenty of us would go out every two hours during that night to provide a presence and try to keep away whatever whites that might want to get into trouble. I think a lot of what we did indicated to some extent the unconscious racism inherent even in groups like SDS. [We] were going out there to help protect the blacks when it was clear that they really didn't need protection and they were doing well on their own. I think a lot of people wanted to be part of something, after being frustrated in politics for a while. So not all the reasons for going out there that night were good ones, although in a lot of ways they seemed good at the time." >



'We walked in and one of the janitors was cleaning up and we asked for the keys. We informed him that black students were going to occupy the building.'

— Cleveland Donald Jr., PhD '73

‘I think it was an example of well-intentioned but naïve activity. They had no idea how far these black students had committed themselves, how serious they were.’

— Rev. David Connor '59

THE DELTA UPSILON INCIDENT

On Saturday morning, a group of fraternity brothers entered the Straight through a window with the aim of ending the occupation.

Donald (takeover participant)

“The DU guys came in and a few minutes later they were gone, ‘cause they were getting their rumps beaten very easily by the black students. They said they came in to talk. I think they must have thought because they were white they were going to frighten black students into leaving, but black students immediately saw their entrance through the window as a hostile act and immediately several people went after them to throw [them] out.”

Santo Laquatra '70 DELTA UPSILON MEMBER

“The only thing that was in our minds was to go up to talk to the blacks, listen to their demands, and try to get them to come out. We went in unarmed. We made it as far as the Ivy Room steps and were confronted. These people all had some type of weapon—a hammer, pipes, chains, knives, cue sticks. We said, ‘We’ve come in to talk to you guys to open up the doors.’ We were carrying on a conversation about ten minutes. Then [the occupiers were] like, ‘We’re

all done talking, and you boys better get out, because we’re going to hurt some people. We’re going to do something.’ It was getting wilder and wilder. We turned to leave and were surrounded. We were pushed down off the steps, and [a DU brother] was hit over the head with a hammer. It was about to be brought down on his head again when a DU picked up a cue stick and hit the black holding the hammer over the head. That’s when all hell broke loose. I was hit in the face with chemical mace [or] insect repellent. It blinded me; it took away my breath. I was dragged across the floor, kicked, and punched. I was terrified. One of my fraternity brothers put me over his shoulder and carried me out. We were harassed the whole way—hit with ashtrays and chains and punched and hit with cue sticks. We finally got out, and I was taken to the hospital.”

Connor (chaplain)

“I talked extensively with the students that went in, and I think it was an example of well-intentioned but naïve activity. They thought they could save Parents’ Weekend and Cornell’s face, and make themselves rather heroic if they would just go in and show these blacks that they weren’t afraid of them, reason with them. Then the blacks would hear what they’d said and open the doors. They had no idea how far these black students had committed themselves, how serious they were.”



PHYSICAL ALTERCATION:

Delta Upsilon brothers leave the Straight through a window (top left) after a conflict with the occupiers; an ashtray is hurled after them (above).

Laquatra (DU member)

“We felt we could maybe start a precedent where people can respect law instead of just making a habit out of not respecting it. If we weren’t sympathetic toward the blacks, we wouldn’t have gone in at all, because we had nothing to gain. People say we went in there for glory, but you can forget that. It was something that we felt we had to do.”

Darling (associate dean)

“I’ve often wondered what would have happened if DU hadn’t taken it upon themselves to enter the building. With all our planning the week before, we had failed to consider this point: if a building’s occupied, what kinds of protective measures do you take as far as surrounding it? We did not do an adequate job, and we’re culpable for that. Had we prevented the boys from DU from going in, how different would the situation have been?”

ARMED OCCUPATION

After the DU incident, black students, who had stored rifles at the Afro American Society's headquarters on Wait Avenue, brought them into the Straight.

Connor (chaplain)

"Rumors were flying. The blacks were receiving threatening phone calls trying to intimidate them into leaving—telling them that armed whites were approaching, fraternity men were massing to take over the building. And the black students [could] look out and see that the campus patrol, thirty strong, would not be able to defend them against 200 fraternity men that had blood in their eyes. So the black students began to believe that they were really in a threatened position."

Darling (associate dean)

"I felt that in view of the action of the DU boys—in view of the countless rumors that there were carloads of white students and white people from the community approaching the Straight—it was not unreasonable that the black students would want to defend themselves. If I'd been in there, in that cavernous building with 6,000 entrances and windows, I think I'd jolly well have wanted a gun myself. I was also aware of the fact that actually there's no law against the possession of a gun. And I think some of us felt that we were as responsible for the guns being there as the blacks were for having brought them in."

Connor (chaplain)

"I think the white community failed to realize how much of the Ku Klux Klan spirit still beats in the breast of white Americans. I was in Owego, and some guy told me that he was in a bar the night of the black students occupying the Straight and heard eight men who were ready to go with guns from Owego to Cornell. They were seriously talking about it. I've heard similar statements about people in the Ithaca bars. They weren't just mild threats." >

PHOTO, BOTTOM: ITHACA VOICE/PROVIDED



'I think some of us felt that we were as responsible for the guns being there as the blacks were for having brought them in.'

— Ruth Darling

THE WEAPONS: Guns being brought into the Straight (above). Below: Some of the armed protesters during the occupation.



RISING TENSIONS

As the armed occupiers remained in the Straight on Saturday night, anxiety on the Hill was high. There were numerous wild rumors and false fire alarms, not to mention an actual fire at Chi Psi fraternity.

Stuart Brown Jr. '37, PhD '42 V.P. FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

"The campus was extremely tense. There were reports coming in over the radio in the Safety Division of gunshots. Later a report came in that there was gunfire west of Library Slope in the neighborhood of the dormitories. Almost simultaneously, there came in a report that black students had been seen in the Straight with rifles—and those two reports, for a few awful seconds, were confused so that there was talk about black students firing down the slope. This was very quickly corrected; it was erroneous. But the two reports came so close on each other that a newsman got them crossed. As time went on, the campus cooled down considerably. Traffic fell off. The reports on firing guns finally ceased. Just as I left the Safety Division, a patrolman came in with about six decks of firecrackers, which he had taken off some male white students, and the inference was that most of the so-called firearms fired had really been firecrackers. We thought it was absolutely incumbent upon us to do what we could to get the students out of the Straight before another night fell. I felt strongly that another night like that one, in which tension built amongst the student body, could be absolutely disastrous."

Darling (associate dean)

"We had a report that the tower had been occupied, and of course we immediately thought of [the University of] Texas [where a sniper had killed more than a dozen people]. And indeed there was a light up in the tower, and the entrance was barricaded. We called the Safety Division and they said they would investigate.





Eventually they called back and said, 'A workman left the light on and locked the door and barricaded it so no one would go up there while he was in the process of these repairs.' I can only say that we accepted the story with relief."

Robert Miller, PhD '48
DEAN OF THE FACULTY

"Certainly it was in my mind that the governor could at any moment decide to mobilize the National Guard or state troopers. A neighbor later told my wife that her son had been one of several young men who were organizing a vigilante group; they had guns. I think if it had gone another night, the odds were at least one in five that we would have had some shooting."

Steve Muller, PhD '58
V.P. FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"My colleagues and I knew that guns had been brought in, but by nine o'clock [on Saturday night] we were also aware that this had gotten on the news, and that the climate had changed because everybody was uptight about the guns. And the other thing that had changed was the weather. Saturday was kind of miserable. By Sunday it was beautiful, unfortunately—lots of onlookers. We discussed how drastically the situation had been altered by the presence of guns, and how difficult it might be to avoid a situation where someone in that building with a weapon might feel sufficiently threatened to use it, and then we'd be really out of control—one shot, and a lot of people start shooting, and God knows what."

Jack Kiely '50
ITHACA MAYOR

"We all determined that the students really had to leave the building. We were recommending the use of court injunction. [Provost] Dale Corson said that they were trying to negotiate and felt they would be successful. We stressed that they must not come out with the weapons. Finally we got word that the students were coming out. With guns? Answer: Yes. Everybody went into orbit down here. This was a horrid mistake. There wasn't a soul in any of our police agencies that concurred with this."

Muller (V.P.)

(Who had entered the Straight with Vice Provost W. Keith Kennedy, PhD '47, and negotiated an end to the occupation): "I called [Corson] to report that we were waiting for them to get ready to move out, and he said, 'Now what about the guns?' and I said, 'They will not leave the building unless they can take their weapons with them. They feel threatened.' It seemed to me at that point that there was a premium on getting them out. I believed that they had no intention of using those arms for offensive purposes. They were concerned about being attacked while they walked across campus to 320 Wait. We had an agreement with [occupier Ed] Whitfield ['70] that the one condition under which we would break off negotiations was if the weapons were loaded. And Whitfield said that he would see to it that the breaches would be open and there would be no shells in there." >



DIFFERENCES OF OPINION (this page and opposite): Some of the many protest signs and face-to-face discussions that the occupation sparked

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EXITING THE STRAIGHT

The University agreed to the occupiers' terms; chief among them was a pledge to petition the faculty to nullify judicial sanctions against several black students for previous protests, as well as a promise of amnesty for the takeover itself. On Sunday afternoon, the students marched out.

Muller (V.P.)

"The word came they were ready to go, and we went up to the main lobby. There we saw this group, which was much larger than I expected; I did not think there were over a hundred people. Also, we didn't realize that they would be in this almost paramilitary formation, with the women and some people in the center, and these sort of armed outriders on the outside. Nor did we realize that they were planning to carry the weapons sort of at port-arms. The doors opened, and there was noise from the people outside; the blacks remained absolutely silent. We went out after they had all left. I could then see the cameras, and I began thinking, My God, the pictures. I hadn't really visualized what that exit would look like."

James Pewett '71

SOPHOMORE IN SPRING '69

"Finally the big moment came, the doors began to open, and the blacks came out. When they came out brandishing the shotguns and rifles and pool sticks with knives taped to the end, the general reaction was one of shock. Out of the 2,000 people that were there, I would say around one-tenth raised their hands in a clenched fist, a gesture of support for the blacks."

Donald (takeover participant)

"The question was how were you going to leave that building, and uppermost in their mind was that black people had to leave as men. That meant that they had to leave hold-

ing those guns in their hands, since leaving any other way would be like a surrender. [Also] uppermost in their mind was what was going to be the reaction of the black community. And subsequently the reaction by the campus, and the whole society, only legitimized their act. These were men preparing for revolution."

Connor (chaplain)

"They came out with a position of power. They did not come out with their tails between their legs, cringing, trying to sneak out the back. They came out proud and responsible for their action. And the use of the open carbines—as politically unfortunate as it was, as far as the picture and the reaction around the country has been—I think was probably one of the best ways that they could ensure that they wouldn't be attacked, they wouldn't be insulted, their ranks wouldn't be broken, and that they would be able to march with great pride back to their co-op at 320 Wait Avenue."

Wright (SDS member)

"SDS people formed double lines through which the blacks walked out to try to keep back some people who were pretty hostile. I remember half getting into a fight with one guy who was screaming all sorts of things. I suppose the best thing we did that day was to just talk with a lot of people. After the blacks had left the Straight and people were hanging around there, we got into discussions with people who didn't understand what the blacks had done or who were very hostile about it, and tried to at least convince them that the blacks had been right—or if we couldn't convince them of that, tried to at least make them see it as much as possible from the blacks' perspective."

Cushing Strout

PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

"We were all watching the blacks come out of the Straight, and we walked with them as they marched



A LOOK INSIDE:

After the building was vacated, administrators found that the occupiers had blockaded doors and windows with furniture and damaged some property.

up to Wait Avenue. For me the posture was the most significant thing—the way in which they carried the guns in a military formation, and the Che Guevara kind of style they dramatized. It never occurred to me that the guns would be used; I thought of them as having a kind of guerrilla theater quality. But I also felt that the sight of the administrators trailing along was very humiliating. I watched the agreement being signed, and it seemed to me that this was a situation of intimidation and that the administration had no options at that point. They'd been forced to do whatever was necessary to get the blacks out of the building."

Elmer Meyer

DEAN OF STUDENTS

"I was one of the first to go inside [the Straight after the protesters left]. It might have looked like a fraternity house after a long party. No major damage. There were some things that irritated me—the fact that somebody broke open the pinball machines and swiped the money, that they broke cue sticks. For some reason, somebody pulled down one of the big lights in the Memorial Room. And every one of those rooms where parents were staying had one panel broken out of [the door]. This kind of thing was unnecessary and, to me, degraded any symbol for being in there." >

A FEVER PITCH

Tensions rose on Monday, when faculty voted against nullifying the student punishments, jeopardizing the agreement that ended the occupation. On Tuesday, Tom Jones '69, MRP '72, gave a radio interview in which he menaced some faculty and administrators by name.

Mark Barlow, EdD '62 V.P. FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

"Steve Muller said, 'There's a bad, bad interview of Tom Jones. I've heard it and he threatens you, Dale [Corson], and some faculty.' I mulled it in my own mind. I thought it was a very idle threat, and that there's a danger that one equates a threat with the act. It turned out that my kids heard the threat on the radio. They were pretty good about it—and I'm not so sure, in retrospect, that this is such a bad thing for them to have gone through. It's a violent world, and they damn well better figure it out now."

Clinton Rossiter '39 PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT

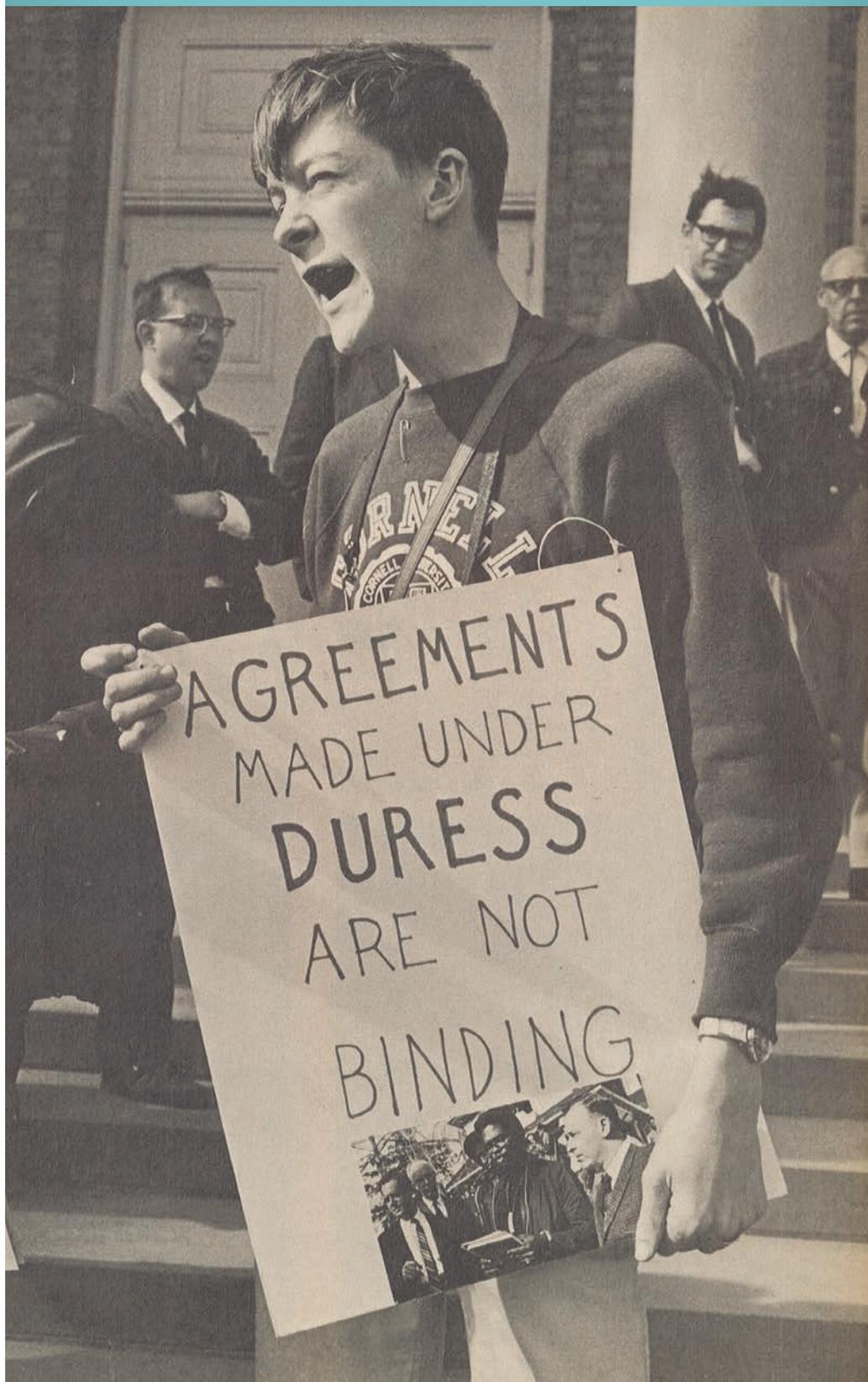
"That evening a student called me and said, 'Have you heard that your life is in danger?' I said, 'What are you talking about?' And he said, 'Tom Jones has threatened to take care of you.' So I drove over to Barton Hall where the Safety Division is. [A reporter] was there from WHCU and had this thing on tape. After he played it a couple of times I remember saying, 'I don't consider that a threat, and I'm going to go home and stay in my own house.'"

Barlow (V.P.)

"At one point we heard that the black students were going to take the library and destroy all the cards and microfilm. This stuff was rampant by Tuesday afternoon. This is when, at some point, 300 extra deputies had been brought in [to Ithaca]. It was our feeling that if the faculty did not overturn their thing on Wednesday we were in for real trouble. I was becoming very, very discouraged."

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DISSENTING OPINION: A student protests against the pact that ended the takeover.



BARTON HALL 'COMMUNITY'

As the crisis continued, students and faculty packed Barton Hall for a teach-in that would last the rest of the week.

Jeffrey Blunt '72 FRESHMAN IN SPRING '69

"The Barton Hall assemblies were going on just about every day that week. Classes were suspended. Very early the emphasis shifted to the broader structural and substantive issues—mainly restructuring the University, restructuring education, eliminating institutionalized racism. There was a spirit of action, of seriousness, and of real commitment from the mass of people who are ordinarily apathetic. You could see it in response to the teach-in and in the fact that so many people stayed

for so long. For most of that week, anybody you heard talking was discussing something to do with the takeover of the Straight—either the right or the wrong of it."

Brown (V.P.)

"I think that most of the people who went there found that, whether or not they approved of what was going on, it was so fascinating that they couldn't stay away. On Sunday, which was the last day of the assembly, we had visit us a school friend of my wife's who was bringing her daughter on visits to various campuses. The daughter had a friend at Ithaca College, and the plan was to meet her and to go to Ithaca College on that Sunday afternoon for an admissions interview. Over lunch I explained that I was going to have to dash because I wanted to be at Barton Hall. I urged that they go look at what was going on there. They did,



and got so engrossed that they sat on the floor the whole afternoon and missed their appointment."

Meyer (dean)

"The Barton Hall thing was exhilarating, positive, and one of the best things that happened around here. It's unfortunate that usually in American higher education it takes some huge crisis on a campus to bring people together to talk as people." >

TEACH IN: A packed Barton (top). Above: President Perkins addresses the crowd as two takeover participants and an SDS leader confer.



'I can honestly say that in all the years I've been here there's been nothing to resemble this. No polarization of this kind.'

— Clinton Rossiter '39



ACADEMIC ANGST (from top): A protest outside Bailey Hall, where the faculty was meeting to reconsider their original vote, which put the agreement that ended the occupation in jeopardy; a student hands out leaflets to professors on their way to the meeting.

FACULTY STRIFE

Amid widespread fears about what would happen if the student punishments weren't nullified as the occupiers had demanded, all eyes were on the faculty. After anguished deliberations, on Wednesday they reversed their previous vote.

Max Black PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

"I thought that the action of the faculty [to nullify] was necessary. I won't pretend that I was happy about it. We were in effect coerced by the gravity of the situation. I believed that if the faculty had not backed down the police would have been brought in, and there would have been gun fighting on the campus and people would have been wounded and probably killed. I think what happened was very bad, but if we were now in the position of looking back to a massacre on campus with students killed by the police, the damage to Cornell and to America would have been very much greater."

Brown (V.P.)

"I remember meeting one of the faculty who had voted to uphold the reprimands. I had been very angry with him—so angry he was stunned. When I met him the next morning, I apologized and said that I shouldn't have talked to him in the way I did. And he said, 'Don't apologize, you were right.' And this is evidence of the way in which the faculty changed its mind. They just hadn't really taken in the situation in which they were acting, and had been isolated from events in a way that faculty often get isolated. They just don't live in the world enough. They live in a world of ideas."

Rossiter (professor)

"I can honestly say that in all the years I've been here there's been nothing to resemble this. No polarization of this kind. I've seen people very angry at each other in department meetings and faculty meetings, but they get over it pretty soon. What I'm worried about this fall is whether we are going to have permanent rifts."

THE VIEW FROM BEYOND

The Straight takeover made national headlines, prompting impassioned responses from around the country.

W. Robert Finegan
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATIONS

“Of the great bulk of mail that came to the president in the week following the occupation, most of it was from non-Cornellians, just citizens very upset. They weren’t thoughtful letters, most of them. They were just outraged. The alumni letters were categorized. Supportive: they felt that the president and his staff had done the right thing by getting the students out without any bloodshed, even though it meant agreeing to some terms that weren’t popular. Another category was against us totally. ‘President Perkins, resign’ was a recurrent theme. Then there was another category, which I would call middle of the road. They were very upset, but willing to wait and see what happened, and they hoped that the University would come out of this properly and strongly.”

John Marcham '50
EDITOR, CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS
(The magazine devoted its June 1969 issue to the takeover.) “Normally a heavy response would be ten letters on a subject. We had, by the time we closed [the following issue], sixty or seventy, which was an amazing response. And by now I think I’ve had as many as 300 or 400; we could have devoted the entire issue to the letters.”

Rossiter (professor)
“When we had the [faculty] reversal—and in particular, it became known that I had taken a fairly leading role in that—I began to get incredible mail. I suppose it split 50 percent approving and 50 percent condemning, some of it in violent and obscene language. I got a telegram from a professor and his wife at another great university—a man I’ve known for thirty years. And it read in effect, ‘The color of this telegram is the color you are.’ In case you’re wondering, the color was yellow. I thought at that time that I at last knew what moral courage was. Moral courage is doing something for which you will be accused of cowardice by some of your oldest friends.”



MAJOR NEWS: The takeover was covered in papers around the U.S. and even abroad (bottom left). Left: Students engrossed in the *Daily Sun's* coverage of the crisis.

LOOKING BACK

In many of the histories, interviewees contemplate the takeover’s meaning and how it bodes for Cornell’s future.

Marcham (editor)
“I’m trying to figure what happened that was radically different at Cornell. I didn’t think the guns were that crucial, although clearly they were a special first. But the thing that really pulled the place apart was the fact that all authority seemed to have gone, and that the president could not hold the University together.”

Darling (associate dean)
“It has deepened my concern and heightened the intensity of my feelings that we are facing such crucial issues that the answers we once used in the conduct of the University just will not do. I am tired of people who say, ‘If we just provide some structure for these kids, everything will be all right.’ I did not agree with that before the incident, and I do not agree with it now. While I still do not have the answer as to how the University should proceed, I cannot give credence to the other point of view.

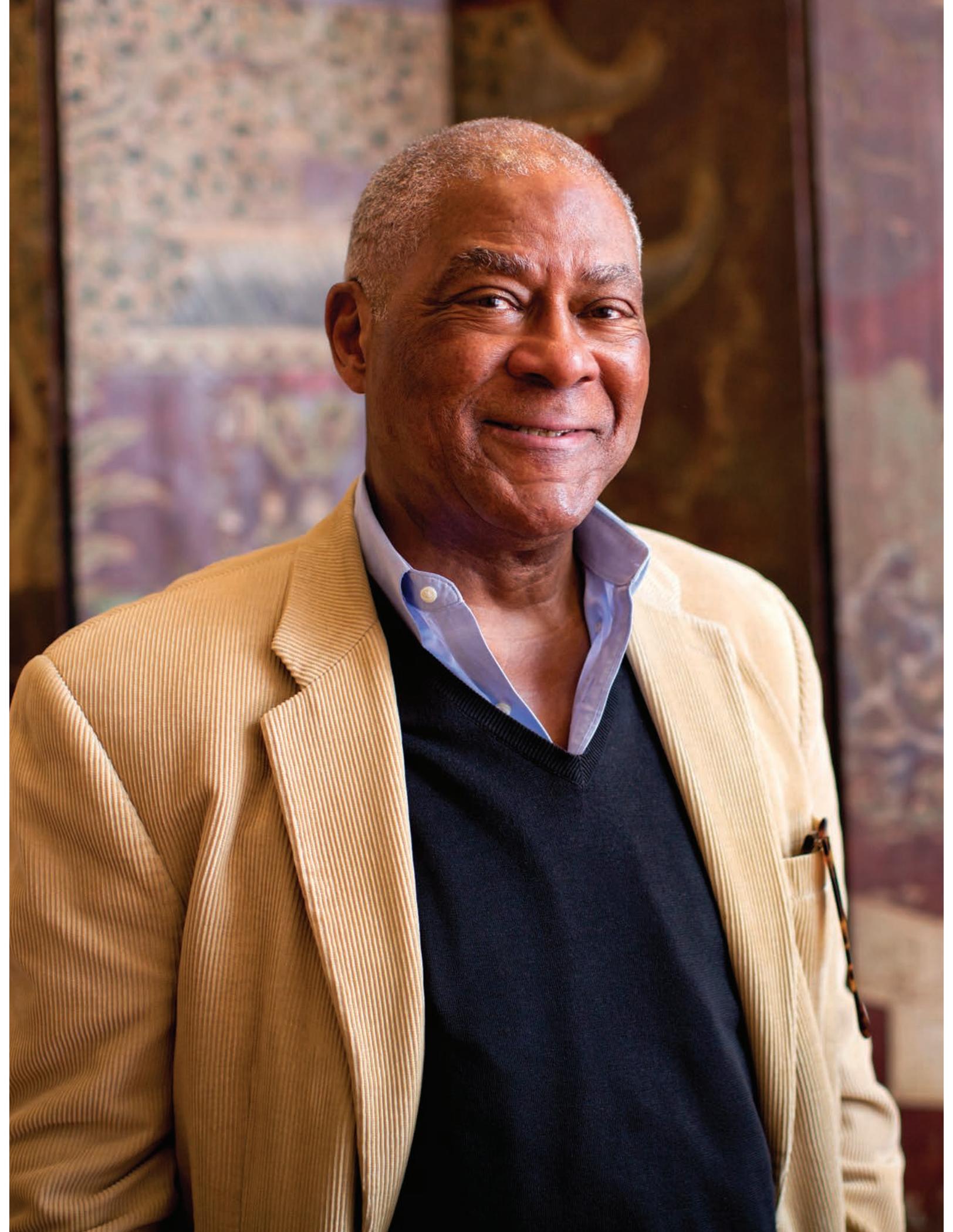
The events of that weekend have only made me realize more fully how complicated all the questions are.”

Rossiter (professor)
“I’ll tell you what I think has happened: we have had a revolution in the hearts and minds of people. A revolution in sentiment, in expectations. We haven’t had a shift in the balance of power. But we’ve had a shift in the expectations on the part of the students, and also on the part of the faculty looking at the students. I look at students differently today from the way I did ten years ago. They are more entitled to take part in the vital decisions affecting their lives.”

Orval French
PROFESSOR OF AG ENGINEERING
“It’s not going to be a simple matter to overcome the problems that we have placed in the minds of people all across this country and the world. I’ve got confidence, somehow, we’re going to do it. When we go back and read the history of Cornell, I’m amazed that Cornell’s here. I think if it could stand some of the problems that overwhelmed [the University] many years ago, I believe we have the capability of somehow succeeding again.” ■



The University is recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Straight takeover with a series of events slated for the week of April 15. Go to events.cornell.edu for more information.



Upon Reflection

At seventy, Tom Jones '69, MRP '72, ponders his unlikely journey 'from Willard Straight to Wall Street'

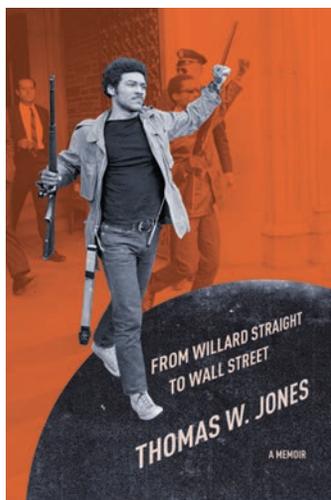
By Beth Saulnier

By many measures, it has been a remarkable evolution: from campus radical to Wall Street executive, from youthful firebrand to *éminence grise*.

In April 1969, Tom Jones '69, MRP '72, was among the dozens of African American students who took over Willard Straight Hall on the Saturday morning of Parents' Weekend, in what would become the first armed occupation on an American campus. Today, he is a trustee emeritus and a member of the University Council, the Big Red's premier leadership group for distinguished alumni and friends.

In the occupation's immediate aftermath—when the University seemed in danger of renegeing on the agreement that ended it, and tensions were at a fever pitch—he infamously said in a radio interview that Cornell “has three hours to live” and menaced several faculty and administrators by name. Now, he is the longtime benefactor of a campus prize for interracial understanding—named in honor of James Perkins, the Cornell president who resigned under a cloud in the wake of the takeover.

But in some ways, it was the Tom Jones who was photographed leaving the Straight toting a rifle—one of the event's iconic images—that was the incongruity, the unorthodox step on his life's path. He had, after all, been elected president of his freshman class. He'd joined Army ROTC, served on the student judicial



'If you would pick the most unlikely people to be in the middle of something like this,' Jones says of the takeover, 'it would be a person like me.'

A HALF-CENTURY LATER: Jones at home in Connecticut (left). Above: His new memoir from CU Press.

board, pledged a popular fraternity. As Jones himself puts it: “If you would pick the most unlikely people to be in the middle of something like this, it would be a person like me, who loved everything about Cornell from the minute I got there.”

It's a Friday in mid-January, and Jones is speaking with CAM in the airy living room of his expansive home in the Connecticut suburbs. While the house's classic gray stone exterior and New England charm blend in with the affluent neighborhood like it's been here for a century, in fact it's relatively new; Jones and his wife of forty-three years, Addie, had the house they'd lived in for decades demolished and a new one—with a traditional façade but an open, modern interior—built in its place.

For Jones, the many years of commuting to Manhattan—of breaking barriers as he climbed ever higher in the overwhelmingly white world of finance—are in the rear-view mirror. These days, he runs TWJ Capital, a small equity investment firm based in nearby Stamford that focuses on expanding companies in several software sectors as well as in specialty retail. (He's the senior partner; the other partner is his eldest son, Nigel.) At seventy—an age, he notes, to which none of the men in his family had previously lived—he's in a reflective state of mind. In April, timed to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the Straight takeover, Cornell University >

Press is publishing his memoir, a book it took him five years to write and revise.

Entitled *From Willard Straight to Wall Street*, it covers such topics as his time on the Hill, his early career in Boston at the accounting and consulting firm Arthur Young & Company, his rise to lead TIAA-CREF (the nonprofit sector retirement fund that counts Cornell among its institutional clients), and his tenure as head of asset management at Citigroup. The latter job ended, painfully and abruptly, when he was forced to resign following a scandal involving the firm's private banking operations in Japan. Jones, who denies wrongdoing and says he was unfairly scapegoated, vehemently fought the ensuing SEC charges against him, and they were ultimately dismissed. As he puts it with a rueful laugh: "I was one of that first wave of African Americans who reached the top of the corporate ladder—and one of the first who was thrown off."

In addition to parsing his professional and personal journeys—including a brief first marriage to Stephanie Bell '71, BFA '72, whom he wed as an undergrad after she became pregnant with Nigel, and his long union to Addie, with whom he has two daughters and a son—Jones serves as a witness to some notable historic events. Not only was he a youth during the civil rights movement and the era of Black Power, he was in his Citigroup office in 7 World Trade Center on September 11, and served on the board of the federal mortgage lender Freddie Mac at the dawn of the home lending crisis.

Jones's Cornell experiences bookend the memoir. It opens with his time as an undergrad government major and AAP grad student—he stayed on campus for a master's in regional planning, largely because he wanted to help ensure that the University honored its pledge to establish an African American studies program—and concludes with his alumni service as a Medical College overseer and Cornell trustee, as well as his establishment of the Perkins Prize, given annually to a campus group that promotes interracial understanding and harmony. Perhaps surprisingly, his student days comprise just a few dozen pages, and he covers the events surrounding the Straight takeover in fairly concise terms. "I didn't go into greater depth because of my conscious decision to just tell my story," he explains. "I'm not trying to tell the stories of all the other black students who were there, to interpret the events that they lived. I'm not inside their heads and hearts." And, he adds, he had no interest in assigning blame or virtue—either

'You had good people on both sides,' Jones says of the takeover. 'Everybody was well-intentioned. Nobody was a bad person.'



ADDRESSING THE CROWD: Jones at the microphone during the week-long Barton Hall teach-in following the takeover (right). Above: Jones (left) talking to President James Perkins.

to the activists or the administration. "You had good people on both sides," he says. "Everybody was well-intentioned. Nobody was a bad person. But because of the communication breakdowns and other dynamics, you ended up in this almost unimaginable confrontation."

From Jones's first days as an undergrad—he arrived on campus at sixteen, having skipped two grades—he'd felt at home on the Hill, despite being one of just thirty-seven black students in a class of 2,600. His family had moved frequently due to his father's career as an engineer, and he'd lived and studied in predominantly white environments. It was a typical background for the few African Americans in the Class of '69 and earlier, who often came from relatively affluent, integrated circumstances. But as Jones points out, many of those who matriculated in the few years after he did—recruited through the Committee on Special Educational Projects (COSEP), President James Perkins's program to attract black students from less privileged backgrounds—brought a very different perspective, one that opened Jones's eyes to the wider world. "They had searing personal experiences with the ugly side of American racism, and of course that shaped them," he says. "As I talked to them, I began to internalize how different their experiences were. And as I began to read more—and of course, all of this was going on at the peak of the civil rights movement—I came to understand that this harsh side was far more common in the experience of most black people."

In his memoir, Jones shares a fact that will likely surprise many readers: he wasn't among the Straight takeover's architects. "In fact," he writes, "when the idea to take over the building came to a vote the day before, I voted against it." Today, the occupation is often described as intended to pressure the University to offer coursework that reflected the African American experience—but in fact that promise had already been made. It was actually aimed at convincing Cornell to nullify punishments against a small group of black students for misbehavior and minor property damage during previous protests. And as Jones writes, explaining his anti-takeover vote: "Hadn't we already won the university's agreement to launch a Black Studies program, and wasn't that the really crucial point, more important than some judicial decision against students who had in fact done the things the administration accused them of doing?"

In the years leading up to the takeover, >





Jones had generally taken moderate stances within Cornell's Afro American Society (AAS) and favored working within the system—to the extent that some peers derided him as “Uncle Tom Jones.” But once he agreed to participate in the occupation, he says, he was all in. “I felt I needed to have solidarity with this group,” he explains. “We needed to be a unified community.”

And what of the guns? The rifles—which had been stockpiled at AAS headquarters on Wait Avenue and brought into the Straight for self-defense following an incursion by Delta Upsilon fraternity brothers—instantly transformed what would have been just another Sixties-era building takeover into the fraught subject of national headlines. A half-century later, how does Jones reflect on the decision to bring them in? “I put it in context, which is that America was an extremely violent society,” he says. “We didn’t create that. This is the world we lived in.” In the year preceding the takeover, he notes, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated; there were bloody confrontations on the streets of Chicago during the Democratic National Convention; race riots broke out in American cities. “In many black communities across the country,” he says, “there was this arming that was occurring, personified by pictures of the Black Power movement with their military arms.”

As Jones notes in his memoir, when the occupation ended—when the students filed

Fifty years later, Jones doesn't shy away from the iconic image of himself leaving the Straight—right hand clutching his rifle, left fist raised in triumph.

HONORING PROGRESS: Jones speaking on campus at the Perkins Prize award ceremony in 2013.

out of the Straight that Sunday afternoon—he and his best friend, Homer “Skip” Meade '69, purposely left last, forming a “rear guard.” In their negotiations with the University, the occupiers had agreed to remove the ammunition—but insisted on carrying their weapons. “We understood the symbolism of it,” he says. “As this was coming to a head, I was actually very hopeful. I thought, Who would imagine that something like this would happen at a major white university, an Ivy League school—that black students would be doing this? These pictures are going to reverberate across the country and maybe the world. This is a powerful statement. So maybe we’ve done something really significant.”

Fifty years later, Jones doesn't shy away from the iconic image of himself leaving the Straight—right hand clutching his rifle, left fist raised in triumph. To the contrary: it's on the cover of his memoir. In his home office, a framed blow-up—which graced a wall until the house was rebuilt and Addie redecorated—is close at hand, tucked under his desk. And in the quintessential homage of the digital age, that vintage photo is on Jones's iPhone home screen. He got the idea from his younger daughter, who'd put it on her own cell phone. “She had never said anything about it, and it surprised me,” he recalls. “Then I said to myself, That's not a bad idea. It's a constant reminder of where you were, and where you've come from.” ■

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This special section, a bonus issue of the university's Ezra magazine, highlights ways Cornell initiatives intersect with philanthropy and engagement of Cornell alumni, parents and friends.

TACKLING CANCER BIOLOGY RESEARCH ACROSS COLLEGES AND CAMPUSES

Richard Cerione is the Goldwin Smith Professor of pharmacology and chemical biology in the Department of Molecular Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine and in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Claudia Fischbach is a professor of biomedical engineering in the Nancy E. and Peter C. Meinig School of Biomedical Engineering and is co-director of the Cornell Physical Sciences Oncology Center on the Physics of Cancer Metabolism.

Together they study cancer biology. Cerione researches cancer cell metabolism, looking at the biological signaling cues and pathways that regulate cell growth, differentiation and development, and the protein-protein interactions underlying the metabolic changes required for cancer development; Fischbach uses tissue engineering, microfabrication and biomaterials strategies to study cancer cells' interactions with other cells and the extracellular matrix and their importance to the development and progression of cancer.

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“YOU NEED A MINDSET THAT SAYS, ‘WE’RE GOING TO BE GREAT IN CANCER RESEARCH ON THIS CAMPUS; HOW DO WE DO IT?’”

– Richard Cerione

Both are members of the provost’s Genome Biology Task Force, which Cerione co-chairs with John Lis, professor of molecular biology and genetics.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/Cerione-FischbachQA.

How does your collaboration work, and how did it develop?

Fischbach: We started collaborating in 2013, on a project where my lab had previously found that tumor cells secrete factors that make cancers more aggressive by altering their microenvironment. ... Rick’s lab had done research on specific types of vesicles shed by cancer cells that we hypothesized might have contributed to what we observed in our experiments.

We wrote a proposal that ultimately wasn’t funded but that built the foundation for a broader collaboration and a National Cancer Institute-funded proposal that became Cornell’s Physical Sciences Oncology Center on the Physics of Cancer Metabolism. This center is run between Ithaca and Weill Cornell Medicine, and is co-directed by Dr. Lewis Cantley, Ph.D. ’75, Meyer Director of the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center. Rick’s and my initial interactions became a collaboration between labs in multiple colleges and on different campuses.

Rick is one of the leading cancer biologists in Ithaca, and we study cancer from very different perspectives – I’m applying engineering concepts and techniques, and he uses biochemical and chemical biology approaches. Merging our areas of expertise made sense.

Cerione: The center that Claudia co-directs is a big part of fostering these sorts of collaborations. It was a heroic effort for her to put the center together and get it funded, and it provides the opportunity for lots of different collaborations, including with researchers and physicians at Weill Cornell Medicine: What’s possible here at Cornell in terms of the physical sciences and engineering, and how would you

bring those disciplines to bear on cancer?

For someone like me, it’s a unique advantage to be able to interact and collaborate with these types of investigators so that we can work together to approach fundamental problems in cancer biology.

Fischbach: Oftentimes, what happens with large, multi-investigator proposals from federal funding agencies is, they provide the framework but rarely enough money to bring everyone together to do significant work. The university needs to be invested in supporting these initiatives, and that has happened in our case. The collective contributions of people, at different colleges and on different campuses, lead to more significant insights and advancements than what would be possible with a single lab.

What are your most recent or ongoing collaborative projects?

Fischbach: We are focusing on how the unique metabolic activities of cancer cells enable them to deal with nutrient stresses and oxygen deprivation in a manner very differently from normal cells. We are also looking at understanding the mechanisms responsible for these metabolic changes, as well as their functional consequences, and how we can use that information to target cancer cells therapeutically.

We are using the metabolism of cancer cells as a central anchor, an overarching framework, with the goal of gaining a broader appreciation of not only the metabolic activities of tumor cells, but how the microenvironment of tumor cells contributes to altering their metabolic programs – and vice versa. That is, how tumor cells alter the metabolism of surrounding noncancerous cells. One such example of these interplays is how obesity predisposes tumor cells to become more aggressive. What are the mechanisms that the tumor cells use to respond to that; what is the back and forth?

“Traditionally, biologists have done a lot of studies in a petri dish, and that’s not the ‘soil’ that tumor cells would see in the body.”

– Claudia Fischbach

38%

the chance that any individual has of developing some form of cancer in his/her lifetime

Source: National Cancer Institute

Cerione: We're trying to understand some of the mechanisms that the cancer cells use to communicate with their environment, and we're looking at clues as to what makes a cancer cell more aggressive, more invasive, having greater metastatic potential.

Fischbach: This demonstrates the principle quite nicely: If you think of cancer as a seed, it needs the right soil, and so we're studying what that soil is and how it affects the tumor. Traditionally, biologists have done a lot of studies in a petri dish, and that's not the soil that tumor cells would see in the body. What we're trying to do is mimic that actual environment, and then look at the back and forth.

We're also taking advantage of the fact that Ithaca has tremendous expertise in imaging, and so we're collaborating with the imaging faculty and facilities of the Biotechnology Resource Core, which is allowing us to do spatially and temporally resolved analyses in ways that wouldn't be possible in just a regular lab.

Tell me a bit about the changes in the research culture on the Ithaca campus you've seen recently.

Cerione: In the past, I never thought of Cornell's Ithaca campus particularly as a disease-oriented research university. I always thought of us as doing basic science, in the purest sense, whether it was on the physical side or even in biological areas, or in molecular biology and genetics. So I don't think it came naturally to our university to think about approaching cancer research like a major medical center would. You need a mindset that says, "We're going to be great in cancer research on this campus; how do we do it?"

Weill Cornell Medicine is putting a lot of emphasis into precision medicine because their strengths are in the translational research areas. Here in Ithaca, there is great basic cancer biology research that comes both from the physical side and the biological side, so there is tremendous collaborative potential with Weill Cornell Medicine. It comes down to what's possible here to complement what's possible there, and vice versa.

This sort of complementation is not necessarily easy. It requires a cultural shift, and it is a challenge that stems from different disciplines and perspectives. You have medical schools and you have physicians, and they think about things one way, and the basic scientists think the other way, so there is always that kind of natural divide that needs to be bridged.

Things have changed here on the Ithaca campus on a cultural level. Just as examples: For years, we had no Howard Hughes Medical

Institute investigators on this campus – they fund outstanding scientists who do biomedical research. We now have two. And for several years, we had only one Pew Scholar in the Biomedical Sciences. Now we have five.

Fischbach: There are also ongoing discussions to have joint graduate programs with Weill Cornell Medicine, where people are being sent back and forth. Some of our biomedical engineering Ph.D. students actually have advisers in the city and are spending most of their time with faculty there.

What recent technological advances in your fields have changed the potential impact of your research?

Fischbach: Being able to study tumor cells in model systems that mimic conditions inside the human body, for example, by culturing pieces of a patient's tumor (so-called organoids) within three-dimensional microfluidic scaffolds or body-on-a-chip devices. Linking these technologies with precision medicine or 3D printing offers additional opportunities. While it is clear that the molecular and cellular mechanisms of cancer are extremely complex, technologies are now available to dissect that complexity under conditions that mimic a specific patient scenario. Such approaches can also be used for more relevant drug testing.

Cerione: Imaging is another area that is just exploding; one specific area is optogenetics. Neurobiologists are now able to image changes in what's going on in the neurons in an animal under different conditions. Another area that is exploding is cryo-electron microscopy; this has allowed for possibilities in obtaining the three-dimensional structures of large proteins and protein complexes that are truly revolutionary.

Opposite page:

Professor Richard Cerione speaks during a panel discussion on cancer at a Cornell Trustee-Council Annual Meeting.

Below: Professor Claudia Fischbach, left, in her lab with two graduate students.



Frank Dimco

Small projects, big impact with crowdfunding



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To win a debate, plan a retreat, record an album or build a tower: so many endeavors going on at Cornell take teamwork. Crowdfunding campaigns put fundraising into the hands of students to turn friends, family and communities into members of the team.

During Cornell's latest crowdfunding campaign, in November, 15 projects got a boost, and more than half reached their fundraising goals. Crowdfunding projects funded scholarships, musical ensemble tours, animal health initiatives, professional development and a digital library project for the athletics department.

"We couldn't have done it without the support of our community," said Carolyn Shi '19, a member of Engineers Without Borders-Cornell. This College of Engineering student project team, one of five to take part in crowdfunding in the recent campaign, has been designing an irrigation system to provide access to water in the community of Sunuka, Tanzania. Team members raised \$15,221, surpassing their goal, and will return to Sunuka this April for a second assessment.

Above: Engineers Without Borders-Cornell works with people in Sunuka, Tanzania, to design a gravity-fed irrigation system. Crowdfunding is supporting a future return assessment trip.

One hundred forty-five donors supported the project.

"Each team member reaches out to their own network to get the word out about our project, and we send updates to this network through the month of crowdfunding," said Shi. "The best thing about raising money this way is that so many more people know about the amazing work we're doing."

"We've been building the art and science of Cornell crowdfunding since the fall of 2013. It's affirming to see such a large network of support among Cornellians," said Angelique Giammarino, assistant director of Annual Giving Digital Marketing.

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– Carolyn Shi '19, member of Engineers
Without Borders-Cornell

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

41 **Herbert Cogan** sends a special thanks to the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* staff, who brought him back up to date since the 75th Reunion with some back issues. “I shall peruse them with great enjoyment.” He adds, “I deeply regret the very recent passing of my old friend, **Larry Kalik**. We entered Cornell from Brooklyn, NY, at the same time. We both played on the university table tennis team.”

We send our thanks to Herbert for writing. We hope you will all stay in touch. ♦ **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

46 The Three Big Red Musketeers from SRC in Pleasanton, CA—**Leonard Ladin '55**, **Ron Roach '60**, and **Paul Levine '46**—found no contemporaries in our assault on Berkeley's Zinck's 2018 event. We found good Cornell alums, but very young. Leonard and I, plus spouses and family, plan to attend the Glee Club's January 14, 2019 performance in San Francisco in the hopes of returning with news of mature Cornellians.

I hope to have paved the way with this note, sent to Robert Isaacs, director of Cornell's Glee Club: “Dear Robert, I ran across your congratulatory e-mail of June, 16, 2016 re: my lyrics recently. I was transferring the contents of my old Juno e-mail (pblevine@juno.com) to my new Gmail account (pblevine93@gmail.com). Please make the change in your records. I wonder if you would consider using my alumni verse to the ‘Song of the Classes’ at the San Francisco Concert on June 14, 2019. I'm planning to attend with six or more friends and relatives. My voice, never great, is now even worse, so I'd recommend your using your own singer/singers if you decide to use it. The lyrics were: ‘Some come for nostalgia to view the old house / Some come to show off a new trophy spouse / Some show off their jewelry and all of their glitz / Let's help Alma Mater before our obits.’ Those lyrics have been used successfully every five years at Reunion, on Cornelliana Night, since my 55th or 60th in 2001 or 2006. Thanks for considering my request, Paul Levine '46, Class Correspondent.”

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

Paul Levine, BS '49, mentioned other Cornellians living in his retirement home. I am also fortunate that at the present time there are two alumni living here at the Peninsula Regent with me. **Kan Chen '50** came from Hong Kong in 1947 to attend Cornell. He graduated in 1950 with a BEE and then earned a PhD at MIT in 1954. He and his wife, Lillian, are a lovely, happy couple here.

Janet Feuerstein Grove '60 moved here in June 2017. Her grandfather and father attended Cornell, which makes her third-generation. In addition, two of her children and a granddaughter also graduated from Cornell. That adds up to five generations—amazing!

I had a long conversation with **Marion Moulton McPheeters**, BS '45. She was delighted that her daughter

Martha would spend Christmas with her. Marion lives at Kendal at Ithaca. She and her husband, Don, were pioneers there and lived in a cottage. After Don passed away in 2011 she moved into a deluxe one-bedroom apartment with living room, dining area, and, best of all, a marvelous sun room. She is very busy with art classes (she likes watercolors), which are presented by a resident there. Marion plays bridge four times a week and exercises using machines every day. The pool makes her itchy. Marion stated that she is a very happy senior. She has an infectious sense of humor. ♦ **Dorothy Taylor Prey**, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

47 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 **Mary Holland Freeman** writes from Greenbrae, CA, where she moved four years ago to be nearer to her two sons. She lives in a lovely retirement community in Marin County, enjoying her many interesting fellow residents and the beautiful scenery of that area north of San Francisco. As she looks back on her college days, she recognizes and appreciates that Cornell prepared her for a satisfying career in NYS government and a happy, satisfying life.

Dianne Shapiro Gasworth graduated from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations and occupied a position on the NYS Civil Court bench from which she retired some years ago. She observes that not much has happened to her lately. Three of her children and two of her four grandchildren are lawyers. Unlike the “old days,” when family was close by, hers are all over the country now. Looking back, she says she loved her time at Cornell and wishes she could relive it.

Anne Ryan Swartzman Ross graduated in 1948 and married **Joseph Swartzman '49**. Two of their three children also graduated from Cornell, **Joyce Swartzman-Andert '75**, MS '77, and **William Swartzman '77**, while Cheryl was U. of Connecticut Class of '82. Anne reports, “Joseph died in 2009 after we enjoyed 57 years together. I have another partner, Edmund Ross, a Yale lawyer, and we have been together eight years. We reside in Connecticut, are members of the Shore and Country Club, and are Florida residents also. On a personal note, I was past president of the Cornell Club of Fairfield County, participated in many activities, and still play a lot of bridge. We were boaters, enjoy cruising, the theater, etc.”

Doris Wolfe Schultz reports having no difficulty staying busy in retirement, what with garden club, church functions, the League of Women Voters, Progress Club, swimming, sailing, kayaking, and gardening. She has strong ties to Cornell, including husband **Russell**, son **Randal '75**, and daughter **Elizabeth '77**. Further ties include Anita Sawyer, who was in her wedding party,

and lifelong friends **Jean Schultheis Brechter '49** and Judith Clark Broadenstein. Doris makes proud mention of granddaughter Kathleen, who is starting her fifth year of residency in oral pathology and pediatrics.

Roberta Caverno Roberts keeps herself busy with the many activities and the company of interesting fellow residents of Crosslands Communities in Kennett Square, PA. When she wrote, she hoped to attend our Reunion last June in the company of daughter (and driver) **Christine '75**. A grand-niece of hers graduated from the Cornell Vet college. Roberta says that her Cornell education was the stepping stone to graduate school and a career as a school psychologist. Other Cornell ties include friends **Caroline Sowerbutt Black** and **Nancy Hadlock Rees**, both Class of 1948, and her successful attendance at most Class of 48 Reunions. Send news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

49 Our 70th Reunion is just ahead! For many of us this number is almost incredible—as are the numbers that describe our ages! It doesn't seem possible that such large numbers could encompass the years since we've left the Hill, the number of our Reunions, or, even more unbelievable, the years of our lives! This Reunion will be exciting, indeed, with its opportunity to see old classmates and even meet some whom we didn't get to know when we were in school. Reunion chairman **Jack Rupert**, JD '51 (rup18129@aol.com), ably assisted by the Alumni Affairs office, is planning a grand occasion for us all. We're all especially looking forward to our class dinner!

Our class president, **Jack Gilbert** (ingerjack@msn.com), has moved into new quarters. He's now in residence in Kendal at Ithaca, where he's comfortable in a two-bedroom apartment. In addition to the usual living room and kitchen, his quarters have a “porch facing west to watch the sunsets!” Before one moves, perhaps to smaller quarters, what a chore it sometimes is to go through often voluminous records and collected papers, deciding what to keep and bring along and what to discard. Jack recalls that, back in January, before he moved, he was “keeping house” and his mission was to clean it up.

Jack told us that his longtime friend **Dan Emerson** (Vero Beach, FL), whom he met in freshman year, is recently widowed. After speaking with us, Dan wrote, “Hi, Dee. It was nice to talk to you. I am sorry to report that Pat, my sweet wife for 71 wonderful years, has passed away. She was not a Cornellian, but felt very close to Cornell and to our class because we were married after my sophomore year and she helped work me through the rest of the way. Our two years together at Cornell meant so much to us. I am trying to get back to some sense of normalcy. I'm still busy with my large family (19 here for Christmas), active in my church, playing golf two or three times a week, and looking forward to Reunion and meeting you. All the best. Dan.”

I am eagerly awaiting Reunion to see you all! Please send in your news. No news is too big or too small for your column. ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Hello, classmates! This column is very short because I have had absolutely no reports from any of you. So please do send notes on you and your activities to me or Paul just as soon as you can! We really would like to stay in touch.

I am now living full time in Florida in a lovely but unbelievably quiet area on the ocean between Boca Raton and Palm Beach. I am in good shape, even though

helping to manage the forest health. She is the daughter of Ken. As you can see, this is a Cornell family, since the father of this brood was **Nathaniel Myers '49**, who graduated in 1951 after returning from two years in the Navy and meeting me at the Straight the first day of school in September 1949. Nat and I enjoyed about 16 years of summer weeks at CAU before we moved to North Carolina. He passed away in 2004."

Cappy Heyl Inness writes: "Attention all you '52ers! Be aware that our 70th Reunion in 2022 will come around faster than you think! As Reunion co-chairmen, **Tom Cashel**, LLB '56 (thomaswacashel@gmail.com) and I (cappyniness@gmail.com) welcome ideas from all classmates to promote attendance and create a meaningful and fun-filled weekend. Returning to the scene of our youth is a powerful thing, and sharing time with our fellow classmates is truly uplifting. It's not too early to mark your calendar, June 9-12, 2022! CU in '22!"

Now, from the 2018 mailbag: As if to back Cappy up, Tom Cashel (Lake Wales, FL) wrote that he was still building a harpsichord. "In between, I am thinking about our 70th Reunion and its structure." **Edith Geiger Nichols** (nsnichols1@gmail) writes that she and **Nick '49** are now in Walnut Creek, CA, enjoying life in the East Bay area in Rossmore, a retirement community. "Our main reason for moving from NYC is to be near family." **Daniel Divack** (Great Neck, NY; kkddivack@aol.com) wrote that he is a "retired ob/gyn and is infirm/paralyzed." He also listed his Cornell family: sons **Joshua Divack '85** and **Seth Divack '89**, MD '93, and granddaughters **Pamela Divack '18** and **Lauren Divack '20**.

In March, **Henry VerValen** (Towson, MD; henrycvv@gmail.com) wrote: "Right now, I am relocated to Edenvale, a retirement community about 20 miles from where I used to live in Maryland, so I can still enjoy my same friends and activities that I was active with before my move." He had been selling his house and his last 1957 Jaguar and had time to travel to Iceland, Ireland, Scotland, and England, and take an ocean voyage on the *Queen Mary 2*. Henry planned to "enjoy a car tour with one of my two sons around the New England area with a schooner trip. Travel to England this April [2018] to tour the World War II American/British air base." He closed, "I enjoyed our 65th Reunion at Cornell and will be back this year with CRC." **Judith Calhoun** Schurman (New Canaan, CT; schurma1@optonline.net) reported, "I'm alive and relatively healthy! I went on a Cornell trip last fall with my son and daughter-in-law to Italy (Bari). Great fun! I plan to take another Cornell trip, from Athens to Venice, with my daughter and son-in-law. I enjoyed Cornell Reunion last June. Amazed at the great turnout."

In March, **Donald Collins** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL; ibdrc@aol.com) wrote that his wife, Pat, had been very sick, but they had gone out to dinner and she was able to drive a car for the first time in a year. He had sold his boat—"too old and too many medical problems." He wrote, "Retirement and growing old is a challenge. I have severe neuropathy in my feet and legs and keep fighting it. Pat had a bad year, but fought back. We do our best to stay busy in club life, and I spend half a day trading stocks to keep my mind active. I wish we could do more for our other older friends, but we do our best. We had a visit this week from Tony from Cornell Engineering, and he brought us up to date. Cornell sure has high ratings, both domestically and internationally—just wish it wasn't so liberal. Hope the graduates are prepared for the real world. It can be tough out there." When Don wrote again in September, he was still investing and was sorry to have missed the 65th Reunion. Pat was still sick, but much better. He wrote, "Doctors all with different opinions; when they gave up she started to get well. Our medical system needs help." They were planning a Christmas cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale. They had done it before, with the aid of her wheelchair and walker and his three-wheel scooter, "and it worked great." Don says he wishes they could be traveling more. Between their cruising, Pat's more than 30 years with the airline, and his import business, they did

'Passionate golf will resume when it warms up.'

RICHARD CLARK '52

I am not quite as agile as I would like to be. I do live a very active life—am involved in local activities that keep me busy. I no longer play golf and I do miss that. It is now January here and so far the season has been lovely but very calm. Just hope it stays that way—though it could get a bit busier.

If you have not already paid your class dues, please do so now. We need your support! Let us hear from you.

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51 **Fran Goldberg Myers** (Asheville, NC) writes, "I'm sad to report that classmate **Marjorie Tucker Sablow** died soon after her 88th birthday while she was in Florida. A great loss to me. We met on the first day of school in September 1947, when I spied her trunk with her home address of White Plains, which was pretty close to mine in Yonkers, and so a friendship that lasted all these years exists now only in good memories."

Fran continues, "My fame here in my condo in Asheville, NC, has received a boost as I am now known as the Battering Bat Lady. I found a bat in my sink one morning; he looked dead so I started putting him in a plastic bag—turned out he wasn't dead and didn't like the idea of the bag, so he bit me. I managed to get him in the bag, and then I showed him; I battered twice with the skillet in my dish drain. Well I did such a good job, when his body was sent to a lab in Raleigh, they didn't have enough tissue to get a reading on the test for rabies, so I have just finished my series of rabies shots. He apparently had company, and two days later there was another body in my sink. This one was sent to Raleigh live and turned out to be rabid. The other six bats found in various parts of the house were all dead, so were quickly disposed of without me.

"In addition to killing bats, I play mah jong, manage a book group, volunteer in the library of the Asheville Art Museum, and generally keep busy. The 'children' are busy: **Ken Myers '77** is curator of American art at the Detroit Inst. of Art; **Pam Myers '78** is director of the Asheville Art Museum, managing the museum and the construction of a \$20 million addition; and **Chip Myers '82**, DVM '87, is a veterinarian specializing in internal medicine in Pittsburgh, reliving life as the parent of a pre-teenage son. **Sarah Myers '13**, my granddaughter, is using her Cornell Ecology and Natural Resources education and is a forester stationed at the Medicine Bow National Forest in Walden, CO, mapping forest fires and

Fran adds, "I just sent away for the new book written by Larry Moore and Isaac Kramnick, *Godless Citizens in a Godly Republic: Atheists in American Public Life*. I thought the book was excellent—and really something I never realized about how God plays such a huge part in American life—and if you don't have the same conception of the Bible and God, in some places and some times you couldn't serve on a jury if you didn't swear on a Bible. This has changed some, but can you imagine if a president didn't keep saying 'God Bless America'? Or how about 'In God We Trust' on our coins? This replaced 'E Pluribus Unum,' which seems to be a truly important message for Americans today." Thanks, Fran, the column needed that. Please send your updates to: ❖ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Right here, right now, it is after Chanukah and just before Christmas, rainy and mild. You will read this in March. Our class co-vice president, **Sue Youker Schlaepfer**, has written: "My activities include trips to my home in Green Valley, AZ, where I have been wintering for five years now. I return to my Ithaca home for summers and enjoy the very green greenness after Arizona's beautiful but more tan desert landscapes. Each way I stop in Denver to visit family—three children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild—and return there for the major holidays. On two occasions this year, I, my ex-husband, and all of my children and their spouses have been able to spend time together. Quite an accomplishment! My oldest, Leslie, is a fashion consultant in Denver helping women organize and improve their wardrobes; her twin brother, Phillip, is with Merrill in Bellevue, WA, and travels the country; **Cyndy '78** is semi-retired in Denver, separated from a career with OCLC in Columbus, OH, refereeing women's lacrosse and field hockey, and working part time for brother Matt; Matt manages an insurance and estate planning company, GCG Financial, in Denver; twin brother, Drew, retired from the US Marines and is a business consultant in Tampa, FL. All still have the last name Schlaepfer."

I have a recent e-mail from **Jim Ling** (lingkal2@outlook.com), who writes, "I'm still here in Fort Collins, CO. Staying busy with hospice volunteering and serving as president of the local sanitation district, which is starting a \$40 million sewer plant expansion. My wife and I just returned from a Road Scholar trip to Poland in October. After Thanksgiving, we saw the Big Red women's basketball team on one of their rare visits to play Colorado State. Unfortunately, they lost, but quite a few Cornell boosters showed up to cheer them on."

a lot of traveling and “enjoyed every minute of it.” Old friends he would like to hear from? **Art Franz, C.V. Noyes**, MBA '55, any other '52ers still alive. I'll be 88 in a few weeks and am doing well.” Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on him? “Prof. Strong in Electrical Engineering, our class advisor, and all the other tough professors. They made us perform, or else. Half the class was busted after the first term, but I made it. Good old Ithaca High School teachers.”

A brief note from **Richard Clark** (Osterville, MA; cape clarks@aol.com): “Effective medication of my CML cancer continues, with all activities and blood counts back to normal. My Holderness School 70th Reunion comes up in June. I took Sandy to Bermuda for her 80th birthday in February. Travel to Palm Springs, CA, for two weeks in March will be followed by an Alaska cruise in July. Passionate golf will resume when it warms up. We continue to be blessed with good health.”

And that, my friends, is it. Put me on your list of people to whom to write. The mail bag has just four news forms left, written in spring 2018. Send your news to: ❖ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, classof 52alumni.cornell.edu.

53 Reunion—any year! Did you know that you can enjoy CU Reunion every year? The fun, the fellowship, the inspiration can be yours every June as a member of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC). Founded over a century ago, the club has provided mix-and-mingle opportunities since 1906. This unique social group includes members from all Cornell classes who enjoy the many stimulating university-sponsored Reunion activities as well as special CRC events with lively intergenerational interaction: daily continental breakfast and nightly blend of beverages and munchies; Friday luncheon with Cornell's athletic coaches; and Saturday dinner. For a membership application, contact CRC headquarters chair **Connie Santagato** Hosterman '57 (Shenhoop@aol.com) or CU Alumni Affairs liaison **Mandy Bennison, MMH '18** (mmd58@cornell.edu).

Marty Vogeler Adler-Jasny, MS '56 (adlerjasnym@bellsouth.net) writes that all is great in Oak Ridge, TN. “I'm still in my house of 50-plus years. My three kids, some grandchildren, and my first great-grandchild (who is, of course, adorable) live nearby and life is fun.” Marty keeps busy serving on advisory boards for traffic safety and senior citizens, plus attending plays, concerts, classes at the local community colleges, and activities of the Unitarian Universalist Church. Special joys: “Walking in the mountains and at our city marina and, of course, my indispensable friends.”

Julian Aroesty (jma38@cornell.edu) continues to provide pro bono cardiac consultations for underserved clinics in his home area of Lexington, MA. He and spouse Elaine escape the Northeastern blizzards by spending the winters in Longboat Key, FL, which, he notes, is also a favorite of Carol and **Sam Cassell**. He stays sharp by following a personal anti-aging regimen. “The best one can do to retard the inevitable deterioration in mental sharpness is to engage in intellectual activity and endurance exercise,” he reports. “So I cycle 20-30 miles several days per week and read a book every week or ten days.” His new namesake grandson, Hayden Julian, lives nearby, and his granddaughter, a graduate of U. of Rochester, is working for social justice in Brooklyn.

“Life is a learning experience,” observes **David Harris** (dnr.harris@verizon.net), “and I'm learning that growing old is not for sissies. The experience is made bearable only by the love of family and friends.” A retired

physician who is board certified in both pediatrics and preventive medicine, his “learning experience” started the first week of our freshman year. “I clearly recall sitting in Bailey Hall for freshman orientation as the CU president, Dr. Edmund Ezra Day, addressed us on the value of a liberal university education. He said that above everything else, our years in university will enable us to begin to develop a philosophy of life. I've never forgotten that. Developing a philosophy of life is by its very nature a work in progress. I started the task as a Cornell freshman and I'm still working on it.” David lives in Cold Spring Harbor, NY, and travels to Connecticut frequently to visit his daughter and “irrepressible granddaughters” in New Canaan.

After retiring from a wide-ranging business career that included living in a number of European, Middle Eastern, and South American countries, **Bob Neff, JD '56** (prince toneff@aol.com) has embarked on another career as an author. Following his first book, *Über Alles: A Novel of Love, Loyalty, and Political Intrigue in World War II*, which is available at Amazon in paperback or Kindle editions, he recently completed a sequel entitled *After All*. “Writing a book had been on my ‘bucket list’ for many years,” he explains. “In each of the jobs I held, there was a large component of writing, but never fiction. I wanted to do some story-telling. When I retired after a cancer episode, I suddenly had the time. People and places from my working career provided a rich source of characters and background material. I've learned that writing seriously doesn't stop with the author's creation. Fortunately, I have an editor who challenges details such as word choices, internal inconsistencies, continuity, and credibility, and I also had 44 advance copy readers who shared helpful suggestions. I encourage anyone who has accumulated experiences, opinions, or observations to share them in a story. Chances are the writing won't make you rich, but it may well enrich your life.”

Congratulations to **John Webster** (john.webster@wisc.edu), who was recently awarded the 2019 James H. Mulligan Jr. Education Medal from the Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the world's largest organization of technical professionals. Cited as “an exemplary teacher” for the U. of Wisconsin, where he taught 14 different undergraduate and graduate courses in electronics and biomedical engineering over a 32-year career, John has also published 250 articles and written or edited 25 textbooks including *Medical Instrumentation: Application and Design*, the most-used textbook in biomedical engineering. He completed a BEE degree at Cornell and spent a decade in industry before earning a PhD from the U. of Rochester. His philosophy of teaching reflects his experience. “As teachers, we should be managers of a learning system,” recommends John. “We should observe not the teaching, but rather the learning that takes place. Tell students exactly what is expected of them; set up an experiential learning system to assist them; then provide the opportunity to learn lasting skills—such as critical thinking, clear expression, and cooperation—that will support them throughout their careers.” Since retirement, John has applied his extensive knowledge to collaborative work on medical devices. Please send your news to: ❖ **Caroline Mulford Owens**, 53news.cornell@gmail.com; **Dick Halberstadt**, trh47@cornell.edu; **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; or **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu.

54 If you read these Class Notes regularly, you will notice that this column is different. For the first time in many years, it was not written by **Leslie**

Papenfus Reed, our class correspondent. Les passed away on New Year's Eve after developing some medical problems last year. In the fall, she moved back to California to be near her family.

We remember Les as full of energy and enthusiasm, much of which were devoted to Cornell and the Class of 1954. We counted on her to spark ideas and get things done. For a long time, she produced this column with great attention to accuracy. She laboriously researched and confirmed facts. When short of news, she creatively filled the space with memories from our days on campus and perhaps with bits of her experiences. Among other interests, Les was committed to the National Zoo and painting sets for theater groups.

Until recently, Les was planning to attend our 65th Reunion this summer, June 6-9. We hope you will attend in her memory. ❖ **Jack Vail**, jdvail@aol.com.

55 Lots of news from **Renie Adler** Hirsch, who lives in Israel. She writes, “We're off on a 12-day cruise to the Canary Islands (found out that there are 13, but we're visiting several with some other stops). Taking along my dancing shoes for our favorite dance: the tango. Enrolled in a healthy class in qigong, a breathing/movement class, going on new day trips in this beautiful Holy Land, and planning some new evenings for the Israel Cornell Club I founded over a decade ago. I have recently been asked to give some lectures on ‘How Food, Vitamins, and Medicines Can Affect Us’ and ‘How to Get More for Your Money at the Supermarket.’”

One of Renie's grandchildren is in her first year at the Cornell Veterinary college. “It was because I was waiting for her father to be born that I missed our first CU Reunion in 1960! Henry and I have happily attended all the others, and hope to see you in 2020!” She's in touch with some of our classmates, including **Tara Prince** Goldman, **Gerri Sobel** Katz, **Doris Wunsch** Neilson, **Dan Sachs**, **Sue Cohen Pel-Or '59** (Marty '56's wife), **Barbara Pfeffer Billauer '72**, **Gershon Lewental '03** (her ICC co-chair), and **Ginny Wallace** Panzer Wiener. “I do miss **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff, **Elliot Tahl**, and **Connie Salm** Conlon,” she writes. Renie was sad to read the announcement in the *New York Times* of the death of Prof. M.H. Abrams, “who shaped Romantic criticism” and died at 102. “He was one of my professors for whom I babysat and ‘dog sat’ so many years ago. It is a blessing that so many of us are still alive and looking forward to more good old days on the Hill.”

Dick Shriver and his son Rich have started Salt Marsh Tours, “to take folks out to see the salt marshes, flora, and fauna of the lower Connecticut River.” Dick and his younger son, Andrew, are building post and beam pergolas for customers—“Rightful work,” he says. Also, “We have a small Cornell Club here that meets maybe three times a year, with 30-40 people, all younger!”

Don Jacobs runs a large book club and helps his wife, **Frances (Walden) '56**, run a bridge club. “Frances does a great job with bridge, and I am getting better.” You may remember that Don handled the festivities celebrating the 100th anniversary of Penn-Cornell football. The first person Don met on campus was **Bobbi Freedman** Weisburger '56, “who introduced me to my Cornell wife.” **Elinor Rorlich** Koepfel says that the first person she met on campus was a “junior guy who crashed the freshman meet-and-greet.” She continued dating him for a year.

Bill Doerler checked in to say, “On November 7, I was at Ann's Choice in Warminster, PA, and had lunch with **Fred Antil**, past class president. We regaled each other

with Cornell stories and discussed his avocation as A. Lincoln. He performs regularly as Abe for charity and history groups. In fact, he is head of the history club at Ann's Choice. Maybe we should ask him to do a show for us at the next Reunion." I agree; I'm sure most of us would really enjoy hearing Fred's presentation.

And on a personal note: My granddaughter, Nina Brinker, of Portland, ME, was just notified of her Early Decision acceptance to the Class of 2023, making her the fourth generation Cornellian in our family. She joins her mother, **Joanna Morris Brinker '86**, plus her aunts, **Sue Novak Morris '83**, MS '89, and **Karen Morris McQuiston '90**, as well as her proud grandmother, in celebrating this good news. Nina's great-grandfather was **Kirkwood H. Savage 1925**, BS '26.

Speaking of news, please send some along! The column's content depends on your input—and your classmates are eager to hear from you. Thanks. ❖ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 Our class celebrated the life and legacy of our dear friend **Ernie Stern**. One of the speakers, **Jon Lindseth**, suggested we establish a program in Jewish Studies. A memorial earlier in the year was held at Lincoln Center for our classmate and my co-correspondent, **Steve Kittenplan**. A memorial for our **Bob Silman** was held at Cooper Union in NYC. All are missed.

Margot Mahoney Haddock (Grantham, NH) is taking her grandchildren to the Cornell summer programs, an annual activity. Last summer, two granddaughters studied physics there. **Martin Wilens** (Natick, MA) has a non-fiction work, *South of Salem*, available on Amazon and is working on a second nonfiction about Cornell's 1953–54 championship basketball team.

I heard from **Lew Klotz**, who spends his winters in Florida and summers in New Jersey; he's enjoying both. I also heard from **Michael Curtis**, BA '59, about our esteemed 1950s basketball stars. **Michael Fawer** (New Orleans, LA) has published about his legal career; see his website for more information: www.bronxtothebayou.com. He sees **Arthur** and Marilyn Spicehandler **Penn** on his visits to NYC. **Bill Greenawalt**, with wife Peggy, remembers his Scarsdale classmate Steve Kittenplan, and continues to enjoy his litigation practice in White Plains. I remember Bill's memorials for classmates at previous Reunions. And I received a phone call from **Barbara Burns**, who was looking for a classmate retired near Lake Champlain.

As for me, while waiting for my bridge group at the Cornell Club, I was greeted by classmate **Howard Schneider**, JD '59. I spent Thanksgiving Day with **Margot Lurie Zimmerman** and her family. And on another evening, I went to the theater with Margot and **Barbara Barron Starr**, my dear roommates. I see our co-Reunion chair **Carole Rapp** Thompson and **Judy Frankel** Woodfin at bridge. Keep in touch with your good news. ❖ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Author, editor, dancer, grandmother, oral historian—that handle describes **Emita Brady** Hill, who published her first book of oral histories, *Bronx Faces and Voices*, and hopes to have a second book, *A Culinary Bouquet*, stories of 20 women in food and farming, in print by early 2020. She is the founder of the Bronx Inst. at Lehman College, and chancellor emeritus, Indiana U. Kokomo. Another work in progress is an oral history of ballroom dancers as well as a regional oral history of women in local food movements in northwest

Michigan. In her spare time, her three children, seven grandchildren, and a raft of nieces and nephews keep her occupied. Speaking of food, **Bea Melter Rosenbloom** has retired from volunteering at her local Rochester food cupboard and from tutoring special high school students. **Dick '54**, her spouse of 61 years, is still active daily after retiring from the New York Supreme Court, where he specialized in arbitration and mediation.

Two things we missed: **Beth Ames Swartz's** *Reminders of Invisible Light* was shown on PBS stations across the country in December (www.bethamesswartzfilm.com/film/); and **Bill Schmidt's** (Plainairbill@aol.com) delightful Impressionist talent was on display at the Salmagundi Club in New York City at the same time. **Beach Kuhl's** (beachkuhl35@gmail.com) law practice is day to day, but he is the full-time mayor of Ross, CA, is a commissioner on the county transportation authority, and serves on the board of directors of the local fire department. If caught speeding in that part of the world, fear not.

Ann Phillips Drechsel has sent me a picture of her needlepointing a carpet bag that looks like it could cover the better part of Libe Slope. We were known as "the Twins" during our years on the Hill, but the picture proves that she is a lot cuter than your correspondent. ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 We're now well into the New Year and our news is shrinking. Please send in your news so we can keep this column informative of your activities. Here is what we've heard from some of you.

Adriana Rubens Barry has been living in a lovely independent senior living place for the past three years. Her knees and hips have all been replaced and she is doing very well. Her life is filled with family, six children, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren so far! They are scattered all over the country, so she has traveled a lot. Adriana enjoys reading all the news in the column and reflects on very happy years at Cornell. She regrets not keeping in touch with classmates, but she married, had her children, finished her last year in school, and had a great career teaching elementary children music. She was divorced after 27 years.

Lewis Futterman is now spending 60 percent of his time in Venice, CA, where he is building small condo projects while his wife, Starla, is trying to revive her acting career, which she put on hold 20 years ago to raise their daughter, who is now a screenwriter. **Paul Tilly** (Avon, NY) is working part time as CFO of Paul Tilly Agency and volunteers as CFO of his local Episcopal Church. He has retired from Rotary after 38 years and enjoys his 11 great-grandchildren. **Eugene Ceglowski**, DVM '67, is semi-retired from his large animal practice, raising calves and heifers and putting up 120 acres of hay.

Phillip Getter is a trustee of the American Theatre Wing, was for many years a member of the Tony Awards Administration Committee, and now sits on the Obie Awards Administration Committee. The Obie Award is Off-Broadway's highest honor. Getter Entertainment will co-produce *Hadestown*, the new musical reimagining of the Orpheus and Eurydice love story by singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell, directed by Rachel Chavkin. It is now playing at the National Theatre in London and will open at Broadway's Walter Kerr Theatre on March 22, 2019. Getter's previous works have won both the Pulitzer Prize and Tony awards. He introduced David Copperfield, produced Cornellian **Harry Chapin '64's** Cotton Patch Gospel, and worked with many others. Send your news to: ❖ **Janet Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

59 For the past 20 years, **Harlan Harrison** and his son **Dan '91** have attended the World Series. "Since my parents live in Schenectady and I live in L.A., it is a great annual tradition," writes Dan. "Dad has seen a few games without me, and vice versa, but we are both now at 40-plus World Series games that we have attended, mostly together. As Yankee fans, this past autumn was particularly difficult." **Ted Larson** writes that he retired some 24 years ago after a 26-year career in food marketing—"and I have never looked back." Ted and his wife, who recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary, spend summers at their longtime home in Orleans, MA, winters at a second home in Florida, and the rest of the time traveling. "Unfortunately, it looks like we will be in Iceland during Reunion."

After his nearly 50-year professional career in architecture, **Marty Lehman** "re-discovered" the joy of watercolor painting. This past November and December, he had his third exhibit at the Scandinavian Cultural Center in West Newton, MA. The show represented work done from 2008 through 2018 and featured his favorite themes: buildings, cityscapes, landscapes, and all things Swedish. The show's opening reception also featured a big surprise for Marty: the attendance of longtime friends **Harry** and Jill **Petchesky** and **Bob** and Ilsa **Furno**. "My head is still spinning!" wrote Marty afterwards. "Now I'm really looking forward to our 60th Reunion!" So are lots of other classmates.

"Looking forward to stopping in Elmira (Mark Twain country) on our way to Reunion," writes **Celinda Cass** Scott of Indiana, PA. Though retired since 2004, Celinda still substitutes now and then in French and history. She and her husband celebrated his 80th birthday in 2015 by taking their family on a Cornell Alumni Assn. tour of Scotland. This past year, the family helped celebrate Celinda's 80th at their vacation spot on Lake Erie. "Just before that event, we took an Upper Mississippi River cruise from St. Paul to St. Louis—also Mark Twain country," says Celinda.

One of the highlights of our 60th Reunion (June 6-9) will take place on Friday morning: "Looking Forward," a panel discussion led by Reunion co-chair **Jerry Schultz**, which will focus on the interesting things that classmates are doing in their 80s. Following the discussion, **Peter Yarrow**, one of our best-known and busiest classmates, will sing for us in Kennedy Auditorium. Our thanks to Harry Petchesky for arranging this special event.

This year's news form included the question, "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca?" We received a diversity of answers. "I am looking forward to seeing my grandson, taking a walk on campus, and visiting the Cornell Botanic Gardens," writes **Jessica Reynolds** Jenner, whose younger grandson, **Will Jenner '21**, is a sophomore studying computer science. Jessica, who lives in Castle Rock, CO, now has more time to enjoy travel, particularly international birding adventures, since she retired at the end of 2018 from her position as consultant to a community college district. Another respondent to the question was **Harriet Benjamin** of Forest Hills, NY, who also chose the Botanic Gardens (which many of us still think of as Cornell Plantations). Harriet also would spend time in downtown Ithaca at the American Crafts shop and at one of the city's specialty restaurants. **Roy Pritchard** of Cheshire, CT, would spend his day walking around, visiting the ILR school, Johnson Museum, his fraternity, and the Cornell boat house. To these three classmates and others who responded: you can do all of this—and more—while attending Reunion! Want to know which classmates will be there? A list will be available online

beginning in April, after registration materials have been sent out.

"Travel to some wonderful places" has been a recent highlight for **Shirley Wilhelm Granda** and her husband, **Dick, PhD '66**, of Poughkeepsie, NY. Last August they spent 16 days in Tanzania and Kenya. "Coming up close to lions, elephants, zebras, and other wildlife in their natural habitats was an unforgettable experience," writes Shirley. "We also met and interacted with the people of these two countries. We visited Maasai villages, talking with the residents and learning about their culture. We had the privilege of spending an afternoon at a school for young children, where we were delighted by the enthusiasm that they had for learning. We also toured a textile enterprise founded by a Kenyan woman to provide a livelihood for women at risk and in need. Starting with three employees, the company has grown to employ more than 160 women."

Seen around town: Roy Pritchard and **Bill Kingston**, members of the Norden Retirees Club, on the links at the Orange Hill Country Club in Orange, CT (the two men and their wives also get together regularly; they have been playing duplicate bridge for more than 50 years); Harry Petchesky at the **Sy Katz '31** parade in NYC; **Jim Day** and **Dick Hyde** lunching in NYC, and more reminiscing followed when Jim met with **Hardy Eshbaugh**, who was in NYC for his final Atlantic Salmon Fisheries board meeting (Hardy had served on the board since 2002); **Tammy Livingston** Weintraub and **Barbara Benioff** Friedman at Hunter College, where they were taking a continuing ed course, "The Dawn of Civilization," taught by **Helen Harrison Appel '55**. ❖ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

60 Congratulations to **Bob Laufer**, who was honored at the annual Central Park Track Club dinner for his "many contributions to the running community in New York City." In addition to his individual achievements as a 40-year member of the club, he spent 15 years as vice president and general counsel at the New York Road Runners organization, which oversees the annual New York City Marathon and many other races, and spearheaded the expansion of race support for wheelchairs and other disabled competitors. Before that, Bob's law practice was at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, where he spent more than three decades specializing in litigation and bankruptcy. He and his wife, Patty, live in Manhattan and also have a place in Weston, CT, near their daughter, **Susan Laufer Krauss '94**, and her family. They recently attended a surprise 80th birthday celebration in Scottsdale, AZ, for Bob's longtime friend and classmate **Marty Abel**.

Ron Demer '59 sent along a "We've Moved!" announcement from Linda and **Carl Volckmann**, who sold the house in Connecticut where they lived for 44 years. "It was a lengthy two-year process," they report, "with countless SUV loads to the library and charities, and finally selling those things that wouldn't fit in our Florida or Utah condos. The hardest part was leaving behind memories, our beloved coastal Westport town, and our many dear friends. But we are happy in Park City—two of our three children (Karin and Eric) and five of our seven grandchildren live nearby, and daughter Tina is now one time zone away rather than three. In the summer months the climate is great, the scenery is beautiful, and cultural and fun activities abound." During the winter, the Volckmanns can be found in Stuart, FL.

"Changes, changes," reports **Dick Penny**, formerly of Los Altos, CA, now located in Oregon. "I've finally retired

completely; my consulting (building websites for companies in Silicon Valley) is over, and I've moved to Eugene. Kind of different after 50 years in the San Francisco area. But the beer is so good here, I've almost given up wine. And I've taken up pickleball, a much faster game than I thought it would be. Music and bluegrass jams also fill a lot of my time." Dick invites any classmates headed his way to let him know; he can be reached at d_penny@usa.net.

From **Toddy Dwyer's** recent communique, it's clear she is continuing her peripatetic ways, shuttling between her home in Boston and Washington, DC, where she periodically works for the National Institutes of Health, and traveling to various corners of the planet. Not long ago, she made professional trips to a university in Dublin

of its rooms in his honor. Both seem fitting tributes for a classmate known for his many creative activities. Send your news to: ❖ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Greetings, classmates, from the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains now covered in snow, which look very beautiful from my window. You will be reading these few notes at another time and place and I wish you well.

Fred Marcus writes, "Enjoyed attending the fall retreat at Camp Oswegatchie for retired teachers. It's a great spot and an important part of continuing education and fun for FFA and others." Other classmates were participating in summer classes with Cornell's Adult University, listed

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and a major hospital in Singapore, where she served as an external reviewer, then took memorable personal trips last fall. "I just got back from two weeks in Alaska on a cruise and couldn't have had a better time. It is really something everyone needs on their bucket list! My next trip was in the Caribbean with two stops in Cuba around Thanksgiving. Who knows next year? I am hoping for South America and Antarctica. We shall see. I love traveling, especially on ships."

Geoffrey Bullard also shuttles regularly between two locales, spending summers in the Albany area, where he has lived for many years, and the winter months in Kissimmee, FL. While in Albany, he "does the annual doctor tour" and spends time with his children, **Thessaly '95**, **MAT '00**, and **Barnaby**, who now oversee the investment management firm he founded, and two teenaged grandchildren. Heading south in the fall, Geoffrey regularly stops off in Baltimore to visit **Don Milsten**, as he does on the return trip in late spring. Though his longtime roots are in New York State, he finds that "living in Florida is special. Gardening is a pleasure because everything grows so well, and everyone lives outdoors so you can meet ten of your new best friends every day. Lots of military, too, a great fraternity." He also enjoys the fact that he has plenty of time for "reading up a storm."

From Redding, CT, **Judy Thompson Hamer** writes that she has been extremely busy with activities at home and multiple trips to visit her Boston-based grandchildren, "in an effort to make the loss of my husband, Bill, who died in 2017, bearable. Last summer, in an attempt to do something radically different, I signed up for CAU's one-week course in memoir writing. I stayed in Court-Kay-Bauer Hall, ate in a nearby cafeteria with students from various summer programs, attended class, and hung out in Goldwin Smith when I needed un-air-conditioned quiet. I loved the class led by Charlie Green and discovered that I can probably write a memoir of my time with Bill. I hope to return to CAU in 2019 with part of that manuscript. That summer I also saw my old roommate, **Claire Weidemier** McKarns, when she came east from California to visit family."

Amy Miller Cohen, the widow of classmate **Bob Cohen**, who died in late 2016, sent word that a book of his poems, *Home at My Typewriter*, has been published by the public library in Bethlehem, PA, which also plans to name one

here: **Samuel Greenblatt**, MD '66, Brooklyn; **Howard Groder**, digital photo; and **Norman Knopf**, genes.

Jon Greenleaf (jongreenleaf1@gmail.com) wrote to co-correspondent **Doug Fuss** and tells us, "I received the *Alumni Magazine* today, and it motivated me to sit down and write to you. I'm keeping busy with the following activities: vice-chair of the board of the Santa Barbara Symphony Orchestra; building dollhouses for donation to the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation; counseling small businesses and startups through SCORE; studying and practicing photography; and managing our real estate LLC. I also have three men's discussion groups and manage to do quite a bit of reading (latest is *Grant* by Ron Chernow—block out a lot of time for this one, but well worth it). My wife, Barbara (Vassar '63), has retired as a vice-chancellor from Antioch U. and is authoring a blog titled POGO, or Parents of Grown Offspring (parentsof grownoffspring.com). It deals with the issues extant between parents and their adult children. She finds that there aren't as many 'Little House on the Prairie' families out there as one might think. Many of us are dealing with some issue or other relating to our children. Speaking of children, our oldest grandchild, 18-year-old Megan, recently voted for the first time—very exciting—and is studying art at Pierce College. Our other grandkids, Ben, 14, Primo, 9, and Truman, 6, are handsome and brilliant, of course. That's all she wrote, very best regards."

Responding to the news form, **Gerrit White** (gerritwhite@yahoo.com) reports a new address. "We sold our New Jersey home and in July we moved to The Villages, FL. Elizabeth has now retired from her college teaching and we are looking forward to the active retirement lifestyle found within The Villages. We continue to travel extensively and have several trips already booked for 2019, plus a European Disney cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday with our five grandchildren and their parents."

Barbara Braun (barbara@barbarabraunagency.com), who lives in New York City and Saugerties, NY, briefly studied painting as a freshman at Cornell, but found English lit and art history more rewarding and pursued these interests academically, earning a BA in English at Cornell, an MA from NYU's Inst. of Fine Arts, and a PhD in art history and archaeology from Columbia. She has been involved with art all her life as a critic,

curator, and author, but only took up painting in a serious way about eight years ago, studying at the Woodstock School of Art near her country home, and showing her work upstate. This fall a solo show, *Reflections in Oil*, marking her NYC debut, opened on October 5, 2018 and ran through January 27, 2019 at NYU's Kimmel Center Gallery, 60 Washington Square South. On view were 26 abstract oil paintings created by Barbara over the last five years. Her work is abstract, with figural

Mike "Mickey" Miller (mandl1@ptd.net) checks in: "I think I am retired. I went on standby six months ago, but nobody has called me. I started phasing out of my CPA firm about ten years ago and started volunteering to help nonprofit organizations with financial and investment programs. I especially enjoy chairing the Lehigh Valley Jewish Federation's endowment investment committee and participating in the unbelievable economic development of downtown Allentown, PA. Linda and I are so

lousy weather would allow sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Having flunked retirement, I am now in my tenth year on the faculty of Georgetown Law School, where I teach corporations, securities regulation, and business planning. I also continue to serve as chairman of the Chesapeake Legal Alliance, an organization I founded ten years ago to provide legal services to people who are working on cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay." Margie and Russ have three grandsons who live in Oakland, CA. **Edward Wilson** and his wife, Mary, live in St. Louis, MO. They enjoy "taking our therapy dog, an almost 6-year-old golden retriever, to rehab hospitals and college stress relief sessions." If Ed had a day in Ithaca, he would like to walk one or more of the gorge trails.

Cleon and **Jane Loomis Dunham '64** write, "We love where we live in Wimberley, TX, in the Texas Hill Country. We have four grandchildren. Our first granddaughter just graduated from Smith College and now works for a newspaper in Texas. Our grandson will be a junior at a college in England. The other two live very close to us in Texas. I lead the Artificial Life Research and Development Council. We organize conferences for the worldwide Artificial Life Community. This is technology used to produce oil and gas wells that no longer produce well by themselves." **Christopher Thurlby**, JD '69, was recently elected to a four-year term as town justice of Bainbridge, NY. He and his wife, Hope, "moved to the beautiful Southern Tier eight years ago from Portugal to be closer to family. Apart from active participation in local civic and church groups, Hope and I are most thankful that our four children are in happy, successful relationships and that our three grandchildren are healthy and relatively uncomplicated. I think the first person I met at Cornell was **Fred Bloom '60**, who is my good friend and fraternity brother."

John Daly writes that his "twin brother, **Dan**, also a Theta Xi, went home to the Lord on July 29, 2018 after fighting colon cancer for four years. Dan was a great brother, a wonderful friend, benefactor to many, a retired Lt. Col. USAFR, father to five children, and grandfather to 16 grandchildren. He will be sorely missed." From **Linda Bowman** in Hyde Park, MA: "I'm back home in the area I left 55 years ago. Despite all the changes, Western Mass feels like home. The Connecticut Valley still has farms, the Berkshire Hills offer miles of trails, and the nearby Five Colleges provide intellectual and cultural programs: UMass faculty (politics, astronomy), environmental scientists from Hampshire, Ethiopian grad students from Smith, baroque concerts in Amherst, and more. There are several Cornellians here at Loomis Village: **Len Abraham '49**, PhD '53, still handsome, and **Bob Russell '49**, of our trail-building team. I'm getting the travels, the conversations, and the liberal education that slipped by me at Cornell. As a 'hangover' in Ithaca, though, I learned a lot in anti-war demonstrations, black students' protests, and union organizing (with ILR's George Brooks as mentor). It was my last course, Prof. Herbert Briggs's on international organizations, that opened me to an understanding of those years. The recent CAM articles have covered them well. Last spring, I went to Southwest France to study prehistoric cave art, and seeing what ancient humans accomplished gave me a reassuring perspective on our chaotic times."

Marion Travalini Rodd keeps busy in Ventura, CA, with the Ventura Country Concert Band, with the Music Academy of the West, as a Women's Auxiliary tutor, and with Project Understanding. Daughter **Allison Rodd Ceppi '92** is in marketing at Universal Studios, and daughter Amy Rodd Mackenzie (Colgate '94) is a geriatric oncologist at Thomas Jefferson Medical Center in

'Judith Mabel is now "doing telephone/Skype nutrition counseling. I don't have to get dressed to 'see' patients.'"

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references in the Expressionist vein, and conveys her emotional response to the natural and objective worlds and to current events here and abroad. Barbara invited classmates to come and see it, though her message came too late for our deadlines. We are glad to share her story and tell of her show.

Classmates **Barton** and **Susan Sternblitz Winokur** "were instrumental in bringing the program to Cornell," quoted from the fall 2018 issue of *Ezra* magazine. The program referred to is the Posse program founded by the Posse Foundation in 1989 to identify students who might have been overlooked by traditional college selection processes. Cornell's sixth Posse cohort came to campus this fall. Cornell's Posse scholars come from Chicago. Remember to let Doug and me know what's going on in your life. ❖ **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 Fred and Carol Perlmutter Luper '64 (fluper@Inlattorneys.com) live in Columbus, OH. Fred writes, "Our law firm, Luper Neidenthal & Logan celebrated our 50th anniversary on September 27. The requirements are: 1) don't die; and 2) don't get disbarred. I have achieved both of those milestones. I'm still working, though not as hard. Carol has been retired as a TV newscaster for five years, but hasn't slowed down a bit. She serves in many capacities for the Columbus Metropolitan Club, an organization that promotes conversations on important topics each week. She docents at the Pizzuti Art Museum, which specializes in post-modern art. She also teaches media relations to executives of the Columbus Public Library System. She sings in the Harmony Project choir, a choir of many different races, social strata, and sexual preferences that comes together in harmony—a metaphor for what a community can be."

Linda Himot sold her farm in Virginia, "so I am no longer a snowbird traveling to Florida in the winter. Being here through Hurricane Michael makes me now consider myself a true Floridian. Fortunately, the storm veered off at the last minute and Tallahassee did not get its full force, so there was no damage to my house or my neighbors'. Of course, there is lots of litter. The streets, carpeted with leaves and Spanish moss, look like a shag rug, as does my garden. I have a whole-house generator so the power being out is not a problem for me or my close neighbors who have hooked into my generator. In spite of the storm I love living here and even enjoy the humidity, although not the mosquitoes."

proud of our daughter **Laurie Miller** Brotman '86 for receiving the College of Human Ecology outstanding alumnus award."

Actress **Judy Rosenblatt** (mitzvahzoe@aol.com) of New York recently did a three-week run at the Jermyn Street Theatre in London and performed in the same show at the Bridge Street Theatre in the Catskills in August. Judy has been meditating for 40 years and enjoys meditation retreats. She would like to hear from **Arthur Sherman '60**. Thespian **Betty Kreps** Zielinski (bandzielinski@aol.com) lives in Louisville, KY, where she continues her theater work, which has extended to her children and grandchildren. All three generations enjoyed family time in Hawaii in December.

"We are very small; the universe is so very big and breathtaking," summarized the reaction of **Myra Maloney** Hart (mhart@hbs.edu) and **Kent Hewitt '59** (jkh29@cornell.edu) as they traveled to Chile's Atacama Desert. It is the site of a project to construct the world's most powerful optical telescope. Myra plans to return there with her daughter for the solar eclipse on July 2, 2019. Other travels last year included Japan, France, and various US destinations. When not traveling, the peripatetic pair is at home in Belmont, MA. Send your news to: ❖ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 President's Corner: "January will launch the 2019 'EZRA PLAN' for the renewal of Cornell class dues by all 75 university classes. The renewal of class dues is a fundamental way of supporting your class and opening the door to other options for staying informed about, and involved with, the university. For example, the renewal of dues provides access to a discounted rate on *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, the primary way for staying connected to the Cornell community at large, and for updates on your classmates. It also provides you access to the Cornell Big Red Marketplace, with discounts on everything from hotels to sporting event tickets to auto insurance. Under the leadership of **Harvey Rothschild**, the Class of 1963 membership chair, you will soon be receiving a notice of renewal from the university, and reminders as needed. The class council hopes that each class member will support the work and involvement of our class with the university by responding quickly to the renewal request. **Dick Clark**."

Russ and **Margie Axtell Stevenson '66** live in Severna Park, MD. Russ writes, "A year ago we bought a new 39-ft. sailboat and spent as much time as the

Philadelphia. That is all for now, but keep the news coming by e-mail or through your dues payments to the university. ❖ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com. Class website, <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

64 It's less than three months before our 55th Reunion (June 6-9), so here's hoping you've made plans to attend. I'll post details here once they become available for the May issue. In the meantime, here's what your classmates have been up to.

Ted Weinreich, regional sales manager for Optogenics, a premier supplier of prescription eyeglass lenses, writes, "I have been one of five members of the board of our condo association since 2009. We are embarking on a \$2.5 million improvement of our property, and changing our property management team at the same time. The 2018 board hopes we all get re-elected in early 2019 to continue moving that project forward. Wife Nora is marketing director for Fyzical, a physical therapy and balance center. She is also on the Rabbinic Search Committee and is a member of the board of trustees of one of the four temples we belong to. This past May we spent two weeks on a Hadassah tour to Israel (highly recommended), and after one week at home, went to the Western US national parks (Monument Valley, Bryce, Zion, and a helicopter trip over the Grand Canyon). Then last December, our family travel included a cruise in the Caribbean. In 2017 we traveled on a cruise with friends to Australia and New Zealand, with stops in Fiji and the Great Barrier Reef, and I traveled to Curaçao for a week to snorkel and descend 1,000 feet into the ocean in a free-flying submersible." Ted is also happy to report that ex-felons in Florida are now allowed to vote. He worked on passing an amendment to the Florida Constitution that passed "with 65 percent of the vote in November, to allow these returning citizens to have full citizenship rights, including the right to vote after completing their sentence."

Chuck Zambito still calls Haddon Township, NJ, home and admits he cannot get himself to retire completely. In his words, he's "still pedaling a few potatoes, oranges, etc., but spending a little more time in Florida with wife Barbara and a lot more time with their four grandchildren, along with board duties on the New Jersey Agricultural Society." **Judith Mabel** writes from Brookline, MA, that she changed the way she now works. Judy's "doing telephone/Skype counseling for optimal nutrition using functional medicine. I still enjoy it, and I don't have to get dressed to 'see' patients." Judy says she gets great satisfaction seeing her kids "go from being great kids to really nice adults!" Judy adds that she was lucky to be in Arizona for her roommate's (**Alice Schwartz** Tobias, PhD '67) husband's special birthday party. "It was great to see Alice and her family again, plus it was fun to share the old war stories from long ago!"

Linda Cohen Meltzer reports that physician husband **Rick '65** retired on December 31, "and now we will have to figure out what we will do with all this free time to play. So far no plans; we're taking it one day at a time." The Meltzers, who live in Little Silver, NJ, did go to Croatia, Istria, and the Dalmatian Coast last autumn, and of that experience they enjoyed "hiking and walking through little towns, olive groves, vineyards, and the sea coast. What a beautiful, lovely country; go before the hoards discover it." Linda also wrote of enjoying her annual reunion in NYC with **Donna Gellis** Grushka, MILR '68, **Roberta Matthews** Monat, **Sheila Zouderer** Strauss, and **Toby Rice** Goldberg over Thanksgiving weekend. She writes, "Donna visits from Israel once a year, and we've

been getting together to catch up every year since our 50th Reunion." Linda concluded, "There are no friends like old friends, and Cornell friends are the best."

Jason Gettinger reports: "I subscribed to a CAA-sponsored trip this June to Normandy, France, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings to free 'fortress Europe' from the grip of the murderous Third Reich. The trip includes all the major landing sites, key towns on the Cherbourg peninsula, the cemetery, plus visits to the Bayeux Tapestry exhibit (from 1066) and Harfleur ('Once more unto the breach,' *Henry V*). Curiously, this irresistible piece of marketing by Cornell will cause me to miss our 55th Reunion, the first one I will miss since the 15th. I regret not seeing all the returning classmates, but I suspect the food and drink in France will be better. Sad not to be able to rally surviving Q&D alumni from '64 to the Statler bar for cocktails and the Belmont Stakes on TV. Air France should be putting me down at JFK at about post time." On his current activities, he wrote, "It has been an uneventful summer of 2018, except for some sports injuries. I met my daughter, Diana, who came up from Los Angeles, and **Dave** and **Carla Taylor Garnham '65** in San Francisco for the symphony. Returning on June 9, I saw the Belmont on Jet Blue's live TV. Since then I haven't left the Borough of Manhattan. Note: Roosevelt Island, where I play tennis next to fantastic Cornell Tech, is politically part of Manhattan. Wait! I have been to several baseball games at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. Go Yankees! Happy 55th!"

Please respond positively to our annual dues and news appeal—especially with your news for this column. Reunion's coming, so we hope you'll block out that weekend in June for a fun return to Ithaca. ❖ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

65 Congratulations to **George Arangio**, MD '69 (casarangio@aol.com), who was chosen as the 2019 honoree of the Cornell Football Assn. and recognized at the Ivy Football Assn. dinner in NYC. George has given hundreds of hours to Cornell football and our class in leadership roles throughout many years. He was also instrumental in establishing the **Joseph E. Ryan** Award for outstanding offensive play by a Cornellian in the Cornell-Harvard football game. The 2018 game result: Cornell beat Harvard by a score of 28 to 24 and the coaches gave the award to senior **Henry Stillwell '19**, offensive left tackle. Joe was particularly proud to beat Harvard in his playing days and was First Team All-Ivy center and linebacker.

Loren Meyer Stephens (Los Angeles, CA; lorenmstephens@gmail.com) and spouse Dana Miyoshi enjoy spending time with family and friends. Loren is founder and president of a ghostwriting company, Write Wisdom in Los Angeles, and finished writing her first novel, *All Sorrows Can Be Borne*. Also important is teaching memoir writing classes and travel excursions to Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal. Future trips on the horizon include going to Japan again. Loren writes, "If I had a day in Ithaca, I'd visit the Johnson Museum of Art, where my family has an acquisition fund. I'd love to see the new construction and collection."

Another author among our classmates is **Raphael Nevins** (westymorethanless@gmail.com), who sends this summary of his book *The Ghost of Donald J. Trump*: "The book weaves both fact and fiction in a rollicking journey that began when Melania and Donald Trump

(parents of both Barron and Sharron) decided to hide the true identity of semi-identical twin Sharron. As Sharron grew up in a cloistered but privileged NYC lifestyle, her father became the 45th President. His triumph, missteps, and eventual demise, after divorcing and then marrying Hope Hicks, offers Sharron a chance to evolve, shed her veil of secrecy, and find a meaningful path to the future." The book is published by Ingram Spark.

Nancy Epstein Strauss and spouse Peter live in California, and Nancy has been retired for 13 years. "I volunteer at the Women's Cancer Resource Center in Berkeley, CA, on their information and referral helpline. It is gratifying to support women, mostly lower income, as they go through their cancer journey. And I am grateful for every day, having just finished treatment for my latest cancer episode." Time with children and grandchildren is of paramount importance. Nan would especially like to hear from **Marti Szurek Coffin** and **Ronnie Maxon** Kahn.

On a personal note, I was on campus in October 2018 for the Emerging Artist Series in memory of my daughter, **Lauren Pickard '90**. This year the artist chosen was **Mina Tobias '15**, who gave a wonderful vocal performance. Also on the program were the Assorted Aces, Cornell's first premier dance troupe. It is always a joy to return to campus, and I had the opportunity to tour the Cornell Health Center, which is most impressive. The center successfully integrates physical and mental health disciplines with an emphasis on preventive and ongoing healthcare.

News of many classmates who will have attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) weekend in Boston during February will be featured in the next round of Class Notes to be published in the May/June *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Thanks to **Judy Kellner** Rushmore, who encourages anyone spending the winter months in Florida to join a group of us for our annual Florida luncheon in Naples. E-mail Judy (judes@gmail.com) and she'll put you on the list and send out venue, time, and date details.

We have classmates working, volunteering, managing, and taking part in business, professional, educational, and artistic endeavors—our mid-70s are commonly thought of as retirement years. Please send your thoughts about what gives you the most satisfaction in life these days. Have you downsized, or right-sized, your possessions? What challenges did you face if you moved from a home of perhaps 30 years to a "campus of care" community? Are you enjoying events of a Cornell alumni club or other events in your area? **Steve Appell** and I welcome submissions to this column. Please send us your ideas for Reunion 2020—it promises to be another wonderful gathering on the Hill. ❖ **Joan Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

66 Welcome to spring—as the days get longer and warmer! First of all, a question: If your 70-plus self was giving advice to a high-school-age or college-age young person, what would it be? Send your thoughts to either Sue or Pete—that's us!

Lee Demarest (lwdsad@aol.com) and his wife, Sharon, traveled to France with an alumni tour in October. Then they returned to *Allegro*, their sailboat, which was berthed in Trinidad at the time of their writing. They planned to spend the winter in the Caribbean. **Sandy Shecket** Korros (korros@xavier.edu) wrote that she and her husband, Harry, retired in 2016-17 and began to live part of the year in Israel. They had met in Israel and always wanted to return, so they bought an apartment there over a decade ago, but rented it out until recently. She also wrote that they still live a couple of months in the US, at least until

they figure out what to do with their home here. She continued: "Now that we are in Israel for an extended period of over six months, we are relearning Hebrew, attending classes to improve our conversation skills and increase our vocabulary. Our apartment in Israel is pretty well organized, and we would be happy to see old friends if you are visiting Israel. My e-mail remains the same."

Marian Wood Meyers sent news to the class in March 2018. Unfortunately, Marian died before we received her note. When she wrote, she said they have five grandsons, four of whom spend every weekend with them. She added that she gets the most satisfaction from being with her grandsons. When asked what she would do if she had a day in Ithaca, she responded, "Sit on a Quad and watch the students." If you'd like to learn more about Marian, go to our class website (<http://cornellclassof66.org>). Sadly, we learned that **Phil Ratner**, MBA '71, and **Douglas Wise** also died recently.

William Farley (drduke@bellsouth.net) wrote, "Since retiring, after a long career in the entertainment industry, I have published hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles and two novels. My most recent, the mystery/thriller *Team Player*, is currently available in print and as an e-book at Amazon." He also wrote that he ran for US Congress in California (unsuccessfully) on the Libertarian ticket in 2000. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would revisit whatever remains of his old haunts, including the Chi Psi Lodge.

Bob Feldman, PhD '75 (robert_feldman@hotmail.com) and wife **Sue (Goodman) '67** have been living and working in Framingham, MA, since they moved there in 2000. "I have maintained ties to Cornell by participating in CAAAN and serving on the board of directors of the Cornell Club of Boston. I organize one or two events per year for alumni who live in the MetroWest area of Boston. I also have been organizing annual summer chimes concerts at a local church, with several other alumni chimesmasters joining me, and with many Cornell alumni in the audience. Sue and I were in Ithaca for a week in September to participate in the Sesquicentennial celebration of the Cornell chimes. Lots of bell ringing and special events. We also managed to walk in some of our favorite gorges: Taughannock and Six Mile Creek. Going to Ithaca still feels like going home. (Maybe because we lived there 1979-2000). Sue continues to consult with companies on 'cognitive computing' software and gives talks at conferences. I just 'retired' from my technical instructor job, and will look for some part-time work as well as volunteer work. Our daughter, Elana, is on the faculty of UMass/Lowell in organizational behavior. Our son, David, works at a tech company in San Francisco. Our two grandsons, Milo, 5, and Evan, 1, live nearby in Boston, so we are fortunate to be able to spend lots of time with them."

If you haven't yet sent your 2019 class dues, PLEASE DO. And share your news for this column so we all stay in touch. ♦ **Pete Salinger**, peteSalinger95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 Susan Jossem Mitloff (Sarasota, FL; susiebethknit@icloud.com) writes: "I have been living in Sarasota for the past 22 years after a lifetime in Rochester, NY. I'm happily married to Norm (Indiana U. '64) and I'm mother of Michael and Richard. I have two beautiful granddaughters. After teaching and having a successful tutoring business in Sarasota, I suddenly lost my hearing and, thanks to the marvelous technology of cochlear implants, I am able to continue to connect to

the world around me. I played lots of tennis, but now enjoy knitting beautiful 'wearable knits,' which I have successfully sold at shows and online. In fact, at a recent show in Rochester in October, **Stephanie Brandstetter** Smart came to see me. We were freshman corridor-mates. I have also renewed correspondence with **Jane Wolfson**. I regularly see **Toni Forman** Meltzer and **Carol Farber** Wolf, who both live in Sarasota. I volunteer at Sarasota Aerial Hospital, screening the hearing of newborn babies, and belong to the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee. I would love to reconnect with **Myron Kaufman**, **Jo Barrett** Grellong, and **Peggy Fine** Davis."

Raven Clarke Lidman died at home in Tumwater, WA, on November 12, 2018. Raven met the love of her life, **Russell '66**, when they were 18 and 19, respectively. They were together for 54 years. She is survived by her children, **Shane Lidman '98** (Lisa Kagan) and **Hannah Lidman '00** (Dan Shiovitz), three grandchildren, and two sisters. Raven was a passionate fighter for social justice throughout her life. Immediately after graduating from Cornell, she volunteered with the United Farm Workers on the grape strike in Delano, CA, and then organized boycotts in Toronto and New York City. After several years as a potter, she was called back to social justice through a career in the law. Raven graduated from law school in 1978 and worked for Olympia Legal. She returned to Seattle U. School of Law as a clinical law professor, where for 26 years she taught her students to practice law with real clients and real cases. Raven worked closely with two clinical law programs, Universidad Centroamericana in Nicaragua and Pontificia Universidad Católica in Peru, was active in the Global Alliance for Justice Education, and was a trailblazer for the right to counsel in civil matters and the rights of children to have unbiased representation in custody cases. She represented friends in the first successful same-sex adoption in Washington in 1989. More recently, she served as a legal resource for the sanctuary movement in the Olympia area.

Several classmates attended Cornell's Adult University summer programs and study tours last year: **Norine Zimberg** Krasnogor, Cornell 1968; **Larry Matlack**, Mathematically Informed: The Use and the Abuse of Mathematical Models; **Robert Morse**, Treasures of the Ionian and Adriatic Seas: A Voyage from Athens to Venice; **Arlene Blutreich** Savitsky, the 2018 Midterm Elections; and **Ross Williams**, Tanzania: A Great Migration Safari.

We're still hearing about the good times many classmates enjoyed at our 50th Reunion, but now that we've made it to that milestone, and some of us even have some free time for the first occasion in years, take a moment and let us know what and how you're doing. It's your column. ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Rick Simon (Rick.Simon86@gmail.com) lives in a retirement community in Mechanicsville, VA, where he moved in 2013 with his partner, Lee Bedsole, who he met after both lost their spouses of many years. Rick continues to enjoy working a couple of days each month for Draper Aden Assoc., an environmental-survey firm that enables him to keep his hand in the field of geotechnical engineering. Rick, like many of us, is an avid pickleball player and plays bridge a couple of times each week when they're not traveling—as they will be again in 2019, cruising the Greek Isles along with his five children and their spouses. Rick stays in touch with his TEP fraternity brothers, though cruising the Rhine and Danube rivers last June kept him from Reunion.

Diane Levin (dlevin@wheelock.edu) and her husband, Gary Goldstein, live in Cambridge, MA, where Diane is about to complete her 40th year as a professor of early childhood education at Wheelock College. She also heads two small nonprofits, Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment (TRUCEteachers.org) and Defending the Early Years (DEYproject.org), both related to her academic work. Last year she spent nine days in Belfast, Northern Ireland, with Wheelock education and social work students studying the "impressive" conflict resolution and peace process implemented in early childhood classrooms.

Warren Chane (chanegw@gmail.com) and his wife, Victoria, live in Chatham, MA. Warren is retired from the US State Dept., though he continues to get requests to fill staffing gaps at US missions abroad. In the last few years he's served in Sri Lanka, India, and Uzbekistan. Prior to retirement, he and Victoria served in London, Hermosillo, Mexico, and Washington, DC. Now Warren frequently speaks to students and community groups about what it means to be a diplomat. Warren says he seems to have less free time in retirement than he had while he was working. **Bill Falik** (billfalik@gmail.com) and his wife live in Berkeley, CA, where he teaches three graduate-level interdisciplinary courses in law, business, public policy, planning, and engineering at UC Berkeley. With his new puppy and five grandchildren he's having a great time.

Diane Charske Hanson (hanson@team-doctor.com) is pleased to announce the publication of her new book, *Management Unleashed: Leadership Lessons From My Dog*. The book reviewers seem to agree that it's a quick read, fun, and educational. They say it helped them take an honest look at themselves and how they interact with others. They also say it not only helped them become better leaders, but to be a better pet parent as well. We enjoy hearing your stories, so keep sending them, either on the forms from Cornell or by e-mail directly to me. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 June is fast approaching, along with our 50th Reunion, June 6-9! The Reunion committee has been hard at work to make it a huge success. Please plan on attending and check out our website (www.cornell69.org) for updates. Note that any gift given by a classmate until June 30, 2019 will count toward our class gift, so please be generous.

Pamela Thurber Duncan, MA '85, has written a book along with five neighbors, *The Amazing Story of Arundel-in-the-Bay*, a story of a cottage resort founded on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay in 1890 through years of social change. "We are up on Amazon—it's a good read!" **Myron Bilyj** has retired from his Army career and is applying his Engineering education in a second career. Vietnam vet **Kenneth LaPensee** is a health economist at Paratek Pharmaceuticals and an independent consultant specializing in antibiotic development for MRSA and pneumonia. He is learning the viola, he says, "so I can play in pick-up bands in pubs and at parties" while finishing his novel. He would love to hear from **Nat Rabinowitz**, **Philip Reilly**, and **Megan Cornish**.

Steve Kussin's first novel, *Five Freshmen*, is set at Cornell and was recently published. "It follows five very different incoming students from orientation to graduation. The story takes place between 1965 and 1969 as the clouds of the war in Vietnam start to gather over campus. Sound familiar? How times had changed: from 'three feet on the floor' to the sword of Damocles and the draft hanging over us." The book is semi-autobiographical, and as one reviewer writes, "It's a trip back in time,"

and is available at BarnesandNoble.com and Amazon.com. Steve has been scheduled for radio interviews country-wide and some book talks as well. He's begun a screenplay version of the book and is working on a second novel (about being a high school principal for 21 years). Steve is now in his seventh year as the education reporter for WCBS Newsradio880 in New York. "Best gig I ever had!" He loves the activity at the Hudson Square Broadcast Center's newsroom. He also finds time to teach a course in the radio/television/film/new media department at Hofstra U. "I'm planning a weeklong series about the Sixties on WCBS during the week of April 15. It will culminate on April 19—the 50th anniversary of the takeover of the Straight." Wife Sharyn and Steve enjoy their three sons (all Cornellians), two daughters-in-law, two granddaughters, and three rescue pets. He'd love to hear from classmates at sk3015@aol.com and is looking forward to our 50th in June.

Hope to see many of you in June! Please send your news and notes to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Spring is blooming as 2019 moves into March and April, which feature many holidays and special days. Highlights in March are Daylight Saving Time (spring ahead) and St. Patrick's Day, followed by the first day of spring and Purim. Passover and Easter will be celebrated in April, as well as Earth Day.

Connie Fern Miller, who resides in Watkins Glen, NY, with her husband, Ted Carleton, carries on in her solo law practice, being village justice for Watkins Glen and village attorney for Burdett. She shares that both her daughters, Kate and Lane, are married to great sons-in-law! Connie and Ted enjoy many outdoor activities and trips, all while they are building a cabin on land they own in Hector, NY. They enjoy skiing at Greek Peak, cross-country skiing, swimming in their pond, camping, kayaking, and canoeing. Connie can't think of anything else she wishes she could be doing—but on second thought, she says, "Oh yes! Grandchildren would be nice." A Shakespeare course she took on the Hill had a wonderful and long-lasting impact on her.

In October 2017, **John** and **Sandra Shands Elligers** welcomed grandson Ezra, son of Andrew and **Julia Joh Elligers '01**. **Jeff Altamari** and **Joe Falconi** would appreciate and welcome hearing from any and all Sigma Chi Class of '70 brothers as they are organizing a get-together for our 50th Reunion in June 2020. Please contact Jeff at jeffaltamari@gmail.com. Jeff lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, with his wife, Janet.

Classmate **Arthur Litowitz** (New Smyrna, FL; arthur.litowitz@gmail.com) is very busy in "retirement." He helped to start a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, www.riversideconservancy.org, and is becoming a Florida Master Naturalist. He is completing the 300-hour level yoga teacher training, or Kundalini, and then will go on to the 500-hour level; he also partakes in Vipassana insight meditation. Arthur enjoys traveling, writing, photography, music (both piano and guitar), and drawing and painting. His daughter, Alaia, and her husband, Shawn, are both musicians. They are the parents of Arthur's 3-1/2-year-old grandson, Rhythm Niles. Arthur looks forward to hearing from his old Cornell friend **Bob Berley**. If Arthur could be doing anything else, he says he would like to go to Mars. He shares this quote by Daniel Berrigan: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem!"

In 2016, **Kathy Law Orloski** retired from Xperia as a COBOL programmer in order to expand her important career as grandma of seven to full time. Specifically, she

is assisting her daughter and son-in-law, **Nigel '10** and **Katherine Orloski Watt '10**, with their twin daughters, Mae and Clelia, born December 23, 2016, and their older sister, Ezri, born November 13, 2013. Kathy and husband **Richard, JD '71**, also have five other grandchildren: their oldest son, **Richard Law Orloski '94**, has two daughters, Isabel, 9, and Olivia, 5; and **Kevin Law Orloski '99** has two children, Cole, 8, and Sage, 2. Their youngest son, **Joseph Law Orloski '03**, left his ER position at Miami's Baptist Hospital to return to the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania with his Floridian wife. Kathy and Rick's eighth grandchild, another granddaughter, Evangeline, was born to Joe and his wife on August 31, 2018. That makes seven girls and one boy! Many of the Orloski Cornell children do many of the new Cornell applicant alumni interviews in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania.

Our 50th Reunion will be a big weekend party on the Hill. Have ideas or suggestions for or questions about our 50th? Contact our extraordinary Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine, JD '73**, and **Cathy Forster** Hogan, at this new e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. Note the dates: June 4-7, 2020. Be sure to regularly check out our various '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. Did you move recently? Do you have a new e-mail address? Don't miss out on future Reunion communications. Please update your contact information by visiting cornellconnect.cornell.edu. Send news to: ❖ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 **Howard Rodman** has written a novel, *The Great Eastern*, which has been acquired by Melville House. In the words of Howard, "It's a sprawling

and lavish tale set in the 1860s and '70s in New York, London, Paris, central India, and the North Atlantic. Its characters include Captain Ahab, borrowed from Herman Melville; Captain Nemo, borrowed from Jules Verne; and the preeminent Victorian civil engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, borrowed from real life." One early reader, the author Jonathan Lethem, described it as a "historical phantasmagoria and ripping adventure." The publication date for the book is June 4, 2019.

I recently spoke to my freshman-year roommate, **Diana Simkin** (dssimkin@aol.com), who lives in New York City and Connecticut. We had a lot to catch up on since we hadn't been in contact for nearly 50 years. We almost had lunch at the Cornell Club, but I had to cancel because of a glitch in my schedule. Diana, who started freshman year in ILR, soon changed her focus and became an Art History major. Expanding on that change in direction, she received a master's in dance education from NYU. She also earned Lamaze certification and ultimately started a well-known and successful Lamaze program in New York City. She teaches and performs at the 92nd Street Y and other locations in the NYC area. Check her out!

I learned from an October 23, 2018 *Cornell Chronicle* article that classmates **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas and **Art Spitzer** have sponsored the naming of an Olin Library Faculty Research Study honoring Isaac Kramnick, the Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Government Emeritus. (Prof. Kramnick has also served as a vice provost for undergraduate education, a faculty-elected trustee, and a popular CAU professor.) My plea to Art for news yielded the following: "We got a new puppy! Is that news?" You bet it is! My follow-up questions revealed that Art and Elisabeth previously had "a black Lab, Justice, who

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died in February at the very ripe age of 15-1/2. The new one is Taxi, because she's a yellow Lab, like a yellow cab." In less important news, Art and Elisabeth continue to be big boosters of Cornell's Adult University, which presents dozens of fascinating one-week courses on the Cornell campus every July, and many educational adventures with Cornell professors around the globe the rest of the year. They went to Prague, Vienna, and Budapest

are well. **Vicky Dominy** Cairns (vcairns50@gmail.com) keeps busy traveling during retirement. She sailed the Mediterranean, cruised the Seine River from Paris to Normandy, and rode the Trans Canada train. She is also an accomplished singer with the Delaware Choral Society and her church choir. When Vicky is not enjoying time with her grandchildren, she reads, crochets, and binge-watches shows on TV. Her granddaughters live near each

where he scored a historic upset of the Russian champion, who was undefeated and considered unbeatable. At the end of his talk, Kyle took off his tie, reached inside his shirt, and pulled out the Gold Medal. Very impressive. Also attending the Athletics breakfast was **John Morehouse**, a Big Red football player on the 1971 Ivy League Championship team.

The TCAM schedule was packed full of events. On Friday, the featured dinner in Barton Hall was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., which was the same time as the kickoff of the Cornell-Penn football game across the street at Schoellkopf Field. I hurried through my dinner, skipped dessert, and hustled to the Crescent to sit in the rain as the Big Red dropped a 17-7 decision to the Quakers. Then I headed over to Lynah Rink to catch the third period of the Big Red's victory over Yale. After flying cross-country for TCAM, I was not going to miss a Cornell football or hockey game. While reading the hockey program, I discovered that **Dirk Dugan** is the team physician and that **Ed Ambis** is a dentist practicing in Ithaca. While attending TCAM, I stayed at the lakefront home of **Larry Baum** and his wife, Trudy. Send news to: ♦ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, GLR34@cornell.edu.

'We need to remember lessons from the Cold War.'

DON STANTON '72

with CAU in June, with a professor whose scholarly focus has been Russian and Eastern/Central European politics, and learned much. Art refuses to retire from the ACLU, which he says "is keeping him busier than ever in the Trump era."

Though he wasn't specifically (or only) a member of the Cornell Class of 1971, I'd like to share the news of the November 2018 death of an extraordinary individual, **Ricky Jay**, who was a sometime student at Cornell's Hotel school in the 1960s and 1970s. In the words of Howard Rodman (who sent us this news), Ricky was "a magician, author, archivist, actor, and public intellectual." After leaving the Ithaca area, Ricky further mastered his craft and performed all over the country and beyond. Over the years, Ricky was the subject of profiles in the *New Yorker* (1993), *Entertainment Weekly*, NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross, and a host of other publications. A November 30, 2018 Fresh Air broadcast, shortly after his death, described Ricky in part as "a scholar of con games and of the human oddities and exotic performers who worked the freak shows and traveling carnivals." They were the subject of his book, *Learned Pigs & Fireproof Women*. And he played strange and sinister characters onscreen—a con man in David Mamet's film *House of Games*, the cameraman who shoots the porno films in *Boogie Nights*, and a card shark on HBO's "Deadwood." Do yourself a favor and read some of the extraordinary interviews and remembrances about him. Please send news to: ♦ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; or **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 Louise Shelley (LShelley@gmu.edu) is director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center (TraCCC) and university professor at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason U. in Arlington, VA. She published *Dark Commerce* on November 13 with Princeton University Press, a work that was supported while she was an Andrew Carnegie Fellow of the Carnegie Corp. and by the Rockefeller Foundation's residency program at Bellagio. The book is a comprehensive look at the world of illicit trade, and explores how a new, illicit economy is threatening our future. Though mankind has traded tangible goods for millennia, recent technology has changed the fundamentals of trade, in both legitimate and illegal economies. Louise discussed it on Marketplace on NPR on Thanksgiving Day. She is also the author of *Dirty Entanglements: Corruption, Crime, and Terrorism* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

Bill Trommer writes from Maine that daughter Leah and partner Luke had a baby girl, Wren, in November. All

other in the Richmond, VA, area. Somehow, Vicky found time to attend her 50th high school class reunion. Joint issues reduce her mobility and ability to be as active as she would like. I feel your pain, Vicky—literally (two joint replacements). The person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on her was Walt Brantigan, her science ed professor.

Another class author is **Don Stanton** (skyblue07@comcast.net), who wrote *Looking Back at the Cold War: 30 Veterans and a Patrol Plane Commander Remember*, published by WingSpan Press. A history major and NROTC grad (one of 17 graduates from an original class of 77, which entered in fall 1968 and was deeply affected by the times), Don is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. He was inspired to write this book after teaching in several schools where students often seemed vague about the Cold War. He collected veterans' and civilians' stories and wove them into a primer outlining the 44 turbulent years of the Cold War and notes that it is a tribute to the professionals on both sides that a tense peace was maintained. Don believes these stories needed to be told to honor the service, and often unheralded sacrifices, of thousands of individuals and their families during Superpower confrontations around the world. He summarizes, "Over the past few years we have entered an era of renewed tensions with old adversaries. We need to remember lessons from the Cold War such as cherishing allies, building up regional and global alliances, upgrading civil defense programs, not entering into wars without a defined exit strategy, and not encouraging uprisings that we cannot follow through on."

I, **Alex Barna**, was honored this year to be selected to the Cornell Council. My first act as a Council member was to attend the Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM) in early November. It was a very worthwhile event with the all-Council lunch with three vice provosts, the keynote address on the "Quest for Alien Worlds and Life Beyond the Earth" by Ray Jayawardhana, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and the State of the University Address from President Martha Pollack. On Friday, I attended the Athletics department breakfast and heard inspirational stories from three student athletes, including **Jaquelyn Shroyer '20** from women's rowing and wrestler **Yianni Diakomihalis '21**. Yianni went undefeated last season and won the NCAA Championship. That feat was even more incredible when he revealed that he won the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and championship matches with a torn ACL in his knee! Cornell wrestling legend **Kyle Dake '13** also attended the breakfast. Kyle won 4 NCAA championships, each one at a different weight class. He spoke of his experience training in Siberia for the World Championships,

73 Greetings from the Northwest. I know many classmates are still trying to come to grips with the untimely passing of **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74, who lost his life when he was struck by a car while bicycling in California in February 2018. His friends and family have arranged for a ghost bike memorial, dedicated to Jon, to be installed at the location of the accident. The memorial marker will be unveiled by the time you read this. I knew Jon from our Glee Club days (and we kept in touch thanks to his always-cheerful fundraising calls!). He was a great friend to so many, and a tireless supporter of Cornell.

Now on to other news. Regeneron CEO **Len Schleifer** and his wife, **Harriet (Partel) '74**, recently donated \$16 million through their family foundation to Chapel Haven in New Haven, CT. Chapel Haven's mission is to teach adults with cognitive disabilities and social disabilities to live independent and productive lives, and the Schleifers' son David is in residence there. The donation will support construction of the Schleifer Adult Independent Living facility, designed so that adults with disabilities can age in place in a welcoming setting with fitness rooms, a wellness café, engagement, administrative offices, and a lounge. The residential apartments on the upper floors have communal kitchens, gathering spaces, and terraces. The dedication was last September.

Mark '72 and **Shelley Grumet Schimelman** (sgs1951@gmail.com) have been enjoying retirement, spending most of the year in their home in Saratoga County and winters in Palm Beach. The best part, of course, is time with the children and grandchildren. Granddaughter Hazel will be 8 in October, grandson Gabriel just turned 4, and his little sister, Laila, turned 1 in July. Their oldest, daughter Sondra, and her family live near Boston, in Winthrop, MA. Next oldest daughter, Rachel, and husband Owen are in Milledgeville, GA. And son Ben and his family are in Middletown, CT. As far-flung as the family is, they all managed to gather for Thanksgiving.

Eric Rothenberg writes from Needham, MA, that he's marked his 42nd year as a tax lawyer, 16 years as founding partner. He and Pamela Ely (Smith '86) were married in 2016 and each have two bonus children. His twins are juniors at Boston U. and Penn State. They also like to escape to their waterfront house in Mashpee. Eric keeps in touch with Cornell GF **Kathy Long** Campbell

'75, and plans to see classmate **Norm Goldstein** in October at their 50th high school reunion. He's happy to hear from classmates.

As for the Ross Family (Mercer Island, WA), **Patti Miller Ross '72** and I spent part of August on a Baltic cruise—first time I'd been to St. Petersburg since 1987. The change was remarkable. The city and its monuments have been refurbished, there's a new sci-fi skyscraper overlooking the harbor, and where once you could stroll into the Hermitage on a whim, there are now constant lines (at least in summer). We are also overjoyed to announce the arrival of our first grandchild, Genesis Olivia, born to daughter Caitlin and her husband, Daniel, last December. We call her "GeO." When the video baby monitor is on, it's the Nap GeO channel. ♦ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

74 Thanks to all classmates who wrote. **Florence Higgins**, DVM '81 (Rush, NY) is working as a small animal veterinarian two and a half days a week. She also trains and shows border collies in obedience and agility and stays in shape with running, swimming, and hiking. She recently went to an American Veterinary Medical Assn. (AVMA) conference in Denver with her husband, **John Lebens, PhD '88**. Son Zach, 24, is finishing up a one-year fellowship in physics at Berkeley and is going to return to do PhD studies at Binghamton. Son Greg, 28, is working in the BOCES records office and applying to law school. What does Florence wish she could be doing more of? "Laying on a beach and swimming in the ocean," she writes. Likely there are others who might share her wish.

Classmate **Harriet Partel Schleifer** and husband **Len '73**, CEO at Regeneron, have recently made a generous donation to Chapel Haven in New Haven, CT, which will be renamed the Chapel Haven Schleifer Center. Chapel Haven is a nationally accredited transitional living program and approved private special education school with "a mission of teaching adults with cognitive and social disabilities to live independent and productive lives." The donation will support construction of the intergenerational Schleifer Adult Independent Living Facility, where resident adults with disabilities can age in place and "flourish into their senior years in a vibrant and non-institutional setting."

Roger Boner (Cary, NC) writes, "I've retired and have been writing fiction—five e-books on Amazon under the pen name Roger Alan Bonner. Neither fame nor fortune have followed, but it's been fun." The first person he met at Cornell was his roommate, **Charles Zee**, from Brazil. What would Roger do if he had a day in Ithaca? He responded with another question: "Can I go back to being 18 again? Or even 20? That would be a good start." He is looking forward to Reunion.

Our 45th Reunion is, in fact, just around the corner, and class officers have been hard at work planning and preparing for it. In a buildup to the big event coming up in June, some mini-reunions have already started, and **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure sent news from such an event. "In a joint sorority reunion, 17 Delta Gamma alumnae and ten Kappa Psi alumnae from the classes of '73, '74, and '75 recently met up for a long weekend in Austin, TX. (The DGs began this travel tradition with a 50th birthday trip 16 years ago. Austin was the second trip for the Kappas.) Day one began with a walking tour of Austin, where we all got an overview of the city and had our first taste of authentic Texas barbecue. Subsequent

activities included a tour of the capitol, a tour of the LBJ Library, watching the bats come out at sunset, some shopping and museums, good restaurants, and lots of time for chatting, catching up, and laughing! The trip started off with an ominous tone, though, as we learned upon our arrival in Austin that there was a water ban due to a flood at the waste treatment facility. As Cornellians always do, we adapted and made the best of the situation. Bottled water was readily available at the hotels, the restaurants handled it well, and, fortunately, no one got sick."

The weekend concluded with the traditional recognition "awards." Some results were: most children, 5; most states visited, 50; most countries visited, 150; longest marriage, 44 years; most grandchildren, 11; most homes lived in, 23; married to a Cornell sweetheart, 12; furthest distance between current home and childhood home, across the country; and shortest distance, 20 blocks. DG classmates on the trip, in addition to Diane, were **Betsy Beach**, **Carol Monro Selig**, **Kimberly Christy Gordon**, **Mary Berens**, and **Tanis Reid**. Classmates from Kappa, in addition to myself, were **Claudia Hebel Malone**, **Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte, **Libby St. John Burns**, **Linda Meyers** Geyer, and **Patty Near** Merrifield. In the end, "the DGs and Kappas had such a good time together, they have merged into 'Delta Psi,' and plans are already under way for the next trip." Hope to see you on campus June 6-9, and please keep sending your news! ♦ **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu.

75 **Stephen Pearlman** has moved on from the world of clinical medicine. He now serves as a quality and safety officer for Christiana Care Health Systems. Spouse Ellen is a school nurse and the couple lives in Kennett Square, PA. Son David is with Barclays, daughter Rachel is a ceramic artist, and the youngest, Arielle, is a psychology research assistant in Bethesda. **Ann Welge** Schleppe (Sun City, AZ) is also in the healthcare field, and keeping up with constant policy and procedural changes keeps her busy. She comments, "Training sessions are every week, and crowd out patient care." She is counting the days until retirement. Even so, she continues her work as a board member for the Little Miss Hannah Foundation. She stays connected with **John Lively** and would enjoy hearing from **Barry Marcus '74** (who was a high school classmate of mine!). Greatest Cornell impact? "It is a toss-up between **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** (and those filled lectures in Bailey and Lloyd Street, my academic advisor."

Deborah Whipple Degan, MAT '76, and husband **Mike '70**, BS '76, live in New Hampshire. She became a grandma again, back in May. In 2017, she enjoyed a Baltic cruise, and a trip from Paris to Prague is planned. **Helen Wekstein** LeBrecht, JD '81, is a vegan animal activist attorney. She has given two benefits for the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, an organization that rescues elephants in Africa. She is also onto benefit number two for the Snow Leopard Trust. Her volunteer time is devoted to the Animal and the Law Committee of the New York State Bar's legislative subcommittee. She has protested in front of the Korean Embassy in NYC, against that country's dog meat industry. Visit her website at passionforpachyderms.org. **Rodney Brooks** (Rodney@rodneya.com) has retired from *USA Today*, after 30 years there. He also wrote a column on retirement for the *Washington Post*. Even though he has retired, he still writes a column for *US News and World Report*. Search his name for two books he has authored on retirement planning.

Jane Rabbino Miller and spouse Carl spend their winters in The Villages, FL, but travel to Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia for the summers. Jane enjoys golf, dance classes, and interesting lectures! If she could spend a day in Ithaca, she'd go kayaking on the lake. Jane enjoys seeing her two grandchildren. **Karen Lafky** Stoufer, DVM '78, lives across the country, in Shoreline, WA. She is the Asia regional director and the training director for the Christian Veterinary Mission in Seattle. What gives her the most satisfaction these days? Karen writes, "Seeing lives transformed by veterinarians serving others in the profession and serving the poor worldwide." She recalls the first person she met at Cornell was **Joanne Wertz**. If she makes a trip back to Cornell, her first stop would be to see the new Vet college buildings.

Karen Leung Moore moved from Build-a-Bear and is now the owner of Metro Medical Equipment and Supply in St. Louis. The firm supplies the Dept. of Defense, IHS, and V.A. facilities with medical equipment and also supports overseas bases. Husband Jim is a chiropractor. They are proud of their twin granddaughters, now in kindergarten in Princeton, NJ, where Karen's son, James, lives with his wife, Meredith. Karen's daughter, Kristi, lives in Portland, OR. Karen and Jim's most recent acquisition is a Class C RV. "We have had lots of fun, even though we know very little about RVing," she writes. "Our two dogs have kept us company on our adventures." Several of our classmates enjoyed Cornell's Adult University last summer. **David Roth** and **Mitch Frank** attended Astronomical Discoveries; **Susan Linz** did the Bike the Finger Lakes tour; and **Kathryn Noel Phillips** enjoyed Cyanotype: A Bold Blue Art Form.

Husband Joel Boroff and I both tailgated again at the Army/Navy game in Philadelphia, with our two children and their West Point classmates flying in from all over to watch the great win! Son Alex and daughter Austen are now both captains in the US Army. I continue my work as interim provost at Seton Hall U., with Joel providing me immeasurable support now that he has retired. Go Big Red! ♦ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, Karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

76 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family, a change in your work, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; or **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 **Lisa Nelson** writes that with many now retirees and/or empty nesters, she and several other classmates have been getting together every year or so, with the latest gathering in March at **Lydia Grypma's** house in Coronado, CA. They enjoyed fabulous restaurants, beaches, and parks, plus a first: a lawn bowling lesson! Attendees included **Sue Wolcott** Stuart, **Becky Smith**, **Betsy Loughhead** Thomas, **Gwen Pospisil**, **Mary Burke** Vincent, **Pam Dorge** Russell, **Sue Stryker** Hukill, and **Pam Burtis** Bartholomew.

Thomas Devine (Hartford, CT; tdevine43@hotmail.com) is teaching high school history in West Hartford, CT. He and spouse Liz are new grandparents to baby Wyatt, and Thomas notes that "grandparenting, cooking, and kayaking" give him the most satisfaction in his life these days. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would spend some

time sitting on the Arts Quad outside of Goldwin Smith, and then go for a swim in the reservoir.

Brian Dunn, MBA '81 (bddunn@optonline.net) writes, "I retired at the end of 2015 after 36 years in the HR consulting field. After a brief stint at the Vatican (long story) I have returned to 'active' retirement. I sit on a few boards (public, private, and nonprofit), have a few clients, work as an expert witness and adviser to PE firms looking to make investments in HR technology firms, and teach two half-semester courses in the ILR school. If you are in Ithaca between March and May, be sure to let me know. With my free time, my wife and I do lots of traveling. So far this year we have been to Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Ireland, Hong Kong, and China. I feel so incredibly fortunate. Life is good in retirement." ♦ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com.

78 Hello, '78ers! I'm writing this column during some down time in Paris, where I'm on vacation. The major event of this trip was the purchase of four cookbooks to add to my collection, including one vintage 1930 book from one of the vendors along the Seine.

This column was written with considerable assistance from **Bob Shaw** and **Mike Bernard**. (Thanks to both of you!) Bob was tasked with getting his fellow Navy ROTC classmates to our 40th Reunion. He compiled an Excel spreadsheet to catch up on the crew, and Mike sent the executive summary to me. Here are updates on our classmates who attended Reunion.

Mike retired as a Commander after 23 years and taught high school chemistry and physics. He retired from the Air Force Research Lab after 14 years. **Jerry Bowes** left the Navy in 1983 and served in the Reserves until 1988. He worked in the high-tech sector in Silicon Valley thereafter. **Bob Connery** stayed in the Navy for four to five years, got his MBA, and worked at Wells Fargo for 34 years. **Don Dohanyos** did tours of duty in Barstow, CA, and Okinawa. He served as a controller for a company in San Diego doing product demonstrations for Price Club (Costco) for 29 years. **Peter Eareckson** worked for Admiral Rickover for five years, then got two degrees from MIT. He works for the Coast Guard in D.C.

Two Navy ROTC alumni became brothers-in-law. **Jim Gentile** served until 1983 and was in the Reserves until 2002; he retired from semiconductor sales. **Steve Gates** married Jim's sister, served in the Navy until 1983, and served in the Reserves until 2003. He's worked at Solar Turbines since 1994. **Chuck Hasbrouck** spent nearly 40 years riding submarines, 31-plus on active duty. He's now working as a contractor inside the Beltway supporting the nuclear weapons surety mission. **John Haynes** served

until 1983. He subsequently taught math to Navy recruits, then transitioned to engineering, quality management, and supply chain management.

Bryan Plude left active duty in 1985. He then served a couple years with the Air Force Reserves, worked defense and aerospace for a few years, and did habitat restoration work for Ducks Unlimited for six years. In 2016 he was ordained by the Unitarian Universalist Church in Chico, CA. **Doug Porter** left the Navy in 1985 and spent 32-plus years in Chicago at the Leo Burnett ad agency until 2004. He served as the CEO of Chicago Ronald McDonald House until 2015 and retired to Coronado, CA, with wife **Ann (Thomas)**. **Paul Schmitt** served on subs everywhere and was in the Reserves for a total of 30 years. He is now at the Naval War College in Newport, RI. Bob Shaw was in the Marine infantry for four years, and subsequently served as the fleet admiral of dinner boats in McLean, VA. **Bob Warther** did five years in submarines, then the Reserves, and ended up with the Dept. of Energy nuclear weapons division at Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

Several Navy ROTC classmates couldn't make it to Reunion, but still sent updates to Bob Shaw. **Jim Diercks** married **Amy (Zoebisch)**. He left the Navy after a tour in Japan and worked with various tech firms in southern New Jersey until his retirement in 2012. **J.D. Williams** retired from the Marines in 2004 and transitioned to the Dept. of the Treasury to analyze terrorist finances, which led to a career in intelligence until 2017. He still works for RAND Corp. **Gary Hicks** retired after 28-plus years in the Navy and has worked at SAIC in Virginia Beach ever since. **Mark Haskin** retired in 2008, after 30 years in the Navy, and transitioned to work in the commercial nuclear industry in Florida. Lastly, **Jim Bourne** died in an F-16 crash in 1989. He is remembered with a brick at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in his honor. Thanks to all of our Navy ROTC classmates for their service!

Now for civilian classmates. **Joe Lubeck** and wife Pam live in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Joe sold his company, Landmark Apartment Trust, to Starwood in 2016. His retirement lasted 15 minutes. He then started American Landmark Apartments (of which he is CEO), which owns and operates 25,000 apartments throughout the Southeast. Joe and Pam are active with Hillel on a national basis, and Joe was awarded the Cornell Hillel Tanner Award this year at a wonderful ceremony at the Cornell Tech campus in New York City. Joe and Pam recently participated in the "Great Champagne Run," a foolish combination of stops at the great French Champagne houses and racing exotic cars too fast on French country

roads. **Chuck Boenheim** reports that he's published his first novel, *Sellenria: The Starship and the Citadel*. **Michael Riley**, BS '97 (Charlotte, NC) is still working in employee benefits and investment consulting. His daughter, Sarah, recently graduated from Duke's Graduate School of Nursing/CRNA Anesthesia Program and had Mike's first grandchild. If he had a day in Ithaca, Mike would golf at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, then have drinks and dinner at the Statler. That's all for now. Take care, friends. ♦ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com.

79 Hopefully spring will be knocking on your door as you read this column. Time flies and it is hard to believe that our 40th Reunion is just three short months away, on June 6-9. It is registration time for this great event, and Reunion co-chair **Karen Mineo** says that you should have received your Reunion packet in the mail or will be receiving it soon. Our class reception will be held at Klarman Hall, the showpiece of the Arts Quad since 2016 that was generously funded by classmate **Seth Klarman**. Class headquarters will be William Keeton House, part of the West Campus House System. Reunion housing will be available at Keeton or at area hotels. Make your reservations early so you get your desired location.

Steve Magacs, the other Reunion co-chair, has been catching up with classmates this past year. He met up with **Nancy Sverdluk** in NYC, **Larry Stone** in Chicago, **Mary McDonald** in Virginia, and **Jon Wardner** in Ithaca, all of whom will be on campus in June for our 40th. Please contact classmates and encourage others to come back for a weekend full of fun and events. If you need help reaching out to classmates from your dorm, college, sorority, fraternity, or affinity club, please contact **Lisa Barsanti** Hoyt, vice president—affinity, at lisabhoyt@gmail.com. Lisa will try to make those connections so you can see where your Cornell friends are living, working, traveling, volunteering, or retiring! Be sure to watch class social media sites and the monthly newsletter for local affinity events leading up to Reunion. If you are interested in finding out about events in your area, please contact **Cindy Green**, vice president—regional events, at cbgreen3@gmail.com.

One of these regional events was scheduled in February at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn, NJ. This event gave classmates the opportunity to enjoy the show *My Very Own British Invasion*. Classmate **Lon Hoyt** is the music director for this show, which features songs from Herman's Hermits, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Petula Clark, the Moody Blues, and other legendary bands of the 1960s.

Last fall, alumni had the opportunity to gather and cheer on the Big Red from the Class of '79 seating block during the annual Frozen Apple Thanksgiving weekend hockey game at Madison Square Garden. Over 70 classmates, family members, and friends sat in the block with another estimated 70 who cheered in other sections of the garden. Cornell athletics estimated that Big Red fans outnumbered Crimson fans 13 to 1. As **Mary Maxon** Grainger, MPS '87, co-vice president—communications, who organized game seating and the post-game gathering, reported, "Harvard won on the ice (4-1), but Cornell won in the stands!" A pre-game "tailgate" for the classes of the '70s was held at Local West (across from Penn Station), and a post-game gathering for our class took place at the rooftop of the Renaissance New York Midtown Hotel. Despite the loss, everyone enjoyed good times and fellowship. All's well that ends well as Cornell beat Harvard at Harvard the following week.



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As you plan for Reunion weekend, or anytime you are in the area, be sure to visit Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery. This family winery was recently named “Winery of the Year” by the New York Wine Classic competition. *USA Today* recognized the winery as one of the Top 10 wine tasting rooms in the US. The winery and tasting room are located within an hour’s drive from Ithaca, and Cornell alumni are warmly welcomed with special discounts on wine purchases.

Terry Mady-Grove writes that after practicing law for over 20 years, she returned to school and received an MA in teaching English. While student teaching, she fell into her true career love—college admissions consulting. Seven years and several professional association memberships later, she still loves making a difference in the lives of high school students, helping them navigate through the craziness of college admissions, which is completely different and much more stressful than when we applied. An added bonus to this career change is the need to visit 35-50 colleges each year. She rarely visits a campus that she doesn’t like and wonders who wouldn’t like climbing walls, sushi in the dining hall, and granite countertops in the dorms? This is a far stretch from our beloved U-Halls of yesteryear! When she is not traveling for work, Terry enjoys spending time with family and friends. Her son is in law school at Columbia and her daughter is in a master’s program at London School of Economics. Reflecting on her time at Cornell, Terry remembers meeting **Mary Anderson Ochs** (the first person she met on campus). She would love to return to campus and walk around Beebe Lake and visit Uris Library and the Straight as well as the beautiful parks in the area.

Reunion sounds like a wonderful time to do all the things that Terry is longing to do. It’s never too late to relive those good old times on the Hill, so plan to join us on June 6-9 in Ithaca. In the meantime, keep your news updates coming to classof79@cornell.edu or directly to your class correspondents: ❖ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, Kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com; or **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com.

80 Unless you are reading this in the waiting room of your gastroenterologist (and if you are, thank you for getting a colonoscopy), you are likely a dues-paying classmate, a status that is most appreciated by those of us who volunteer for good ol’ 1980. Dues renewal notices are out in the cyber world and in the snail mail stream; your ongoing support of the class is vital as we continue planning our 40th Reunion in June 2020.

Our November 2018 Frozen Apple hockey pregame soiree for 1980s classes at the Cornell Club was a real doozy—or perhaps “duesy” would be more appropriate. An overflow crowd of alumni and their guests enjoyed fare familiar to anyone who has spent time in Ithaca, and the Ad Hoc Singers strolled down 44th St. to the Harvard Club to belt out the Cornell Alma Mater on the front steps. Although the hockey team was not a winner that evening, it exacted sweet revenge one week later on the ice in Cambridge. The NYC crowd included more than 20 members of the Class of ‘80.

Dik Saalfeld reminds us that given an infinite amount of time, an infinite number of Northern white-cheeked gibbons with an infinite number of MacBooks Pro could write this Class Notes column. Although this is true (and their work would be cheekier by nature) there are deadlines to meet and we could use a little help. If you would like to take a stab at writing this column (three times a year max), contact one of the correspondents listed at

the bottom of this column, and we’ll give you the skinny. Bananas late. Bring bananas.

By now most of us 1980 alumni have celebrated our 60th birthdays, and at this stage of life we have or are facing loss to a much greater extent than we knew strolling the Cornell campus 40 years ago. The notes we receive reflect this, and we were especially struck by the words of **Craig Pearl**, who sent this along following the death of a classmate: “I just wanted to update the class on the passing of **Susan Meadows** on May 24, 2018. She was my quintessential college girlfriend and lifelong friend. A memorial service was held in Alameda, CA, on July 7, which was well-attended by over 200 people including her Cornell “buds”: myself, **Ralph Luongo**, and **Aida Samarzija** (all came from the East Coast). There were eight eulogies given reflecting the impact that she had on so many people. I’ve attached some snippets from mine:

“Regarding my relationship with Susan, it was not one that was just experienced, it was transformative. As many of you here know: when you love Susan, you just FEEL it; and when she loves you, you KNOW it . . . And when you are loved and adored by someone who you equally love and adore—well, if there is in fact a divine purpose to life, that might just be it. And to go forward in life feeling worthy of love—well, I can’t think of a better gift that two people could give each other . . . What will I remember most about Susan? I think that it could be summed up by her face: the striking beauty of it that was present both inside and out; the truly genuine, humble, and heartfelt way that her eyes expressed whatever emotion she was experiencing at the moment, be it happiness, caring, or discontent; the big, engaging smile that was just ready to come out with the slightest invitation; and, when she found something funny, which was often, the cackling laugh that emerged from her mouth and convulsed her whole body . . . My last selection is from the song ‘For Good’ from *Wicked*, which I know conveys the sentiments of a lot of us in this room: ‘It well may be / That we will never meet again / In this lifetime. / So, let me say before we part, / So much of me / Is made of what I learned from you. / You’ll be with me / Like a handprint on my heart. / And, now, whatever way our stories end, / I know you have re-written mine / By being my friend. I do believe I have been / Changed for the better. / Because I knew you / I have been changed for good.’”

We want to make sure that all classmates are kept in the loop about events running up to Reunion, and plans for an Ithaca party to remember in June 2020. Please update your contact info at the CornellConnect site so that we can stay in touch. If you don’t have a NetID, there is a form available for you to complete and submit: <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu/>. We thank you again for supporting the Class of 1980 with your dues payment, and look forward to seeing you at our 40th. Join the ranks of the correspondents! ❖ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 It’s been so busy around here that I don’t know if I’m coming or going. My job as an annual giving officer for National Hadassah keeps me busy traveling around Florida. I really feel empowered to help spread the knowledge about Hadassah Medical Organization and the wonderful inroads they are making in MS, Parkinson’s, macular degeneration, etc. My kids take up the other part of my life: Ella is busy as a vocal major at a performing arts school (Bak MSOA) and loves baseball

and basketball; Brayden is busy with singing and baseball in fourth grade! And my husband, Russ, pulls us all together with his home management/consulting business. Our class is busy as well. I saw so many people at the Frozen Apple hockey game, where Cornell lost to Harvard—but we still had a great time! I saw more than 20 classmates there; I think that’s quite a respectable showing!

We have a chef in the house. **Alyssa Alia** Malanga just came out with a new cookbook called *If the Table Could Talk*. For more information, go to: <https://www.alyssaalia.com/order>. **Rich Lovely** is semi-retired doing consulting and nonprofit work. He joined the board of the YMCA of Bucks County. Daughter **Kristen ‘18** graduated from Cornell this past May and has moved to Denver, where she will be joining a tech company in account management.

In my neck of the woods, **Kenny Blatt** reports that all is going well since he moved to Boca Raton. His kids are now in sixth and eighth grade at Saint Andrews, where he serves on the board of trustees. He’s excited about this past October’s reopening of Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve where he and **Mark Lipschutz** are developers. The resort keeps winning awards. This past June, Kenny attended the annual NYC Cornell Hotel Society Icon dinner with **Karen Levine** Whitman, **Danny Miller**, **Erik Nylen**, **Russ Urban**, **Joe Ziskin**, **Charlie Muller**, and **Tom Huffsmith ‘80**. **Vicki Bunis** Rosenthal recently got reacquainted with U-Hall 1 dorm-mate **Lori Salzman** Morton at Mirasol in Palm Beach Gardens. They are spending the winter in Florida and she is a full-time Florida resident.

In Colorado, **Susan Swern** tells us that after helping her sister, Anne Swern, run for Brooklyn District Attorney in 2017, she returned to her home near Boulder, CO, and was hired by Global Greengrants Fund as a philanthropic partnerships officer. Over the past 25 years, Greengrants has become one of the most effective global grassroots grant-makers supporting frontline activists seeking environmental, social, and economic justice. She still maintains a private practice as an eating psychology and integrative nutrition coach. **Sally Wilson** completed her MBA in sustainability from Green Mountain College this summer; she is still a community college biology professor and is now also working as a consultant on sustainable landscaping and beautification, particularly for college campuses and public spaces. She’s excited to be mounting her first art exhibition, primarily paintings, but also 3D art and mixed media, at their campus gallery. She plans to attend our next Reunion!

David Boraks is in his fourth year working full time as a reporter and host at WFAE FM, the NPR station in Charlotte, NC. He covers the environment, energy, transportation, politics, and affordable housing, among other things, and can also be heard occasionally filling in as a host on their daily news programs and their morning talk show, “Charlotte Talks.” And every once in a while, you’ll hear him on NPR, like his reports from Wilmington, NC, after Hurricane Florence. **Jeffrey Kolton** joined Corlex Capital, an Atlanta-based private equity firm, over the summer as a partner running their NYC office. His twins are doing well and just turned 8 years old!

Rob Fried is the CEO of Chromadex, a consumer biotech company that sells TruNiagen, an anti-aging molecule that safely and efficiently elevates NAD levels in humans. They have licensed a Cornell patent on this technology from the work of Anthony Sauve at Weill. Last year Rob won an Emmy award for a series called “Wonder Women.” His wife, Nancy Travis, is starring in two series: “Last Man Standing” and “The Kominsky

Method.” **Michael B. Strauss**, director of finance for the Bryant Park Hotel in NYC for the past 16 years, reports news about his two daughters with **Debbi (Kaufman): Allie '11** is a finance and real estate attorney working for Dechert LLP (Michael is thrilled that Allie’s office also overlooks Bryant Park, so they enjoy lunch together sometimes); and Nicole (UMD '14) is in her third year of her doctoral studies in psychology at Palo Alto U. in California and happily living in San Francisco. Michael also reports that his wife, Katherine, is now VP for Atlantic Stewardship Bank of New Jersey and is loving this new company.

Laura Fratt just got back from a fabulous Cornellian mother-daughter (**Laura Isby '16**, ME '17) trip to the Galápagos Islands. “Saw marine iguanas, whitetip reef sharks, and land tortoises, to name a few.” **Barb Giuffre** is a new empty nester now that their youngest graduated high school. She’s on a gap year now, then heading to . . . another Ivy school. Say it ain’t so!

An online photo gallery has been set up at: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery/>. Please add your photos! I love sharing your news with our classmates, so please keep sending it: ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com; **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com.

82 It’s hard to believe that more than 40 years have passed since we began our freshman year on the Hill. As many of you know, there have been many changes to the campus over those years. It is certainly worth a visit to reminisce and see all of the changes. Hopefully, a visit or thought of a visit will also motivate you to update us with your recent news. We are always looking for reports from our classmates.

One of our Midwestern classmates, **Mike Wapner** (mikewapner@gmail.com), reports on a recent career change: “I changed professions a while back and am now a financial advisor (my fifth career, I think). I’m part of a small group of independents in the Chicago area at BlueLake Wealth Advisors. Taking college-level classes for the first time in 30 years was quite a change, but I recently earned my Certificate in Financial Planning from DePaul U. Though grades didn’t really matter, I couldn’t slack off and risk not keeping up with my very high-achieving daughters!” Mike and his wife are the proud parents of two teenage daughters and are going through the rigors of the college application process. Mike reports that one of his daughters graduated from high school last year and notes, “She applied to Cornell, for my sake, she said, but was only offered the transfer option by ILR. She said she wouldn’t have wanted to go to Cornell anyway, since it’s too cold for her. Instead, she is saving her parents lots of money (including a full tuition scholarship) by attending the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. That’s also where my wife, Lan, and most of her family went, so Julia is at least a legacy on that side. Anna, 15, is a high school sophomore. She plays trumpet in the band and is on the badminton team.” In closing, Mike noted that he attended and enjoyed our last Reunion. He also reported, “Classmates passing through Chicago should feel free to get in touch. I live just minutes from O’Hare.”

Madeline Scott McDowell (maddymcd@msn.com) writes that she is recovering from a recent injury. She also notes that “Dragon Day has really changed.” She watches the webcasts of recent Dragon Day events and remembers that “dragons used to be handmade and would wander through buildings. Somehow I think it was lots more fun.” She may be right, but I suspect that the current students are still enjoying the festivities. **Bill Barnett** (wmjbarnett@gmail.com) has sent us some

news from sunny Southern California. Bill enjoys ocean swimming and reports that he is working as a real estate agent for Compass. He notes that he focuses his work in Calabasas, West San Fernando Valley, and Malibu, “but I cover other areas around Los Angeles as well.” Bill’s son, **Jack '17**, recently started law school at NYU. He and his son are talking about attending Cornell’s Adult University for a one-week summer course. “We just need to find a course we both want to take.”

Speaking of Cornell’s Adult University (CAU), we have had many class members take advantage of the great programs offered by CAU over the years. During last summer, the following classmates enjoyed fascinating classes on campus and around the country: **Donna Tobin** took the Wines Course with **Abby Nash '75**; **Richard Zweig** enjoyed Bike the Finger Lakes with Julia Dean; and **Richard Schrade Jr.** attended the 2018 Midterm Elections: A Weekend Seminar. If you would like to read more about CAU, you can do so at: www.cau.cornell.edu.

Please enjoy the springtime weather and consider a trip to Ithaca. It’s a beautiful time of year to be on campus. Hope you all stay well and consider updating us with your latest news. Take care. ♦ **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

83 The holiday season is in full swing as I write this column, and many fun events have taken place near NYC, which I will elaborate on below. Thankfully, we have had so many great opportunities to interact with our classmates! As a brief reminder, please send your news to me or my co-correspondents at any of the e-mail addresses listed at the end of this column.

The first event was the Cornell vs. Princeton football game/taillgate party, which took place on October 27, 2018, on a rainy, blustery afternoon. Thousands of Cornellians went, and a lot of tailgating took place before the game. Although Cornell was defeated by top-ranked Princeton (66-0), our classmates had the chance to interact with each other and to show support for the Big Red football team! It’s not all about winning; it’s about the fun!

The second big event was the **Sy Katz '31** Parade, on November 17, 2018. As **Matt Palumbo** stated, “Over 500 alumni, families, and friends turned out to enjoy and support the Cornell Big Red Band as they marched down Fifth Avenue in NYC. The grand marshal for this year’s (43rd) parade was University President Martha Pollack.” The crowd started gathering at Rockefeller Center at 5:30 p.m., and the parade started at 6:30. The Big Red Band marched onto Fifth Avenue playing “Davy” and turned left at East 44th St., where the band performed a boisterous concert in front of the Cornell Club-New York. Afterward, the Cornell Club hosted a sold-out tailgate party with five floors of fun. Alumni, families, friends—and of course, the Big Red Band—enjoyed a spectacular buffet and lots of Big Red cheer. The Class of '83 had many attendees!

The third big event was the celebration of the annual Cornell hockey game at Madison Square Garden. Matches played in even-numbered years are called the “Frozen Apple.” The 2018 game was on Saturday, November 24 against Harvard, and Cornellians came from near and far to Midtown Manhattan to enjoy the Big Red spirit. The Class of '83 staged our own pre-game party across the street from the Garden, and the event featured a short visit from **Mike Schafer '86**, the head coach of the hockey team. Many thanks to **Lynn Leopold**, **Alyssa Bickler**, **Susan Wasserman** Guerin, **Nancy Gilroy**, **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer, and **Matt Palumbo** for organizing the event.

Although Cornell lost to Harvard (4-1), the game was exciting. Over 14,000 people attended—the overwhelming majority of whom were Cornellians. Cornell’s band dominated (although Harvard had a band there, they were barely audible) and the rink was rocking to the Big Red Pep Band. Martha Pollack came out on the ice to start the game with a puck drop for the ceremonial opening face-off. The Cornell contingent reveled in creating a massive version of Ithaca’s Lynah Rink. The Garden went wild when Cornell scored the first goal of the game in the first period. (At that point, a fish was thrown onto the ice, which is a long-standing Cornell vs. Harvard tradition.) After Cornell scored its only goal, it was all about the party for many Cornell fans. Harvard tied the game, and then moved ahead by two goals in the third period. With nearly four minutes remaining in the final period, the Cornell goalie was pulled. Unfortunately, Harvard scored an empty-netter and sealed a 4-1 victory. Nevertheless, the Class of '83, which had two sold-out sections, had an absolute blast!

This is normally our slowest time of the year for class news, but all of the above seasonal events certainly brought our class together with a great opportunity to share stories and have fun. We did receive some news to share. **Jessica Hornik** Evans wrote to tell us about her book, *A Door on the River*, which was published by Chatwin Books. According to the book’s description, “Hornik’s poems carry a quiet power rooted in nature, place, and family. We find our lives in hers—in lyrics that sing of the natural world, the close-held territory of home, the unvoiced drama of family life, of what it means to be the ‘Invisible Woman.’” Congratulations, Jessica! For more information, go to: <http://www.chatwinbooks.com/shop/jessica-hornik-a-door-on-the-river>.

Heather Robbins continues to teach private voice lessons in the Princeton area and is directing two non-auditioned choirs. She says it’s a lot of fun and very rewarding. When not working, Heather plays as much tennis as she can. **Gwen Garabedian** Kania notes that she and her husband, Michael, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this past summer and traveled to Hawaii with their three “kids,” who are 21, 24, and 26. Their oldest, **Thomas '14**, graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical in Syracuse and has begun his surgical residency at Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine on Staten Island. Congrats!

Please keep sending in your news. The Class of '83 would love to hear from you! ♦ **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com; **Kim Todt**, krt5@cornell.edu; **Stewart Glickman**, Stewartglickman@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

84 As I write this, our 35th Reunion is right around the corner! Start planning to get together with classmates you haven’t seen in years—and revisit your favorite places in and around Ithaca.

Karla Sievers McManus writes: “I’ve been working for the New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services for the past 22 years. I started part time when my kids were small and transitioned to full time in 2010. I am currently working in the air division as a planning and rules manager, which means I take the federal regulations from the Clean Air Act and the state regulations and meld them into cohesive rules to keep the air clean in New Hampshire. **Don**, MS '85, is an engineering director and has been working in the electronics industry for the past 33 years designing special purpose computers. Our daughter, **Hannah '22**, is a freshman at Cornell in the Engineering

college! I didn't realize how much fun it would be to have our daughter going to the same university we went to as undergraduates. It's already been so much fun going back to Ithaca to move her in and show her all the old haunts (we miss you, Nines pizza!). Meanwhile, our son, Collin, is in his senior year at UPenn. We've enjoyed getting to know Penn and Philadelphia over the past three and a half years. He and his team played in the NCAA's (March Madness) last March in Wichita, KS, which was so exciting." Karla reports that her favorite things to do for a day in Ithaca are: "go to the Farmers Market, stop by Ithaca Bakery or Collegetown Bagels for lunch, then finish off the day with some Purity ice cream!"

Jenny Hubbard Garner is living in Wheat Ridge, CO, and reports that husband **Greg** has retired from legal practice to pursue a longtime interest in alternative dispute resolution—mediation, in particular—mostly working as a volunteer right now in Jefferson County to hone skills. Jenny is the breadwinner, working as the church administrator at Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church. Meanwhile, they are both looking forward to a return to Ithaca for the graduation of their daughter, **Selby '19**, in 2019! Jenny happily reports, "Selby and her parents will forever share the same Reunion year every five years! This past fall, Selby did Cornell in Washington, interning at the Dept. of State. Greg did this program in 1982, in its early years, and he's excited to know it's still going strong!"

Dorothy Pelovitz Frank (Chatham, NJ) is the business office manager of the Chabad of SE Morris County. She reports, "I sing all the time and am very involved with two nonprofits. I sing with the Concord Singers in Summit, NJ, and am also the president of the group. I am the past president and on the board of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey. Recently, I formed a musical trio with my husband, **Andrew Hollander, JD '91**, and a friend, and we performed in Chatham, NJ, on October 13, 2018. We had a great summer, including a big trip to Alaska with our twin boys, who are 15 and just started tenth grade." Dorothy enjoys singing, travel, exercise, and family and will be visiting Buttermilk Falls the next time she is in Ithaca. **Jennifer Merritt** Chantz is living in Fort Washington, PA, spending her time traveling, gardening, and volunteering at church. The first person she met at Cornell was **Sherry Freehauf** Waldron ("Will she be at Reunion?"). If Jennifer had a day in Ithaca, she would walk about on campus, visit a gorge and waterfall, and eat at Moosewood Restaurant.

Herb and Jeanine Thomas Riband decided to celebrate 30 years of marriage by embarking on a one-year "Great Adventure" at Stanford's Distinguished Careers Inst. (DCI) in Palo Alto, starting in September 2018. Herb will focus his Stanford DCI fellowship on healthcare innovation, data/technology, and entrepreneurship, taking courses, mentoring, networking, and lecturing. Jeanine will pursue her own course of study and engagement focused on design, creativity, and the arts. Herb writes, "To get to California from our home in Switzerland, we are first flying to the US East Coast and then taking two weeks to drive across the US and experience—up close and personal—how America is being made great again. This will be a 5,000-plus-mile, 13-state road trip to visit family, friends, and amazing national parks. We are looking forward to the cross-country trek and an amazing year at Stanford. We hope that Cornell will follow Harvard, Stanford, and other leading institutions and launch a DCI-like program someday!"

Amanda Haynes is working for UBS and living in Nashville, TN. **Jay Lindy** is living in Memphis and has been keeping busy as COO and GC of Tower Ventures.

He has also been developing multi-family projects. Check out: <https://www.atthebrewery.com>. Jay reports that oldest son Jamie is a sophomore at U. of Michigan. Meanwhile Ben, 17, a high school junior, and Emery, 13, an eighth grader, are keeping Jay and Susan busy at home.

A sincere thanks to those who sent along news. Please e-mail us and let us know what you are up to so we have news for our future columns. ♦ **Janet Insardi**, janetinsardi@gmail.com; **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof84.alumni.cornell.edu/.

'I went on my third tornado chase in the spring.'

RICH FRIEDMAN '87

85 "I was recently appointed chairman of the NFL's head, neck, and spine committee," writes **Nick Theodore**. "This is a very high-profile advisory group that advises the NFL on the topic of concussions and other brain, spine, and nerve-related injuries and devises strategies to prevent them." Nick is a professor of neurosurgery, orthopedics, and biomedical engineering at Johns Hopkins U. School of Medicine. He is director of the Hopkins Neurosurgical Spine Center; his research focuses on trauma, brain and spinal cord injuries, minimally invasive surgery, and robotics. Nick also has served as neurosurgeon for the Arizona Cardinals and worked as a consultant for baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks and the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes.

It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from the class about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities! Whether it be a growing family, a change in your work, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 In the absence of news from classmates, I am digging deep to provide a Class of '86 column this month. Please let us know what you are up to so you won't have to read about my kids and friends in future columns!

I wasn't kidding about my kids; I am, in fact, visiting my daughter, **Alexandra '16**, BS '17, in San Francisco for the holidays and was happy to hear that our classmate and her neighbor here, **Mike Malaga**, welcomed his second daughter, Violet, four months ago. She joins big sister Charlotte, 4. Mike reports that the family is well, and I'm sure the holidays were fun with the little ones!

Martin Schulz writes from Cleveland that his daughter, **Henley '22**, has joined the Big Red family and is attending the College of Arts & Sciences. I'm happy to report that we received news that two of our classmates' children attended the Cornell Summer College Program last summer: Brooke, daughter of **Alison Doppelt** Kozek; and Hannah, daughter of **Mark Rosenberg**. The program is offered to high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year and have the academic ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity necessary to undertake college-level work. We are always happy to hear of interactions with the university by the next generation!

Paul Nahra visited us in Dallas on his move from Los Angeles to Cleveland. It is no coincidence that the Cleveland Browns suddenly started winning games and became a playoff contender immediately after Paul's return. He was always a huge Browns fan, even when living in L.A., where he was part of L.A.'s Browns Backers Club.

Lastly, I wasn't kidding about my friends; we had a fabulous visit with **Bob** and **Lauren Jensen Corning** and **Cara Noferi** in Boston in July. They are all doing well and enjoying their respective empty nests. I recently spent a wonderful weekend on Shelter Island with **Maggie**

Holcomb Schubauer, **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, **Carol Getz** Abolofia, **Mimi Wohabe** Boublik, and **Sydney Solomon** Neuhaus. We had a fabulous time catching up, laughing, hiking, reminiscing, cooking, and doing yoga. Please keep us in the loop so we can share your news! ♦ **Lori Spydell** Wagner, mwagner@maiwealth.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com.

87 Hello, classmates. It is the midst of the holiday season as I write this column, and I am thinking of all of you and hoping that you enjoyed special time with family and friends. Best wishes for 2019!

A number of our classmates added to their Thanksgiving festivities by cheering on the Cornell men's hockey team in the Frozen Apple matchup against Harvard at Madison Square Garden. Unfortunately, Harvard came out on top, beating the Big Red 4-1. Nevertheless, that did not dampen the enthusiasm demonstrated, or the camaraderie enjoyed, by the '87 grads at the game.

We recently heard from **Rich Friedman**, who was our class correspondent for the first ten years after graduation. Rich lives in the Boston area with his wife, Nancy Goldstone, and their four children. Rich is in his 18th year as founder and president of Friedman & Partners, a nationwide strategy consulting firm serving the design and construction industry. He works with many architects and engineers who are Cornell alums, is active in his synagogue, and loves playing tennis and . . . storm chasing! Rich reports: "I went on my third tornado chase in the spring with two buddies from grad school, but unfortunately we only saw tennis-ball-sized hail and tremendous cloud-to-ground lightning. We also experienced a very rare phenomenon, a pyro-induced supercell thunderstorm that formed in the Texas Panhandle because of a large wildfire. But no tornadoes this trip." Rich is in touch with a number of classmates and other Cornell friends, including **Mike '88**, MBA '89, and **Gail Stoller Baer**, **Debbie Cohen** and **George Dickstein '85**, **Dave Kalman**, **Avery Katz**, **Jemae Breunissen** Hoffman, **Davy Zonerach**, **Doug Mazlish '86**, **Rob Grossman '88** and **Abi Michael-Grossman '90**, MD '96, and **Will Richmond '85**.

Former class president **Tom Tseng**, ME '94, spent Thanksgiving in St. Petersburg, FL, "where fellow classmate **Sondra WuDunn**-Sklar also went for Turkey Day." Sondra's parents recently moved to that part of Florida. Tom then traveled to New York City, where he visited

Albert Chu and his wife, Michelle. Albert was best man at Tom's wedding 25 years ago.

Dirk Elsperman is executive VP and COO of St. Louis-based Tarlton Corp., a leader in general contracting and construction management throughout the Midwest. In April 2019, Dirk will be sworn in as president of Associated General Contractors of America. The AGC of America is the leading association for the construction industry, representing more than 26,000 firms, including more than 6,500 of America's leading general contractors and more than 9,000 specialty contracting firms. As president of AGC of America, which is celebrating its centennial this year, Dirk will have the unique opportunity to speak with AGC chapter leaders and members across the US to glean important industry insights on issues and concerns facing general contractors today.

Please keep sending your news our way. We love hearing from you! You can submit a news form or e-mail us at the following addresses: ❖ **Lisa Burns** Griffin, LAG77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu; and **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, Class of '88. Hope you are well. I wanted to share some info with all of you that you may not be aware of. Do you know about Cornell's Adult University? It is a wonderful program where you can take an education vacation in many beautiful locations around the world; or, if you'd prefer to be back in Ithaca again, you can take some amazing courses on campus! These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell's most gifted faculty, allow alums to enjoy the educational life of our exceptional university in the company of other bright, curious, and warmly engaged adult learners. This year, courses around the globe include trips to Belize, Guatemala, New York, Amsterdam, Mauritius, Madagascar, London, and Costa Rica, among others. You can revisit the history and culture of Germany while you tour the country on a bicycle, visiting castles, Renaissance palaces, and medieval towns. Perhaps your interests lie instead in science and physics? If so, you might prefer to visit Switzerland, where this year the world's most powerful particle accelerator will be shut down for enhancements—you can take advantage of this opportunity to get a close-up view of the super collider while also learning about the dawn of modern physics and Einstein's work on the Theory of Relativity. These are just two of the many wonderful courses offered. If interested, I recommend that you check it all out here: <https://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/index.php>.

Now on to the news from our classmates. Speaking of those who are interested in continuing their educations, **Ilene Altman** (Washington, DC) sent news that in

December 2018 she received her Certificate in Landscape Technology from Montgomery College in Maryland. Congratulations! We also heard from **Laura Bloch**, who is continuing to enjoy her busy life in San Francisco. This fall, Laura started touring colleges with her daughter, a junior in high school, with plans to attend Cornell's summer debate camp. Laura also celebrated her son's bar mitzvah, and had fun hanging out with classmate **Stacy Schulist**, MBA '01, who was in town visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Victor Seidel**, who reported on Reunion last issue, adds that he was thankful to have his Cornell buddies **Peter Lee**, **Steven Chartier**, and **Steven Santisi** at the memorial service for his father, **Paul Seidel '53**, in October. We are sorry for your loss, Victor.

Joanne Serling Fisher published her debut novel, *Good Neighbors*, in February 2018. When she wasn't writing or promoting her book, Joanne was helping her son and other high school seniors with writing college application essays. She shares, "It's probably one of the most rewarding jobs I've ever had and I truly love the kids. No matter their circumstance, each and every teen has a story to tell." Although her son isn't applying to Cornell, Joanne reminisces about her time on campus, taking in the views from Libe Slope, and her kind and funny roommate **Brandi Busk** Clement.

Lisa Sotir Ozkan (Arlington, VA) has been the general counsel at NEA Member Benefits for 13 years, serving educators who are members of the National Education Assn., the largest union serving the teaching profession. But even more important and exciting, on October 28, 2018, Lisa and her husband, Oz, became parents to their first child, Paul (Class of 2040?). Congratulations! **David Trachtenberg** (dat2@nyu.edu) writes, "I loved Cornell. Not every moment, of course. Cornell remains a big part of my life. I met my wife of 25 years there, **Jennifer Brooks '89**. Now we're blessed to have son **Eric '21** in ILR, even though I pushed Duke. The cold at Cornell never bothered me too much. Most winters you will still find me skiing the backcountry of British Columbia or planning a trip to some other remote place. Any other Cornellians wishing to get their powder fix should feel free to e-mail me."

Jennifer Dell-Ernstrom and her husband are now empty nesters living in Palo Alto, CA. Their son, Emil, a senior at Yale U., is a music composer and sound designer and will be graduating this May. Congratulations to him! I would just like to point out that Jennifer felt inspired to contact me with her news when she read in the November edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* that our boys attend school together and "maybe they know each other?" LOL. Well, it turns out that they do! My older son and Emil have been good friends since freshman year, and my younger son is now working on Emil's senior project! It is a small Cornell world and the more you connect with us, the closer those connections become! So keep sending us updates about both the exciting and the mundane! You never know where it will lead. You can send in your "hellos" using the online form at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or by contacting any one of us: ❖ **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dag97@cornell.edu; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; **Aliza Angelchik**, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com.

89 Happy spring, classmates! Our 30th Reunion is almost upon us! Summertime on the Hill with old friends sounds like heaven as I write this in front of the fire on a zero-degree day here in Vermont. If you haven't already made plans to return to campus for the

weekend of June 6-9, be sure to check out the information at alumni.cornell.edu. Hope to see you there!

Stephen Scott reflected on summertime in Ithaca when he recently sent in some news: "A swim in the gorges or paddling a canoe across Beebe Lake would be lovely." He also reminisced about Cornell winters: "Watching freshmen struggle up the Slope to Uris Library is always good entertainment, as is a beer in College-town." Today Stephen leads Starling, which he describes as an "applied behavioral sciences" technology company, and traces the enlivening ideas behind the business to his Cornell studies. While he enjoys the extensive international travels that come with running a leading technology company (including presenting on "Restoring Trust and Integrity in Global Finance" at the Paris Peace Forum last November), he wishes he had more time with his "greatest joy": 11-year-old daughter Reagan.

Some of our classmates' high-school-aged kids recently experienced Cornell's summertime beauty while doing college-level work. Cornell Summer College reports that the following were among the many talented high school students who attended the 2018 program: Isabel, **Salvador Alemany's** daughter; Anna, **Willa Bernstein's** daughter; Caroline, **Wilson Garland's** daughter; Gabrielle, **Steve '92** and **Lauren Flato Labovitz's** daughter; Emma, **James** and **Wendy Hunnewell Leynse '91's** daughter; Ian, **John** and **Lucy Meyer Miller '90's** son; Benjamin, **Izabella Rudzki Povich's** son; William, **Craig** and **Elizabeth Collard Richter '91's** son; Ariella, **Larry Rusoff's** daughter; and Kyle, **Savoyon Grant's** son. Congratulations to all of them and best wishes to some of you as you await the college-notification e-mails this month. (Do any of you remember eagerly waiting for the fat envelope from Cornell back in the spring of 1985? I remember detouring my track teammates so we could jog down my street and check my mailbox!) **Tom** and **Lisbeth McDonald** reported last fall that their son was applying to the Cornell Class of 2023. Good luck to him! What gives Tom the most satisfaction in his life these days? His response says it all: "My kids didn't turn out rotten. Low bar, I know, but still." Tom and Lisbeth live in Mason, OH, and are starting to think about good places to retire to.

Hmm, retiring somewhere warm is starting to sound good. How about New Mexico? **Armand Velez** writes from that sunshiny state that he's involved with the Cornell admissions process in a different way: "I've been busy contacting students applying to Cornell throughout southern New Mexico and the West Texas/Trans-Pecos region as chair of CAAAN for the region." (Interested in sharing your love of Cornell with prospective students? Check out the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network at caaan.admissions.cornell.edu.) Armand's proud-alumnus voluntarism isn't the only thing keeping him busy, he reports: "I've reached my 25th anniversary of law practice this year; I'm on the board of the prosecutor's section of the State Bar of New Mexico; and I was approved by the New Mexico Supreme Court to be an official mentor and acted as a mentor to a new attorney this year. In my free time, I'm raising a backyard and side-yard orchard with pomegranates, peaches, quinces, jujubes, chokecherries, and apricots. Also reading the classics I didn't have time to get to at Cornell." Congratulations on your milestone and accomplishments, Armand, and happy gardening and reading!

Lastly, as we all look ahead to Reunion, heartfelt condolences to our classmate **Debbie Skolnik**, whose father would have been celebrating his 65th Cornell Reunion this year. Debbie wrote from Scarsdale, NY,



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where she lives with husband **Theodore** ("TP") **Enders '90**, ME '96, and works as director of content for NY Metro Parents, a group of eight parenting magazines in the New York metropolitan area. In Debbie's words: "I am deeply saddened to share the loss of my beloved father, **Edward Skolnik '54**. After graduating from Cornell, he served with the Army in Alaska, graduated from Harvard Law School with honors, and enjoyed a long and distinguished legal career. He always spoke of his adventures on the Hill with great affection, including the time a large group of students blew off exam-week pressure by spontaneously forming a gigantic bunny-hop line on campus. My father is survived by Rebecca Skolnik, his wife of 58 years, my sister **Leslie Anne Skolnik Brill '85**, BA '84, and me, along with three granddaughters. Many Cornellians consoled us through this difficult time, including **Dana Post Adler**, **Madelyn Eckstein Schiering**, **Seth Wilson**, **Alix Mellis Brown '91**, and **Suzette Simon Rubinstein '86**.

Thanks as always to those of you who reached out to share your news. If you're reading this and are inspired to share, please take a minute to return the news form you get in the mail, e-mail one of us, or visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/ and our class Facebook page.

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90 In this issue's mail bag: Everybody's moving! Everybody has an amazing career! Everybody's taking their kids to Cornell! Well, maybe not *everybody*, but still . . .

David Neuman and his wife, Erika, are busy bringing up their three daughters in NYC, where they are thriving and enjoying city life. David revels in the satisfaction of both his home life and his work. "Watching my family grow and mature is quite satisfying," he writes, while "presenting joint-health lectures and presentations to corporations, students, and the eldercare community is also fulfilling." David is continuing to work "with a strong team in the creation of a healthcare technology startup called Pop-Doc.com. It's a premier online joint-health community that offers easy-to-follow, effective joint-health activities and exercises to attain, regain, maintain, and preserve healthy joint function with less pain."

Speaking of work and kids, **Meg Jacobs** and husband Julian and their four children recently moved back to NYC while Meg and Julian both work as professors at Princeton. Asked what gives her the most satisfaction in her life these days, Meg writes that she enjoys watching her children love high school. "I recently took my senior to visit Cornell!" (Truth be told, I look forward to doing the same next school year.) What would she do if she had a day in Ithaca? "Sit in on History lectures," Meg says. Interestingly, I was recently perusing my alumni newsletter from the History department and noticed that two of my favorite professors from back in the day are still on the faculty: Prof. **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, who is now dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions; and former History department chair Isabel Hull. What I wouldn't give to sit in on one of their lectures! Hey, Meg, are any of your favorites still on the Hill?

While we're on the subject of classmates taking their kids to visit Cornell, **Kristen Conrad** writes to us from just a little further down that path. "We are now an inter-generational Cornell family! My son, **Liam McLaughlin '22**, started his freshman year this past fall, and we're all thrilled! He's living in Donlon, which looks pretty much

the same as it did when I was at Cornell (although I lived in Dickson my freshman year). And so far, so good!" Kristen also gives a shout-out to the many other '90 grads whose kids are on the Hill as students, including **Nancy Neuman**, whose son also started this fall. Kristen, who is the director of custom research for the survey research firm LHK Partners, was part of an elite team using statistical models and survey data to call the elections for the US House of Representatives last fall, which she's been doing for ABC News in all but one election since 1994.

Cecile Bouchardeau Weiland and husband Scott have a 7-year-old son in second grade. Cecile writes, "I am a co-executive producer/showrunner for documentary films that mostly air on the Discovery channels," she writes. "On Memorial Day and the day after in 2018, a four-hour feature-length mini-series I 'showran,' called 'Dead North,' aired on the Investigation Discovery network. It's about a fearless police chief in Iron River, MI (the Upper Peninsula), who catches a possible female serial." Cecile says that if she were in Ithaca this summer, she'd take a swim in the falls.

Meanwhile, on the other coast, **Chris Arends** writes to us that he was hired a few months ago as the meteorology program manager for San Diego Gas & Electric, one of Sempra Energy's regulated California utilities. In his new role, he says, "I have full managerial and technical responsibility for the provision of weather products and forecasts that enable situational awareness and address impacts to operations." While I can't speak for San Diego, I know that here in Redmond, WA, if there's wind, there's going to be power outages, so I'm guessing his work is pretty vital to you folks living in SoCal! These days, Chris says he gets the most satisfaction from work and from golf. He also says that if he had a day in Ithaca, he'd like to spend some time at Ruloff's. Yeah, about that . . . Chris, you should join us for Reunion next year and see just how much Collegetown has changed!

Back on the East Coast, **Lauren Berkow** and her husband, William Kuhn, just built and moved into a new house in Gainesville, FL. "Two years ago, I relocated from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore to join the U. of Florida College of Medicine anesthesiology department. I recently got promoted to professor of anesthesiology and in September will become the president of the Society for Airway Management, an anesthesia subspecialty society." Congratulations, Lauren! Also on the move, **Bill Navas** relocated to the D.C. Metro Area last summer to become president of Digney York Assocs., a national hotel renovation contractor.

Do you have any news about a classmate or yourself that you'd like to share? Please feel free to drop us a line with your news for this column. ❖ **Allan Roussele**, agr2@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu. Class of 1990 Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>.

91 Classmate **Joe Marraccino** here. This time around let's take a moment to remember and celebrate a classmate whose life was taken way too soon. **Laura Williams**, daughter of **John '65** and **Andrea Shulman Williams '65**, passed away suddenly, doing what she loved to do.

Laura moved to Russia shortly after graduation in 1993 and started the first World Wildlife Federation office in Moscow. Later married, she and her husband, Igor Shpilenok, and two boys, Andrei and Makar, made a life together in Bryansk, Russia, near where Igor had established a nature reserve. For many years, the couple

worked tirelessly together on environmental issues. Laura always had a love of horses, and several years ago she turned her passion into a mission. With her "Herd of Joy" of eight horses, Laura held horse-inspired workshops and retreats in her hometown and locations all over the world. Her selfless goal: to help people connect to their creativity and intuition to live the lives they were meant to live. One workshop participant beamed, "Laura and her herd have a special magic. You come to meet the horses, but you leave having met yourself." Another said gratefully, "Since we left you, we are always mindful of one another, like horses in a herd."

A family friend reached out about her tragic death. "She was working with one of her horses at their farm when the horse spooked, threw Laura, and stepped on her chest. Igor was there and took her to the local hospital, where she died five hours later. At her request, she was buried in Chukhrai, the tiny village where they live." Laura loved to write about her life in the countryside. Her most popular piece chronicled the adventures of her "super dog" dachshund, Chado, who rode horses bareback and loved to explore the world around him, often missing for months at a time and sometimes found miles and miles away. Laura boasted, "On legs only slightly longer than wine corks, Chado can keep up with—and even outrun—any horse. In fact, while my horse works up a foamy sweat at a fast gallop, tiny Chado is running circles around us and dashing out ahead."

A young admirer of Chado hung a picture of the pooch in her room with this quote beneath it: "A man sets himself to the task of making a plan of the universe. After many years, he fills a whole space with images of provinces, kingdoms, mountains, bays, ships, islands, fishes, rooms, instruments, stars, horses, and people. On the threshold of death, he discovers that the patient labyrinth of lines has traced the likeness of his own face." Thank you, Laura. Rest in peace.

Have news to share? Send in your info via the online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or contact any one of us directly. ❖ **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wafinet.com; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com; **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com.

92 At the time of this writing we just welcomed the New Year, so please enjoy our classmate news and updates rounding out 2018!

Dylan Willoughby, MFA '95, writes that his new album, under the moniker Lost in Stars, was released on November 16 and was featured by the *Los Angeles Times* on their website and in their print edition. The *L.A. Record* magazine premiered the single "Don't Ya!" just before the release. Congrats, Dylan, on another success! **Matthew Zucker** and spouse **Bryan Fuhr '93** moved to Red Hook, NY. Mat is documenting the shift from city to farm country in his podcast, Cidiot Life, available on Apple or via www.Anchor.fm/.

John Venegas writes, "To my own pleasant surprise, I have been with Compass Group for 17 years." He is currently overseeing a team that is "the first group of our kind to focus on hospitality in corporate breakroom spaces for national accounts." John's group coaches, consults, and measures how their operations teams proactively anticipate the needs of guests in over 1,000 pantry/breakroom areas. He says that their clients rely on them to "nourish over 80,000 hardworking professionals, mostly in the tech sector, serving over 35 million snacks, hot/cold beverages, and goodies a year." John says this puts his company at the forefront in stewardship

for new-age food manufacturers who are changing the landscape of responsible food service. John says, "As a Class of '92 Hotelier, I love feeling the excitement and challenge of pioneering similar to how I felt entering into the workforce so long ago." He adds that it is easy to be grateful that at home and at work he is inspired to be "young again," as his two sons prepare for high school.

A class article would not be complete without including news of future Cornellians! We are fortunate to have had a number of our classmates' talented children attend the 2018 Cornell Summer College Program. Congrats to the

ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity necessary the opportunity to undertake college-level work. Check out <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/> for more details about these programs. Attendees this summer included: Rafaela, daughter of **Isabel Arteta**; Jasper, son of **Jimmy** and **Vivian Hsieh Su '92**; and Margo, daughter of **Laura Wild-Berthier**.

As for me, I just switched law firms after 18-plus years (but who's counting?), and am now a partner with Lubin Olson & Niewiadomski LLP, where I work in a triangle (the Transamerica Pyramid) in San Francisco. As always,

been a world traveler! She reports that her recent travels include business trips to London, South Africa, Kenya, Georgia (the country), Paraguay, and Argentina; a return to Cornell for Prof. Dan Schwarz's 50th anniversary celebration; and fun family trips to Portugal, the Azores, Lewisburg, PA (visiting a friend who is coincidentally married to **Michael Drexler '93**), and to the Bahamas aboard a Disney cruise. She also managed to fit in some campaign work for two new Virginia congresswomen.

Erin Vocke Bailey was elected director of her law firm, Tuggle Duggins, in Greensboro, NC. Erin works exclusively in the areas of ERISA, employee benefits, and estate planning, and is currently licensed in North Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Georgia. Her work includes advising clients on qualified retirement plan matters involved in mergers, acquisitions, and business sales. In addition, her estate planning practice concentrates on complex matters including the drafting of wills and trusts, estate administration, business succession planning, and family office services.

Deborah Katz has added "award-winning author" to her resume. Her recent children's book, *Rare Is Everywhere*, won the 2018 Vine Award in the children's literature category. Deborah both wrote and illustrated this book about rare animals, which uses the animal kingdom to teach children about diversity. She explains that the book "was in large part influenced by my studies at Cornell in wildlife biology and environmental sciences, together with my later work as a nurse and my experiences with children who felt that they were different, and alone in those differences." Congrats, Deborah! The book is beautifully illustrated and available on Amazon.

Come to Reunion and share your news in person! But in the meantime, you can also use the news form online (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or e-mail any of us directly so we can share your news. ♦ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 Quick, check your calendars! Do you know what today is? Depending on what date you are reading this, it's approximately 450 days until our 25th Reunion (June 4-7, 2020)!

"How can this be?" you ask. "I feel like I only just graduated." OK, maybe not quite that, but I am willing to bet that you—like me—don't feel like we are old enough to be out of college 25 years. Hopefully you are already getting jazzed for returning to the Hill by participating in our "Still Red" trivia contest. If you haven't heard, we are posting multiple-choice Cornell trivia questions every week leading up to Reunion, for a total of 95 questions. Each week, one name will be randomly selected among the correct respondents, and three grand prize winners will be drawn from the 95 weekly winners to receive a free registration for two for our 25th Reunion! Make your way over to <http://bit.ly/CU95FB> for your chance to win!

While we're on the topic, your Reunion committee is seeking classmates who own (or have some clout at) food/snack/service companies who would like to help sponsor our Reunion through in-kind donations. We also need affinity leads (i.e., people willing to motivate and communicate with at least ten classmates from a group they belonged to in college), published authors to participate in our Red Reads book event, and anyone interested in doing a Red Talk (modeled after TED Talks, of course). If you fit any of those descriptions, please send an e-mail straight away to **Shawn Hecht** Morris at shawnmorrisnyc@gmail.com.

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following students and their families: Zoe, daughter of **Vincenzo Basulto**; Danika, daughter of **Won Cho** and **Melanie Bleyler**; Benjamin, son of **Stephen** and **Lynne Rumberg Goldstein '91**; Max, son of **Jeffrey** and **Jennifer Wechsler Kaufman**; Gabrielle, daughter of **Steven** and **Lauren Flato Labovitz '89**; Kieran, son of **Neeraj Mangla**; and Jasper, son of **Jimmy '93** and **Vivian Hsieh Su**. The summer college offers mature, intellectually curious, and academically motivated high school sophomores through seniors the opportunity to undertake college-level work. If you have an interested student, visit the website (<http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/>) for details about all of the programs.

Best wishes for all in 2019! Keep in touch and keep the good words coming! ♦ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

93 Happy 2019, everyone! Time for new beginnings and resolutions—or, at least, time to clean out the garage. Here's to happiness and health in the months ahead, and here is some good news and updates from our classmates.

We heard from **Keith Strier**, who, as of January 2018, became the global leader for artificial intelligence at Ernst & Young, advising public and private sector organizations across the world on how to effectively and ethically leverage this set of technologies and methods. Recently, Keith became the lead advisor to the CIO of the Estonian government on its national AI program, and his work was written up in this *WSJ* article: <https://blogs.wsj.com/cio/2018/11/28/estonia-cio-tackles-ai-strategy-for-government/>. Congratulations! When he's not advising on AI, you can find Keith enjoying time with his spouse, Autumn, and their three teenagers, who "are the joy or bane of my existence—just depends on the day of the week."

Kudos to **Steve Cohen**, an NYC-based magician, on the October 2018 release of his graphic novel, *The Millionaires' Magician*. This is for all you comic and magic aficionados out there! Steve has been featured on the "Late Show with David Letterman" and in *Variety* and *Forbes*, and for nearly two decades he held a residency at the Waldorf Astoria New York.

We received reports on another successful Cornell Summer College Program in 2018. The summer college offers high school students who have the academic

please stay in touch and keep us posted on how it goes sticking to your New Year's resolutions! ♦ **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu.

94 Plans are well under way for our 25th Reunion—25 years since we were pikers on the Hill. With some years behind us come some perks, including having our class headquarters in Court-Kay-Bauer Hall, one of the newer (air conditioned!) dorms on North Campus. Only three rooms share a bathroom! Make sure you are ready for June 6-9 to visit the Hill. Keep an eye on our class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/22769038157/>, or search Facebook for "Cornell Class of 1994" to find us and get all of the news!

In January, **Nilay Shah** went on a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic with his medical school alumni association. Working in partnership with GlobalEffects.org, Nilay and his fellow doctor volunteers spent a week providing basic medical checkups, vaccinations, prescription medication, and other care to underserved communities. Not to be held down to a single day job, Nilay is a neurologist who sees patients one to two days a week at Wycoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn while also working as a serial entrepreneur running several software and medical sector startups. He also serves on the boards for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the American Academy of Neurology, and one of the ballet academies in New York City.

Danielle Garsin, BS '93, was recently promoted to full professor of microbiology and molecular genetics at the U. of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and was the recipient of a U. of Texas System Staff Top Achievement and Recognition (STAR) award, which is designed to recognize exceptional performance and/or significant contributions to the U. of Texas system over an extended period of time. Congrats, Danielle! This summer, **Rosario "Charo" Gonzalez** traveled to the Mediterranean on a European cruise to celebrate her daughter's quinceañera. She writes, "My daughters got to meet their Spanish family members and hit it off great with their newly met cousins. It was an amazing time!"

Meredith Slone was selected two years running to the *Philadelphia Magazine* "Top Dentists" list. She owns Lakeview Dental in Horsham, PA. **Suzanne Perry** has

And now for the news. (Not-so-subtle hint: if you'd like to see your name mentioned in future columns, please send us your latest!) Here's a quick update on our friend (and frequent CAM contributor) **Daniel Janis**, who, on September 15, 2018, completed his 41st marathon in Bismarck, ND, as a part of his mission to run a marathon in all 50 states. Dan said, "Starting this journey has been a fun way to travel the country and explore new areas I've never been to. I don't care about running fast. I only care about finishing my goal and still running at the age of 60. It is so inspiring to see people at that stage in their lives still running marathons."

Congratulations are also due to **Stephanie Gendell**, who—also in September (apparently a busy month for classmate success stories!)—made the move into government, joining the New York City Administration for Children's Services, the city agency responsible for juvenile justice, foster care, and other support services for struggling families. Stephanie was previously the associate executive director for policy and advocacy at the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC) and has been called "one of the most influential and effective advocates for children and families in New York," by the *Chronicle of Social Change*.

CJ Kalebjian lives in Columbus, MI, and was recently promoted to vice president of development for Achates Power, the leading developer of the opposed-piston engine. He writes, "I have a beautiful wife, Jeni, for over 18 years now. I am blessed with two children: a daughter, Lucy, 15, and a son, Dean, 14, who have given me the opportunity to better understand love." Lastly, on October 1, **Susan Eisma**—formerly of Patina Restaurant Group—was tapped to be the human resources director for the new LEGOLAND New York Resort in Goshen, NY. Susan oversees the hiring and recruitment process at the resort, which will encompass 500 full-time, 300 part-time, and 500 seasonal employees, and is slated for an April 2020 grand opening. Hopefully all goes as planned, and Susan takes some much-needed R&R a few months later up in Ithaca at Reunion!

And just in case you need any more incentive to come back, check out all these talented high school students who attended the 2018 Cornell Summer College Program. And all of them are children of our Class of '95 classmates: Maria, daughter of **Carlos Falcon** (at the time of this writing, we also learned that Maria had been accepted into the Cornell Class of 2023); Sophia, daughter of **Andrew Fors**; Kathryn, daughter of **Jason** and **Laura Welch Nicoll '96**; and Vera, daughter of **Dennis '94**, ME '95, and **Pricilla Leung Cho**.

Here's hoping that YOUR plans are shaping up too. We look forward to seeing you, both on the Hill for our Reunion next June and on our Facebook page anytime to play our "Still Red" trivia challenge! ❖ **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu; **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com. Class page, <http://bit.ly/CU95FB>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes>.

96 Jun Oh has been named head of theatrical and interactive business and legal affairs at Skydance, a global media company. He is responsible for all business and legal affairs related to feature film development and production as well as interactive and emerging gaming platforms on a global basis. Skydance has recently produced such feature films as *Mission Impossible: Fallout* and *Annihilation*. Jun started his entertainment career at the Walt Disney Co.; he previously worked as senior VP of business affairs at Warner Brothers; and most recently he was president of business

and legal affairs at Global Road Entertainment. Be on the lookout for some of Jun's projects at a theater (or mobile phone, or tablet) near you!

Jonathan Stearn was recently named principal of Navigate, a management consulting firm based in Pennsylvania. He is leading projects from post-merger integrations and technology implementations to change management and strategy execution, all for clients in industries including healthcare, utilities, media, and financial services. Before joining Navigate, Jonathan served as managing partner of Schaffer Consulting, where he led numerous clients through successful growth initiatives. Jonathan was previously a director with PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he focused on information security risk management projects.

Seth Kibel continues to perform on saxophone, clarinet, and flute throughout the Mid-Atlantic and beyond, with two album releases in 2017 and a new project entitled "When You're Smiling." Learn more at: <http://www.sethkibel.com>. **Anneke Swinehart** is working as a licensed landscape architect for Restoration Design Group in Berkeley, CA. The firm is focused on restoration engineering, environmental planning, and landscape architecture, specializing in restoration efforts of "riparian" areas (where land and rivers or streams come together). She is enjoying the great people and projects, so it looks like her experience in Cornell Outdoor Education's Wilderness Reflections is paying dividends! Send your news to: ❖ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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98 Want to know what your classmates and friends have been up to? Well, you've come to the right place! **Jennifer Chung** joined the legal department of AccuWeather, the world's largest weather media company. As an associate general counsel, she will be providing support across the company in matters relating to patents and other intellectual property, data privacy, emerging technologies, and ad sales.

Congratulations to **Cristina Martinez** and husband Edson Bian on the birth of their daughter! Cristina writes, "Reyla Quinn was born November 1, and she looks just like her dad. If I hadn't birthed her myself, I would be doubting she was mine! She is half Guatemalan, a quarter Colombian, a quarter Cuban, and 100 percent American. Hopefully a future Cornelian, too! I have been working in the multicultural advertising industry for 18 years and I'm currently at MediaCom working as a partner multicultural director working across varied accounts like Uber, AARP, Walgreens, and Sony PlayStation. I've been married to Edson since 2015; we love traveling and have tried to go to a new destination every year. I also enjoy running half-marathons, with four (or five, I forget) under my belt."

The future generations of Cornellians are here and well represented! Dharma Patel and Alexander Peek attended the 2018 Cornell University Summer College Program, making their Class of 1998 parents proud. This program offers talented high school students an opportunity to undertake college-level work. Dharma is the daughter of **Anoop Amrit Patel, MMH '98**, and



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Alexander is the son of **Simon, PhD '98**, and **Laurie Duffield Peek, DVM '96**.

Have news to share? We would like to hear from you! You can access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or you can e-mail me at: ❖ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 Steve Roudebush recently became CEO of BMI Productions—a company he's been working for since he graduated from Cornell—after buying the company with a fellow longtime employee. In his new role, he will be handling overall corporate matters, finances, and marketing. Congrats, Steve!

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stories happened to coincide with a big birthday! **Scott Leibowitz** sent a picture of Lucky the birthday boy all decked out in a party hat to celebrate turning 6. Scott wrote, "Lucky is a rescue from a Chicago animal shelter. He's my cute and quirky canine who only barks at trucks, buses, and printers."

Thanks for sharing all these great stories of your four-legged family members. Send any updates my way, canine, feline, or human related! ❖ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Spring has sprung! Once upon a time, this meant it was time to leave the trays in the dining hall again and welcome the dragon. What does it mean for you now?

Over the GWB in New Jersey, **Suzanne Drabik Owczarek, MBA '06**, moved from IBM internal strategy consulting to Dun & Bradstreet's alliances organization last year. She and husband Konstanty welcomed their third child, a boy, in December 2017. "Ryan is a charmer, and his older sisters Gracie, 5, and Maya, 2-1/2, are already doting on him," she writes. "He is a fast crawler, which will serve him well chasing after his sisters." She's enjoying seeing the world from her children's points of view. Shout-out to the first person she met at Cornell: her cousin **Lorraine Arbour '86**, at her own graduation! If she had a day in Ithaca, Suzi's first stop would be a North Campus dorm room to surprise her niece **Julia Hans '22**. "I'd love to re-live freshman year today! Then I'd take her out to Collegetown and to explore all Ithaca has to offer; I waited too long to start exploring all the great things off-campus."

Our own **Nathan Connell**, president of the Cornell Council, was a photogenic figure at the annual joint Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM) in November. The event brings together almost 700 Cornellians—trustees, Cornell Council, Greek Life Advisors, Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network members, class officers, Dean's Advisory Council members, etc.—on campus for lectures about cutting-edge research from leading scholars, discussions about strategic initiatives with administration, and meetings with students and mentees. The goal? To help make the university a better institution for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents. And also? To inhale Hot Truck sandwiches!

I missed you all at the Cornell-Columbia game this year, but I had fun catching up with the next best thing—**Lowell Frank '99, MD '03**, a.k.a. the Big Red Band drum major from our freshman and sophomore years. While our kids ignored each other and the game took us on an emotional roller-coaster, he told me about his second-degree connection to new Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh (coaching kids in the D.C. area) and I coaxed him not to miss his upcoming 20th Reunion. Those attendees get to stay in Donlon Hall, my old stomping grounds. How can anyone resist? (Hint-hint: Mark your calendars for June 2021.) Last but not least, we're pleased to share that **Angela Bourne, MMH '08**, got a delectable Halloween treat last year: a baby girl named Georgiana Elizabeth, "Gigi" for short, joining big brother Gabe and daddy **Brad Schmidt '00, BS '02, PhD '07**, in Toronto, Canada.

A little bird tells us that our next issue will include news from **Elizabeth Herman, Jennifer Radi** Greenberg, and **Hanna Shea** . . . and you or someone you fondly remember? Stay tuned! Keep sending in news about you and our classmates to me, visit our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). ❖ **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 "I was so distraught to miss the big Reunion, but I was only a few months out after having my second child, Kent," writes **Lisa Adelman** Taylor. "He turns 1 on April 3. I also have a 5-year-old daughter named Ava. I'm living in downtown Chicago with my husband, Gordon. Currently, I'm on hiatus from hospitality public relations and marketing while I raise my two children and volunteer at my daughter's school. I stay connected with fellow Hoteliers **Jackie Lee** Pizarro, **Julie Cashin** Yeung, and **Allen Weiss '01**. Last summer, I served as a bridesmaid in the spectacular wedding of **Lena Tai** Hovis '01, MBA '12, which took place at the Central Park Boathouse in Manhattan."

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00 Remember the rumor that because Cornell had a Vet college, students were allowed to bring dogs to class? Looking back, I'm kind of surprised we entertained the idea (hello, allergies!), but what fun it would have been to bring your best friend along with you to class.

This column is dedicated to our four-legged friends—let the fur fly! My family recently adopted a puppy, bringing our count to two kids, one cat, one dog, and one hermit crab, so I've had all things animal on the brain. I thought it would be fun to focus on the furry members of our families. As a bonus, everyone who wrote to me sent pictures, which I thoroughly enjoyed!

Emily Barocas shared, "I still have the same cat, Zoe, that I adopted from the Ithaca Humane Society our senior year of college. She is 19 now, deaf, and a little slower, but still very sweet. She lived above Dino's with me, **Shoshana Eisenberg**, **Paula Margulies**, **Heather Messina** Ford, and **Tarra Helfgott**. Since then she's moved with me to NYC, D.C., and New Jersey. She's watched over my kids in their cribs. I can't imagine we have a lot of time left with her, but she's lived a good life." That is amazingly touching. I truly hope Zoe defies the odds and becomes the world's oldest known feline! Epitomizing "living your best life," canine edition, **John Karasek** sent a great picture of his mini dachshund, Isabelle. "She literally watches TV all day."

Matt and **Erika Bacon Varble '01** live in Tampa, FL, with their two retired greyhounds, Flash and Pax, who they rescued from a track in Florida. The two 4-year-olds are enjoying retirement and living the good life as couch potatoes. Voters in Florida this past Election Day passed a constitutional amendment to ban greyhound racing. Starting in 2020, there will be more than 5,000 greyhounds that will need to be adopted. Matt encourages people to check out Greyhound Pets of America to find out more about these awesome pets. My call for animal

By now, you'll have caught me, **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, shooting the breeze with Alex Trebek on America's favorite quiz show! (ICYMI, there are ways to find it online; check Reddit's r/Jeopardy discussion forum for links.) It's all a blur now, but the best part was getting a fresh network of fellow nerds—it's been too long since our graduation, folks!—to geek out with online and occasionally in person. I've joined a bunch of them on LearnedLeague's web-based trivia competition; find me as GupteNN if you're on it, too. There's also some overlap between "Jeopardy!" and "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?" contestants . . . but **Salil Gupte** and our kids would prefer that I stop acting like the annoying *Jerry Maguire* kid for the foreseeable future. One of you should go next—we'll all cheer you on!

Three cheers for **Alison Solomon** Mainhart, who had her first cartoon published in the *New Yorker* in November! (We always knew she would make it big; her comic strip for the *Cornell Daily Sun* was second only to "Mr. Gnu"! **Erin Colling** Cleofe and I remember Ali's early efforts to draft *New Yorker*-style cartoons, back in our mouse-infested grad school apartment near Columbia U., and couldn't be prouder of this well-deserved success—and more to come! By day, Ali is a middle school art teacher in Manhattan and raising two budding artists with her husband and number-one fan, Derek, in Forest Hills, Queens. It's gotten tougher to maintain those cross-country Cornell friendships as the years pass, but we did manage to get our families together for a few precious slices of NYC pizza during Thanksgiving weekend. (Seattle has amazing salmon, but our pizza is . . . not New York's.)

Also making the Big Red proud in the Big Apple, **Bianca Taxman** Jade works as a TV and digital programming host, appears on *Evine Live*, and recently hosted a healthy living series for Walgreens. In her downtime, she enjoys travel writing and video production. "It's fun and I get to share my adventures with other health- and wellness-seeking travelers," she writes. If her travels took her to Ithaca for the day, she would "wander through the buildings where I remember having my favorite classes." Shout-out to the first person she met at Cornell: **Ayesha Rajpal** Bhavsar. What's new, Ayesha?

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03 Hello, fellow Cornellians! It has been so great to hear from so many of you in recent months. Several of our classmates have been recognized for outstanding professional accomplishments. **Robert Profusek**, who is at Conde Nast Entertainment, was nominated for two Emmy awards! He also finished his intermediate sailing training this fall. Congratulations, Robert!

Noah Doyle leads Battery Park Financial Partners at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, and was recently named to *Forbes's* 2018 list of America's Top 1,000 Next-Generation Wealth Advisors. Noah lives in New York with his wife and daughter and is admitted to practice law at the Bar of the State of New York. **Betsy Flanagan**, principal of Fish & Richardson, has been named one of the 2018 "Up & Coming Attorneys" by *Minnesota Lawyer*. Betsy focuses on complex patent litigation, with an emphasis on life sciences, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical litigation. She also handles pro bono cases for Immigration Equality and is the senior chairperson of Fish's Twin Cities EMPOWER women's initiative. **Eric Singer**, attorney at Bilzin Sumberg, has been elected to the board of directors for the Greater Miami & The Keys Chapter of the American Red Cross. **Jeremy Freyer** wrote, "After several years of hard work and raising three small children, my wonderful wife, Molly Burke Freyer, finished her PhD this summer at NYU. We could not be more proud! We also have moved and would love to see old friends in Woodstock, VT!" Congratulations to all of you on your accomplishments!

Other classmates wrote to tell us about their new jobs. **Krista Guerrero** Reger was recently hired by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to run the largest turf removal program in the country. Krista says that if she had a day in Ithaca, she would "hike, visit my favorite professors, eat ice cream at the Dairy Bar, and end the night with a PMP from the Hot Truck." **Jonathan Inslar** started a new job this summer, working on patent development. In addition, he and his wife, Xin Wu, had a baby daughter in January. Jonathan enjoys "spending time with my family and seeing our baby develop." **David Reichenberg**, an antitrust litigator, recently joined the commercial litigation department at Cozen O'Connor. David has successfully represented technology brands including Google, Netflix, Twitter, and YouTube.

Daisy Poon Yau wrote to update us on her family. She is thoroughly enjoying her patent prosecution work at Invoke IP, where she focuses on software patents and other technological areas. She and partner Sam are "blessed with two amazing kids, 3 years old and 1 year old." Daisy writes, "I take joy in balancing work and parenting. Patent prosecution allows me a lot of flexibility and control in my schedule, so that I can give my best to both my clients and my kids." We look forward to hearing about the great things you're up to! Wishing you the best. ❖ **Candace Lee** Chow, CJL24@cornell.edu; and **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

04 **Yaneri Rosa** was promoted to general counsel Americas, security and safety business, and data privacy Americas at Resideo Technologies Inc. (NYSE: REZI), a stand-alone, publicly traded company following its spinoff from Honeywell International Inc.

According to the Internet, "Resideo is a global provider of residential comfort and security solutions, and distributor of low-voltage and security products," with solutions present in more than 150 million homes globally. "Resideo is on the forefront of the next wave in consumer technology: the smart, connected home. Its mission is to provide technology that delivers comfort, security, and simplicity to the places we call home." Congratulations to Yaneri!

We are excited to read additional updates and news from classmates in 2019. Please continue to share. ❖ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com.

05 Happy spring! Be on the lookout for a mailing from the Class of '05 about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form. We'd love to hear from you! Send your news to: ❖ **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; or **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

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07 Hello, classmates! You should hear from the Class of '07 soon about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities. Whether it be a growing family, a change in your work, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ❖ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu.

08 We hope the first few months of 2019 have been going well for everyone! In class news, we'd like to congratulate **Kelly Fitzpatrick**, who is the executive chef and owner of Blue Park Kitchen, a new fast-casual dining experience in the heart of the financial district of NYC. We were told by fellow classmate **Stephanie Rodriguez** Purzycki, owner and creative director of Drive Hospitality who partnered with Kelly to bring her vision to life, that "the idea behind the restaurant was born from an idea to bring a park-like aesthetic and atmosphere indoors, providing a respite from the hustle of the city in the financial district. The menu will be made up of composed dishes like a coconut bulgur and soft-boiled egg as well as a turkey meatball, fresh lemon ricotta, and blistered tomatoes. Kelly is working with the Greenmarket Grains Project to source some interesting grain and legume options from Upstate New York. She is also sourcing some cool products from local vendors in Brooklyn, mostly women-owned businesses."

If you're in NYC, be sure to stop by and support Kelly on the opening of her new endeavor, and check out <https://blueparkkitchen.com> for more details. Of course, if you need any help with commercial or hospitality design in the NYC or Connecticut area, I'm sure Stephanie would love to hear from you—check out her offerings here: <https://www.drive-hospitality.com>.

Stay tuned for news of great upcoming class events via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bigred2008>), and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/bigred2008/>). As always, please keep the updates coming of both major life changes and the arcane day-to-day life variety! We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of

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09 It's hard to believe our 10th Reunion is quickly approaching! Will we see you on the Hill? Mark your calendars for June 6-9. If you made it to the 5th, you can surely attest to the amazing weekend that is Cornell Reunion! Not to be missed.

This month we heard from **Melanie Gowen** (melanie.gowen@raveis.com), who is based on Nantucket and working in interior design and real estate. Should you find yourself in the area, she would love to hear from you.

And lastly, yours truly has news to report! On December 15, I married Andy Parchman in my hometown, Darien,

to apply for attending physician jobs. **Katie McKenney** is completing her residency in ob/gyn at Northwestern U. in Chicago and is planning a move to Connecticut to start as an attending physician this summer. **Patrick Drummond** is completing residency in neurology and will be joining NYU this year as an attending physician. Power couple **Deepti Mathur** and **Sanchit Gupta** both advanced in their own respective training. Deepti finished her PhD and started working as a postdoctoral fellow at Sloan Kettering in Manhattan, while Sanchit started a fellowship in gastroenterology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

We have some new PhDs to recognize as well! **Laura Finch** completed her PhD in behavioral psychology at

this encourages more to share! If you have news to share, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to any one of our class correspondents: ❖ **Amar Kelkar**, amar.hkelkar@gmail.com; **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com; **Jeff Katz**, jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

11 Hello, classmates! Be on the lookout for a mailing from the Class of '11 about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form—we would love to hear from you! Send your news to: ❖ **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu; or **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu.

12 **Michelle Baer** is a fourth-year student at Virginia Commonwealth U. School of Medicine. In addition to being a medical student, she is a part-time fitness instructor and nutrition coach. When she received an opportunity to intern with "The Dr. Oz Show" for four weeks in fall 2018, it was a perfect match. She wanted to see how the TV host shared complex medical information in succinct bites so she could better help her future patients. Michelle helped research and shape content for the show, fact-checking information and researching data. She also worked closely with producers to help write the scripts. "As people are becoming more invested in their own health, they are asking more questions," she says. "We need to be able to provide the information they want, hone it down, and make it succinct and understandable. If we don't, they will never make the changes they need to make to lead healthier lives. I feel that's what being a doctor is all about."

After brief stints in Washington, DC, and New York, **Matt Danzer** recently moved to Norwalk, CT, with his fiancée and their dog. He is working as a litigator at a law firm in Stamford and getting involved in the local community. Send news to: ❖ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

13 It's springtime, which means you'll soon be hearing from your class about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities. Whether it be a growing family, a change in your work, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! Send your news to: ❖ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

14 Hello, Class of 2014! What a terrific start to the year it's been. We are so proud of our fellow classmates and everything we have continued to accomplish. We cannot believe that our 5th Reunion is in just a few short months, and we are so looking forward to seeing everyone back on the Hill this summer. We have loved to hear from some of you about what you have been up to recently.

Sarah Daly, MS '16, is pursuing a PhD in agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue U. She is studying the development of bioenergy from organic waste sources like manure and food waste. This process is done via anaerobic digestion, a topic she became interested in at Cornell as an undergraduate student. Sarah is also the president of her department's graduate student association and has helped to organize university-wide research symposiums. Sarah reminisces about her time at Cornell, saying her perfect day in Ithaca would include a visit to the Johnson Art Museum and the Botanic Gardens and some ice cream.

'I hope to have a job as an elementary school teacher—preferably an upper grade because the older kids understand my jokes.'

MAGGI SZPAK '16

CT. In a very fitting manner (for those of you who know me), we met through Cornell connections, our mutual friends **John Trentacoste '08** and **Matthew Collins '11**. Cornellians in attendance at our wedding included Delta Gamma sorority sisters **Jill Freeman Axline '02**, PhD '15, **Rachel Quigley Gerli**, **Morgan Bellows '08**, and **Lila Ontiveros '06**, as well as **Bennett Gerli**, Matthew Collins, **Alex Fieldcamp '13**, and John Trentacoste. We currently live in New York City, where I am a postdoctoral research fellow at the NYU School of Medicine and Andy is a portfolio manager at New Holland Capital. Hope to see you on the Hill this June. ❖ **Rebecca Robbins**, Robbins.Reb@gmail.com.

10 "What a time to be alive!" says **Meredith Bennett-Smith**. It certainly has been a productive and joyous year for so many of our classmates. Meredith herself founded and is the current senior editor of NBC News' Opinion section THINK.

We have a few marriages to announce! **Kris Olsen** was married in San Diego in March 2018 and was recently promoted to VP at Angelo Gordon, a real estate private equity firm in NYC. **Jessica Wagner** Miller, BA '09, was married in June 2018 and plans to join an ob/gyn private practice group in Columbus, OH, after finishing residency this summer. **Jeanne Douglass** Diaz got married in December 2018 and shared the day with a handful of 2010 classmates. **Ashley Binetti** Armstrong, now a professor at the Human Rights Inst. at Georgetown Law, was also married in December 2018 and is getting ready to publish a paper on Hungarian asylum law called "Chutes and Ladders" in Columbia's *Human Rights Law Review* in spring 2019!

We received lots of news from classmates who have gone on to medical school and beyond. **Howie Herman** is newly engaged and is in his third year at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, getting ready to apply for residency programs. **Jen Sherwin** matched into pediatrics and is currently in residency at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. **Ordessia Charran** matched into a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Mount Sinai at St. Luke's/West/Beth Israel in Manhattan and is getting ready

UCLA and is doing a postdoctoral research fellowship funded by the National Cancer Inst. at the Dept. of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern U. in Chicago, along with fellow Cornell alumna **Annie Lin, PhD '17**. **Kayla Valdes** completed her PhD in molecular microbiology from the U. of Maryland, College Park and is working as a program manager at the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). Kayla and her husband also recently bought their own home, and she is serving as the president of the Capital Region chapter of Women In Bio (WIB). WIB aims to help women achieve the highest levels of leadership, influence, and decision-making that they desire. **Natalie Masis** completed her PhD/RD and is now working as a research manager managing trials on nutritional supplements in the Bay Area.

Given our stellar class, it's no surprise to learn that many have pursued service to the community in one way or another. **Chanwook Park '11**, ME '12, helped found Forefront Charity (www.goforefront.org) and they're currently involved in building a grade school in rural Andhra Pradesh in India. **Isabelle Hutchings**, BA '09, a Peace Corps alumna, is now in the Bay Area and recently graduated from UC Berkeley law school. She passed the California Bar and is now practicing! **Jennine Ropke**, DVM '14, and her fiancé helped to start the nonprofit Nickel City Ultimate to increase opportunities for both youths and adults to play, compete, and learn problem-solving skills through playing Ultimate frisbee. They are working at schools, YMCAs, and indoor winter leagues and applying for additional grants.

2018 was a big year for me, **Amar Kelkar**, as well. I completed an internal medicine residency at the U. of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, got board certified, and started working in a hematology and oncology fellowship program at the U. of Florida College of Medicine. In September 2018, I completed a bucket-list item by getting to publish as a first author in the *New England Journal of Medicine* on an article titled "An Outbreak of Synthetic Cannabinoid-Associated Coagulopathy in Illinois."

Many of our classmates have shared marriages, children, graduations, and career milestones, and I hope

Allie Gaines is currently at Oxford U. getting her MS in global health science and epidemiology. She is adjusting well to life as a student after working in Boston for four years. She says it's easy to do so in Oxford because the university is very similar to Cornell, but with a Hogwarts twist. If she had a day in Ithaca, Allie would run through the Botanic Gardens and go to CTB, then Level B, then back to CTB!

Thanks so much for sharing your stories and updating us on your lives. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon. If you have anything you would like to share with us and your classmates, please let us know! ❖ **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu; **Samantha Lapehn**, srl76@cornell.edu.

15 Happy spring! You should hear from the Class of '15 soon about renewing your dues. Please don't forget to fill out the accompanying news form so that we can stay up to date with your activities. Whether your news is ordinary or extraordinary, we want to hear about it! Send news to: ❖ **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu; or **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu.

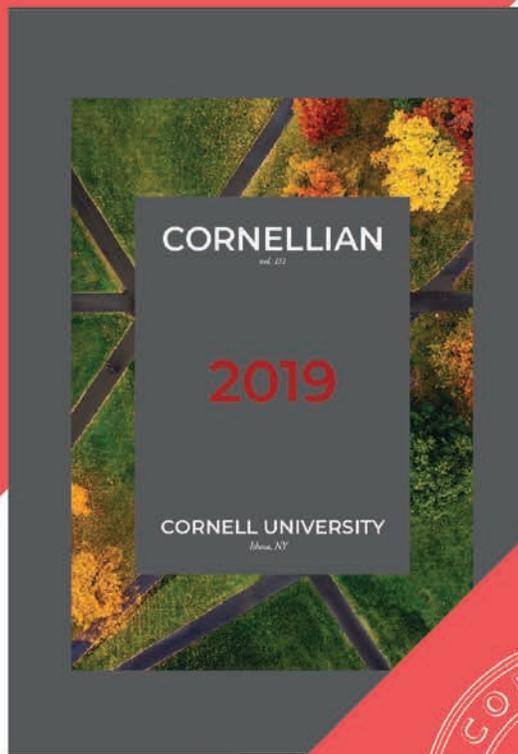
16 In December, classmates **Brian Eimstad**, **Claire DeVoe**, **Kristen Niedrach**, and I met up in Spokane, WA, for the USATF National Club Cross Country Championships. In addition to the strong representation from the Class of 2016, alumni **David Melly '15** and **Samuel Chauvin '18** also competed. Competing for Club Northwest, Claire finished as the first Big Red harrier for 104th place in the competitive women's 6K race. In the men's race, Brian led the way with an excellent 43rd place finish in an elite men's 10K field. Brian has continued his running career by running for Siemers Dreamers, a professional team based in Fort Collins, CO. As an added bonus, **Sara Morales** joined the 2016 racing crew to cheer on Cornell runners and celebrate with some post-race festivities in downtown Spokane. Sara is an accomplished runner herself, who has run both marathons and ultramarathons. Here's hoping for more reunions in 2019!

In other news from the West Coast, **Megan "Maggi" Szpak** wrote in about her exploits in California. Currently, Maggi is working toward her master's in education and teaching credential with an English learner authorization. Maggi is studying at UC San Diego, where her program emphasizes multicultural approaches to education. "I am currently student teaching in a kindergarten classroom in Oceanside and previously worked with first and third grade. I hope to have a job as an elementary school teacher by the time I graduate in July—preferably an upper grade because the older kids understand my jokes." Outside the classroom, Maggi enjoys surfing, beach yoga, and exploring the best farmers markets and cafes.

Like their teammates in Spokane, **Kate McCormick** and **Samuel Baxter** also met up for some running in fall 2018. Kate and Sam both finished the Toronto Half Marathon. Sam finished in 60th in the men's division in 1:19:35 and Kate ran a 1:26:39 to finish as the 24th woman in the field. A great day for Big Red athletes in Toronto. Both followed up their race with the annual tradition of running a "turkey trot" in the small town of Newark, NY, on Thanksgiving.

Thank you to Maggi, Brian, Claire, Kristen, Sara, Kate, and Sam for sharing their news! If you would like to add your non-running (or running) news to a future CAM column, please e-mail me directly or fill out the online news form. ❖ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>

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1940s

'42 JD—A. Roger Clark, Rochester, NY, April 19, 2018
 '42 BS Ag—William W. Paty Jr., Honolulu, HI, August 12, 2018
 '42 LLB—John W. Reed, Ann Arbor, MI, March 6, 2018
 '44, BME '48—Richard F. Cook, Oakland, CA, July 26, 2018
 '44, BA '47, LLB '49—William C. Elkins, Burdett, NY, August 19, 2018
 '44 BME—Philip L. Strelinger, Green Valley, AZ, August 3, 2018
 '45 MD—David S. Brown, New Canaan, CT, May 18, 2018
 '46 MS HE—Cornelia Clary Burr, Gaithersburg, MD, September 6, 2018
 '46 BA—Jeannette Feigelson Horton, Adamstown, MD, August 8, 2018
 '46 BS HE—Virginia Miller Walkup, Arthur, IL, June 8, 2018
 '47 BA—Elizabeth Fripp Bennett, Bethesda, MD, May 13, 2018
 '47 BA—James M. Hungerford II, Clayton, NY, August 17, 2018
 '47 BA—Margot Poritsky Jerrard, Urbana, IL, August 8, 2018
 '47 BS Ag—Nathaniel C. Roe, Washington, PA, August 1, 2018
 '47-49 SP Ag—Reynolds F. Roe, Westtown, NY, November 10, 2015
 '48 BS Ag—Emory F. Faulks, Ontario, NY, January 24, 2018
 '48 BA—Jacqueline DeJur Feinberg, Boston, MA, August 7, 2018
 '48, BS ILR '49—Adelaide Ogonowski Johnson, East Greenbush, NY, July 15, 2018
 '48-49 GR—Phyllis Hickney Larsen, Ithaca, NY, August 11, 2018
 '48 BA—Jean Lemelman Meadow, Stony Brook, NY, August 1, 2018
 '48 BS ORIE—Lee M. Rothenberg Jr., Bradenton, FL, July 27, 2018
 '48 BS Ag, MA '49—Thomas A. Schottman, Burnt Hills, NY, November 28, 2017
 '49 BS Ag—Willis C. Colburn, Fort Wayne, IN, August 7, 2018
 '49 BEE—William T. Huntsman III, State College, PA, August 24, 2018
 '49 BS Ag—Ronald G. O'Connor, Livonia, NY, August 8, 2018
 '49 BS ORIE, MBA '51—Charles S. Read, Mequon, WI, May 29, 2017
 '49 MS Ag, PhD '50—Clyde R. Richards, Salt Lake City, UT, July 23, 2018
 '49 BA—Patricia Kendall Shotwell, Weston, MA, July 27, 2018

1950s

'50 BS Ag—William T. Dickerson, Hawthorne, FL, July 29, 2018
 '50 BA—Edwin Heller, Boca Raton, FL, July 2, 2018
 '50 BA, PhD '55—Donald F. Squires, Sandy Bay, TAS, Australia, December 19, 2017
 '51 B Chem E—R. Corbin Aslakson, Lake Jackson, TX, July 21, 2018
 '51 BS Ag—Albert D. August, Washington, IN, August 18, 2018
 '51 BA—John W. Dyson, Madison, WI, July 29, 2018

'51-52 GR—William H. Frederick Jr., Hockessin, DE, August 15, 2018
 '52 BEE—John Brancaccio, Dix Hills, NY, August 17, 2018
 '52 BA—Alex D. Colvin, Grand Blanc, MI, March 25, 2014
 '52 BEE, LLB '55—John C. Lankeau, Tivoli, NY, August 16, 2018
 '52 LLB—Jerome M. Libenson, Coronado, CA, May 16, 2017
 '52 DVM—Robert K. Milkey, Venice, FL, September 12, 2018
 '52 BA—Betty Goldman Schlein, Southampton, NY, June 29, 2018
 '53 MS HE—Jocelyn Adams Bernholdt, Oregon, WI, September 6, 2018
 '53-54 GR—Julia Whitcomb Glass, Akron, OH, August 12, 2018
 '53 PhD—Ivan V. Hall, Kentville, NS, August 9, 2018
 '53, BCE '54, MCE '56—George F. Leyh, Bingham Farms, MI, August 7, 2018
 '53 BS Ag—Edwin A. Meixell, Trumansburg, NY, August 15, 2018
 '53 MA—Marguerite Rounds Mersereau, Dewitt, NY, August 11, 2018
 '53 BS HE—Lea Paxton Nixon, Atlanta, GA, July 28, 2018
 '53 BA—Arthur V. Price Jr., Carmel, CA, August 2, 2018
 '54 MS, PhD '57—Charles E. Clapp Jr., Downingtown, PA, August 7, 2018
 '54 LLB—Theodore M. Garver, Beaver Center, PA, July 24, 2018
 '54 MD—David M. Johnson Jr., Walnut Creek, CA, March 22, 2018
 '54, BS Ag '53—Robert J. Keane, Canastota, NY, August 7, 2018
 '54-56 SP Ag—Rosario Nicotra, Kirkville, NY, July 31, 2018
 '54 MS, PhD '56—Herbert Van Schaack Jr., Oswego, NY, September 18, 2018
 '54 BA—Leonard B. Zucker, Springfield, NJ, August 16, 2018
 '55 BArch—William D. Adams, Chestnut Hill, MA, September 16, 2018
 '55—Guy Cimbalo, Sea Cliff, NY, August 24, 2018
 '55 BEE, MD '63—Franklin G. Dill, Jacksonville, NC, August 18, 2018
 '55—Rodney L. Howarth, Hebron, OH, August 3, 2018
 '55 BS Ag—John E. Longhenry, Gloversville, NY, August 13, 2018
 '55-56 GR—Shirley Kessler Opper, Rome, NY, January 21, 2018
 '55 BS HE—Vera Steiner Simon, Washington, DC, August 29, 2018
 '55 PhD—Mosur K. Sundaresan, Ottawa, ON, January 30, 2017
 '55, BS Ag '56—William W. Westervelt, East Granby, CT, August 2, 2018
 '56 MD—Phillip George, Memphis, TN, July 31, 2018
 '56 MBA—Walter C. Hartmann, Long Lake, NY, January 6, 2017
 '56 LLB—Frederic T. Henry, Canandaigua, NY, June 16, 2018
 '56 BA—Stephen M. Kittenplan, New York City, August 24, 2018

'56-57 GR—William A. Meyers, Dorrance Township, PA, January 17, 2018
 '56 MD—George C. Schussler, New York City, June 27, 2018
 '56 BA—Robert J. Silman, Great Barrington, MA, July 31, 2018
 '56 BS Ag—Ernest L. Stern, Pound Ridge, NY, September 2, 2018
 '56—Edward F. Wilson III, St. James, NY, August 28, 2018
 '57—William B. Ames, Sarver, PA, September 4, 2018
 '57 BS Hotel—Charles A. Bulloss Jr., Troutman, NC, February 9, 2018
 '57 MEd—Nancy Moran Campbell, Tiburon, CA, August 1, 2018
 '57, BS Ag/DVM '61—William W. Du Biel, Melbourne, FL, August 29, 2018
 '57 PhD—Earl T. Dumitru, Austin, TX, August 22, 2018
 '57 MEd—Lorraine Pagliaro Fezer, Athens, WV, August 10, 2018;
 '57 BA—Harry Henzel, New Port Richey, FL, June 29, 2018
 '57 BA—Julia Augustadt Laws, Berkeley, CA, August 30, 2018
 '57 BA—Philip L. McIndoo, Princeton, NJ, July 27, 2018
 '57, BME '58—Daniel W. Moore, Greenville, DE, August 9, 2018
 '57 BS Hotel—William M. Roderick, Millcreek, PA, September 5, 2018
 '57 BS ILR—Milton D. Rumsey, Mobile, AL, November 24, 2017
 '57—Daniel Schorsch, Waynesboro, VA, May 17, 2018
 '57 BS HE—Norma McClellan Shehan, Glendale, KY, August 21, 2018
 '57 BS Ag—Patricia Adams Wagner, Carriere, MS, August 5, 2018
 '57 PhD—Sanford E. Younts, Austell, GA, August 21, 2018
 '58 BS Nurs—Elaine Spain Harrison, Falls Church, VA, January 15, 2018
 '58 BS Ag—Randolph S. Haynes, São Paulo, Brazil, August 10, 2018
 '58, BEE '65—William K. Hickok, Rochester, NY, July 21, 2018
 '58—Richard W. Kimball, New Alexandria, PA, September 3, 2018
 '58 MNS—Susan Hartdegen Merrill, Ithaca, NY, August 18, 2018
 '58 PhD—Benjamin U. Nzeribe, Awo Omamma, Nigeria, June 2, 2018
 '58 BA—Robert T. Wharton, Minnetonka, MN, July 23, 2018
 '59 MS, PhD '64—James M. Anderson, Kensington, CA, August 23, 2018
 '59—William F. Barstow, Charlottesville, VA, September 5, 2018
 '59 BS HE—Margaret Chamberlain Beringer, Topsham, ME, June 6, 2018
 '59 BA—Stanley M. Blau, New York City, September 24, 2018
 '59—Lester E. Bowers, Warminster, PA, November 24, 2017
 '59 BA—J. Jay Cavanaugh, Minneapolis, MN, May 6, 2018
 '59 BS Hotel—James J. Cohee, Boca Raton, FL, July 24, 2018

'59 MS, MBA '62—David H. Fleming-Brown, Ipswich, UK, July 29, 2018
'59 MPA—Albert W. Hellwig, Hinsdale, IL, September 1, 2018
'59, BS Ag '60—J. Richard Hughes, Waterville, NY, September 8, 2018
'59 BS Ag—Vincent J. Kerr, Jacksonville, FL, August 6, 2018
'59 MD—Jay A. Noble, Arcadia, CA, September 10, 2018

1960s

'60 BS ILR—Robert W. Ahern, Syracuse, NY, September 18, 2018
'60, B Chem E '61—Samuel W. Bodman III, North Palm Beach, FL, September 7, 2018
'60 MS—Carl W. Buschner, Greenfield, MA, August 8, 2018
'60 MA, PhD '63—Charles A. Carpenter Jr., Cohoes, NY, July 30, 2018;
'60 BS ILR—Paul B. Curry, Clifton Park, NY, August 15, 2018
'60 BS Ag—William C. Foad, Phoenix, MD, January 25, 2017
'60 BS HE—Carolyn Creamer O'Connor, Gloucester, MA, August 19, 2018
'60 BA—Roland J. Scharfsplitz, Tenafly, NJ, September 17, 2018
'60—Clifton T. Smith, Freeport, NY, March 4, 2018
'60 BS Hotel—Leslie W. Stern, Edwards, CO, August 29, 2018
'60—James C. Tibbetts III, Sturgeon Bay, WI, August 29, 2018
'61 BS Ag—John W. Fenton, Malden Bridge, NY, June 10, 2014
'61, BA '62, MBA '64—George E. Thompson Jr., South Kortright, NY, August 20, 2018
'62 BA—Thomas F. Gamble, Montrose, NY, September 21, 2018
'62, BME '64—Bruce B. Tanner, Paramus, NJ, July 27, 2018
'62 PhD—Russell V. Withers, Rexburg, ID, August 10, 2018
'63 PhD—Orville T. Beachley Jr., Buffalo, NY, August 17, 2018
'63 BS Ag—Daniel F. Daly, Shrewsbury, MA, July 29, 2018
'63—Charles B. Dudley, Stowe, VT, January 18, 2018
'63 BS ILR—Carole Kwass Edelstein, Los Angeles, CA, July 28, 2018
'63 PhD—Marvin Moss, Novato, CA, July 29, 2018
'63 BA—David S. Slovic, Philadelphia, PA, July 23, 2018
'63 BS Ag—Johannes H. Wagner, West Wareham, MA, September 17, 2017
'64 BS HE, MS HE '66—Ellen Lipton Farrar, Danbury, CT, August 10, 2018
'64 BA—Stanley I. Grossman, London, UK, December 23, 2017
'64 BS ILR—James W. Hirsch, Aiken, SC, July 27, 2018
'64—Donald S. Keare, Elgin, IL, June 10, 2017
'64 MS Aero, PhD '67—Ching-Fang Lo, Castro Valley, CA, July 31, 2018
'64 BA—Peter A. Mansky, Las Vegas, NV, August 4, 2018
'64, BArch '65—Ortrude Busse White, Atlanta, GA, July 27, 2018
'65 BS Hotel—Patricia A. Lamb, Granville, NY, August 18, 2018
'65 BA—Jill Rubinson, Oakland, ME, July 30, 2018

'65 DVM—John M. Terry, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, September 17, 2018
'65—William A. Wieninger, Middletown, NY, August 11, 2018
'66 BA—Francis E. Kearns Jr., Pittsford, NY, August 3, 2018
'66 BS HE—Marian Wood Meyer, Brooklyn, NY, September 13, 2018
'66 BA—Gail E. Richards, Mount Vernon, WA, August 30, 2018
'67 BA—James A. Bronwell, Grafton, MA, August 31, 2018
'67 BS AEP, PhD '74—Kenneth H. Downing, Lafayette, CA, August 2, 2018
'67 BS Ag, DVM '69—John L. Gleason, Amherst, NH, August 15, 2018
'67—Luis A. Morales-Bance, McKinney, TX, September 30, 2017
'67—Charles F. Reynolds, King Ferry, NY, September 18, 2018
'67, BS Ag '68—David J. Stang, Potomac, MD, July 8, 2018
'67, BA '68—Rafael M. Villegas-Attolini, Gómez Palacio, Mexico, January 17, 2018
'68 BS ILR—Lofthus C. Carson II, Austin, TX, July 21, 2016
'68 PhD—John C. Wang, Palo Alto, CA, August 3, 2018
'69 LLM—Felix R. Alfelor, Iriga, Philippines, March 29, 2018
'69 BS Ag—Wayne R. Marion, Olympia, WA, August 20, 2018
'69 MD—Robert S. Modlinger, Cranford, NJ, July 23, 2018
'69 BS Ag—Roy A. Naylor, Battle Ground, WA, July 30, 2018

1970s

'70—Michael J. Orlove, Ithaca, NY, January 16, 2018
'70 BS Ag—William D. Phelps, Avoca, NY, September 19, 2018
'70 BS ORIE, MBA '71—Frank Santa-Donato, Hartford, CT, April 23, 2018
'71 BS Ag—Thomas C. Cully, Hawley, PA, August 22, 2018
'71 BS HE—Maryann Klein Dicke, Littleton, CO, August 20, 2018
'71 BA, MBA '75—David J. Eastman, New York City, September 4, 2018
'71 BS ILR—Philip E. Garber, Cherry Hill, NJ, September 3, 2018
'71 PhD—Gary B. Hansen, Ogden, UT, August 17, 2018
'71 DVM—Michael S. Smith, Potsdam, NY, September 23, 2018
'72, BA '73—Caroline J. Beeson, Lake Oswego, OR, July 24, 2018
'73 JD—Scott R. Campbell, San Francisco, CA, August 31, 2015
'73 JD/MBA—Thomas A. Dickerson, Yonkers, NY, July 26, 2018
'73 BEE—William S. Lacey, Spring Hill, FL, August 3, 2018
'73 MRP—Robert J. Scott, Virginia Beach, VA, August 1, 2018
'73 MS Ag—Joseph B. Sieczka, Holly, MI, July 27, 2018
'74—Nancy D. Lloyd, Sebastopol, CA, August 13, 2018

'74 BA—Ronald G. Victor, Los Angeles, CA, September 10, 2018
'75 BS HE, PhD '89—Linda Robinson Collins, Ithaca, NY, September 14, 2018
'75, BS Ag '76—John M. Halloran, Orono, ME, September 27, 2018
'75-76 GR—Robert R. Perry, South Dartmouth, MA, June 9, 2018
'76—J. Daniel Akin, Oakdale, MN, December 26, 2017
'77 BS ILR—Michael J. Harkins, New York City, August 2, 2018
'77 MS ILR, PhD '80—Se-Il Park, Seoul, South Korea, January 13, 2017
'78 MD—Craig W. S. Howe, White Bear Lake, MN, January 5, 2018
'79 MD—David J. Sugarbaker, Houston, TX, August 29, 2018

1980s

'82 MA—Mary E. Gallagher, Daly City, CA, July 31, 2018
'82, BS Ag '83—Gary D. Granito, Shrewsbury, MA, July 26, 2018
'82—Michael R. Mediatore, Powell, OH, August 3, 2018
'82 MD—Stephen P. Sugarbaker, Durham, NC, June 21, 2016
'83 MS Ag—Joan Katz Allen, Granby, CT, August 15, 2018
'83 JD—Daniel J. Wagner, Belle Meade, NJ, August 29, 2018
'84 MS, PhD '87—Bruno C. De Cooman, Ghent, Belgium, August 29, 2018
'84 JD—Valentine M. Gonzalez Jr., Upper Montclair, NJ, April 4, 2016
'85 BS Ag—Christopher S. Martin, Bedford, MA, August 21, 2018
'87 BS Ag—William D. Schove, Carlsbad, CA, July 29, 2018
'88 MA—Kimball J. Lockhart, Minneapolis, MN, July 27, 2018
'89 BS Ag—Robert G. Ley, Wallkill, NY, August 19, 2018

1990s

'90 MEE—Patricia Luderman Lisonbee, Wheaton, IL, September 2, 2017
'93 MS—Bradly V. Breakwell, Fairchance, PA, September 5, 2018
'95 BS Ag, MD '99—Jessica L. Henderson, Allendale, NJ, September 12, 2018
'96 BArch—Peter L. Kimelman, San Francisco, CA, August 16, 2018
'96 BA—Michael J. Moon, Mountain View, CA, December 9, 2017

2000s

'00 MS Ag—Christine Hongvan Nguyen, Winchester, MA, September 11, 2018
'01 MPS—Susan B. Aberman, Montreal, QC, September 15, 2018

2010s

'12 BS HE—Drew J. Stadlen, Woodbury, NY, August 1, 2018
'18 BA—Avram B. Pinals, Ann Arbor, MI, May 25, 2018
'19—Rachel Hope Doran, Westport, CT, August 18, 2018

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As though Andrew Dickson White—who co-founded Cornell and served as its inaugural president—didn't have enough good ideas, in 1869 he came up with yet another. After touring some of Europe's great universities, he returned to the Hill with a plan for something he'd seen there but that no American institution had: an official university press.

In the intervening 150 years, Cornell University Press (CUP) has come a long way from its humble origins in the basement of Morrill Hall, where students operated a steam-powered printing press. Back then, CUP published few books; its main role was to print student and faculty materials like syllabi and campus newspapers. Today, it puts out some 150 titles a year—in hardcover, paperback, and e-book format. "University presses are bastions of reliable knowledge," says director Dean Smith, noting that CUP's academic titles undergo rigorous peer review. "And they're telling stories that are not being told by the large trade publishers."

CUP's releases cover a wide variety of topics, from political science to anthropology, medieval studies to labor relations. Its most popular titles to date include *Cornell '77*, an homage to the Grateful Dead concert in Barton Hall that many consider the band's finest show; award-winning novelist Barbara Kingsolver's debut book, *Holding the Line*; and *The Handbook of Nature Study* by conservationist and 1885 alumna Anna Botsford Comstock, which has sold more than a million copies. "Money is not the only object; we're not free from that desire, but that's not what drives us," says Fran Benson, a former CUP director and longtime editor. "We're looking for books that make use of education and research and inform the general



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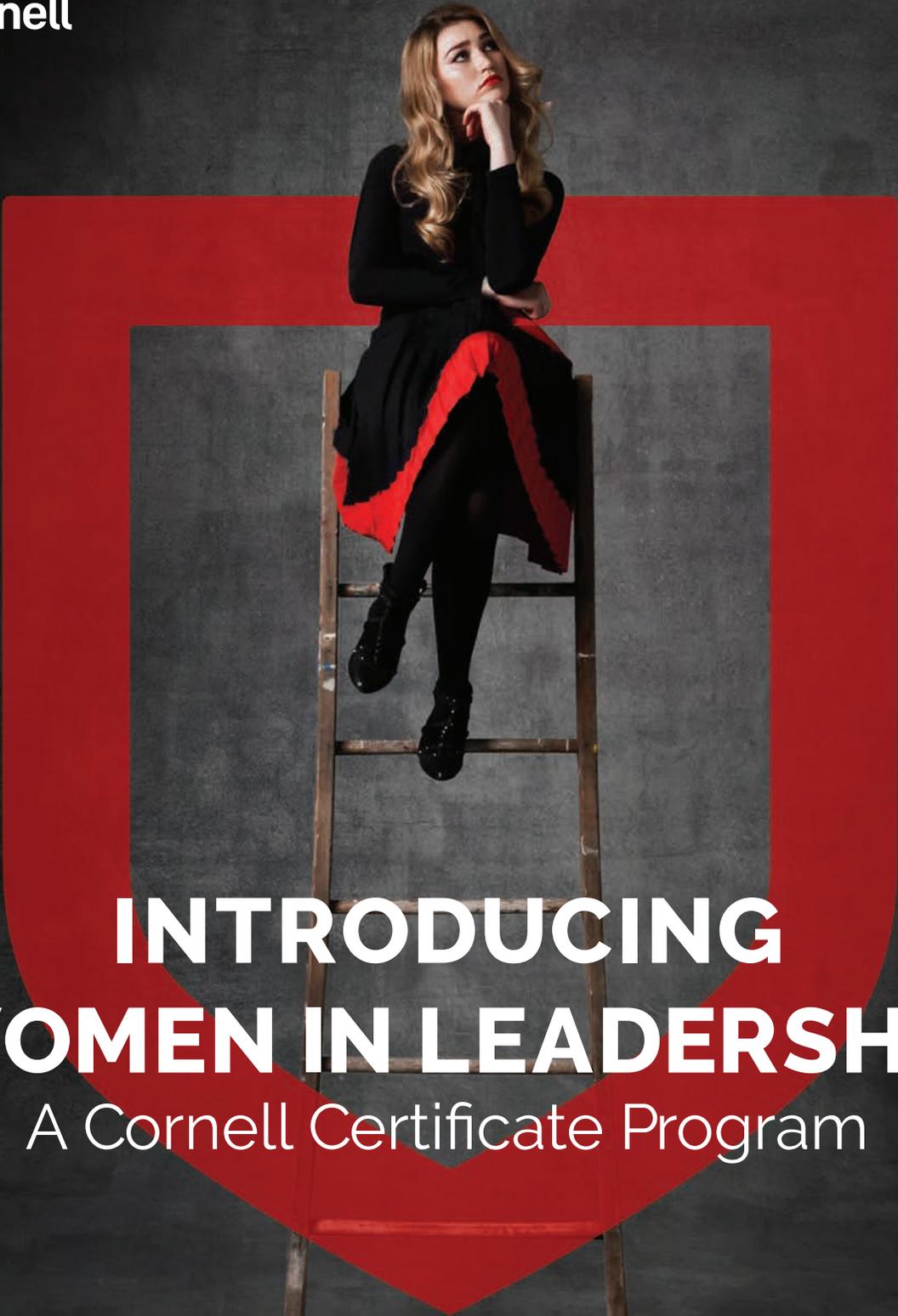
Since 1993, CUP has occupied a three-story Victorian mansion perched on a terraced hillside overlooking downtown Ithaca, commissioned in the late 1800s by University benefactor Henry Sage, it boasts stained glass windows, intricate carvings, and elaborate fireplaces. ("There is a love affair between the staff and the building," Smith observes.) The setting does come with many of the typical quirks of an old home, from the trials of temperature regulation to the occasional unwelcome guest. As marketing and sales director Martyn Beeny says with a laugh: "We've had quite a few bats."

The mansion also bears traces of its previous life as the University infirmary, such as marks on the conference room ceiling denoting the tracks of vintage X-ray machines. And as Smith notes, some may consider a former hospital as an apt metaphor for the publishing industry, which is widely seen as ailing in the midst of the digital revolution. But, he says, the press is actively trying to challenge that notion. While print remains CUP's most popular format, he says, "the fastest-growing aspect of our business is our e-book revenues," which have doubled since 2015 and now comprise about a third of sales.

'We're looking for books that make use of education and research,' says longtime CUP editor Fran Benson, 'and inform the general public to make the world a better place.'

In an effort to connect with readers, the press offered a "pay what you want day" last spring, when patrons could name their price for any book (beyond a \$5 minimum); in February, with a nod to its sesquicentennial, it held a four-hour flash sale offering any in-stock title for \$10.50. Through grant funding, CUP has also been expanding its open access program, offering some of its content for free online—a resource, Smith says, that has been accessed by readers in more than 150 countries. ■

—Alexandra Bond '12



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