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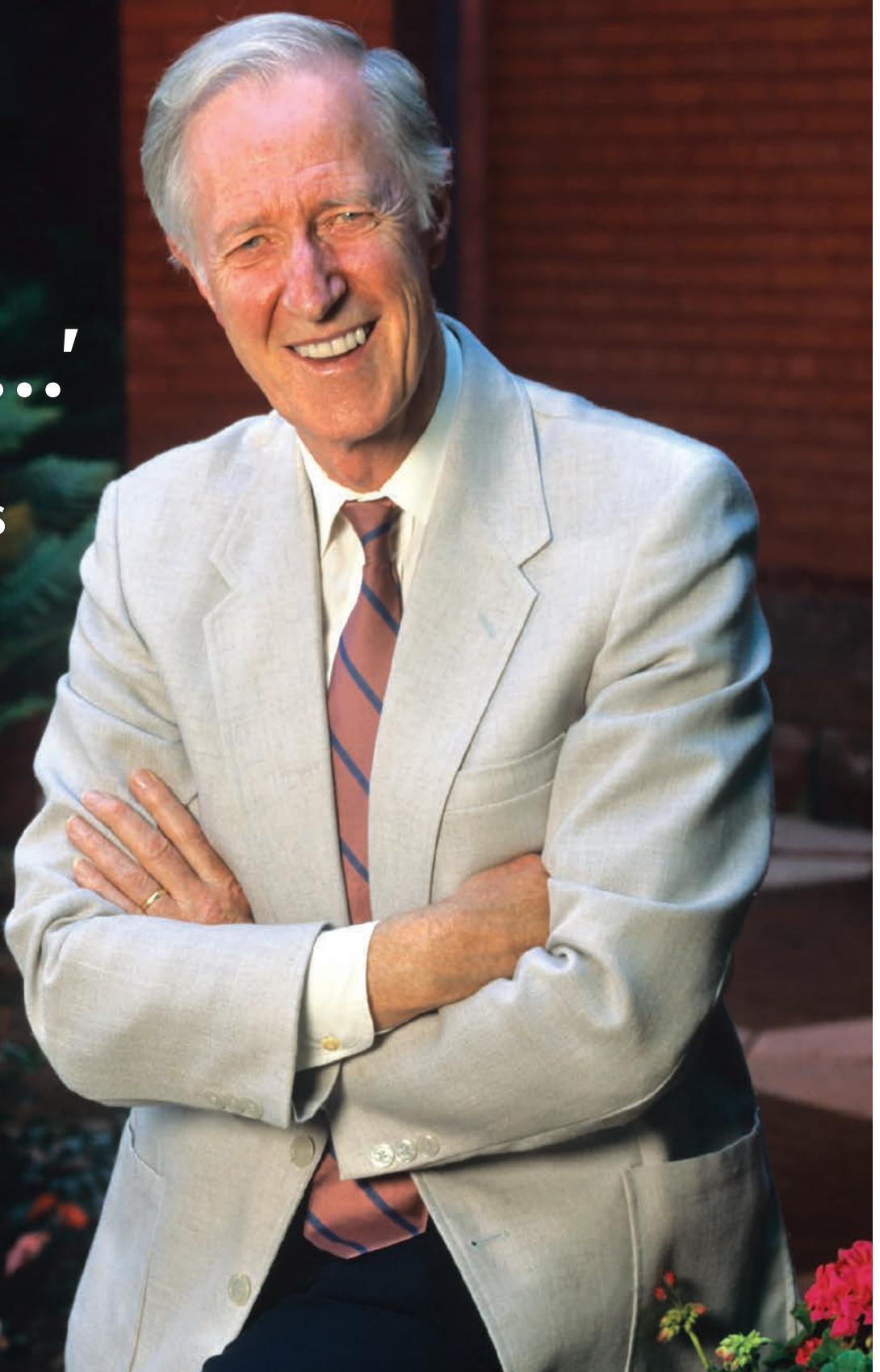
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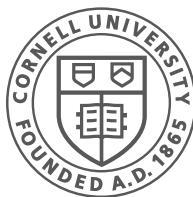




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Cornellians are mourning the passing of President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, who died in February at age ninety-three. Cornell's ninth president—as well as a prominent paleontologist and a national figure in higher education—Rhodes led the University from 1977 to 1995.

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When Ithaca's airport completed a \$37 million overhaul this winter—including gaining the ability to accept international flights—it was just the latest upgrade to a facility originally built by Cornell more than seven decades ago. CAM offers a tour of the University's aviation-related history, from its early student flying clubs to its erstwhile DC-3 to a campus visit by the world's most famous aviatrix.

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In her final years, pioneering nature educator and illustrator Anna Botsford Comstock 1885 penned a memoir chronicling her personal and professional partnership with entomologist John Henry Comstock 1874. It was published decades after her death—but in highly truncated form. This spring, Cornell University Press is releasing a new edition comprising all of Anna's surviving manuscript, curated by an alumna who undertook the project as her PhD thesis.

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Jimmy Pitaro '91 has a sports fan's dream job: as president of ESPN, the Human Ecology alum oversees the nation's premier network covering all things athletic. Pitaro has worked to broaden ESPN's appeal to younger viewers—and coped with the sometimes contentious intersection of sports and politics.

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Open Minds (And Ears)

Students should—literally and figuratively—take off their headphones



At the beginning of this academic year, when I welcomed our newest Cornellians to campus at our annual New Student Convocation in Schoellkopf Stadium, I took the opportunity, as befitting the event, to offer some advice. I urged our incoming students to explore Cornell's offerings widely: to take classes in areas that intrigued them, to try activities that challenged them, to enjoy the beauty of their surroundings. I encouraged them to take risks, and reminded them that all of us sometimes struggle and even fail. I told them about our Core Values, and asked all of them to embrace the ethos of Cornell: a place for "any person," where every one of them belonged.

In addition to all of this advice, which I'm sure they expected, I also asked them to do something else: take off their headphones.

They laughed, but I meant it—both literally and figuratively. Literally, because headphones present a physical obstacle to one of the most important elements of a Cornell experience: our connections with others. Whether you are listening to music, a podcast, or even a recorded lecture, you are attending to a stream of information unavailable to others, and in so doing close yourself off to the interactions, casual and essential, that form the basis for strong and enduring relationships. Cornell, as a residential university, is designed to be an academic community whose members learn not only with, but from, each other. That can only happen when the lines of communication are open: when we are attentive to those around us, ready and able to speak and be heard.

When I asked our new students to take off their headphones, I also meant it figuratively. I asked them to turn off channels of information curated for themselves alone, and to open themselves to the thoughts, ideas, and contributions of those around them. Our students come to Cornell not only for the academic distinction they find here, but for the entire

experience of a Cornell education: the lessons they will learn and the insight they will gain, inside and outside the classroom, from our wonderfully diverse community of faculty, staff, and fellow students. By listening to and grappling with opinions and outlooks different from their own, they sharpen their reasoning, refine their own thinking, and expand their own understanding—developing the skills that will enable them to thrive as global citizens, able to live, connect, and communicate with people who may be very different from themselves.

That crucial ability to communicate across difference is something we support thoughtfully and deliberately at Cornell, both through conscious teaching and active learning and by fostering an environment that encourages engagement. Through our Intergroup Dialogue Project, which is now a mandatory part of the orientation experience for all new undergraduates, our students are able to explore the diverse identities of our community while acquiring the skills to engage in constructive conflict. Programs like the Peter Coors '69 and Marilyn Gross

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Coors '69 Conversation Series encourage civil discourse on difficult issues both in class and out, and our Active Learning Initiative provides opportunities across disciplines for students to engage intellectually and interpersonally with their peers as they learn.

Cornell is, as it was designed to be, a place of diversity: not just of individuals and backgrounds but of experiences and ideas. It is also a place of unbounded intellectual opportunity, where the potential for learning exists in every interaction—if we keep our ears, and our minds, open. ■

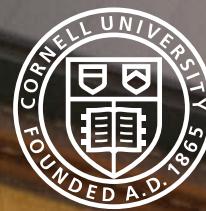
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From the Hill

Pollack Orders Major Changes to Greek Life

At the end of fall semester, President Martha Pollack announced a sweeping series of reforms to Greek life. The changes come in the wake of the death of a freshman who died after attending an unauthorized fraternity party that included heavy drinking (see related story below). “Regrettably, this is not an isolated incident,” Pollack said of the Phi Kappa Psi party. “We have on this campus, as do many of our peers on their campuses, a persistent culture of misconduct in the Greek-letter system; a pattern that dates back years, if not decades, and one that I have witnessed during my two and a half years as Cornell’s president.”

The day before the unregistered party, Phi Kappa Psi members had attended a judicial hearing to answer previous charges of misconduct; after the student’s death, the chapter was placed on interim suspension pending judicial review. As Pollack noted, the Phi Kappa Psi party—and conduct violations by six other fraternities that had their recognition suspended in the preceding year and a half—occurred even after she implemented stricter Greek rules in May 2018.

With the aim of stepping up enforcement of rules intended to protect health and safety, the new measures include a requirement that chapters retain independent monitors for all events, whether on or off campus or in Greek houses, annexes, or elsewhere; for large gatherings, they must hire third-party vendors for both alcohol service and security. To ensure compliance, University staffers will do random spot-checks nightly. “Any indication of misbehavior,” Pollack said, “will result in immediate notification of appropriate law enforcement agencies with a

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request that noncompliant events be shut down.” If violations pose health and safety risks, the chapter will immediately be placed on interim suspension—and if the judicial system upholds the allegations, punishment will range from a three-year suspension to the permanent loss of University recognition.

The new rules also call for a complete overhaul of Greek recruitment, aimed at shifting what Pollack calls its exclusionary culture, which can lead to peer pressure to conform by taking part in risky behavior. “It is time,” she said, “to bring our Greek

policies in line with Cornell’s core value of being a community of belonging.” University staff will work with Greek leaders to design a new system that will be implemented in 2020–21. Said Pollack: “[It] will include more structured opportunities to meet potential new members during and prior to recruitment, a member selection process that is less exclusionary, as well as a cultural shift that replaces parties with philanthropy and service activities as core process components.” Additionally, rules have already been implemented requiring that all recruitment and new member education activities be substance free and be held before 8 p.m.

“I recognize that these reforms will impact the character of our Greek system. That is intentional,” Pollack said. “I also recognize that this cultural shift, so desperately needed, will be difficult to realize. But this shift will help to ensure that our Greek-letter organizations continue to be places where students can form communities of friends, develop leadership skills, and contribute to our campus and local communities in healthy and positive ways.”

Family Files Lawsuit in Freshman’s Death



The parents of eighteen-year-old Antonio Tsialas '23 (left), who was last seen at an unsanctioned fraternity party before his body was found in Fall Creek Gorge in late October, have filed a lawsuit against Cornell and other defendants. The

wrongful death suit—which seeks unspecified damages—names the University, the national Phi Kappa Psi organization and its Cornell chapter, seven undergraduate members of the fraternity, and an alumnus who serves as its adviser.

Filed in late January, the suit describes an unauthorized “dirty rush” party at the chapter house in which prospective members were hazed by being pressured to participate in a series of drinking

games that entailed ingesting so much alcohol that many participants became “blackout drunk.” “Sometime after the drinking games ended, Antonio Tsialas was allowed to leave the fraternity house intoxicated or was taken from the fraternity house while intoxicated with no efforts by any of the defendants to stop him or get him safely back to his dormitory,” the suit alleges, going on to state, “His subsequent death was the direct and proximate result of the defendants’ actions and would not have happened if the hazing event had not taken place.”

In terms of Cornell’s alleged liability, the suit’s claims include that the University failed to implement meaningful measures against hazing or to enforce its existing policies regarding fraternity parties and rush activities. “Cornell exerted significant control over Greek life on campus,” the document states, “and therefore, the University had a duty to act in a non-negligent manner with respect to stopping the misconduct of Greek-letter organizations that were subject to its control.”



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After a study of the Danish prison system, Human Ecology professor Christopher Wildeman reports that even a few days in solitary confinement could increase the likelihood that an inmate will die within five years of serving their sentence.



Engineers have created a soft robot "muscle" (left) that can regulate its temperature through sweating—work that could eventually allow high-powered robots to operate for long periods without overheating.

More than 36 million private-sector American workers have signed agreements prohibiting them from joining or starting a competing business for a set period after leaving their jobs, finds ILR dean Alexander Colvin, PhD '99, noting that such agreements can stifle wage growth and hinder the economy.

Opening more grocery stores could reduce food waste. Hotel professor Elena Belavina says that when people have to travel farther to shop, they're likelier to buy provisions in larger quantities, which can lead to more spoilage before perishables can be consumed.



With a \$2.4 million NSF grant, researchers at CU and elsewhere are harnessing big data to identify the seemingly disparate factors that can combine to create catastrophic events like massive power outages—an effort dubbed the Predictive Risk Investigation System for Multilayer Dynamic Interconnection Analysis.



MILESTONE: More than 540 new alumni received their degrees in Barton Hall in December—making the event the University's largest-ever recognition ceremony for winter graduates.



Orchards Store Goes Out of Business

Citing financial struggles, the Cornell Orchards Store (above) has closed after nearly seven decades. Located across Route 366 from the Vet college, the store—selling Cornell-grown apples, cider, and other fruit, as well as a variety of local products like honey and maple syrup—first opened in 1952. The Cornell Store took over its management several years ago, but the shop continued to operate at a loss, and the University opted to shut it at the end of January. While some Cornellians and local residents have petitioned for it to be reopened, the University says that's not in the cards, although limited retail sales of apples are planned at harvest time.

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Engineering, Dyson Deans to Step Down this Summer

Lynn Perry Wooten (right), dean of the Dyson School, will leave Cornell at the end of June to head Simmons University. Wooten, who came to the Hill in 2017, will be the first African American president of Simmons, a private women's school in Boston. And Lance Collins (below) has announced that upon completion of his second term as Engineering dean, he'll become the inaugural vice president and executive director of Virginia Tech's new Innovation Campus. Collins's achievements as dean include more than doubling the proportion of students from underrepresented communities (from 8 percent to 19 percent) and increasing the enrollment of undergraduate women from 33 percent to 50 percent. Successors for both departing deans have not yet been announced.



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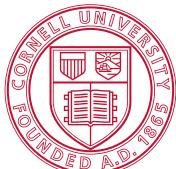
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Ollie McNamara and Nancy Sprott Stone adjust a wedding gown designed and worn by their classmate Ellen Forbes Andrews
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DOG DAY: In February, clinicians at the Vet college (including fourth-year DVM student Sara Cantini) had a rare collaboration with anesthesiologists from Weill Cornell—who have expertise in cardiac cases—to save the life of a yellow Lab who had a growth in her heart. Named Lucy, the canine is a companion animal for a child with autism.

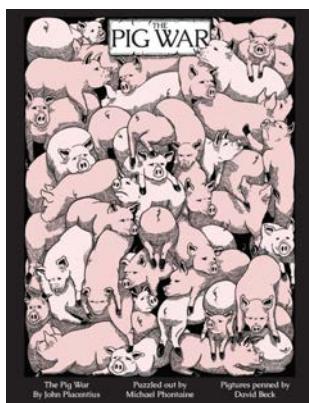
Government's Kramnick Dies at 81



Isaac Kramnick (left), a longtime professor of government who co-authored *Cornell: A History, 1940–2015* and *The 100 Most Notable Cornellians*, has died at eighty-one. A renowned historian, political scientist, and author, Kramnick served on the faculty for forty-three years, retiring in 2015.

Kramnick's many contributions to Cornell include founding the Faculty Fellows and Faculty-in-Residence programs and helping develop the West Campus living-learning units. Raised in a foster family outside Boston, Kramnick attended Harvard, graduating *summa cum laude* and earning a PhD. He joined Cornell's government department in 1972, going on to become its chair, the associate dean of Arts & Sciences, and vice provost for undergraduate education. "The achievements of his lifetime are remarkable," his family observed in his obituary, "because he won them unassisted by the luck of fortune or birth."

Did You Know . . .



That a classics professor recently did the first translation of a centuries-old satirical poem? Michael Fontaine translated *Pugna Porcorum* (*The Pig War*)—a 248-verse, alliteration-laden epic from 1530 that may have inspired George Orwell's *Animal Farm*—from Latin to English.

HUNGER PANGS



The sudden closure of what restaurant in late January has left Ithaca without any 24/7 table-service eateries?

- a) Waffle House c) Manos Diner
b) State Diner d) Denny's

[ANSWER: D]

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

Tsai Ing-wen, LLM '80 (right), elected to a second term as president of Taiwan.



Steve Hindy '71, MAT '73, co-founder of Brooklyn Brewery, named Cornell's Entrepreneur of the Year.

Film editor **Thelma Schoonmaker '61** (below left), who received her eighth Oscar nomination (for *The Irishman*). She has won three times.

Ed Marinaro '72, BS '83, honored as number 126 on ESPN's list of the top 150 college football players of all time. On a similar list of top coaches, **Glenn "Pop" Warner 1894** ranked eleventh.

POWER SUIT: This 1987 kente cloth skirt suit is on display in the Human Ecology Building as part of the exhibit "Black Excellence: Fashion that Prevails." The show, curated by grad student Sian Brown, features a variety of garments such as evening gowns, custom Air Jordans, and jerseys worn by famous rap artists. It runs through late May.



'There's just a massive amount of excitement that Cornell is the place to do all this.'

— Engineering professor **Terry Jordan** on the research potential of a 2.5-mile-deep borehole that the University aims to dig as a test well for its proposed Earth Source Heat geothermal system

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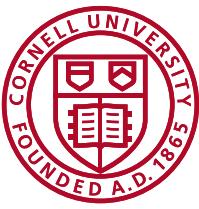
Steve Hindy '71, MAT '73, is a former English teacher and international journalist who co-founded Brooklyn Brewery more than 30 years ago with neighbor Tom Potter.

Hindy served as Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press from 1979-84, covering the hostage crisis in Iran, the Iran-Iraq War, civil wars in Lebanon and Syria, and the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, among other issues. He was seated behind Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the 1981 victory parade in Cairo at which Sadat was assassinated. Hindy learned about homebrewing from U.S. envoys he'd befriended during this time.

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PRIVATE MATTERS

CU prof studies how tech is used to track how we live and work

Amid the wall décor in Karen Levy's Gates Hall office—across from an assortment of trucker memorabilia and a signed photo of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54—is a poster from the classic thriller *The Conversation*. A Best Picture nominee written and directed by Francis Ford Coppola, the 1974 film stars Gene Hackman as a surveillance expert tasked with bugging an “unrecordable” event: two people talking as they walk through a busy, noisy city square.

It's apt artwork for Levy, an assistant professor of information science whose research explores the often fraught intersection of technology and privacy. Levy, who also has an appointment in the Law School, had already earned a JD from Indiana University ➤



ATTORNEY AND SOCIOLOGIST: Professor Karen Levy

and clerked for a federal judge when she decided to pursue a PhD in sociology from Princeton—training that gives her a novel perspective as she explores a wide variety of topics, from the use of webcams in nursing homes to the ways in which retailers track customers to the role of technology in intimate partner abuse.

But first, there were the truckers. The subject of Levy's doctoral thesis—and the reason why she has a trucker patch and belt buckle on her office wall—was how surveillance technology has impacted workers in the trucking industry. Starting in 2011, she spent several years interviewing drivers at truck stops in eleven states as part of her research on the use of electronic monitors in their vehicles, installed to insure that they adhere to regulations limiting their driving time to prevent fatigue and accidents. "Previously, they'd had a lot of autonomy in deciding how to get their work done—when

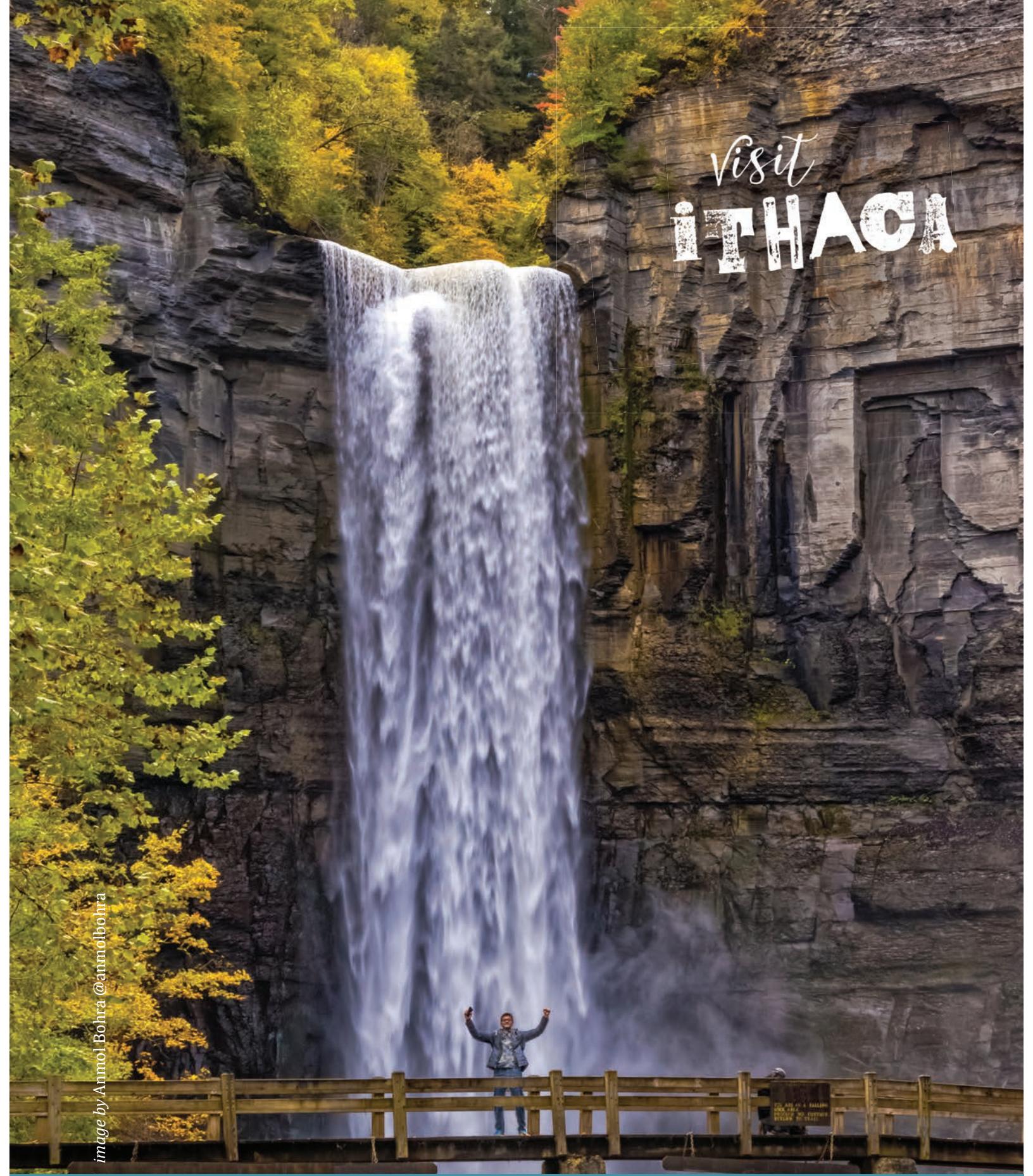
they were going to work, which rules they were going to follow," Levy says. "This was much, much more rigid." She found that the tech was deeply unpopular with drivers—learning, among other things, that some developed clever ways of sabotaging the equipment, and that their employers sometimes altered data to conceal violations. "Truckers get paid by the mile, so if they're not on the road they're making zero money, even if they're doing other things that are required of them by their companies or by the law," Levy explains. "So of course they're incentivized to stay on the road as much as they possibly can, and to break the law if they have to. There's a lot of pressure on them to do that."

One overarching issue she examined was how the new technology clashes with trucking's traditionally independent culture; it's a profession that has long treasured the freedom and romance of life on the open road. "Many truckers will tell you that the reason they get into the job is that it's a way to have control over their lives," says Levy, who's currently working on a book called *Data Driven: Truckers and the New Workplace Surveillance*, to be published by Princeton University Press. "Part of why this technology was received so negatively is that it slams up against this idea of autonomy that has been really valued in the industry." And paradoxically, she says, the tech may initially have had a negative effect on safety by alienating more experienced truckers—prompting the very people that society would want behind the wheel of a semi to flee the industry. "Older drivers don't want to be told, 'We don't trust

you; we're going to watch you now,'" Levy says. "Almost every trucker told me that these monitors treated them either like criminals or like children."

In researching how surveillance tech has impacted workers in the trucking industry, Levy says, 'almost every trucker told me that these monitors treated them either like criminals or like children.'

In addition to her many scholarly articles, Levy has been published widely in the lay press, including the *Washington Post*, *Vox*, the *Atlantic*, and the *L.A. Times*. In a March 2018 essay in *Slate*, she addressed the role that tech can play in facilitating intimate partner abuse—potentially allowing someone to surreptitiously track a partner's movements, intercept their ➤



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Technology reveals your shopping profile

BY ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Advances in technology have never made finding deals this holiday season so easy—or so creepy.

Marketers and mobile app developers have developed creative new ways to help shoppers find what they want for less. But these inventive techniques also allow for more aggressive tracking of consumer behavior, whether buyers are on their work computer or a mobile device or standing in the grocery aisle. It also now includes the ability to connect that data with other personal information such as income, zip code and when a person's car insurance expires.

The goal is to monitor consumers online and off to determine exactly what kind of buyer they might be and

Electronic monitoring used to track in-store shoppers

CONSUMER SMARTPHONE SIGNALS are part of surveillance

STEPHANIE CLIFFORD
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THE NEW YORK TIMES

Tashale Rodriguez, of Boston, uses a smartphone app while shopping at Macy's in downtown Boston.

software code that can track a person's movements s the Internet, to send relevant pop-up ads.

More recently, marketers have developed increasingly sophisticated ways to combine offline and online data that create detailed profiles of shoppers. They are also perfecting location-tracking technology as a means of attracting new customers and influencing purchases on their

DIGITAL DILEMMA:
Tech and privacy
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communications, and otherwise control their lives. "What we've discovered in our research is that digital abuse of intimate partners is both more mundane and more complicated than we might think," she wrote. "It's mundane in that many forms of digital abuse require little to no sophistication and are carried out using everyday devices and services: social media platforms, find-my-friends apps, cell phone family plans. Abusers aren't hackers: though some do install surreptitious 'spouse-ware' to monitor their victims without consent, it's much more common to abuse victims digitally in ways that don't require any high-tech skill."

But as Levy notes, while tech companies tend to focus on preventing sophisticated cyberattacks, much of everyday cybersecurity hinges on factors like passwords, pre-answered questions (like the name of your first pet), and access to physical devices like a laptop or cell phone. "Passwords are saved on your home computer where your abuser probably is, and the abuser is going to know the answers to your security questions," she says. "Many of these things that we've built up as checks fall flat when the abuser is in the home with you. Technologies are not designed with that in mind; they're designed with the hacker in mind."

For Levy, the most compelling research questions involve modes of technical surveillance that aren't clearly good or bad; the same app that can help parents ensure their third grader gets safely home from school, for example, could allow an abusive husband to track his wife to the concealed location of a domestic violence shelter. In the *American Journal of Bioethics: Empirical*

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PALATE CLEANSER

The James Beard Foundation's Mitchell Davis '91 promotes not just culinary excellence but fair wages and more



FARM TO TABLE: Davis at Manhattan's bustling Union Square Greenmarket last fall

A purple cabbage as big as a bowling ball sits on a shelf behind the desk of Mitchell Davis '91. It's a weekday in October, and Davis has picked up the spherical vegetable at the Union Square Greenmarket in Manhattan on the way to work that morning, intending to braise it later for dinner. Says Davis: "I'm someone who thinks about food constantly."

It's both his avocation and his vocation as chief strategy officer for the James Beard Foundation, a nonprofit best known for presenting the awards that are considered the Oscars of the food industry. Davis, who has worked for the foundation for more than a quarter-century, is on Twitter and Instagram these days, but he has always been an influencer—as a writer, an intellectual, and a chef who trained in France and Italy. Today, he seems to know everyone and everything in the food world. "If you know Mitch, you don't need Google," says retired Hotel professor Tom Kelly, Davis's longtime friend and mentor. "He's a foodie's foodie."

In 2015, Davis earned international recognition by directing the USA Pavilion at the Milan Expo—a world's fair for food. He

is the author of three cookbooks that are as comprehensive as they are folksy and practical: *The Mensch Chef: Or Why Delicious Jewish Food Isn't an Oxymoron* (his collection of Jewish classics including beefy beet borscht, basic brisket, and challah French toast); *Kitchen Sense: More Than 600 Recipes to Make You a Great Home Cook*; and *Cook Something: Simple Recipes and Sound Advice to Bring Good Food into Your Fabulous Lifestyle*. Davis also co-authored two books with chefs that garnered inter-

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national acclaim: *My Provence*, an interactive digital cookbook, and *Foie Gras: A Passion*, a reference book with recipes that won an award for best international cookbook of the year in 2000.

Davis's many appearances in the culinary media include serving as a judge on the Food Network's "Best in Smoke" barbecue competition and preparing Bobby Flay to go up against "Pioneer Woman" Ree Drummond on an episode of Flay's "Throwdown." ▶



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The Cheese Thing

A recipe by Mitchell Davis for CAM readers

SERVES 2 TO 8

This baked macaroni and cheese was a staple in my family while growing up. It never had a name so we always called it just “the cheese thing.” The secret is to use two kinds of cheddar—sharp for flavor, mild for texture—and not to grate it, but to cut it into cubes so the cheese melts into pockets of gooey goodness between the noodles. The Cheese Thing is good in every form, whether just put together, hot out of the oven, cold the next day, or heated up as leftovers. For best results, get it ready to bake the night before you plan to serve it. This way, the noodles absorb some of the tomato juice and the whole thing melds to produce a delicious (and simple) macaroni and cheese.

1 lb. penne rigate or rigatoni pasta
½ lb. extra sharp cheddar cheese
½ lb. mild cheddar cheese
1 28-oz. can whole tomatoes
2 tbsp. unsalted butter
2 tbsp. sugar
Pinch of salt and freshly ground black pepper

Bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil and cook the pasta until just slightly underdone, about 2 or 3 minutes less than the package says (the pasta will finish cooking in the oven). Meanwhile, cut the cheese into half-inch cubes. Roughly chop the tomatoes and keep them with their



juice. When the pasta is cooked, drain it in a colander, but do not rinse. Toss the pasta back into the cooking pot. Add the butter and stir until melted. Add the cubed cheese, chopped tomatoes and their juice, sugar, and salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Transfer this mixture into a two-quart baking dish (Pyrex works well). Pile any excess on top; it will hold. If you have the time, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and bake for 45 minutes to an hour, until the noodles on top have browned and crisped and the casserole is bubbling.

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For three years he hosted *Taste Matters*, a show on the Heritage Radio Network. Last fall, he was a guest on a podcast hosted by Momofuku's David Chang; their conversation zinged from the American gastronomic zeitgeist to eighteenth-century French food criticism—the subject of Davis's doctoral thesis at NYU.

Davis knows that the culinary world is remarkably accessible these days, thanks to apps like Instagram and websites like Food52. But even as social media has popularized taco trucks and Michelin-starred restaurants alike, he worries that this splashy presentation is dehumanizing. “One of our missions—my personal mission—is to push back on, ‘Isn’t this food thing great?’ To complicate it a little bit,” says Davis, whom *The Forward* has named to its “fifty under fifty” list of the most influential Jews in America. “What puts the meal in front of you is a tremendous global system that has a lot of problems right now.” Among them: U.S. immigration policy, fair wages, and sustainability amid climate change.

Under Davis's leadership, the Beard Awards—whose categories include best new chefs, restaurant design, and cookbooks—have emphasized not just gastronomy or aesthetics but issues of social responsibility, such as whether a chef promotes diversity in hiring and maintains ethical workplace policies. The foundation's new tagline is “Good food for good,” but Davis wants to deconstruct that. “We have an opportunity to redefine what ‘good food’ means,” he says. “We could make American food culture sustainable. We could make it that in some way, ‘good’ implies

that people are paid well along the chain. It’s not about food, it’s about people and the values we choose to live by.”

Last fall, the Beard Foundation hosted its first Chef Action Summit at Princeton, bringing together alumni of the foundation's nineteen Chefs Boot Camps for Policy and Change, retreats that educate chefs and empower them as leaders. Davis moderated a panel on media and participated in a breakout session about mental healthcare among restaurant workers. He was invigorated

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by the conversations, yet remains realistic. “People just want to eat; they don’t want to know anything,” he says, quoting a note he'd scribbled in the margin of a conference paper, then added: “We need to acknowledge that and change it anyway.”

Davis has been cooking since he was a child growing up in Toronto. At age ten, he got a copy of *Julia Child & Company*, the cookbook from the TV show he watched when feigning illness to stay home from school. By eleven, he'd made every dish and menu—including “Dinner for Nineteen.” As a teen, he worked in a kosher-style butcher shop and had a side hustle: he'd take home bones, make chicken soup, and deliver it to customers on his way to school, with the shop letting him keep the proceeds. His family didn't want him to become a chef, so he compromised by choosing Cornell's Hotel school, broadening his education by taking twenty-six credits per semester (more than twice the ➤

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minimum of twelve); his favorite non-Hotel class was a seminar where he read philosopher David Hume. Says Izabela Wojcik '91: "He was the older, wiser, deep-thinking soul." Wojcik is now director of events at the James Beard House, where chefs are invited to cook for special parties; she and Davis have been friends since their undergrad days. She recalls Davis throwing an elaborate *Alice in Wonderland*-themed dinner party for his Cornell housemates. "He's always been on a grander scale than the rest of us dare," Wojcik adds.

Davis spent his junior year in Paris, taking classes at the Sorbonne and doing a month-long *stage* (cooking internship) at the landmark La Tour d'Argent restaurant, which then had three Michelin stars. Returning to Ithaca for his senior year, he worked at Just a Taste, a popular tapas-style restaurant downtown. Davis says he was inspired to be a writer from Kelly's class on restaurant criticism, co-taught by Mimi Sheraton, the first female food critic for the *New York Times*. For that class, he wrote an unflinching takedown of the iconic Moosewood Restaurant—panning its food, service, and environment. ("It was a horrible restaurant," he says, matter-of-factly.)

Davis lived and cooked in Italy for a year after graduation, then returned to the U.S. to be executive editor of *Art Culinaire*, a quarterly magazine. He became the Beard Foundation's director of publications in 1993 and has steadily risen through the organization. Sheraton credits him with expanding the foundation's mission beyond the hedonism of food. "He's just a good man," says Sheraton, who recently attended a brunch Davis hosted with his husband, a physician at Mount Sinai. "He's not a snob, he's not full of himself. He's friendly and loves to entertain."

Davis enjoys cooking so much that he's very particular about eating out in New York. He loves the spice and comfort of Xi'an Famous Foods, known for its hand-ripped Chinese noodles, and Atoboy, a Korean bistro run by a husband-and-wife team where he's a regular. "I'm not looking for the next Instagram sensation," he says. "I prefer things I can't do that are just interesting and soulful in some way. They don't have to be fancy; they just have to be good." ■

—Liz Robbins '92



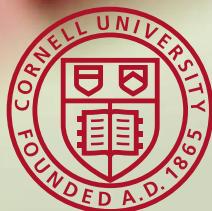
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FAIR FIGHT

A JD alum strives to protect some of New York's most vulnerable people, from immigrants to homeless teens



HALL OF JUSTICE: Lasdon in Lower Manhattan, on the iconic steps of the Centre Street courthouse made famous on TV shows like "Law & Order"

Doug Lasdon, JD '81, entered law school for one reason: to do good in the world. His first job after graduation was as an attorney at Covenant House, the Manhattan-based charity that provides housing and other services for homeless youth. There, he was surprised to learn that New Yorkers in foster care had to leave the system once they turned eighteen, forcing many onto the streets or into shelters. Lasdon found a sentence in the relevant state law that he thought might aid those youngsters in their transition to independent living, but became frustrated when he wasn't allowed to pursue the issue as part of his job.

So he quit and founded a nonprofit called the Urban Justice Center, holding pro bono legal clinics at soup kitchens while spearheading a lawsuit on behalf of a group of homeless youths who'd been discharged from foster care. The suit led to a major

change in the system, with the state Supreme Court ruling that the city must provide housing, supervision, and job training for those in foster care until age twenty-one. Talking with CAM

Lasdon never set out to start his own agency. 'But I wanted to change things for the better,' he says, 'and I realized I didn't want to become part of a bureaucracy.'

last fall in the center's offices in Lower Manhattan, Lasdon—sporting a black pullover bearing the slogan "Practice Law, Promote Justice, Change Lives"—notes that he never set out to start his own agency. "But I wanted to change things for the better," he says, "and I realized I didn't want to become part of a bureaucracy."

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Lasdon (front) at the Urban Justice Center's 2013 fundraising gala with U.S. Senator Cory Booker, who was a staff attorney at the center early in his career

residents, including the mentally ill, low-income veterans, victims of domestic violence, and even street vendors (most of whom are immigrants and people of color struggling to make ends meet and working under harsh conditions). It has gone from a one-man operation run out of a burnt-out building in East Harlem—Lasdon keeps a photograph of it on his office wall as a reminder of the organization's roots—to a social justice powerhouse based in Manhattan's Financial District. Today the nonprofit has more than 100 staffers (notable alumni include Cory Booker, a U.S. Senator from New Jersey and a former presidential candidate) who provide free legal aid, conduct advocacy work, lobby elected officials, and implement community education and outreach programs.

Sometimes their work requires fighting in court to protect their clients. With the help of organizations like the Legal Aid Society, the ACLU, and private firms, the center has argued cases over the years that have won the right for homeless married couples to remain in shelters together, protected immigrants seeking asylum in the U.S., and secured millions of dollars in new or improperly denied benefits for poor families. It also routinely pushes for legislation. For instance, the center's Sex Workers Project helped pass the nation's first law allowing survivors of sex trafficking to clear their records of prostitution-related crimes. (As Lasdon explains, trafficked individuals are often treated as criminals rather than victims; a record makes it hard for them to find legitimate employment and rebuild their lives.) "It's all about justice for disenfranchised populations—people without a voice, people who are easily exploited," says Lasdon, who also teaches poverty law and social entrepreneurship as an adjunct professor at Cornell Law School.

Asked to contemplate what drives his passion for this

work, Lasdon says he isn't quite sure what inspired such deep concern for the disadvantaged. The son of a businessman, he was raised in the upscale town of Scarsdale and spent his undergrad years at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Yet Lasdon remembers being keenly aware of inequality at a young age. As a boy, he'd often visit his grandparents in New York City and pass underprivileged neighborhoods on the train ride there. "I'd look out the window and think, Why do those people live there, and I get to live where I live?" he recalls. He later spent five summers as a counselor at a sleepaway camp for children from low-income families, an experience he describes as eye-opening. By the time he entered law school he knew he'd never work at a private firm. "The value for me in helping people was much more exciting than the value of making money," says Lasdon, who now lives with his wife and their six-year-old son on the Upper West Side.

The Urban Justice Center has a unique structure, serving as an umbrella for a wide range of projects. Typically, project directors raise their own funding and are largely autonomous, with the center offering office space and administrative support and sharing expertise and resources. Some projects, like those devoted to the mentally ill and to homeless LGBTQ youths, have stayed under the center's auspices. But over time others have spun off into independent ventures, as the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) did in early 2019. During more than a decade at the center, IRAP

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grew into a global force that has resettled tens of thousands of refugees, advocated for migrants displaced by war and natural disaster, and battled the Trump Administration's travel ban denying entry to visitors from some Muslim-majority countries. In 2018 IRAP's founder was awarded a MacArthur "genius" grant for her efforts. "I have spent years watching extraordinary people who were given the freedom and support here to do incredible things," says Lasdon. "It's a delight to be just a small part of their work."

Though the center has acted as an unofficial incubator for decades, it recently formalized that role. In 2019 it launched the Social Justice Accelerator competition, selecting five early-stage advocacy projects to enter a two-year program designed to help them evolve into fully functioning nonprofits. The current class is tackling a range of societal ills—from the Brave House, which provides services for immigrant girls who have suffered trauma, to the College Athlete Advocacy Initiative, aimed at combatting inequality and exploitation in the collegiate sports industry. "At the beginning we used to think, Let's work ourselves out of a job," says Lasdon. "That was naïve. Now our goal is just to do meaningful work on behalf of populations that are suffering." ■

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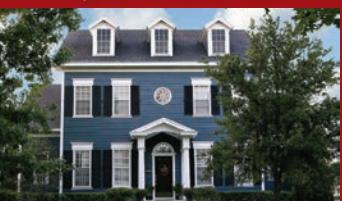
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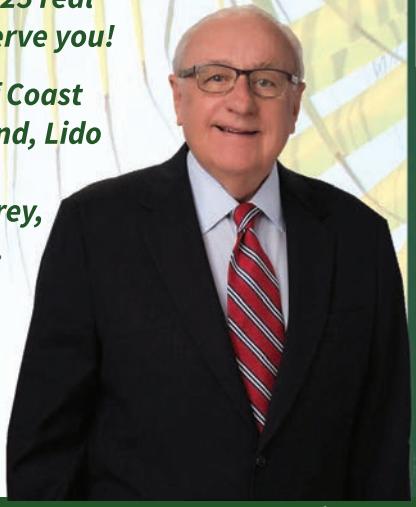
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WINGED VICTORY

After reviving their favorite Ithaca chicken joint, alumni friends buy the whole chain



HOT TOPIC: Dan Leyva '14 (right) and Raunak Nirmal '14, half of the team that bought the Wings Over restaurant chain, at the company's offices in New York City

Cornellian pals Dan Leyva '14, Kevin Mok '14, Raunak Nirmal '14, and Michael Wang '07 have fond memories of Wings Over Ithaca, the popular local branch of the national chain of chicken restaurants. The eatery—located at East Hill Plaza during their undergrad days—was their favorite place to order from while studying, watching sports, or just hanging out with friends. In fact,

Leyva says one reason he brought his car to Cornell was so he didn't have to wait for delivery. So when the friends learned in October 2016 that the restaurant had closed after its owner was charged with tax evasion, they immediately texted each other

to commiserate. The four also began to joke about how they should buy the Ithaca franchise. "Very quickly it turned into a serious idea," says Leyva. "Twenty-four hours after that text, we

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The friends re-opened Wings Over Ithaca just five months later, and within a year they'd purchased the entire corporation—which started in 1999 with a shop in Amherst, Massachusetts, >



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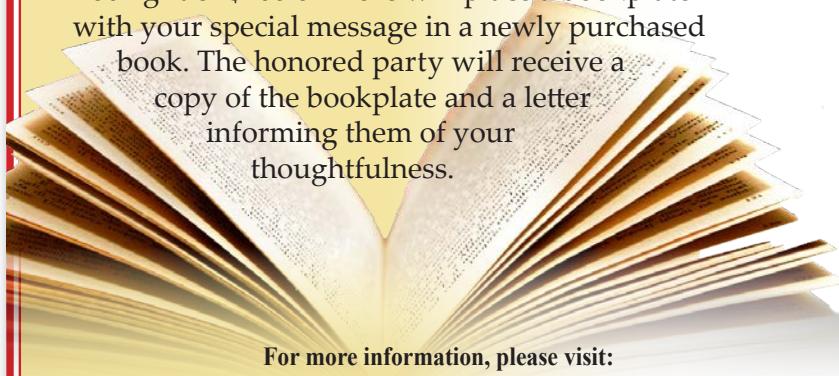


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PALACE OF POULTRY: Wings Over Ithaca is now located on Dryden Road in Collegetown.

and now has forty-one locations in fifteen states. Since then, they've redesigned restaurants, updated the company's website and uniforms, and created a mobile app. One thing they haven't tinkered much with is the menu, which allows patrons to customize wings with their choice of twenty-five sauces and dry rubs, ranging from garlic parmesan (faves of Wang and Nirmal) to honey mustard (Mok's pick) to citrus chipotle BBQ (Leyva's go-to). The chicken is fresh—never frozen—and hand-breaded and cooked to order. "We want to keep the menu simple," says Leyva, "but do everything on it really well."

He and his partners note that their educational and professional backgrounds made them well suited for the venture. Leyva and Mok are Hotelies, Wang majored in applied economics and management in CALS, and Nirmal studied operations research in the Engineering college. Mok and Wang (who graduated seven years apart) met through their work in finance; Wang has managed multiple hedge funds and invested in the restaurant and tech industries, while Mok runs his own hedge fund. Nirmal founded a company that builds third-party Amazon sellers into larger brands. Leyva has helped grow an NYC-based taco chain from one store to multiple locations; he also assisted with the launch of Ithaca Hummus—now sold nationwide—and the lunch subscription service MealPal.

The quartet were holding down full-time jobs in Manhattan as they worked to reopen Wings Over Ithaca. Their first order of business: find a location closer to campus. They secured contractors to renovate the space (on Dryden Road in Collegetown, just uphill from the Plum Tree Japanese restaurant) and rehired the restaurant's former managers. But the friends faced some unexpected challenges: as Wang explains, they didn't receive the resources—such as guidance on training, marketing, and

operations—that restaurant franchisees typically get from their parent company. They weren't even given the sauce recipes; Wang says they had to get them from the old management team and by contacting other franchisees. "That was one of the first signs that this wasn't a franchise system that was operating at the best it could be," he says.

When the new restaurant opened its doors in March 2017, the four were thrilled to see long lines. They had ideas about how to further improve Wings Over's look, service, digital presence, and more—but as mere franchisees, they didn't have the authority to make such changes, and the company didn't seem interested in pursuing them. Still, the friends saw huge potential in the overall concept. Says Nirmal: "We knew we could take this franchise to the next level."

They approached the parent company about a possible sale and acquired the company in October 2017. With Leyva

tapped to run day-to-day operations from offices in downtown Manhattan and the others serving as board members, the group immediately launched a Wings Over reboot. They hired a design firm to craft a clean, modern décor highlighted by white countertops, colorful seating, and digital menu boards. They instituted a company-wide training program that focused on service and a more inviting dining experience. The four also aim for each location to be engaged with the surrounding

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community, encouraging franchisees to sponsor sports teams, host neighborhood events, and get involved with local fundraisers. "We wanted to create a family-friendly environment and get away from some of that masculine branding that wings places can sometimes have," says Leyva, whose official title is Chief Wing Officer.

Along the way, the partners have closed some franchises, taken over others, and opened corporate-owned restaurants in places like Knoxville, Tennessee; College Park, Maryland; and South Bend, Indiana. The company is slowly rolling out the redesign to existing stores across the country and hopes to add about 100 more corporate and franchise locations in the next few years. They're targeting not only college towns—a market where the company has long been successful—but suburban areas as well. "It's like a cult favorite," says Mok. "Sometimes I'll wear a Wings Over hat or jacket, and people will stop me and freak out, because it was one of their favorite places to eat in college." ■

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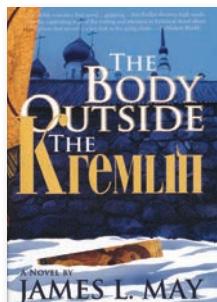


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New Releases



The Body Outside the Kremlin

JAMES MAY '04, BA '05

In what Kirkus calls “a fine debut,” May crafts a mystery set in 1926 in a brutal Soviet gulag, located in a former monastery on an island in the White Sea. His protagonist—a mathematician and former political prisoner named Tolya, who’s chronicling the events of his youth three decades after they unfolded—is an aficionado of detective fiction who had been recruited to help solve the murder of a fellow inmate, a man who’d been tasked with restoring seized religious icons. “The body signals that things have begun, doesn’t it, in a mystery story?” Tolya muses after describing the discovery of the drowned victim. “What I’m writing down is a mystery, then, a *detektiv*. Here is the body, at the beginning.”

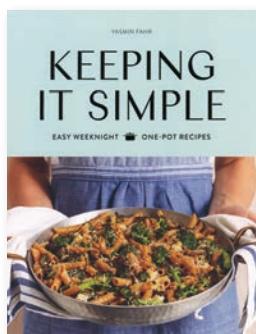


A Faithful but Melancholy Account of Several Barbarities Lately Committed

JASON BROWN, MFA '95

Brown—whose short fiction has appeared in such venues as the *Atlantic* and *Harper's*—teaches in the MFA program at the University of Oregon. His third collection comprises ten linked stories following several generations of a family that has lived on the Maine coast for nearly four centuries. “The day before my

sister’s pretend wedding, the family gathered in Maine for our annual meeting, at my grandfather’s island house, so he could tell us how much of a disappointment we’d been,” Brown writes, in the voice of the narrator of the title tale. “Dressed like a clam digger in rubber boots, filthy canvas pants, and an old sweatshirt full of pipe ash holes, he rose from his wing chair and leveraged himself to his feet with his cane . . . Like other monarchs, he may have confused menace with majesty and mistaken the wary looks of his subjects, cowering in the wicker, for devoted affection.”



Keeping It Simple

YASMIN FAHR '05

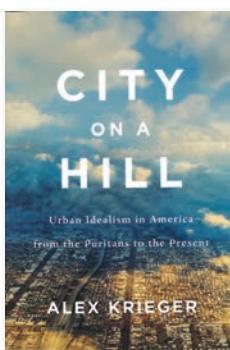
Fahr is a food writer and recipe developer whose résumé also includes serving as a fine-dining restaurant inspector for Forbes Travel Guide. Her first cookbook—inspired by One-Pot Wonders, her former column on the website Serious Eats—offers dozens of recipes designed to serve as easy weeknight meals. Dishes include miso-ghee chicken with roasted radishes; tomato-poached cod; curried lentils with cucumber-garlic yogurt; butternut couscous with crispy pancetta; skirt steak tacos with charred corn and spicy mayo; and lemony orzo with prawns, asparagus, and feta. Fahr also compiles a guide to essential spices and tools, definitions of cooking terms, and tips on technique such as how to properly chop a squash and juice a lime.



The Art of Ideas

AMY D'ONOFRIO MURPHY '06, BARCH '07

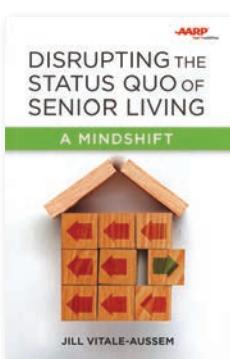
In this small, whimsically illustrated softcover volume published by Columbia Business School, Murphy—a licensed architect and a consultant for a global strategy firm—and her co-author offer a guide to “creative thinking for work and life.” They briefly discuss such breakthroughs as how Picasso adopted the painting style that would make him famous; how a failed lawyer named Mohandas Gandhi came to lead the Indian independence movement; and how a whopping video store late fee inspired the founding of Netflix. They go on to present strategies for appraising and solving problems, tips on making positive changes, a primer on the value of networking, and more.



City on a Hill

ALEX KRIEGER '74

Subtitled *Urban Idealism in America from the Puritans to the Present*, Krieger’s book explores the many times in the course of U.S. history that prominent people—from Thomas Jefferson to Walt Disney, urban renewal zealot Robert Moses to gangster Bugsy Siegel—have sought to realize their vision of a model community. As the *Wall Street Journal* says in a review, the book “provides us with a useful history of the influential ideals—some of them prophetic, some of them unrealistic, and others downright cruel and unjust—that have shaped American cities. Many major figures thought they knew how to make America into a city on a hill, a utopia, a place where we could all live together in bliss and harmony.” Krieger is an urban planner and a professor at Harvard Graduate School of Design.



Disrupting the Status Quo of Senior Living

JILL VITALE-AUSSEM, MMH '96

An alum of the Hotel school, Vitale-Aussem is a licensed nursing home administrator who has worked in the senior living field for more than two decades; she is currently president and CEO of the Eden Alternative, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the quality of life of older adults. In this guide intended for both industry professionals and lay readers, she examines the benefits and deficits of various models of senior living and how they have evolved—weaving in the experiences of numerous elders including her own parents, who’d long resisted the idea of moving into senior housing. “Many people, turned off by the image and status quo of senior living, stay in their homes and are determined to age in place, even when they live in less-than-optimal circumstances,” she writes. “What is it about these communities that turns people off so much that they would rather wither away alone than make a change?”

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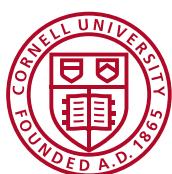
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Big Red Highlights



VOLLEYBALL Jillienne Bennett '22 (above) earned first-team All-Ivy honors after helping the Big Red to its best season in 10 years and a third-place finish in league play. Bennett recorded double-digit kills in eight of her 19 matches this season, including an 18-kill performance against Hartford. Cornell finished 17-6, posting the most wins since the 2006 team went 18-9. The third-place Ivy finish was Cornell's third in a row, marking its most successful run since three firsts and a second from 2003 to 2006.

MEN'S SWIMMING The Big Red left all opponents in its wake at the University of Akron's Zippy Invitational in December, winning nine individual events and setting five meet and pool records. Cornell finished with 2,572.5 points, more than 700 ahead of second-place Oakland University. Paige daCosta '23 (below) picked up four individual championships, setting meet and pool records in all of them—winning the 400-yard individual medley (3:48.44), the 100-yard backstroke (47.21), the 200-yard backstroke (1:43.66), and the 200-yard individual medley (1:45.10). James Huang '21 led a Big Red sweep in the 200-yard butterfly, setting meet and pool records with a time of 1:47.10.



FIELD HOCKEY Maddy Conklin '20 and Maddie Henry '20 were named to the 2019 Longstreth/NFHCA All-Mideast Region team—marking the first time in almost two decades that two Cornell field hockey players have earned first-team all-region honors in the same season. (Lindsay Grace Vaughn '04 and Carissa Mirasol Nee '04 achieved it in 2002.) Henry, who was also named the Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year, backstopped the Big Red defense, finishing second among Ivy goaltenders with a 1.82 goals-against average and .762 save percentage. Conklin was another key part of the Big Red's defensive success from her midfield position, while scoring one goal and collecting four assists.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY After opening the season with three straight shutouts, Lindsay Browning '21 was named the ECAC goalie of the month for November. A backup for her first two seasons on East Hill, Browning had no problem adjusting to the starting role this season, losing only once in her first 19 starts while allowing less than a goal a game and stopping more than 95 percent of the shots she faced. She's only the second Cornell goalie to earn ECAC monthly honors, joining Lauren Stebodnick '14, who did so twice in 2013.

MEN'S SOCCER Ryan Bayne '20 and John Scearce '20 both earned first-team All-Ivy honors as the Big Red saw a total of five players honored by the league, the most since 2013. A three-time captain, Bayne was a stalwart on the Big Red defense, playing 1,462 of a possible 1,503 minutes this season; he scored two goals including a game-winner against Akron, which resulted in Ivy player of the week honors. Scearce led the team with five goals, four of which came in the last five games of the season. Cornell

finished 10-5-2 and was third in the Ivies, its best showing since winning the title in 2012.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY Paced by all-region performances from Elle Orie '21 and Taylor Knibb '20, the Big Red finished second at the NCAA Northeast Regional, earning a team berth at the NCAA championship meet. Orie finished 14th with a time of 19:52.2 with Knibb six seconds behind in 16th. The top 16 finishers earn all-region honors. Strong finishes by Kyleigh Spearing '20 (27th), Melissa Zammiti '21 (28th), and Audrey Huelskamp '20 (41st) sealed the runner-up position for the Big Red. Orie again led CU at the NCAA championship, finishing 90th of 254 runners.

MEN'S HOCKEY For the second time in three seasons, the Big Red took a turn atop the national polls, occupying the number-one spot in early January after opening the season 12-1-2. It's no surprise, then, that Cornell was well represented in the ECAC's early season awards: in November, Matthew Galajda '21 was named goalie of the month while Sam Malinski '23 was rookie of the month.

ALUMNI NEWS

FOOTBALL A pair of former Big Red quarterbacks have found new coaching jobs for the 2020 season. In January, Bill Lazor '94 was named offensive coordinator for the NFL Chicago Bears. He previously held the same position for the Cincinnati Bengals, Miami Dolphins, University of Virginia, and University at Buffalo. In December, Ricky Rahne '02 was named head football coach at Old Dominion University after four years as an assistant coach at Penn State, including the last two as offensive coordinator. He previously served as an assistant at Vanderbilt, Kansas State, Holy Cross, and Cornell.

WOMEN'S ROWING Cecelia Madsen '12, MPH '19, has returned to the program as an assistant coach after holding a similar position in 2012-13 and serving as an assistant coach for men's rowing from 2016 to 2018. Madsen earned second-team All-American honors her senior year, helping the Big Red to a second-place finish in the Ivy championship and 11th at the NCAA championship.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY Laura Fortino '13 and Rebecca Johnston '11, BS '12, took a turn on one of hockey's biggest stages, playing for a team of Canadian stars in an Elite Women's 3-on-3 game against a team of Americans during the NHL All-Star Weekend in St. Louis in January. Johnston scored the opening goal of the game on a breakaway as the Canadians skated to a 2-1 victory.



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A Gentleman and a Scholar

Frank H.T. Rhodes, in memoriam

The Cornell community is mourning the loss of its beloved president emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, who passed away in February at age ninety-three. Cornell's ninth president—as well as a prominent paleontologist and a national figure in higher education—Rhodes led the University from 1977 to 1995. For many Cornellians, he was a quintessential part of the institution: at the time of his retirement, not only was he the longest-sitting president in the Ivy League, but almost half of Cornell's then nearly 123,000 living undergraduate alumni had attended during his presidency. "Frank Rhodes was a brilliant scholar and a gracious leader who was not only deeply respected, but truly loved by generations of Cornellians," says President Martha Pollack. "His boundless curiosity, his kindness and humor, and his sage leadership shaped Cornell as we know it today, as his wise and generous mentorship shaped the lives of the countless students, faculty, and staff who passed through Cornell during his tenure."

To many Cornellians, Rhodes was the embodiment of everything a college president should be: erudite, compassionate, affable, extraordinarily eloquent, interested in a broad range of topics, and

capable of addressing the most minute detail while keeping an eye on the big picture. Within days after the University announced his passing, a memorial website had drawn more than 200 fond remembrances—with alumni, staff, parents, and others reminiscing about his warmth, brilliance, and uncanny ability to remember a person's name even years after a casual meeting. Many cited advice he'd given them in person or during his much-admired Commencement speeches, which he concluded with the traditional Irish blessing: *"May the sun shine gently on your face / May the rain fall soft upon your fields / May the wind be at your back / May the road rise to meet you / May the Lord hold you in the hollow of his hand / Until we meet again."*

Born in Warwickshire, England, in 1926, Rhodes—his middle initials stood for Harold Trevor—earned his bachelor's, doctor of science, and PhD degrees in geology from the University of Birmingham. He taught at various institutions in the U.K. and U.S. before joining the geology faculty at the University of Michigan in 1968, rising to vice president for academic affairs before being tapped to succeed Cornell President Dale Corson. "Frank Rhodes taught all of us,

especially those of us who had the privilege to work with him, how to lead and how to inspire," says Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, vice president emerita. "He did that by his integrity, his grace, and his personal warmth. When you interacted with Frank, you felt as if you were the only person who mattered at the time. . . . Our lives are richer because Frank Rhodes was part of them."

Rhodes is survived by Rosa Rhodes, his wife of sixty-seven years; four daughters, including Penelope Rhodes McDonald '84, BA '95, and Deborah Rhodes, MD '92 (who is married to Frederick Savage Groves, MPS '89); eleven grandchildren, including Sarah Inglis '01, Heather Inglis '07, BA '06, Kristen Inglis, PhD '11, and Caroline Groves '20; and one great-granddaughter. In his honor, Cornell has established the Frank H.T. Rhodes Memorial Fund—which, it says, "will be used to support undergraduate scholarships and ensure the University remains accessible to students from all backgrounds."

The reminiscences on the following pages were drawn from the University's memorial website, cornell.edu/frank-rhodes. They have been edited and condensed.



'When Frank Rhodes became president, Cornell had just been through the trying years of the late Sixties. His inspiring leadership brought back a sense of pride as to what kind of a university Cornell was, and optimism as to what the future would bring.'

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'President Rhodes was simply the best thing to happen to Cornell since Ezra.'

— INGRID BERLIN CENTER '66

'President Rhodes will always be "our" president—the Class of 1981, as he entered Cornell at the same time we did. As he joked when reminded that we entered together, he would say, "Yes, but you graduated. I'm still here."

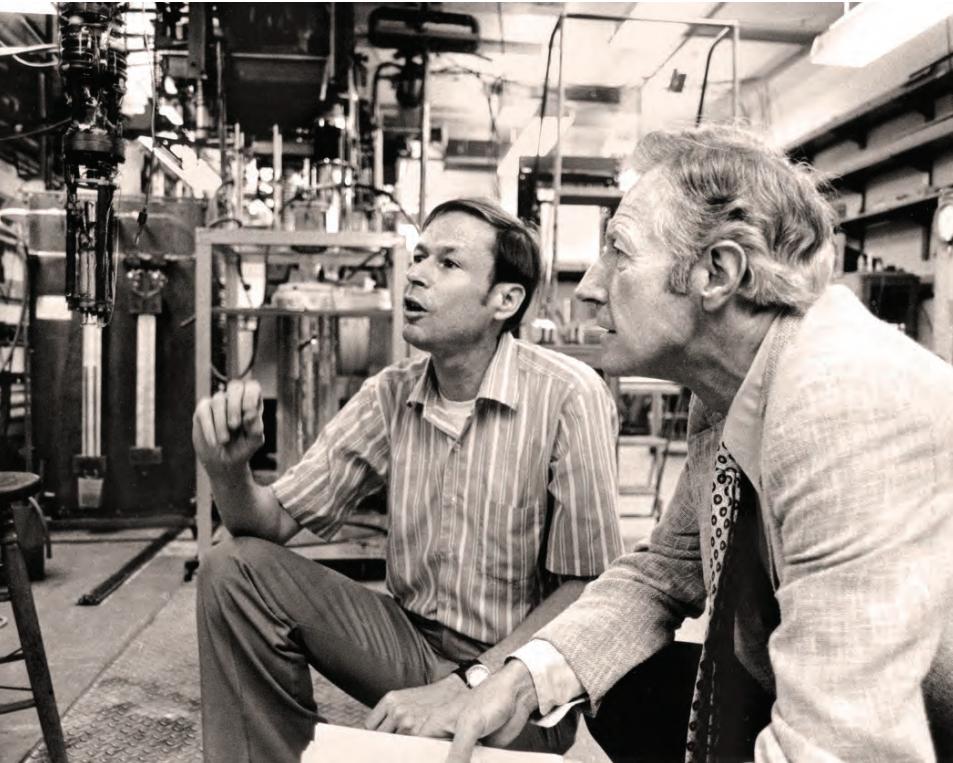
— FRED COHEN '81

INAUGURATION DAY (from top): Rhodes reviewing his speech; posing with his predecessors (from left) Dale Corson, James Perkins, and Deane Waldo Malott; and in a similar grouping on the day of President Martha Pollack's inauguration with (from left) Jeffrey Lehman '77, Pollack, David Skorton, and Hunter Rawlings. Opposite page: Rhodes on Dragon Day 1993; leading a paleontology outing in 1990; and touring a cryogenics facility in Clark Hall in 1977.



'Even though Cornell is a huge institution, somehow I felt very connected to President Rhodes; I think all of the students did. I can still remember how much we all loved his Commencement address and how much it meant to us to have him deliver it. We did not want any celebrity or other famous person—we wanted our president!'

— STACY LEOPOLD '81



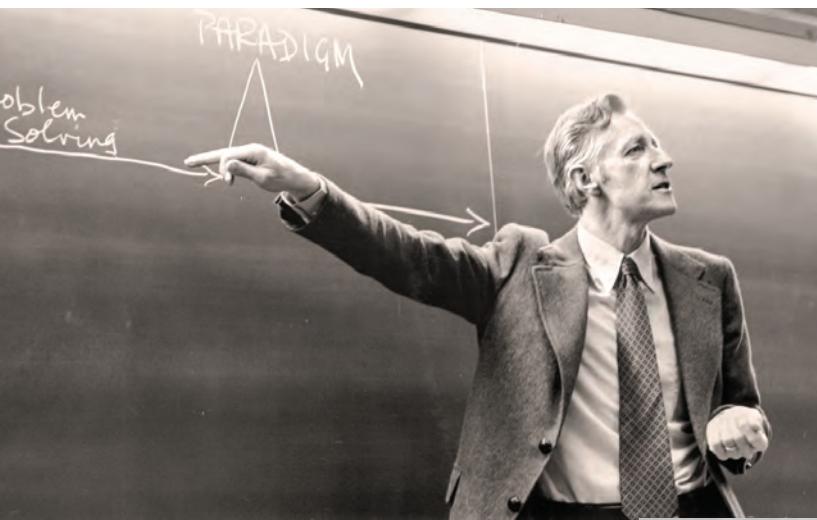
'He and his wife joined our little natural history club on a very cold and rainy day for a walk in the gorge. It seemed amazing to me that such an important man would take time to come along on that wee hike. And I found his knowledge of paleobotany even more amazing; he'd look at this fossil or that and tell us all the names from memory.'

— SHARI GOLDFARB '80



'On Cornell's Adult University ventures, he wove together geology, archaeology, evolution, history, and the Bible as though they always should have been taught in concert. It seems like yesterday when Frank scampered effortlessly up the steep cliffs of Santorini, leaving those half his age gasping for breath.'

— RICHARD TUNICK '67



QUINTESSENTIAL CORNELLIAN (from top): Rhodes with astronomer Carl Sagan in 1980; escorting the Dalai Lama during his 1991 visit to the Hill; teaching on campus in 1977; and visiting Antarctica in 1988. Opposite page, from top: Rhodes and wife Rosa greet a student in fall 1977; the couple traveling in style at Reunion '78; and taking a photo with Robin Davisson (far right), a faculty member and wife of then-President Skorton, at the 2015 Charter Day celebration.

'A great intellect, combined with great charm and humility; you wanted to follow wherever this man would lead.'

— DOUGLAS JOHNSON '78



'When the "Shantytown" [opposing apartheid] was in full swing, President Rhodes was scheduled to meet with protesters. Despite his handlers attempting to restrain him, he walked among the somewhat hostile protesters and engaged them on their terms. Such personal courage spoke volumes.'

— PETER HOYT '76





'When I was a freshman, he struck up a conversation with me at a "meet and greet." During that chat, President Rhodes made the comment, "Don't let classes get in the way of your education at Cornell." It took me years to fully comprehend the profundity of his guidance.'

— HOWARD MARKUS '91



'As a Hotel major working for Cornell Catering at events in the Rhodes's home, I learned so much of the hospitality business from the example that Frank and Rosa set. They were gracious to their guests and as gracious to us. The night always ended with us cleaning up and Frank getting the vacuum cleaner out to help.'

— SHARON NUNAN STEMME '88



'In celebration of our Ivy championship, my soccer teammates and I had the opportunity to visit President Rhodes and Rosa at their home. He was well ahead of his time in appreciating women in sport, not always the case on campus at that time. As I left I made a note to myself that I wanted another Ivy championship just so I could have an audience with this remarkable, humble, hospitable leader.'

— JENNIFER SMITH '90



'We always enjoyed his locker room visits and passionate speeches, even though we knew he knew very little about American football. He'd always end with a fist pump and a hearty "Go Big Red!" It was simply his presence and sincere interest that we admired. We still talk about it years later.'

— MARK MILLER '84

'As a freshman, I fell for the joke issue of the *Daily Sun*, which said that Thanksgiving break had to be canceled. I found President Rhodes's home number in the phone book and called him at 7 a.m. in a panic. He gently reassured me that the break would occur as scheduled. It's that warmth I will remember.'

— BILL MIKULAK '84



CAMPUS LIFE (from top): Rhodes driving the Engineering college's experimental electric car in 1977; outfitted for one of his frequent squash games in 1997 (at left) and on Cornell's indoor climbing wall in 1992; and greeting football players in the locker room in 1977. Opposite page: Rhodes at a 2016 campus celebration in honor of his ninetieth birthday.

'We use the word "leader" to mean almost anyone now, but real leadership is rare. A true leader provides assurance that your role—whether student, member, or employee—is of value and purpose. Frank Rhodes, with immense grace, did that.'

— GEORGETTE ASHERMAN '85



I will never forget walking across the stage in Carnegie Hall to receive my Medical College PhD diploma. As my family let out a cheer—they were supposed to be quiet until the end—President Rhodes leaned in and said, “Susan, keep them cheering.” A small thing, but it meant the world.’

— SUSAN FITZPATRICK, PHD '84

‘He was our Commencement speaker, and to this day I recall advice he bestowed upon us so eloquently. In his exceptional style, he said, “Do not mortgage all your todays for some vague and gossamer tomorrow.” ’

— PATRICIA ENGGAARD BETZ '79

FLYING HIGH

Ithaca's airport sees a major overhaul—the latest upgrade to a facility originally built by Cornell

By Beth Saulnier

A half-century after Mike Hall '68 saw his career in aviation take flight on East Hill, it came in for a gentle landing on roughly the exact spot where it began. A member of Air Force ROTC as an undergrad, Hall learned to fly at the Tompkins County Airport—located off Warren Road about four miles from central campus—and earned his private pilot's license his senior year. After graduation, he went on to a distinguished military career—serving as a fighter wing commander during the First Gulf War and rising to the rank of major general—before retiring in 1995 and opening a leadership consulting business. Since 2014, he's been the manager of what's now known as the Ithaca Tompkins International Airport—overseeing a dramatic transformation of the very place where he first took wing.

This winter, the airport completed a \$37 million renovation and expansion that not only increased its capacity and added a host of amenities long lacking at the passenger gates—including a cafe and bar, a lactation room, and a pet relief area—but earned it a designation as a facility capable of accepting international travelers. With some 108,000 people flying out of Ithaca annually, Hall says, it's the busiest small airport in Upstate New York. "Right now," he says, "every flight is leaving Ithaca full." He notes that with about 7,000 feet of runway—longer than Midway in Chicago or John Wayne in California's Orange County—"the airport is capable of taking any size aircraft that this market would support," including airliners that can fly cross-country. "You'd

'You'd be surprised how even the demand is throughout the year,' says airport manager Mike Hall '68. 'It's not just about students, it's about faculty, it's about conferences.'

be surprised how even the demand is throughout the year," Hall observes. "It's not just about students, it's about faculty, it's about conferences. As soon as the students leave in May, the sports camps pop up."

For many Cornellians, the airport is their gateway to campus. While earlier generations of students—many of whom hailed from the Northeast—may have taken the train (which ended service in the early Sixties), these days undergrads and grad students come to East Hill from around the country and the world. Currently, the airport is served by three airlines—American, Delta, and United—that mainly take travelers to and from hubs such as Detroit, Philadelphia, and Dulles in Washington, D.C.; Hall is fond of noting that the airport offers "750 one-stop connections globally." The most frequent domestic destination for travelers flying from Ithaca: San Francisco, not only due to the Bay Area's status as a tech hub relevant to many Cornell faculty and students, but as a connector to the Pacific Rim. If an airline offered a direct flight, Hall says, "we could fill a hundred-seater to San Francisco."

Visitors to the newly renovated airport may be surprised to see that its signage is in English and Mandarin. The rationale, Hall says, is that people from China comprise Tompkins County's largest single group of foreign-born residents. (And according to 2018–19 numbers from Cornell's Office of Global Learning, a significant portion of the University's 5,300 international students—nearly 2,400—come from China.) In terms of international travelers availing themselves of the new customs

DEPARTURE LOUNGE:
The new terminal features renovated gates and a cafe and bar run by Ithaca Coffee Company.



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Departures					
	Flight	Airline	Origin	Dest.	Time
101	Delta	Atlanta	ATL	Orlando	10:45 am
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✓	2642	Winnipeg	8:00 pm	8:00 pm
✓	2643	Montreal	8:00 pm	8:00 pm
✓	2647	Detroit	8:04 pm	8:04 pm
✓	2648	Toronto	8:04 pm	8:04 pm
✓	2678	Pittsburgh	8:04 pm	8:04 pm

Arrivals				
	AIRPORT	PLT	ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE TIME
✓	2672	Washington Dulles	8:16 pm	8:00 pm
✓	2673	Chicago O'Hare	8:16 pm	8:00 pm
✓	2681	Pittsburgh	8:16 pm	8:00 pm
✓	2690	Calgary	1:04 pm	1:04 pm



GAINING ALTITUDE: Mike Hall (top), the retired Air Force general and Cornell ROTC alum who runs the airport. Bottom: The new exterior by night.

capability, the system is currently set up to handle private planes, though commercial flights—most likely starting with Toronto—could eventually be added. Additionally, Hall says, he's been working with the University to craft a pitch to airlines to offer flights between Ithaca and JFK—not necessarily as a destination but as a global gateway. "You find a lot of people taking a bus to Kennedy," Hall says, "and then getting on an airplane to go half-way around the world."

As Hall points out, the airport and the University have long been intertwined. The current facility traces its roots to a Cornell-owned airport, built in the Forties as an improvement over the city's original one on Cayuga Inlet (now home to the Hangar Theatre). As Morris Bishop 1914, PhD '26, writes in *A History of Cornell*: "[President Edmund Ezra Day] had long been concerned about Ithaca's physical isolation, as Ezra Cornell had been concerned

The author
of *A History of Cornell* called the University's purchase of land for an airport on East Hill, 'one of the most fortunate investments in our history.'

years before. The airport in the valley was inadequate and was bounded against expansion by city, lake, and hills. The only place for an airport was the level farmland to the north of the University. But suburban colonists were planting their ranch houses along the roads, and prices were due to rise. The City of Ithaca was eagerly interested, but no mayor could survive a proposal to buy a second airport, outside the city, with taxpayers' money. The only organism free to act was the University."

Trustees authorized the plan in September 1944, and the University bought 1,146 acres for \$202,000—nearly \$3 million in today's funds. As Bishop goes on to note, the purchase was "the most sharply criticized of the [Day] administration's actions in the physical realm" as it led not only to major operating losses but a legal dispute with the local airline. Ultimately, trustees "declined to put another penny in it," and in 1956 the county took it over. "Today, with railroad passenger service to Ithaca ended and with the transfer of the airport to Tompkins County, we must applaud the president's courageous foresight," Bishop writes, going on to call the land purchase "one of the most fortunate investments in our history, ranking not far below Ezra Cornell's assumption of the western pinelands [the Land Grant that helped fund the University's founding]." But, he writes: "At the time, few of the faculty reached any such conclusion. To most of them the purchase of an airport was a monstrous manifestation of presidential caprice. Could not Dr. Day take the sleeper to New York, like anyone else? The president had to defend himself to a hostile faculty meeting, nor did his defense persuade many that he was not wasting our precious funds on a flying chimera."

Travelers coming through the airport in its first half-century may recall an experience out of *Casablanca*: the terminal was modest—more reminiscent of a bus station—and passengers walked out onto the tarmac to board and deplane. A major renovation in 1994 created a larger and more modern facility, with some gates employing jetways (passenger bridges)—but a generation later, Hall says, it was badly in need of an upgrade. "We'd built a new terminal twenty-five years before, and it had run its course," he says, "including straddling the 9/11 event, which radically changed security at airports." For example, there was no space in the back-of-house baggage area to accommodate a screening machine required under post-9/11 regulations—so the metal behemoth was put smack in front of the ticket counter. Among the many advantages of the newly completed terminal, Hall says, is that all airline flights will be accessed by jetways, shielding travelers from Ithaca's famously temperamental weather. "And the bag screening machine," he says, "is now behind the wall."

Up and Away

A sampling of aviation's long history in Ithaca and on the Hill



Airport on the Inlet

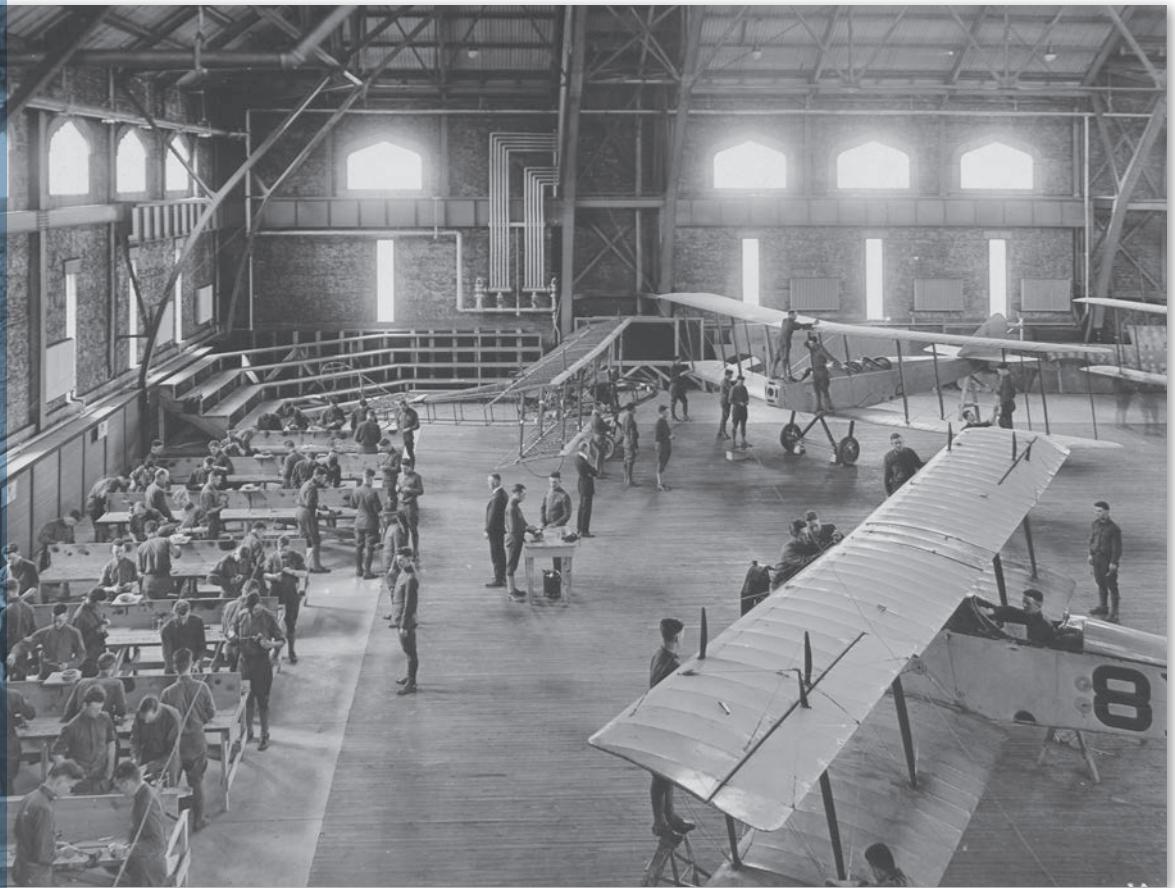
The Hangar Theatre—a venue on Cayuga Inlet that's home to year-round performances as well as a popular Equity summer stock season—comes by its name literally. The facility occupies the site of Ithaca's original municipal airport, opened in 1912 with a single hangar and a landing strip. "During the Depression, a Civil Works Administration project expanded the airport with asphalt runways and a two-story glass, steel, and cinder-block hangar—the foundation of today's theater," the Hangar explains on its website. "Huge crowds attended the September 17, 1934 opening, celebrated with fireworks and parachute jumps."

While the airport was used for the training of more than 4,000 pilots during World War II, its short runways and less-than-ideal location—prone to fog and hemmed in

by the water—made it unwieldy for commercial aviation. "When Cornell opened an airport on the East Hill in 1948, use of the lakeside facility gradually decreased until it closed in July 1966," the theater notes. "The hangar then languished, used for storage of city equipment." The building was renovated into a summer theater in 1975; in 2010, it was winterized to allow for shows in all seasons. And as for the former runways and their environs? They're now home to Cass Park, a city recreation area featuring trails, a swimming pool, and an ice rink. ▶



DRAMATIC CHANGE: Ithaca's original municipal airport on Cayuga Inlet (top) is now home to the Hangar Theatre (above).



PREPARING FOR BATTLE: Students and equipment for the U.S. Army School of Military Aeronautics trained in Barton Hall (top and bottom) during World War I.

The Great War

The vintage photos are striking: during World War I, Barton Hall—then known as Drill Hall—was filled with airplanes. The armory had been transformed into an aviation ground school: the U.S. Army School of Military Aeronautics at Cornell University, one of six such institutions preparing pilots for service. “Cornell’s first class of soon-to-be pilots arrived May 17, 1917,” Elaine Deutsch Engst, MA ’72, the University’s archivist emerita, and a coauthor observed in the *Cornell Chronicle* during the Sesquicentennial celebration. “Buzzers for wireless (radio) practice were installed in the basement of Schoellkopf Hall. The pilots received engine class training in Rand Hall, and physics professor Ernest Blaker, PhD 1901, held classes on flight theory, meteorology, and radio work.”

A precursor to flight training (held elsewhere), the Cornell ground school had about 200 students at any given time; in addition to pilots, it trained aerial photographers, who’d gather intelligence during reconnaissance missions. “For the pilots, final exams required comprehensive and skillful answers,” the *Chronicle* story noted. “In the engines class, students saw questions like,



‘What are the advantages of [a] double ignition system for airplane motors?’ or ‘How many times per second does the interrupter break the primary current of a magneto which is furnishing the ignition for an eight cylinder engine running 1400 rpm?’ or ‘Make a sketch of a two-gear oil pump, showing path of oil and direction of rotation of gears.’”

As antique aircraft aficionado Randy Marcus ’82 notes, photographs show that

the students in Barton worked with both the single-seater “Tommy” aircraft—made in Ithaca—and the two-seater “Jenny” planes that accommodated both an instructor and a trainee. The facility, he adds, also provided a state-of-the-art venue for students and faculty interested in the nascent field of aeronautics, which the war had made all the more pressing. “Barton Hall,” he says, “was more or less a living classroom.”

Join the Club

It was, arguably, the single most memorable event in the history of the Cornell Pilots Club. In March 1948, bad weather—fog, crosswinds, a thunderstorm—forced a small plane carrying four undergrads to make several unplanned landings en route to Ithaca from a conference of collegiate flying clubs in New Haven. “It was pouring rain and lightning,” passenger Janet Armstrong Hamber ‘51 recalls of the dickest segment. “At the time I wasn’t scared, but I realize now that the possibility of us crashing and dying was pretty high.”

The trip was Hamber’s one and only outing with the club—which, she cheerfully admits, she’d only joined because she had a crush on a member. But dozens of other students were enthusiastic participants in the Pilots Club, which was active for about a decade after World War II—drawing a mix of military veterans and civilian aviation buffs. “We had a tremendous hankering to get up there,” says Sabra “Piper” Baker Staley ‘51, who was part of the latter group, having earned her private pilot’s license during a gap year after high school. In fact, Staley craved flying so much, she neglected her studies (at least, she says, “that’s what my mother claimed”) and wound up flunking out of mechanical engineering after two years, eventually completing her degree at the University of Maryland.

The Pilots Club wasn’t the first effort of its kind on the Hill; an item in the *Daily Sun* from way back in November 1909 announced the inaugural meeting of the Cornell Aero Club. “If a sufficient number of enthusiastic aviators report this evening,” it said, “communications can at once be opened with New York aeroplanists and a machine procured.” As C.H. Wetzel 1913 observed in the *Cornell Era*, more than 200 students attended that first gathering. Members went on to design and build gliders, launching them “on the hills back of the Ag College.” Wrote Wetzel: “It is the aim and object of the Cornell Aero Club to develop the best gliders the world has ever seen, to train as many men as possible in the use of these gliders, and to put Cornell ahead of all others in the field of intercollegiate aviation.” (A 1939 story in the *Alumni News* noted that despite some early success, interest in gliding “died out in a few years, the members turning to the study of powered flight.”)

An aviation group re-formed after World War I with a different focus, eventually becoming the Cornell Flying Club. As the *Harvard Crimson* reported in November

1918: “Cornell is following the lead of other Eastern universities in the formation of an Aero Club, consisting of all undergraduates who were qualified pilots in the air service of the Allies. . . . The object of the club is to promote interest in aviation by securing the cooperation of men connected with flying, and to secure capital to aid in the commercial and scientific development of the airplane and the dirigible balloon.”

During the post-WWII Pilots Club years, members would generally rent single-engine planes from the old airport on the Inlet, paying \$10 per hour for a craft with an instructor, \$7 without. In 1948, about thirty people chipped in \$30 each to buy a Piper Cub Coupe, which boasted a carnelian red paint job and a cruising speed of 90 mph. “It was fun with friends,” Norm Baker ‘49 (no

relation to Staley) reminisced in a 2001 CAM story on the club, “out in the sunlight, with a few cumulous puffs in the sky.”

Among club members, men outnumbered women ten to one; Staley says she was likely the only female member who was a licensed pilot. She was also on that now-legendary trip from New Haven, along with Hamber, Charles Leavitt ‘51, and Lester Davis Jr. ‘51, who was at the controls when the weather went south. Among Staley’s other memories from her Pilots Club days:

landing at an Upstate airport where she was guided in not by radio instructions but by a hand-held, color-coded light called a biscuit gun. “They’d aim it at a plane and the pilot would spot it,” Staley explains. “You’d line up at 1,000 feet and wait for a green gun from the tower, and it meant, ‘Come on in.’” ➤

‘We had a tremendous hankering to get up there,’ says Sabra ‘Piper’ Baker Staley ‘51, who already had a pilot’s license when she got to CU.



EAGER AVIATORS (counterclockwise from above): A Pilots Club photo from the late Forties includes Sabra Staley and Norm Baker (in front row on opposite sides of sign); Baker in a Piper Cub; a member of the Aero Club with a glider in 1912.





VINTAGE AIRCRAFT:

The Tommy plane during its centennial flight (left) and in production on South Hill



'Tommy' Comes Home

On September 29, 2018, a small wooden plane took to the skies over Ithaca, a century after it came off the production line on South Hill. Known as the Thomas-Morse S-4B—"Tommy" for short—the single-seater aircraft was one of about 500 made by a local company as trainers for combat pilots bound for the war in Europe. "Every American pilot who flew in World War I trained on a Tommy," says Marcus, the vintage aviation buff. "Ithaca sent these planes far and wide."

It's a little-remembered fact that, in the early days of aviation, Ithaca was one of the nation's leading centers of aircraft production. The firm that eventually became Thomas-Morse Aviation—which, Marcus says, had no particular connection to Cornell and was lured to Ithaca by local officials eager to capitalize on a new industry—began operations in the city in 1914, in a building along Cayuga Inlet that still bears a sign for the "Thomas Aeroplane Factory." But when it won the U.S. contract to build the single-seat trainers, it moved up to a new production facility on South Hill. The contract required the company to test-fly every tenth plane that came off the line as government officials observed, so the aircraft would be transported downhill by railcar and launched from

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a strip at Ithaca's municipal airport.

After the war, Thomas-Morse won a federal contract to design a next-generation aircraft, but not to build it; that plum went to a small firm in Seattle that was more conveniently located near stands of the Sitka spruce then used to make planes. (That upstart's name? Boeing.) In 1929, Thomas-Morse was taken over and eventually went out of business. For the next couple of decades, the decommissioned Tommy planes were used for activities like barnstorming, aerial acrobatics, and appearances

in movies—including the 1918 silent film *A Romance of the Air*, shot by Ithaca's own Wharton Studios. As of the mid-Aughts—when Marcus, who's an attorney based in Ithaca, and other local aviation fans started working to bring a Tommy back to Ithaca and restore it to flying condition in time for its

centennial—there were only about a dozen still in existence, in varying states of repair.

Happily, news of the quixotic quest reached the owner of one of those rare specimens—factory number 191—who donated it to the nonprofit Ithaca Aviation Heritage Foundation. For nearly a decade, volunteers raised funds and put in thousands of hours of labor to restore it, with some of the work conducted in the very building where it had been manufactured. After its triumphant 2018 flight, the plane became the centerpiece of the new Tompkins Center for History and Culture. "The Tommy represents a spirit of innovation—of course related largely to the University's presence—that has pervaded Ithaca forever," says Marcus. "We felt that symbol would be very compelling to the community—not only to bring awareness of what Ithaca was a hundred-plus years ago, but how that vein has continued to flow, from then through now and into the future."

PHOTOS: THIS PAGE, TOP, LARRY BAUM; BOTTOM, NATIONAL ARCHIVES; OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP, RMC; BOTTOM LEFT, TOMPKINS COUNTY HISTORY CENTER; BOTTOM RIGHT, CORNELL DAILY SUN

Big Red Bird

It was named, aptly, *The Far Above*. The airplane—a red and white DC-3 capable of carrying twenty-two passengers—was donated to the University in 1957 by trustee Leroy Grumman 1916, founder of Grumman Aerospace (and benefactor of the Engineering college's Grumman Hall). "During its Cornell days, the plane carried high government officials, foreign ambassadors, athletic squads, and special student groups as well as Cornell faculty and staff," said a December 1970 press release from Day Hall announcing that the University was selling the craft due to a decline in usage. As the statement noted, the plane had flown more than 250,000 miles and carried some 30,000 passengers during its Big Red tenure. "Old friends and users of *The Far Above* have been invited to meet at the airport," it said, "to say farewell to the plane."



WHAT A RIDE: The University's former plane, a DC-3 called *The Far Above*



LEGENDARY FLYER: Amelia Earhart (above) tours the municipal airport during her 1932 visit to Ithaca. Right: The *Daily Sun*'s coverage of her talk in Bailey Hall.



Aviatrix in Ithaca

Among the countless dignitaries that have graced the Hill over the past century and a half is one of the world's most famous flyers: Amelia Earhart. The legendary aviatrix came to Ithaca in December 1932 for a trip that included a talk on campus (entitled "Flying for Fun") in which she described her recent solo transatlantic flight. "I did it for my own personal satisfaction," she told the crowd in Bailey Hall, as the *Daily Sun* reported the next day. "My flight added little to aviation, as literally hundreds of people have already made the trip by air in airplanes or lighter-than-air craft. But I do hope that it interested women in aviation."

Earhart's brief time in Ithaca also included a tour of the airport, a visit to a facility for disabled children, a stop at the Stewart

Avenue home of Mary Cornell (daughter of Ezra), and a dinner in Willard Straight. In her Bailey lecture—given, as the *Sun* observed, "with the aid of motion pictures"—she expressed high hopes for the future of commercial aviation. "You are safer in the air traveling at the rate of 150 miles per hour," she observed, "than in a car traveling sixty or seventy." ■





HER OWN WORDS

A new edition of *The Comstocks of Cornell* restores the complete voice of its author, squelched seven decades ago

BY BETH SAULNIER

When Anna Botsford Comstock 1885 died in summer 1930 at the age of seventy-five, the pioneering naturalist left behind not only an ailing husband—famed entomologist John Henry Comstock 1874, who was severely debilitated by a series of strokes and would pass away just half a year later—but a 760-page manuscript chronicling their decades of marriage, travel, teaching, and scientific study. It would be nearly a quarter-century until that memoir reached a wide readership, in the form of a book compiled by Glenn Herrick 1896, Anna's second cousin and the couple's closest living relative.

Published in 1953 by a division of Cornell University Press, *The Comstocks of Cornell* was in fact just part of Anna's original manuscript. It had been heavily edited by Herrick, also a professor of entomology on the Hill—not only to de-emphasize events and characters he considered irrelevant, but to streamline the language, remove any hint of controversy, and shift the focus toward John Henry's august accomplishments, including his role as founder of Cornell's entomology department.

But this spring, CU Press is publishing a new edition of *The Comstocks of Cornell*—a version that comprises Anna's entire manuscript, or at least the 716 pages that survive. It's edited by Karen Penders St. Clair, PhD '17, a former laboratory staffer in CALS and the Vet college who undertook the project as her doctoral thesis in horticulture, devoting six years to research in Kroch Library's Rare and Manuscript Collections, home to the Comstocks' papers. Currently an independent scholar based in Rochester, New York, St. Clair hopes the upcoming volume will give readers a better sense of what Anna was truly like, beyond the familiar tropes of her status as Cornell's first female professor, a leading scientific illustrator, and an early advocate of nature education. "She was sassy. She

was a romantic. She had a fantastic vocabulary. She was opinionated," says St. Clair. "And you wouldn't know any of that from reading the 1953 book."

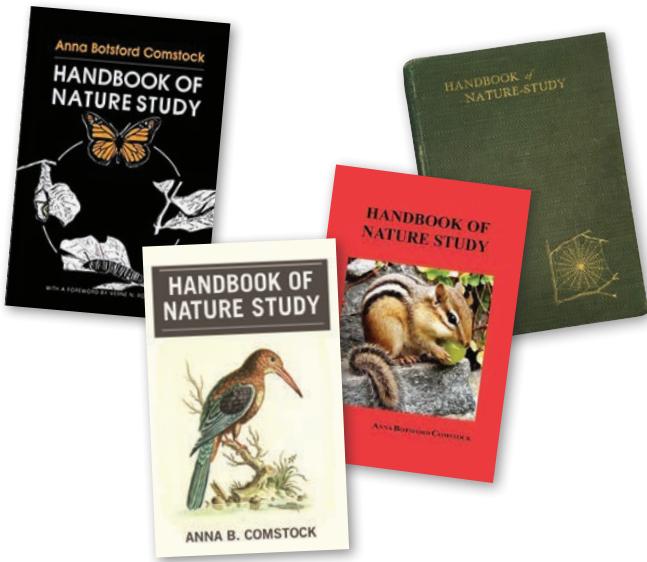
Born in a small town in Western New York, Anna Botsford grew up on the family farm, with parents who supported her love of learning; aiming for a university education, she did college prep work at a nearby women's school. "An outstanding student," notes her entry in *The 100 Most Notable Cornellians*, "Anna delivered the salutatorian address to her class in Latin, as was customary." She matriculated on the Hill in 1874,

one of thirty-seven female students (compared with 484 males) who lived off campus in advance of the completion of the Sage College women's residence. "The cold-shouldering of the females by the males existed from the first," Morris Bishop 1914, PhD '26, writes in *A History of Cornell*—going on to note that while Anna had been warned before coming to campus that male students paid co-eds little attention, that didn't prove to be her experience. "She was a very intelligent person, original, decided, and humorous, and beautiful even in her old age," Bishop writes. "In college, she had no awareness of ostracism; indeed, she had to discourage men callers."

Anna left Cornell after two years—as St. Clair explains, moving back home in the wake of breaking off an engagement to a classmate. She returned to campus in 1878, not as an undergraduate but as the new wife of John Henry; six years her senior, he had taught a course she'd taken in zoology, and the two became close friends before their relationship turned romantic. ("The Comstock partnership, in science and life, vindicated Andrew D. White's judgment of college attachments and their results," Bishop notes, referring to the founder's belief that for young people, studying together was a far better way to find a compatible ›



NATURE LOVERS: The Comstocks at home in Ithaca. Top: Anna's etching of a moth. Opposite page: A detail of a portrait of the couple in Comstock Hall.



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mate than conventional courtship.) Anna eventually completed a BS in natural history and—having a lifelong talent for painting and drawing—became a skilled illustrator of insects and plants, initially to help her husband with his lectures and publications.

Her career as a nature educator began in earnest in the 1890s, when she joined a New York State committee aimed at encouraging rural youth to stay on their family farms by teaching them to appreciate the wonders of the natural world. "The state legislature appropriated funds for Cornell's College of Agriculture to implement a pilot project," says *Notable Cornellians*. "Liberty Hyde Bailey, Cornell's distinguished horticulturalist, was named head of the 'nature study' movement, but Anna Comstock did much of the work." She became the University's first female assistant professor in 1899, though she held the title only briefly before some trustees objected, and she was returned to instructor status (while retaining the higher salary). "Men did not want her to have this professorship," St. Clair says. "They were afraid if there was a female professor, people might not come to Cornell."

In 1911, two years before she finally regained a professorial title, Anna published her landmark *Handbook of Nature Study*. Released by the couple's own company (now part of CU Press), which they'd established with a friend to publish John Henry's textbooks, it became a surprise hit. The volume, running to nearly 900 pages, is still in print. "Nature study cultivates in the child a love of the beautiful; it brings to him early a perception of color, form, and music," Anna writes in the introduction. "He sees whatever there is in his environment, whether it be the thunder-head piled up in the western sky or the golden flash of the oriole in the elm; whether it be the purple of the shadows on the snow, or the azure glint on the wing of the little butterfly. . . . But, more than all, nature study gives the child a sense of companionship with life out of doors and an abiding love of nature." Furthermore, she observes, "Out-of-door life takes the child afield and keeps him in the open air, which not only helps him physically and occupies his mind with sane subjects, but keeps him out of mischief. It is not only during childhood that this is true, for love of nature counts much for sanity in later life."

Retiring from full-time teaching in 1920, Anna went on to accrue numerous accolades, including an honorary doctorate from Hobart College, inclusion on the League of Women Voters' 1923 list of America's dozen most outstanding women, and the naming of two Cornell buildings in her honor—a North Campus residence (which now houses the Latino Living Center) and Comstock Hall (named for both her and her husband), home to entomology and other sciences. In 1988, she was inducted into the National Wildlife Federation's Conservation Hall of Fame.

The Comstocks' life was upended in 1926, when John Henry suffered a severe stroke. Anna, herself ill with cancer and heart disease, spent her final years





tending to him and working on her memoir, drawing from her diaries (which have since been lost). The volume might have seen the light of day in the mid-Thirties, when Herrick—the heir who received the couple's papers—retired from the Cornell faculty and, casting about for a project, eyed the publication of Anna's memoir as a way both to generate income and to highlight the Comstocks' scientific legacy.

But he abandoned the project after receiving conflicting advice from colleagues. Historian George Burr 1881 said it would be anathema to alter a personal memoir, counsel that inclined Herrick to publish Anna's work verbatim. But Woodford Patterson 1896—the University secretary and editor of the *Cornell Alumni News*—panned the manuscript outright; as St. Clair writes, he considered it “too personal and trite for scholars of the Comstocks’ character.” Wielding a purple wax pencil, he chopped vast swaths of the text. “He called it ‘a desultory recital of loosely related occupations and diversions,’ ” St. Clair says, quoting her notes from the Kroch Library reading room. “He said, ‘The style of this book is repulsive; its diffuseness and disorder and aimless shifting the focus of attention all combine to make it tiresome reading.’ ” For St. Clair, those dismissive comments are infuriating. “When I found Patterson’s letter, I went on my knees on the floor in front of the card catalog,” she recalls. “I had such a physical reaction of disgust.”

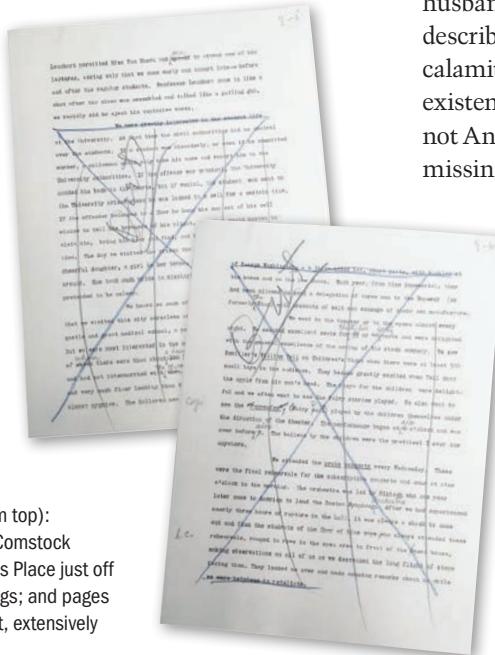
Cowed, Herrick shelved the project for a decade and a half. But by the early Fifties, Patterson and others who’d expressed ›

BREATH OF FRESH AIR (clockwise from above): Anna (in white blouse and black hat in foreground) at a 1905 school picnic whose fellow attendees included famed horticulturalist Liberty Hyde Bailey (far right); Anna (back row right) with children in a nature study group displaying their birdhouses; memoir editor Karen Penders St. Clair on a campus bench that Anna favored; and various editions of the *Handbook of Nature Study*





'It was not right,' St. Clair says of the heavy editing of Anna's memoir, 'because it was not how she wanted her life and work, or her husband's, to be remembered.'



BY THE BOOK (clockwise from top):

The original headquarters of Comstock Publishing, located on Roberts Place just off campus; one of Anna's etchings; and pages from her memoir's manuscript, extensively marked up by an early reader

opinions on how to handle the manuscript had passed away, and Herrick had carte blanche to edit it as he saw fit. He wound up trimming it considerably, removing whole sections, and altering language here and there. The end result, St. Clair says, is not only that the 1953 version focuses more on John Henry's career—unsurprising, since Herrick idolized him—but that it squelches Anna's distinctive voice. "She knew enough of life by the time she was seventy-three or seventy-four years old that she knew what she wanted to be recorded," St. Clair says. "This was her saying, 'This is what I think is important about my life; this is what mattered.'"

In crafting the new edition, it was important to St. Clair that readers see how Herrick had altered Anna's prose. She and CU Press settled on some creative punctuation: the sections of Anna's memoir that didn't appear in 1953 are set off by scrolled brackets. "I felt that what Herrick did was for his own selfish reasons," St. Clair observes. "He may have started off thinking he was doing it for the moral good of preserving the Comstock legacy, but I think he was trying to create something for himself." As she notes, when Herrick did an oral history interview for the University archives in 1965, he repeatedly referred to the volume as "my book." "It was not right," St. Clair says of Herrick's heavy-handed editing, "because it was not how she wanted her life and work, or her husband's, to be remembered."

The 1953 version of *The Comstocks of Cornell* ends on a heartbreak note. After describing the diagnosis of her husband's first stroke, Anna writes: "There are no words to describe his bravery and patience and cheerfulness after this calamity which, for us, ended life. All that came after was merely existence." St. Clair is convinced that the ending is Herrick's, not Anna's, and that the actual one is among the several dozen missing pages from the original manuscript. "I don't think that

was the last sentence she wrote," says St. Clair, who added an epilogue describing the couple's final years. "Nobody can convince me of that. I think she had more to say."

Three years before Anna matriculated at Cornell, Professor Goldwin Smith donated a carved bench that sits in front of his namesake building. Anna is known to have enjoyed sitting on the bench, which bears the quotation, "Above All Nations Is Humanity"; for St. Clair, doing the same offered a way to feel close to her subject. "It was important to me to sit there," she says. "In my mind, I imagined she was sitting next to me. I felt like we were connected by a bridge through time, and I was going to set things right for her." ▶



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Anne Botiford Constance

The Cherry Blossoms' High Tea.

To Mrs. Anne Fletcher.

ON THE HILL

In an excerpt from *The Comstocks of Cornell*, Anna Comstock describes life as a female student in the University's early years

I first thought of Cornell when, during my last term at Chamberlain Institute, one of our graduates who had entered Cornell talked to me about it. He said: "It is a great place for an education; but if you go there you won't have such a gay time as you have had here, for the boys there won't pay any attention to the college girls." I thought seriously and finally concluded: "Cornell must be a good place for a girl to get an education—it has all the advantages of a university and a convent combined."

I started for Cornell in November 1874, entering at the opening of the second term.

I stopped at Elmira on my way, and John Hillebrand, cousin Fidelia's husband, came with me from there to see me settled. It was discouraging business, but we finally found a room, with a Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, in a house on East Seneca Street just below Spring Street, and a place to board with a Mr. and Mrs. Halsey in a house on the opposite side of the street.

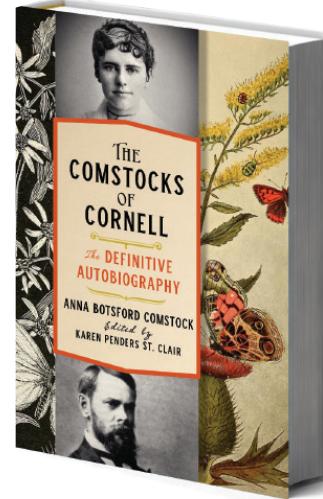
There were then a few scattering houses on East Seneca Street above Spring, and a few on Eddy Street, but there were no paved sidewalks anywhere. Now and then there was gravel on a sidepath. I climbed up to the University as best I could, thankful that I was a country girl and accustomed to bad roads. Cascadilla Place was a forbidding-looking structure, but it housed many professors and their families and many students. Sage College and Sage Chapel were in process of building. Morrill Hall, then called South University, and White Hall, then called North University, had classrooms in their central portion but at the ends were dormitories for boys and at the top of each was a large lecture room. Of Sibley College only what is now the west section was completed.

A large wooden building occupying a place west of that given to Goldwin Smith Hall held the departments of chemistry, physics, and veterinary science. On East Avenue, President White's house

and north of it the houses of Professor Willard Fiske and Dr. [James] Law were completed. The farmhouse, with its orchards and barns, occupied nearly the place of East Sibley and Lincoln halls. There were a few old oaks and pines on the campus, but the elms were all just planted and protected by their boxes. However, it was not a bleak place, because from almost any point there was a glorious view of Cayuga Lake and the valley, lost now behind the trees.

My room at Mrs. Harvey's looked out over town and valley; it was frankly a bedroom, and two students, William Berry 1876 and Spencer Coon 1876, had their room off the same hall. However, I was not disturbed by this, since I expected no social intercourse with gentlemen. Imagine my dismay a few days later when, answering a knock at the door, I discovered there a tall and dignified young man who evidently expected to be invited in. I stood guard firmly, while he explained that he had called to invite me to join the Christian Association. I thanked him and he retreated. Soon my neighbors called on me, and since they knew it was my bedroom, I managed in some way to express my dismay at having no other place to receive callers, but they were cheerful and seemed to think it was all right.

That night I asked Mrs. Harvey if I might receive callers in her parlor and she refused. Later she suggested that I take another small room for my bedroom, saying she would help me make my room into a study, where I might receive callers without embarrassment. When we had finished, it was an attractive room and greatly needed, for I had many callers; some women students came, but more men, naturally enough, as there were but few girls in Cornell at that time. It seemed that my boy friend of Chamberlain Institute had a mistaken idea about the social ostracism of girls at Cornell.



The days were busy and happy. We climbed up to the University through snow and slush and sometimes on ice. I made the sage observation that the native Ithacan was never self-conscious when he fell on the icy walk; he got up as well as he could, and never looked to see if someone had observed him. Not so did the recent comers take their tumbles; before they made effort to arise they looked around furtively to see who might have witnessed their humiliation. There was a steep place by Cascadilla up which, one icy morning, a South American student was carefully climbing and which I was about to attempt. Just as he reached the top he slipped and came back down on all fours, landing at my feet. I was glad I did not understand the language he was using.

When spring came there were walks in the woods after flowers for the botany, and there were boat rides on the lake, and many scrambles through the gorges. The lake was our favorite play-place. It was very different then. Two great side-wheel steamers made connections between the New York Central Railroad and Ithaca. As we paddled out through the inlet we passed many barges, some of them with picturesque families aboard, their multi-colored wash flapping in the breeze. There were small sailboats in plenty and no cottages along the shores to take away the wildness that was their charm. There was an inter-class regatta that was thrilling. The seniors spilled, the juniors stopped to rescue them, the sophomores were impeded by the mishap, but the freshmen rowed manfully on and won the race.

I returned to Cornell in the fall of 1875, rejoicing that Sage College was finished. It was a beautiful home for us, and highly appreciated by those of us who had experienced the difficulties of living in town. There were two or three small reception rooms besides the large dining room,

all well furnished. My room was on the second floor on the north side and very pleasant. My roommate was Minerva Palmer 1877, a beautiful Quakeress, and our companionship proved ideal. There were only thirty of us in the big dormitory, so only the first and second floors were in use.

Although we were few, college spirit was with us. Ruth Putnam 1878 came to my room one evening asserting indignantly that the freshmen were holding a meeting in a room of one of the class and she averred something should be done about it. Something was done immediately; water from a pitcher was dashed over the transom to dampen freshman ardor. But it did not work that way. They indignantly made a sortie upon us, and as they outnumbered us, there was a desperate struggle on the stairs and a rumpus in the halls which shocked everybody not in the scabble.

The fracas resulted in the organization of a student government association in Sage College. Julia Thomas 1875, MA 1876 (later Mrs. Irvine, President of Wellesley), was elected president and a committee appointed to make rules for our guidance. These rules, finally unanimously adopted,

were not so many, but otherwise were not unlike the rules of the self-government association of today, with the exception of the one restriction that the women students should not bow to their men student friends on the campus. We were so

were made to govern any girl who overstepped our ideas of propriety.

We had a happy social life in Sage that first year. The gymnasium was where the kitchen now is, and was reached from the front hall via a covered porch. We had dances there every Friday night; sometimes there were girls only, but more often our men friends were invited. I remember that one evening the entire Kappa Alpha fraternity came and we had a pleasant evening, a social affair probably not recorded in the annals of that organization. I remember that one of the members made each girl with whom he danced promise to bow to him when she met him on the campus. I am sure that we all promised, but I doubt if anyone fulfilled her promise; I know I did not, although he was a nice lad. But lads, however nice, could not break our rules. ■

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few that it was embarrassing to recognize or be recognized in the crowds passing to and from classes. As soon as we explained to our friends the reason for ignoring them, they not only accepted the dictum, but confessed relief.

President White and Mr. Sage both thought we should have a chaperone in charge of Sage College, but we resented this and would not have it. We came to Cornell for education and had been reared to care for ourselves; chaperoning we considered insulting to our integrity. However, I must confess that some of our rules

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SOCIAL HOUR: Anna (second woman from right) at an informal gathering in the 1890s—possibly in one of the female students' rooms in Sage—including (behind her) Glenn Herrick, her second cousin and the future editor of her memoir. Opposite page: Anna at eighteen (center) and the new edition of *The Comstocks of Cornell*.



Up to the Plate

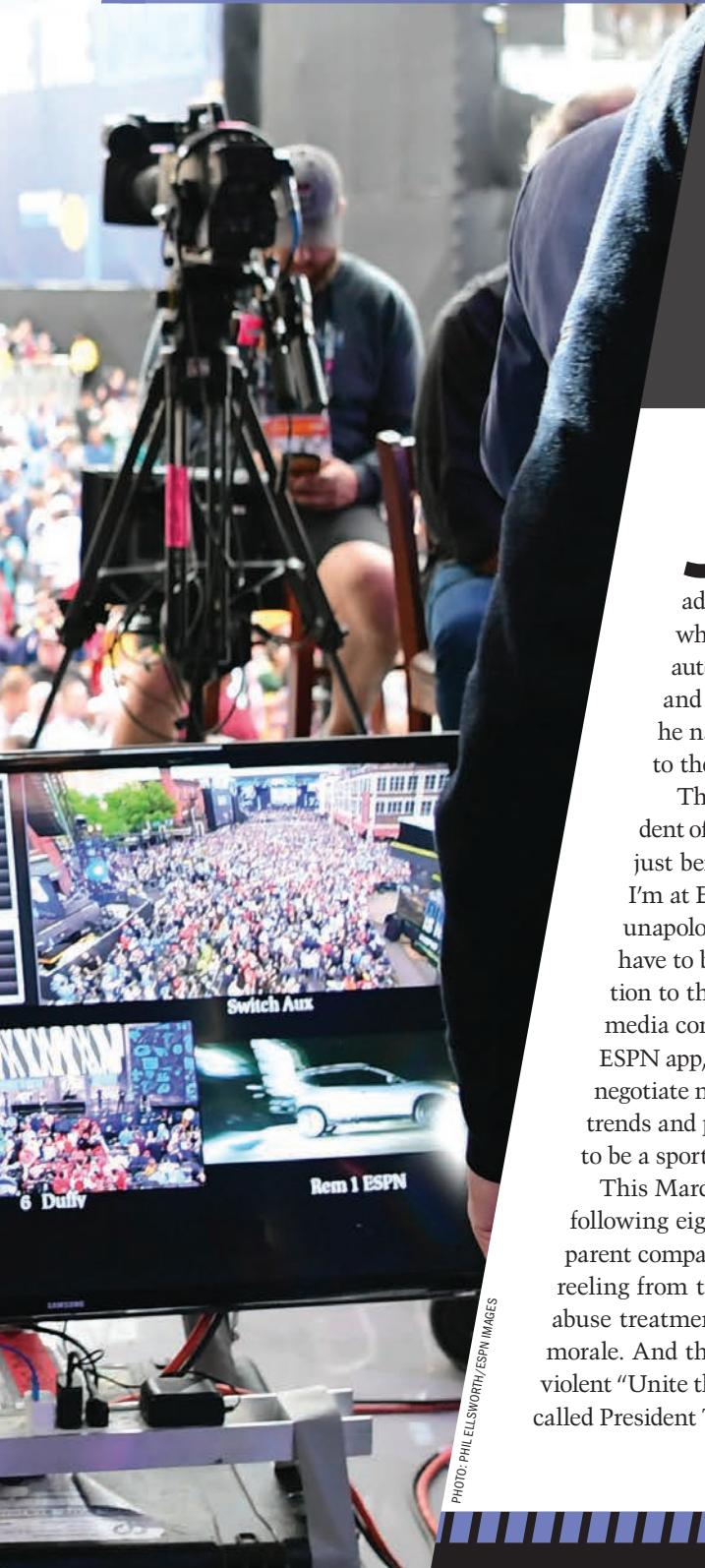


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*As president of ESPN,
Jimmy Pitaro '91 has a
sports fan's dream job*

BY LIZ ROBBINS '92

Jimmy Pitaro '91 works in a shrine to the New York Yankees—bringing a bit of the Bronx to suburban Connecticut. Vintage posters of Yankee Stadium and signed photos of legends Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle adorn the walls of his office, as does an image of catcher Thurman Munson, who died in a plane crash on Pitaro's tenth birthday. Pitaro has a personalized autographed poster from his childhood favorite third baseman, Graig Nettles, and several signed photos of this millennium's superstar, Derek Jeter. In fact, he named one of his rescue dogs Jeter—which he thought best not to mention to the human Jeter when the two had lunch in 2018.

The first rule of sports journalism is "No cheering in the press box." As president of ESPN, the world's largest sports and entertainment network, Pitaro doesn't just bend that rule—he clobbers it like Babe Ruth. "What, all of a sudden, now I'm at ESPN and I'm not going to be a Yankee fan anymore?" Pitaro says with an unapologetic smile. "My second-favorite team is whoever is playing the Red Sox. I have to be true to myself." Furthermore, he says, his self-described "lunatic" devotion to the Bronx Bombers is an asset. As he explains, to understand how to reach media consumers, he has to think like a fan—the people who constantly check the ESPN app, faithfully watch or listen to its shows, and obsess over game stats. And to negotiate multimillion-dollar broadcast contracts with leagues, he has to understand trends and players in each sport. "To be successful in this job," says Pitaro, "you have to be a sports fan."

This March marks Pitaro's second anniversary with ESPN, where he took the helm following eight years as chairman of interactive media and consumer products at its parent company, Disney. He arrived at a time when ESPN was in a leadership vacuum, reeling from the resignation of its president, John Skipper, who left to seek substance abuse treatment. Ratings were down as consumers cut cords, and layoffs had deflated morale. And the network had recently been caught up in a political skirmish: after the violent "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville in August 2017, ESPN anchor Jemele Hill called President Trump a "white supremacist" in a tweet, and the White House called for ➤



GOOD AIM (left): Pitaro at Boston's Fenway Park before a game in fall 2019. Below: On the red carpet with his wife, actress Jean Louisa Kelly, at the 2019 ESPY awards.



her to be fired. A month later, when she tweeted in support of NFL players in Dallas kneeling to honor the Black Lives Matter movement—which Trump had forcefully criticized—he called her out and mocked ESPN for its ratings decline.

With the network in danger of alienating its more conservative viewers, Pitaro sought to quell the controversy as soon as he started; politics, the data showed, was bad for business. He clarified ESPN's existing policy: employees could not voice purely political opinions on air or social media. That drew more criticism from other media and some employees, and Hill ultimately left the network. "Somewhat lost in this whole narrative is that ESPN is 'sticking to sports'—that's not what we're saying," Pitaro explains. "If there's a connection to sports, we're going to cover it; we are the place of record. But we don't believe that people tune in to ESPN for politics. My point of view is that it's really hard to be really good in one field, and there's so much competition right now. My job is to make sure we are amazing at delivering sports news."

It's a weekday in November, and Pitaro is sitting in his regular corner spot in a bustling coffee shop in suburban Connecticut, dressed in jeans and a sweater over a button-down shirt and sipping a kale smoothie. As he notes, his wife is away working,

and his parents have temporarily moved in to help with the Pitaro's two teenage children, a son and a daughter. His wife, Jean Louisa Kelly, is the more famous one in the family. An actor since childhood—she made her film debut in the 1989 John Candy comedy *Uncle Buck*—she has two movies coming out this year: *Call of the Wild* with Harrison Ford and the long-awaited sequel to the Tom Cruise blockbuster *Top Gun*.

Pitaro's habit is to awaken before anyone else in the house—at 5 a.m., with planks, a Peloton workout, and a ten-minute listen to the "Calm" app to set his equilibrium for another demanding day. Atop his agenda: developing a younger audience through the direct-to-consumer market and integrating digital platforms like podcasts, Snapchat, and YouTube channels. Like other sports outlets, ESPN has been trying to figure out how to cover e-sports—and whether those are actually sports. (His son says they are.) Pitaro also constantly deals with the inherent tension between business and journalism, which

means sometimes covering unflattering stories about teams and leagues with whom ESPN partners to broadcast games, like the New England Patriots' internal dysfunction or the ongoing concerns about brain injuries among pro football players. Pitaro is well aware that ESPN's contract with the league for Monday Night Football is up in 2021. "We can't shy away from stories," he says. "That's a slippery slope."

Pitaro came of age athletically at the same time as ESPN, which began broadcasting in 1979. If he wasn't watching sports, he was playing them. He grew up in New York's Westchester County in a Catholic household that rooted for the Giants and Notre Dame, but his father's obsession with the Yankees set the tone in the house. Whenever they were playing, the family turned the television toward the table to watch during dinner. "Baseball was religion," Pitaro says. (His sister, Lara Pitaro Wisch '95, is now general counsel of Major League Baseball.) At Edgemont High School, Pitaro played baseball and basketball, ran track, and was a star running back. It would be the peak of his athletic life, and Cornell football recruited him hard. "I vividly remember meeting him," says Pete Noyes, the Cornell Hall of Fame football coach who recruited Pitaro and retired in 2013 after thirty-six years on the Hill. "He had a super personality, just full of enthusiasm. And he was smart."

Pitaro chose the College of Human Ecology, aiming to replicate the small-school feel of his high school. He played on the freshman football team, since it was an Ivy League rule at the time that freshmen weren't allowed on varsity. But that year, Pitaro tore the medial meniscus in his left knee and had surgery. When he awoke, he was surrounded by four concerned doctors; they'd detected a heart murmur. He took sophomore year off from football, and, on the advice of doctors, avoided lifting weights. Twenty-five pounds thinner, he made the varsity traveling squad at wide receiver his junior year. But Pitaro broke his right thumb and played half the season with a cast. His football career was over.

He decided on law school after doing the Cornell in Washington program his junior spring, when a professor told him he'd make a good lawyer. After graduating with a degree in consumer economics and housing (as the major was then known), he went to St. John's law school in Queens. He spent five years as a New York litigator—but, he says, "I didn't like arguing with people every day. I wasn't looking forward to going to work." So when his wife was offered a role on a TV show shooting in Vancouver—one that promised to have a long run—he quit his job and they moved to Canada. It lasted just nine episodes, and they again packed up the minivan and drove south to Los Angeles. Her next show (the sitcom "Yes, Dear") was a hit, and Pitaro eventually joined the music start-up Launch.com. Yahoo soon acquired Launch, and Pitaro went on to become the parent company's head of media, after having turned Yahoo Sports into a news-breaking competitor to ESPN.

Launch's founder—Silicon Valley executive Dave Goldberg, who was married to Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg and died suddenly in 2015—remains a powerful influence on Pitaro. Not only did he pave the way to Pitaro's current post by introducing him to Disney chairman Bob Iger, he schooled him in some core tenets of corporate leadership: be accessible to employees, be

responsive, and listen. Pitaro lives those lessons; he is a regular in line at the ESPN cafeteria, and holds frequent town hall meetings with the network's 6,500 worldwide employees. (He also makes a point to e-mail fellow Cornellians at ESPN whenever Big Red athletes make national headlines.) "Every interaction I've had with him—whether it's one-on-one, in a group setting, or speaking at the Cornell Sports Leadership Summit—he's not trying to impress you. He's not the boss," says Jeremy Schaap '91, an award-winning ESPN reporter who co-hosts its TV news magazine "E:60" and hosts the investigative show "Outside the Lines." "He's a smart guy who's in this with all of us."

At Yahoo Sports, Pitaro had built a brand around breaking news; he made sure that two of its top beat reporters were ➤

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UNDERGRAD DAYS

(from top): Pitaro on the Big Red gridiron; with his mother on the Ithaca Commons; and with his sister, Lara Pitaro Wisch '95



BROADCAST NEWS: Pitaro (at right in above photo) with veteran ESPN football analyst Lee Corso during the 2019 NFL draft, and (below) in the control room with Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swofford (far right) for the launch of the conference's TV network, which is owned by ESPN.

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recruited by ESPN. To attract younger audiences, the digital streaming service ESPN+ (which launched in 2018) partnered with the UFC mixed martial arts league in 2019, and ESPN+ has since reached more than 3.5 million subscribers. The network also signed a deal with the mobile-only video service Quibi for a daily ten-minute highlight show starting this year.

Behind the scenes, Pitaro has worked to diversify the network's talent and leadership. His executive team of ten has seven women on it; he promoted four of them. Before she met Pitaro, Sarah Spain '02, an ESPN radio host and reporter, was concerned about what kind of leader he would be; his predecessor, Skipper, had been supportive of her career in a male-dominated industry. After Pitaro arranged a sit-down, she was encouraged to learn that he once quit a job for the sake of his wife's career. They immediately clicked, discussing their Big Red experiences—Spain was co-captain of the track team—their love of rescue dogs, and their favorite Collegetown bars now gone. "We have a very easy rapport; it's relaxed and comfortable," she says. "I feel like at any point I can call him up and say 'I'm pitching this story or this show,' or 'I want to talk about the direction we're going.' That's really great for someone who's got a lot on his plate."

Pitaro recently joined Cornell's Athletic Alumni Advisory Committee, a volunteer group of leaders from a variety of professions that offer counsel and insight to current student-athletes, coaches, and administrators. Other members include a fellow Alpha Tau Omega fraternity brother, Mike Levine '93, co-head of sports at Creative Artists Agency. Levine calls Pitaro a "natural leader," adding that he helped stabilize ESPN at a crucial time. "I think the focus he's put back on sports fans and what's happening on the field is working," Levine says. "It feels like a very fan-friendly mentality. He recognized that in this time of political polarity, sports can be an escape and a connector of people who are on any side of any issue." ■

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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.



RADICAL COLLABORATION

FACULTY FORGE ARCHAEOLOGY PARTNERSHIP AT POMPEII

Caitlin Barrett, left, associate professor of classics in the College of Arts and Sciences, and **Kathryn Gleason '79**, professor of landscape architecture in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, have been collaborating since 2016 on the excavation and survey of a large house and garden site, the *Casa della Regina Carolina Project*, at Pompeii in southern Italy. They are faculty members in the Cornell Institute of Archaeology and Material Studies (CIAMS), which supports multidisciplinary partnerships on projects across colleges.

At the Pompeii site – where they also are collaborating with their colleague and co-director, professor Annalisa Marzano of the University of Reading – they are studying the relationships in this ancient Roman city between domestic material culture, social performance and historical change through the lens of daily household life.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/BarrettGleasonQA.

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Danielle Vander Horst

“FEW ARCHAEOLOGISTS OUTSIDE OF POMPEII HAD A CONCEPT THAT GARDENS COULD BE PRESERVED AFTER 2,000 OR MORE YEARS.”

– Professor Kathryn Gleason

How did your backgrounds and work bring you together?

Caitlín Barrett: Archaeology is an inherently multidisciplinary field. There's really no way to do an archaeological dig today without relying on the expertise of collaborators in many fields.

I was writing a book on Egyptian landscapes in Roman art and what they tell us about the relationship between Rome and Egypt. I hadn't expected that project to turn into a book about Roman gardens! But it did – because, it turns out, that's where paintings and mosaics of Egyptian landscapes were most often located at Pompeii: in domestic gardens.

That got me interested in the role of gardens in Roman households. Gardens occupy a kind of liminal space: they're inside, but also outside; they're part of the house, but they're also not part of the house. So in some ways, they were spaces where people could engage in different activities and try out different identities than might be appropriate in other areas of the house. For example, foreign or exotic imagery (like the Egyptian scenes) is more common in gardens than elsewhere. And in contrast to some other rooms that were more about public display – like the atrium and tablinum, where people held business meetings at home – gardens were spaces for private relaxation with invited guests, where people could let their hair down a little more.

Once I started researching gardens, that brought me to Kathy, because she's one of the world's foremost experts on garden archaeology and has created new methodologies for excavating gardens.

Kathryn Gleason: I, too, have been studying East-West relations in the Mediterranean and had recently finished excavating a large garden at nearby Stabiae, also buried by Vesuvius.

I came to archaeology initially out of landscape architecture. As an undergraduate at Cornell, I became interested in the sophisticated representations of garden design in ancient Egyptian, Mesopotamian and Roman art.

So I went on archaeological excavations

in the late '70s and early '80s to see what archaeologists were finding when they got outside the walls of the buildings. And it turned out they usually turned around and went back inside. Few archaeologists outside of Pompeii had a concept that gardens could be preserved after 2,000 or more years – or had a cultural concept of gardens to drive scholarly investigation.

As a design historian, I'm very interested in how these gardens came to be – what was the intention of the owner in creating the garden? What can the remains of a garden tell us about how that original intention was transformed into the built garden?

What collaborations are typically required at a site like this?

Barrett: For modern archaeological projects, you need a broad team that includes both humanists and scientists. For example, you need a geophysicist who can do ground-penetrating radar or other types of below-ground sensing.

Gleason: At our site, that's Larry Brown here at Cornell (the Sidney Kaufman Professor in Geophysics in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences).

Barrett: You need an architect who can analyze the architecture and produce plans – and we also work with a team that is creating a 3D model of the house via laser scanning. You need archaeobotanists and faunal analysts, who study plant remains and animal bones. At Pompeii, you need art historians who can relate domestic decoration to social practices. You need specialists for different finds and conservators to preserve those finds. In gardens, environmental reconstruction is especially important. We're working with a micromorphologist, a soil specialist who conducts microscopic analysis on excavated sediments, and a palynologist, who studies ancient pollen.

Gleason: Our role as archaeologists is to bring together the work of all these specialists to piece together the full ecology of the garden,

79 A.D.

The year Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried the ancient Roman city of Pompeii under a thick carpet of volcanic ash.



Pompeii is located in southern Italy's Campania region.

as well as its design and ornamental features and its place in the life of the household. Garden plants are just one part – the most ephemeral part – of that complex cultural and natural system.

Barrett: We're trying to figure out what life was like for the people who inhabited this house. What were their experiences? How did this garden shape their lives?

What else have you learned?

Gleason: I am always asked if we are excavating an ornamental garden or a produce garden. It's actually during the Roman period that the ancient texts make this distinction. The emerging archaeological evidence suggests that our garden was both – featuring plants that were highly ornamental, while at the same time offering delicious fruits, nuts or herbs.

Barrett: We're also asking how domestic production connected households to larger economies. We often think of gardens as places of display and relaxation, but they were also places of production. People could grow crops for their own use or for sale. The plants grown here could also have been imported from far away. So gardens like this could participate in potentially very extensive economic networks.

Gleason: One thing to note is that our house is just large and luxurious enough to suggest that those who designed and managed the gardens were not the owners, but slaves. In the Roman era, the architects and the engineers, the garden designers, the garden maintenance staff were typically slaves of varied status. Our project manager, Kaja Tally-Schumacher '20, is looking at the different types of labor that would have been required to maintain an expensive garden, as well as to initially build it.

How much student connection is there with this site and this project?

Barrett: Many team members are grad students who supervise excavation trenches or take on other leadership roles, like supervising the flotation of soil samples. They will contribute to our publication as well.

Gleason: Undergraduate students also have been able to work at the site thanks to very generous funding support to CIAMS.

Barrett: Yes – the Melissa Loewenstein Lewin '00 and Robert Lewin '99 CIAMS Field Work Fund and the Hirsch Archaeological Research Grants program have provided incredibly important support, allowing us to get students into the field, to train them and to let them have that potentially transformative experience of excavating and living and working abroad. So we're very grateful to those donors for supporting our students.



How does the fieldwork relate to your teaching?

Barrett: It's definitely a complementary relationship. I'm currently teaching an undergraduate survey course, Great Discoveries in Greek and Roman Archaeology. When we do our module on Pompeii, I talk about our excavation and tell them about ways that they can get involved.

Gleason: The deep sense of time that I have gained from looking at the morphology of a particular piece of land across 2,000 years has given me a unique perspective on teaching design for future landscapes in the United States. My design studios challenge the students to design the Americas – not as a New World, but as ancient landscapes with cultures that go back millennia.

And that's truly why one engages in the study of the classical humanities: to see and be aware of the impact of more than 2,000 years of knowledge in our current thinking.

Barrett: When I was a student, one of my first field projects was in Egypt, and I remember one find in particular: a little leather shoe that was worn by a child thousands of years ago. And you could see how the foot of the child had molded the shoe – it was so emotionally resonant. That early experience of fieldwork just absolutely changed the course of my career and my life.

So it's important to me to make that experience as accessible to students as I possibly can, so that they have a chance to explore their interests and passions too.

The Casa della Regina Carolina Project is seeking volunteers for the June-July 2020 field season. Find out more at blogs.cornell.edu/crcpompeii/.

GIFTS IN ACTION



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Umran Mustafa '22 is dreaming larger than life

Umran Mustafa '22 was born and raised in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. Dhaka is home to more than 20 million people.

"Growing up, I saw the people of my country struggle with poverty, and I had a tough time accepting the blatant economic inequality present in Bangladesh," he says. More than 26% of adults in Bangladesh are illiterate, according to statistics released last May by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Mustafa is currently a sophomore in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, where he is studying finance and international trade and development. He believes that the Cornell community is incredibly welcoming. "My time at Cornell has made me realize how much this university values diversity in all forms," he says.

After Cornell, Mustafa hopes to pursue a graduate degree in public administration. Equipped with a strong foundation in economics and finance, he hopes to return to Bangladesh to work in the policy arena, either on behalf of the government or as an employee of a nonprofit development organization. He says he is driven by his desire to return to his country and give back to his people.

Dr. Alexander Levitan '59 and his wife, Lucy, invited Mustafa to visit them in their Minnesota home in spring 2019.

"In the long run," he says, "I would like to go back to Bangladesh and engage in projects which have a direct positive impact on the livelihood of the people there. I was always encouraged by my family to dream larger than life."

Mustafa is the recipient of the Sacha Levitan M.D. Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to international applicants with strong academic records and demonstrated financial need. Since coming to Cornell, he has formed a close relationship with Dr. Alexander Levitan '59 and his wife, Lucy, who endowed the scholarship in memory of Alexander's father.

"This has been a wonderful experience for me," Mustafa says, "and I am lucky to have another family away from home."

"I was always encouraged by my family to dream larger than life."

– Umran Mustafa '22

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

46 Absolution Guaranteed! '46 classmates, are you mired in guilt? Have you failed to submit news to your class correspondent? You will receive complete absolution if you pledge, if physically able, to attend our 75th Reunion in June 2021. Our class officers promise you an unbelievably great experience for a minimum cost to you and a guest. If you send us your current e-mail or snail mail address, we'll send you the details of what you'll get and how little it will cost you. Be one of the first to sign up and get free lodging and meals at the Statler.

We wish you a great 2020 and a great experience with other great classmates at our 75th in 2021. Together we'll "Thrive at 75." Aside from the above, we'd love to get news from you and pass it along to your classmates in future columns. Send news to: ♦ **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.

I spoke with **Irene Kessler** Watkins, who is now living in Tucson, AZ. She is in her own home there and very much enjoys her garden in her backyard. She has made several trips to Japan and decided to have a Japanese design in about half of her yard. There is a little walkway resembling a river along which are planted two Japanese plum trees. They blossom in the spring, then green leaves shoot out. In the fall, the leaves turn red. It is quite beautiful, she says. The rest of the garden is planted with roses, irises, and, of course in Arizona, cacti. She does have a gardener to maintain its charm and appeal. The last Reunion Irene attended was our 40th. I am trying to convince her to have her son come over from Florida and take her to Ithaca in 2021. Through the years Irene has had many interesting and challenging jobs—working for the New York City health department, as a doctor on Park Ave., and with UCLA labs researching cancer projects.

Anita Hansen Starrett has recovered very well from her hip replacement and has gotten rid of the cane. She said that she lives on the top of a hill that overlooks the Arkansas River, so she doesn't have to worry about floods, which often happen each year. Her philosophy these days is not to worry about anything beyond your control—seems sensible. Anita told me that there were four graduates from her high school near Rochester, NY, who all entered Cornell in fall 1942. In fact, **Joyce Lee Fletcher** lived down the same street that she did! So I called Joyce and we chatted. (Joyce was my freshman roommate!) She is well these days and spends a lot of time relaxing, as we all do. Her grandson Joaquin is now in London studying art but planned to be home in Portland, OR, for Christmas (2019). He loves to travel. **Nancy Mynott** Davis is the third person from the Rochester area. She appreciates the somewhat milder weather in Princeton, NJ, compared to Rochester. She is hoping to attend Reunion in 2021.

Next time I speak with Anita I will find out who the fourth Cornellian was! ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA, 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

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48 By now I hope you have received the annual News and Dues mailing from your class. If you haven't responded yet, please remember to send in your dues and the accompanying "Share Your News" form! Your classmates would love to hear from you. ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

49 Classmates: send your news! In the tradition of our class (which your class correspondent has just established on great evidence) of being a lively, enthusiastic bunch, we have just heard from **Vin Rogers** (Storrs Mansfield, CT; vinrogers@charter.net). Vin tells us, "I just gave my seventh presentation to a UConn group—this one on Mel Brooks. I have done Woody Allen and Charlie Parker before, and a session on horseracing." Horseracing has always played a great part in Vin's life. His father was a great fan and Vin has followed in his dad's footsteps. At one time, he and his friends got together and bought a racehorse. Her name? "Call Me Anytime"! He is currently working on a piece called "On Being 92." Vin plays trumpet and jazz flugelhorn. What else has been happening in your life? Vin replies, "Politics, politics. I have a grandson who is a Delta pilot, one who teaches at Yale, and another who lives on a Seattle island and works for Facebook." Vin adds that he must walk with a walker and he gets the most satisfaction these days from "family (of course), UConn sports (I'm an ex-UConn professor), being independent, and living at home at 92." The first person he met at Cornell was **Don Asher '47**, BA '46, MS '48, "a jazz pianist sitting in the middle of the Quad." What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca? "Sit on the Goldwin Smith steps and drink in the Quad."

Send, send, send in the news of your doings! They may be sitting at home with a good book, or even playing Solitaire, but we all want to hear from each one of you. Send your story (everyone has one) to this column by US mail, Pony Express, e-mail, or phone! ♦ **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Because you may have missed it in the fall issue of *Ezra Magazine*, we report on **Frank Rosenblatt**, PhD '56, a talented classmate and early pioneer in the currently hot topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI). In 1958, Frank fed a series of punch cards into a five-ton IBM 704 computer. The computer taught itself to distinguish cards marked on the right from those on the left. He named the machine a Perceptron. It took 60 years, but the event is now recognized as a first in AI.

At the time, Frank was a research psychologist at the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory in Buffalo, NY. He later became a professor of neurobiology and behavior at Cornell. To recognize his original contribution to AI, the Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers established the Frank Rosenblatt Award. The Perceptron now resides in the Smithsonian. As co-author of the book *Science Meets the UFO Enigma*, I was elated to find that he had a passion for the search for extraterrestrial life. Sadly, he died on his 43rd birthday in a sailing accident on Chesapeake Bay. Our column could use more stories like this about our accomplished classmates.

Jack Rose, MD '54, now enjoys life in the Amish country of Lancaster, PA, where an Amish family invited him and wife **Lillias "Lil" (McLellan) '54** to enjoy a typical Amish farm dinner. He was astounded to note that they used solar panels for heat and lighting. Jack and Lil also enjoyed a cruise along the Northeast coast to Halifax, NS. He reports that he and brother **Bud Rose '55**, JD '60, will have another Reunion in June. **Polly Armstrong** Sherk is in her 20th year of an enjoyable retirement life in Devonshire Retirement Home in Palm Gardens, FL. Her family is now at five children, ten grandkids, and nine great-grandkids. Her son **William Smith '76**, BS '77, and granddaughter **Catherine Scupham, MBA '11**, are both Cornellians.

Out of the past: About 800 classmates attended our 50th Reunion in 2000. Reunion organizers produced a dandy, finely illustrated memento—a 220-page directory of all who attended, with personal information about each. Each attendee was asked to provide a short memory of how they felt about the Cornell experience. Here's a few selections of what our classmates reported at the time. **Nancy Hubbard** Brandt: "Cornell taught me to study and be involved, and I'm still doing both, studying ancient history and traveling throughout the Middle East." **Nels Schaenen**, MBA '51: "If I had not attended Cornell, I would not have had the opportunity to serve as a trustee for 24 years—a great experience." **Ruth Downey** Crone: "Friendships have affected me the most, starting with Freshman Camp, and being well-prepared academically for a long career as an educator."

Ben Williams: "Not only was I successful in receiving my degree from Cornell, I was extremely fortunate to be a member of the administration team at Cornell for 25 years, a most satisfying and happy experience." **Pat Carry** Stewart: "There was the challenge of working with a large number of serious (in class) veterans, extremely helpful in my later career." Jack Rose: "It was the start of so many lifelong friendships, plus our beautiful campus, helpful professors, and sports (varsity basketball). It allowed me to fulfill my dream of becoming an MD at Cornell Medical Center." **Marion Steinmann**: "Obviously, Cornell launched us all professionally. My major in Bacteriology, plus work on the Sun, led me to a career in science writing. But Cornell means so much more: wonderful memories, the beauty of the campus, lifelong friendships." **Marjorie Leigh** Hart: "Where else would have given me a ChemE degree and arranged a send-off to a 30-year career in the oil business with Exxon Corp.? And I've had a great time at Cornell ever since."

Mary Holcomb Haberman: "Cornell let me pursue an enormous range of interests (probably would not be allowed today) and it has been SOME TRIP ever since. Theater, music, arts, and with my husband, medicine, advertising, and writing." **Ralph "Cooly" Williams**, MD '54: "Cornell is a great institution that continues to grow with the times. It is always a wonderful experience to us when we return to the Cornell campus to meet old

century.) The soloist received a standing ovation, and she then played a solo encore of a traditional pipa composition. It is remarkable that our town of about 32,000 inhabitants can maintain an orchestra as fine as the Lexington Symphony.

Thanksgiving weekend had me in New York. The feast was spent with my late wife Erika's nephews and niece and their families plus my son, Andrew, from Washington,

assisted living, and nursing services available for life-time." He has been "active in the Baltimore, MD, area with Edenwald planned trips and local dancing every week. 2018 saw trips to England (for visiting the WWII Anglo-American airfields), a three-week tour of Vietnam and Cambodia, and the Cornell Reunion." He planned to board the *Queen Victoria* for a two-week trip around the Baltic Sea and a two-week Danube tour. "I will attend the 2019 Reunion."

That, my friends, is it. Nothing else by mail, e-mail, or phone. When you get the next news form, be sure to send it in or there will be a lot of white space. ♦ **Joan Boffa Gaul** joangaul@mac.com. Class website, classof52alumni.cornell.edu.

'When I think back on my years on the Hill, I remember great teachers, great beauty, and great hopes.'

DAVID BERNANKE '54

friends and classmates and to see new buildings and the new directions the university has embarked on."

Alex Richardson: "Cornell gave me an excellent technical education and brought me in contact with many capable people in totally different disciplines. It broadened my outlook and also let me take all-too-few electives from real pros in their fields." **Elizabeth Severinghaus Warner:** "I was born knowing about Cornell and of course went there. Cornell is the golden chain that links us together still from generation to generation." **Paul Joslin:** "Poverty and other impediments kept my Cornell years from being happy ones. However, my Cornell experience took me on to three graduate degrees, and these made possible a successful and rewarding career as a university professor of science education and a good and happy life with all the rewards a well-educated person could expect and more."

Send us some reflections like those above, comments about how Cornell gave you a good life, or entertaining stories from your years on the Hill. Or tell how, now in old age, you are vicariously enjoying recollections of a happy and successful life. ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com.

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52 Happily, I have had a couple of recent e-mails from **Stephen Tauber** (Lexington, MA), who is always a good correspondent. Stephen writes, "It remains possible to me to remain active. I continue as the secretary of my stamp club and as a volunteer at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History. I am enrolled in a French conversation class. Rather than the Cornell method of a native speaker plus a separate grammarian, here the teacher is both. The Lexington Symphony played its first concert of the season, including works by Beethoven and Tchaikovsky, and Zhao Xiping's *Pipa Concerto No. 2*. (I had to look up on the internet what a pipa is; the instrument dates back to the seventh

DC (but without daughter-in-law who was after knee surgery). Weekend activities included: Friday morning breakfast with second-cousin-once-removed and his family; Friday afternoon with Andrew chatting with the Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN; Friday evening dinner with a group of seven family members at an Austrian restaurant in downtown Manhattan (six ordered Wiener Schnitzel); Saturday with four hours discussing family history with a second cousin; and several hours Sunday catching up with **Aliza Goldberger** Shevrin, who had moved from Ann Arbor to within walking distance of my hotel. The following Tuesday, back in Lexington, I was interviewed for almost six hours by the Leo Baeck Inst. about my life history. This institute specializes in the history of German-speaking Jews in the US."

Margaret Ostrander called me to say that her husband, **Robert Ostrander**, died September 10, 2019. He had sent us news that was in the November magazine. Robert and Margaret were at our 65th Reunion. **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, the co-vice president and treasurer of our class, died suddenly on Wednesday, November 13. Dick served our class in so many ways that it is hard to remember them all. He was a member of the class council for many years. Along with **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer, he co-chaired our 65th Reunion.

Now, to the end of the mailbag. This news was current as of last spring. **Evelyn Hoffman** Huffman (Kansas City, MO) was trying to "unclog my terminally cluttered desk, planning to take a beach trip overseas very soon, away from the land-locked center of civilization." Evelyn's other thoughts were good: "Have a happy summer everyone. Looking forward to news of the classes in the *Alumni News*. It's been a good year here and to sum up, kindness is never wasted." Good thought, Evelyn. **Eli Manchester** (Cohasset, MA) wrote, "Anne and I very much looked forward to joining **Paul Blanchard** and wife Suzy at the large Cornell dinner in Boston on February 8, 2019, at which time Paul received the **William 'Bill' Vanneman '31 Award**. Ten days before the dinner, I caught the flu. A great disappointment for us."

James Clarke (Columbia, SC) was spending a few days each week on their tree farm. The Clarkes had been traveling a bit: "We visited our granddaughter in Costa Rica—a beautiful country. She recruits students in the US and Canada in an exchange program for study in Costa Rica. While there, we met a fellow Cornellian (Class of '83)." **Henry Ver Valen** (Towson, MD; henrycvv@gmail.com) is "living at Edenwald retirement community in a comfy apartment with such fun activities and meals,

I recently spoke with **Mary Ann "Polly" Whitaker Dolliver '56** (pdolliver@verizon.com), the wife of my good friend **Jim Dolliver**, PhD '60, who passed away last August. Polly observed that Cornell's outstanding reputation was professionally helpful and enormously gratifying during Jim's career as a plant scientist, teacher, and academic administrator on the faculties of CALS and several other colleges. Polly, who is now living in the Pacific Northwest, where they moved following Jim's retirement, will share Jim's obituary with '53 classmates on request.

Robert Neff, JD '56 (princetonneff@aol.com), who has fascinated many in our class with his memoir describing his experience in pursuing serious writing as a third career, updates us on his current life: "My wife, Julie, and I are living in Pinehurst, NC, after a dozen years in Princeton, NJ, and several earlier years on Long Island's North Shore. Throughout all that time (45 years of marriage), our summers have been spent on a small island way out in Lake Michigan. Because Michigan and even North Carolina are chilly in winter, we have spent January and February in Nicaragua at a delightful fishing village on the Pacific. Last year, Nicaragua experienced a period of political unrest so we explored an alternative and decided to spend the 2020 midwinter months traveling southward through the French Pacific Islands and onward to New Zealand, Tasmania, and Australia. I am thankful for the success of my new titanium hip and managing a case of shingles. And I am grateful at the age of 88 to be able to take on new writing projects." Is there a third book afoot, Bob?

Jack Brophy (johnbrophy@aol.com) invites all '53 classmates to inject some humor into the class notes with a brief memoir (125 words or less) such as this Cornell recollection: "The guys at Sigma Phi invited the gals at Delta Gamma to join them in creating a float for the spring parade. The DGs had been last year's winners, so the Sigs figured they would let them do all the work. At the last minute, it was clear that no work had been done. So, **Rod Kirk** offered his old black Ford Coupe as a rolling base, which the Sigs decorated with crepe paper, wood, and chicken wire formed into an odd shaped 'elephant.' When they ran out of crepe paper, they finished the decorating with toilet paper. That night it rained. The results were so bad that the DGs refused to have their name posted on the float. The 'elephant' did not make it to the parade and the car was returned to Rod looking like a huge dyed Easter egg." Please let Jack know if you did not receive the 89-page Class of '53 Memoir eBook that went out to everyone several months ago.

The Class of '53 recently received an appreciative letter (excerpt follows) from a current recipient of the Class of 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellowship. Thanks to all

who have contributed to this fund. When you pay your annual class dues, it is easy to add some extra for this good cause.

"When I first heard of your generous gift, I couldn't have been more surprised or grateful. Coming to Cornell has been a dream of mine since I was in middle school. My dad, his two brothers, and my grandfather all came here to study agriculture after they attended Alfred State. I currently hold an associate's degree in agricultural business from Alfred State College and am pursuing a degree in Agricultural Sciences at Cornell with the hope of completing an Animal Science concentration with a minor in Education. My goal is to become a high school ag teacher and possibly take over my family's farm to use as a hands-on learning opportunity for students. I was born and raised in Franklinville, a small town in Western New York where my family has a small dairy farm of about 50 cows and an 8,000-tap maple operation. I am part of the fifth generation of maple producers in my family. Currently I work in Cornell's Cooperative Extension Office in the Natural Resources department, and during academic breaks I am a substitute teacher at the Franklinville school. My sister is just starting her first year of college, so this gift definitely eases some of the financial burden. Many thanks, **Carolyn Wright '21**." Send your news to:

❖ **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu; **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; or **Caroline Mulford** Owens, 53news.cornell@gmail.com.

54 Thanks to your help, this job is fun! Do keep the news coming our way. **Colin Tait** (colintait32@yahoo.com) taught procedural law at the U. of Connecticut from 1966 until 2013. After raising four children there, he and wife Debby retired to Montpelier, VT. Perhaps the Connecticut motto inspired them: "He who is transplanted still sustains." Now that Debby has died, Colin lives with two sons nearby. Parkinson's limits his activities, but he recalls lots of good tennis and soccer during his Cornell years. "At age 86 everything takes three times longer to do. I'm busy all the time and not accomplishing much." I share those sentiments, but as I hear from classmates, I realize many are busy AND accomplishing quite a bit. **Betty Wagler** Striso (castriso@hotmail.com) reads a lot; her husband calls it encyclopedic gluttony. She interferes with her children and grandchildren "when they let me." Among the things that give her satisfaction is Dostadning (Swedish death cleaning): "Sounds grim—but feels so good when you see empty space. And it's a boon for the family."

Aline Nitzsche Ashkin (allencrest3@gmail.com) used to teach high school chemistry. Now she enjoys foreign languages (German and French), so much that she leads an AAUW study group in German. She also paints in oils. Other significant news relates to her husband, **Arthur, PhD '52**: he received the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics. At 96 he is the oldest person ever to receive that award! He was too ill to go to Stockholm to receive it, but he was well represented by their son Michael.

We received a good message from **David Bernanke** (adbendo@icloud.com), who worked in internal medicine and endocrinology. After retiring from medical practice in 2008 he continued five more years in a quasi-administrative role at the Alexandria V.A. hospital. He and his wife have lived in Alexandria since 1964 and have celebrated their 57th anniversary. "Summers on Cape Cod, travel abroad, good friends, a happy and healthy family—all have been my lot. When I think back on my years on the Hill, I remember great teachers, great beauty, and great hopes." David speaks very highly of

Meyer Abrams in poetry, George Kahin in Southeast Asia studies, and Fritz Stern in modern European history.

When you read this, our thoughts will be turning toward spring and summer and water and perhaps sailing. **Al Eckhardt**, MBA '55 (aje66@comcast.net) has served as our class nominating chair. As a bit of a bribe for me to accept this job, he agreed to send some information. His word is good. Here is what Al wrote: "When our class arrived at Cornell, the sailing team operated out of a one-room wooden shack on the east bank of Cayuga Lake, with a fleet of eight baby Narrasketuck cat boats and a faculty advisor as coach. Sailing was not funded by the athletic department, and the sailing team paid its own way to intercollegiate regattas. By our senior year, the team qualified as one of ten schools invited to compete in the spring at the Large Yacht Championship Regatta, sailing the 44-ft. Luders Yawls berthed at the Naval Academy. Racing with a crew of seven '54 classmates for the McMillan Cup, Cornell won the competition for the first time in the cup's 24-year history. Today, a large commemorative plaque on the wall of the Merrill Sailing Center recognizes the Class of 1954's notable achievement in the history of sailing at Cornell. Flash forward to this year. The sailing team is financially supported by the athletic department, the women's racing team is recognized as a varsity sport, sailing is an option to satisfy a student's required physical activity, and 18 brand new FJ22 boats are being added to the previously existing fleet of 420 sailboats at Cornell. Today with its new two-story magnificently equipped Merrill Sailing Center, Cornell has one of the finest collegiate sailing facilities in the country. And in further recognition of what our class contributed to Cornell sailing 66 years ago, one of the new FJ22 boats has been christened 'Class of 1954'." Wonderful story. A photo of a group of Cornell's FJs can be viewed online at: cornellalumni magazine.com/photogallery/. Congratulations to our sailors! Thanks, Al.

As I think about all we '54s have accomplished, long ago and even still, I am aware that we have much to be proud of. Some of us have been recognized publicly; some of us have contributed in ordinary, everyday, human ways. We are grateful that Cornell prepared us to live productive lives. Send news online (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or directly to: ❖ **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey, rcbhtb@gmail.com; or **Bill Waters**, billwaters@optonline.net. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

55 Two pre-Reunion lunches have been planned for snowbird and Florida residents. The first, which will have already happened by the time you read this, was slated to be hosted by **Ron Ganeles** (RGanel@aol.com), class treasurer, on February 12, and held at the Banana Boat in Boynton Beach, FL. The date for the second pre-Reunion event is Wednesday, March 11, at 11:45, hosted by **Bill Doerler**—and you're all invited! This Dutch treat luncheon will be held at the Sail Fish Marina, 98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores, FL (Riviera Beach). Please respond by Monday, March 9, to Bill at (609) 575-8718 or wdoerler1@aol.com if you'd like to attend.

Kudos to Bill, co-VP of our class, who's been doing a great job organizing these pre-Reunion luncheons. He reported that alumni from the classes of '54, '55, and '56 met for a delightful lunch at J. Gilbert's, in McLean, VA, in October. Attending from our class were **Gordon White** and **Leonard Bebchick**. The group agreed to meet again on February 27 at the same location. At the luncheon I attended in November, I found three classmates

I remembered from freshman year: **Sandy Montgomery** Elder, **Charlene Vickery** Campisi, and **Nils Nordberg**. Charlene says her family enjoyed many years of fun on the beach in Maine with their children, but "they are all grown now and mostly live elsewhere." Most parents would say the same. A lively group including **Stan** and Beverly **Manning**, **Clive** and Joyce **Usiskin**, **Ann Farrell** Hoffman, **Barbara Balsam** Brown, Bill and Patricia Doerler, **Carol Goldstein** Spivack '56, and **Fred Antil** got together last fall. According to Bill, "A good time was had by all, and most will attend our Reunion, if able." Keep in mind that Fred's book, *A Lincoln Treasure Trove*, will be in stores soon.

For the fourth time, **Joel** and **Sherry Vogel Mallin**, BS '54, generously opened Buckhorn, their home, sculpture garden, and art barn, to classmates and friends. On a beautiful fall day in September, the Mallins held a pre-Reunion brunch and a guided tour of their property for an appreciative group, including classmates **Barbara Loreto Peltz**, **Barbara Burg Gilman**, **Dave Schmidt**, **Hal Fountain**, **Jean Weissman Lesser**, **Tara Prince Goldman**, **Gil Schlerf**, **Evan Janovic**, **Marlene Medjuck Green**, **William Osgood**, **Nancy Eisenberg** Grabow, **Fred Steinberg**, **Al Greisman**, and **Charlotte Bialo Picot**, and many of their spouses.

Phil, PhD '74, and Sally **Alkon** recently visited Utah national parks via Road Scholar, and at last report they were planning a fall trip to Israel to visit family, friends, and colleagues from their days with Ben-Gurion U. of the Negev. "We're also looking forward to our Class of '55 Reunion on the Hill in 2020. I have stayed in touch with classmates **Don Buckner** and **Fred Hellreich** over these many years, and I want to reaffirm my enduring love for Cornell and the transformational effect that the Cornell experience has had on our lives. All I would wish for now is the emergence of a winning Big Red football team!" We heard sad news from **Ruth "Rudy" Clarke Hawkins**, whose husband, **Ben**, died in October. We send you love and condolences, Rudy. Several AGR brothers gathered in Cazenovia, NY, in July for three days of fun and reminiscing. The friends, who have been getting together every summer for over 60 years since graduation, included Bill Doerler, Hal Fountain, **Bill Drake**, and **Clark Phillips**, MS '57. Also joining in was Clark's wife, **Sue (Streeter)**, MS '57. Now that's a dedicated group!

Last September, class officers **Michael Avery**, Bill Doerler, and Nils Nordberg attended the Alumni Affairs Reunion 2020 Kickoff meeting at Cornell. Headquarters for our 65th Reunion this June will be at the Statler Hotel, with joint registration with the classes of 1945 and 1950. Accommodations will be at the Statler or the Best Western University Hotel, about a mile and a half away. Our committee members requested that Alumni Affairs, various university personnel, and professors bring us up to date about current Cornell activity. We will also have breakfast and our final dinner at the Statler. Our current plan is to have lunch at the Big Red Barn and dinner in the Memorial Room at Willard Straight. Please check our website frequently at classof55.alumni.cornell.edu as more details are posted. By the way, the Ithaca airport is being upgraded, so when planning your return for Reunion, you might consider this option. We understand there will also be an increase in the number of airlines serving Ithaca.

Dave Schmidt stays in touch with **Stan Stubbe** and **Don Kennedy**. Don expected to be at Homecoming, and **Ken Carlson** says he's planning to attend our 65th Reunion (June 4-7) in 2020. Dave and Joann are still

volunteering at local historic societies in both Ft. Pierce, FL, and Clinton Corners. Dave attends Rotary meetings but has "pretty much given up golf." Look for the Schmidts at Reunion in June! Good to hear from **Nancy Taft Whitman**, who reports, "After traveling for almost 30 years and visiting about 90 countries (according to someone who asked me to count!), I finally had to give it up due to spinal stenosis in my back. I still visit my kids and grandkids in various parts of the country, but that doesn't involve standing around and walking slowly through museums, monasteries, and cathedrals. I'm still active, performing in two music clubs, as well as taking and teaching OLLI classes. I remarried in 2016, but my husband died seven months later, so I'm back to rattling around with my dog in the wonderful house we bought." Nancy adds that she'll move into a retirement home eventually. ♦ **Nancy Savage Petrie**, 19 York Ledge Dr., Cumberland Foreside, ME 04110; e-mail, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, class of 55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 Joe, MBA '58, and Sue DeRosay Henninger '57 have moved into a senior citizens facility in Copley, OH. They regularly see **Tom Merryweather** from Akron. And thank you, Joe, for ordering our class calendars. I, for one, depend on having it for keeping track of my activities.

Roberta Karpel Silman reports that Rachel Maddow's book *Blowout* is "a national treasure." Roberta's review is at: artfuse.org. **Judith York** Newman had an exhibit in December in New York City's SPACED: Gallery of Architecture of her prints, paintings, and photographs of memorable New York structures.

From my dear friend **Barbara Barron** Starr (Livingston, NJ): "I have been retired since August 2018. Although I loved my work as a licensed psychologist in private practice, I am thoroughly enjoying my retirement—dinner with friends, theater, concerts, trips with the Newark Museum of Arts. I am a board member of Jewish Vocations Service in New Jersey, having replaced my late husband, Robert. I enjoy seeing classmates **Carole Rapp Thompson**, **Phyllis Bosworth**, and **Margot Lurie Zimmerman**. I recently traveled to the Berkshires with the Newark Museum of Arts and am busy with four married children, nine grandchildren, and five of their spouses."

A class Thanksgiving get-together at Carole Rapp Thompson's home included **Nancy Galusha** Thomas of Reston, VA, and her family. And I was fed by Margot Lurie Zimmerman's three generations of family. Margot came up to New York from Washington, DC, and is moving to New York City in early 2020. Keep the good news coming. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Puff your chest out, '57—**Betty Starr** King sends word that the class has reached 100 percent of our goal of 260 members having paid class dues.

Also on the pride side, **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, reports on the class dinner on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in NYC, before the biennial hockey game at Madison Square Garden between the Big Red and Boston U. In addition to Judy, in attendance were **Ed** and **Adelaide Russell Vant**, **Claire Sanford** Perrault, and **Gil Schlerf** '55. The pride part is that the Big Red won to remain undefeated (9-0) at that point in the season. From Judy also comes news that **Judy Bird** has a new address in Australia. It is on Stradbroke Island, next door to her daughter, son-in-law, and 6-year-old granddaughter. **Tom** and **Shirley Besemer Itin**, BS '00, have a new home also, having sold their longtime house on

a lake in Keego, MI, along with skiboat (from which your correspondent skied at 6 a.m., when the water is much smoother), dock, and boat lift, and moved into a 1,500-foot house situated in the woods in West Bloomfield, MI. Their first great-grandchild was born at about the same time. **Ruby Tomberg** Senie, a 1975 graduate of the Cornell Nursing School, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from that institution. She remains active as an emeritus faculty member of the Columbia U. School of Public Health.

Carl Schwarz checks in with news of a crew reunion last fall at Lake Toxaway, NC. A number of conflicts prevented a larger group, but **Phil Gravink** and **Bob Staley**, MBA '59, were on hand, in addition to Shirley Gravink, Carl's wife, Daniele, and widows Brenda Davis and **Betty Eastham** Simpson. Since Phil and Bob both rowed on the port side, an entry in a "pairs with" event would have to have had a circular course setting.

Tony, MBA '58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen** and **Dom** and **Debra Pasquale** organized and hosted a mini-reunion of DUs in Ithaca in November. **David** and **Carol Loyesen**, Pete, BA '59, and Ann **Blauvelt**, Tom Keating, and your correspondent and his wife, Harriett Northcutt, enjoyed a weekend of fanciful stories, great food, and abundant adult beverages. We attended the hockey win against Brown at Lynah on Friday night and a dinner celebrating Delta Upsilon's 150th year at Cornell on Saturday night. We got out of town just in time as an early snow hit shortly thereafter. ♦ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 The classmate news runs thin this round, but at least we can report that several 'mates enjoyed some of the Cornell's Adult University (CAU) offerings last year: **Stephen Milman**, MBA '59, went to the session on NYC theater last spring; **A.C. Riley** took the Civil War review in Washington, DC; and **Leslie Taylor** did the walking tour of Rome.

"We've got to save our trees," writes an anonymous classmate. "We're losing too many trees around the world, just as we are learning more about how vital they are for sustaining the health of the planet. We have less than 3 percent of our old growth forests left in the US and even that small amount is under attack by lumbering interests; replanting the cuttings does not come close to making up for their loss." Two books are highly readable and greatly informative on the subject. One, *The Man Who Planted Trees*, by Jim Robbins, is the story of David Milarch, who, after a near death experience, has been impassioned to capture seeds and cuttings from all the tree species of the world, especially the oldest, and champions for cloning, replanting, and long-term preservation. An amazing story on its own, it's also filled with fascinating information about a wide range of tree species and their importance to us all. The second is a novel by Richard Powers, *The Overstory*, recommended by the Nature Conservancy. This one is more about people and how a diverse selection of individuals eventually come together to help save the redwood and other forests of the West. It's quite a read, a long one, but full of relationships among people and trees, and the importance of saving what we have via vivid, interesting tales of what some folks are willing to do for tree preservation. Your correspondent has read both books and can highly recommend them, both for increasing one's knowledge of trees and climate change, and the impacts people can have on their future.

From November we hear from **Al Podell**, the class's world traveler. In attempting to add even non-countries to his otherwise completed all-world-country visit list,

he's in a travel quandary: it seems that Bougainville is about to elect itself into independence. To maintain his completed list, Al naturally wants to go there. The only problem is that "the two airports have been closed for over a year for safety reasons, either because of stray animals or the locals drag racing on the landing strips." He says he will have to find another way to get there, unless he's thwarted again (as in his last report here) by circumstances beyond his control.

At our December deadline, and significantly related to the above comments on trees, climate change, and people's impact on the future, we have another note from Al: "I have recently donated one million dollars to NYU Law to create a fund (which I have named after a former dean) to research how the law can be used to mitigate, or help the world cope with, the effects of climate change." Al appended a letter explaining his views to, and requesting action of, the NYU Law dean, ending with his cry: "There will be nothing more important in your lifetimes than alleviating the problems that will result from global warming. Nothing!" Many would agree that applies to us all. Thanks, Al.

We'll watch for more news from all classmates as you respond to our annual class letter mailing. Cheers for now. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 As a victim of the 2017 Tubbs Fire—at 2:30 a.m., her Santa Rosa house burned to the ground in about five minutes, along with 5,200 other houses in Sonoma County, CA—**Phyllis Corwin Rogers**, recent widow of **Charlie** '55, BS '58, planned to rebuild the house that had been their home for 41 years. "Great plans are sometimes dashed!" she writes. After a series of events led to a reappraisal of her situation, Phyllis instead purchased a home in a 55-plus community in Santa Rosa—"which is daily providing me with a sense of peace and gratitude. I've accepted the fact that although I could build the exact same house on the property, it would never be the home I lost; the treasures cannot be replaced, but the memories remain. Among the treasures lost were the Cornell diplomas of my grandfather, father, and mother, not to mention Charlie's and my diplomas—all nicely framed and hanging in various places for sharing the fun and stories. One treasure I'm still working on replacing is the Guild D-25 guitar that I bought used in Philadelphia in the early 1970s and played as I shared church and folk music around the country as Charlie moved with various job transfers. I now own four guitars and still play regularly but miss the deep bass tones of the D-25." In addition to her Soroptimist and Lions service clubs and her faith community, Phyllis remains active in real estate, with the benefit of her son **Daniel** '92, who joined her in 2018 and is enjoying the business ("He's a natural!"). And then there's travel: "After our 60th Reunion, which was such a winner, I spent over a month enjoying a family wedding in Chicago; listing and selling a condo in Hershey, PA, while visiting with my daughter, **Ann** '82, MD '87; attending the annual Lions Int'l Convention in Milan, Italy, during a heat wave; cruising for a week in the Mediterranean; and welcoming the arrival of my second great-grandson in Vienna, Austria, with his grandparents **Chuck** '80, PhD '87, and **Mary Sue Pandl Rogers** '80." Phyllis wants all of us to know that she knows a lot about Sonoma County, including its wineries and breweries: "My door is always open for visitors—I love living here and welcome sharing the fun!"

Writes **Alan Newhouse**: "After my wife, **Margo (Hicks)** '60, died in 2017 it became obvious that I no longer

needed the large house we had shared for 20 years after moving to southern Maryland. I decided to sell and began the process of moving to a cottage at Asbury Solomons, a retirement community with apartments and cottages and long-term healthcare facilities in Solomons, MD. The hard part was downsizing by a factor of three (in terms of square footage) and disposing of furniture and things. As many of you know, one accumulates a lot of things in almost 60 years of marriage and the death of parents. I moved to Asbury in early April, and really enjoy living in the community. Selling the house resulted in a bit of anxiety: I had a contract six days after it went on the market in April, then the buyer backed out three weeks later! I finally made a new sale, which was confirmed in October. In the meantime, I had a pacemaker installed and a knee replaced, and made a visit to our glorious 60th Reunion in June. I donated Margo's extensive collection of Quaker books and genealogies to Swarthmore College. Her ancestors include Elias Hicks (the preacher) and Edwards Hicks (the painter) and by marriage Lucretia Mott (Hicks). I have decorated my cottage with Margo's art works plus posters from our musical trips.

It is with deep sadness that we report the death on December 15, 2019 of **George Schneider**, an active alum who served so ably as our class president for many years. Our condolences to his widow, **Bobbie (Greig)**, and their family. Retired internist **Kent Hewitt** and his wife, **Myra Maloney Hart '62**, have moved to Brookhaven at Lexington, a lifecare retirement community, New York, NY: **David Hurd** participated in the CAU "A Spring Theater Weekend" led by **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, the Thomas and Dorothy Litwin Professor of American Studies and dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions. Glenn, joined by Adam Levine, an associate professor in the Government department, will once again lead a pre-election weekend seminar, "The 2020 Presidential Election," at Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, October 20-November 1. Attendees at this quadrennial event in the past have included **Eleanor Applewhaite**, **Ed Grossman**, and **Marian Fay Levitt**.

Class dues are comin' due. As you send in your payment for the 2020-21 year, please take time to complete the "Share Your News" form. This is also a good time to update your contact information in the alumni directory, which you can do at <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu>. Thank you! ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

60 It's not long now until our 60th Reunion, which will take place from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7. Our class headquarters are in Mews Hall on North Campus; detailed information about room reservations and Reunion registration will be on its way to you in late March. If you'd prefer a hotel, there are a few rooms available on campus at the Statler (800-541-2501) and a small block at the Best Western University Inn on Ellis Hollow Road (607-272-6100).

Class officer **Ginny Seipt** sent along the good news that the October luncheon for classmates, held at Sardi's restaurant in Manhattan, "went very well. The interest in this event seems to grow each year; this fall we had 30 people! It was great to catch up with everyone. We're hoping that it leads to more people coming to Reunion in June." Congratulations to Ginny for her excellent work organizing the class gathering.

It was wonderful to see on the list of the exemplary alumni who received the 2019 Frank H.T. Rhodes Award the names of our classmates **James**, BME '62, MBA '63, and **Rebecca Quinn Morgan**. Becky and Jim were

commended for having "demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activities," and received their awards during Trustee Council Annual Meeting (TCAM) week in October. That marked a second happy event at Cornell last year for the Morgans, who had come from their home in Los Altos Hills, CA, to the campus in May for the graduation of their grandson **Julien Morgan '19**, the son of **Jeff Morgan '84**.

single year. "Five are now graduates fully employed in Massachusetts, New York City, and New Jersey."

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Margaret "Peggy" Hospital** Hays Bramble, who died in spring 2019 in Austin, TX, after a long illness. Predeceased many years ago by her first husband, **Myron Hays '60**, Peggy leaves her second husband, James Bramble, a son, **Myron Hays '85**, who is a lawyer in Ithaca, a sister,

'The treasures cannot be replaced, but the memories remain'

PHYLLIS CORWIN ROGERS '59

In fall 2019, **Ken Iscol** proudly sent along the news that his son, **Zach '01**, a Marine Corps veteran, had been chosen as a grand master of the Veterans Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in New York City on November 11, "representing veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and leading thousands of marchers." Ken says he and wife Jill "are thankfully both still active and healthy. We spend our time between homes in NYC, Pound Ridge, Martha's Vineyard, and Palm Beach. I'm still rowing (most recently my 20th Head of the Charles Regatta in a single shell in the over-80 category), playing golf, sailing, and swimming. We have four young grandchildren who live nearby and see us frequently. Upcoming trips include my winter golf and rowing in Florida plus family trips skiing in Utah and a cruise in the Galápagos. We have lost some of our closest Cornell friends, including classmates **Steve Geffen**, **Steve Hansburg**, **Jay Okun**, **Joe Rice**, and **Rick Yellen**, so we wish you all our best regards and good health for as long as possible." The Iscols, who also have a Cornelian daughter, **Kiva '03**, continue their involvement in noteworthy campus projects like the Iscol Family Program for Leadership Development in Public Service and the Center for Sustainability.

George Hays writes from Morristown, NJ, that he and Beverly are "still working in our divorce mediation practice and volunteering at the soup kitchen. I am also director of the World Corrosion Organization's activities with the UN, making twice-monthly jaunts to NYC. Otherwise, we're enjoying traveling. We've been on an African safari, visited Vietnam and Cambodia as well as conferences in Krakow, Phoenix, and Nashville, and made a trip to see family in Northern California, all within the past year. In 2018 we joined 'brothers' **Tom Davis '55**, **Jeff Gorman '57**, **David Lamont '58**, and **John Buchleitner '58**, BEE '60, in Bethlehem, PA, for a Triangle reunion."

Carolyn Carlson Blake (Allendale, NJ) also says she is "still enjoying traveling. I recently went to Costa Rica and the Panama Canal—an amazing place—and then to France on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, also visiting Omaha Beach and cathedrals in Paris. There are still a few trips on my bucket list—Africa and Spain." Carolyn notes, "My 80th birthday was celebrated with a great family gathering at my son's farm in Ghent, NY, and the publishing of all my annual reports from 1964 to 2017 in book form—quite a history of our family!" At home she is very involved in church activities, serving as a eucharistic minister, hosting prayer groups, participating in educational programs, and singing in the choir. Having 12 grandchildren, says Carolyn, "makes family life very busy," with as many as four graduations from high school or college in a

Polly Hospital Flansburgh '54 of Sarasota, FL, and four stepchildren. Peggy's memorial service was held in June at Sage Chapel in Ithaca, the city where she lived for several years before matriculating at Cornell, and was attended by, among many others, her longtime good friends **Joanne Brown Otto** and **Roy Park, MBA '63**, and his wife, Tetlow.

Please remember to pay your class dues and to send in your news. Hope to see you at Reunion! ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Dear classmates, a short column this time—and therefore a reminder to send your news to **Doug Fuss** or me, **Susan Williams Stevens**, your class correspondents.

Doug (dougout@attglobal.net) writes, "Well, the first winter winds swept through Philadelphia to torment our attending the Cornell/Penn game November 9. It was a close match, but Penn prevailed 21-20. Coincidentally, I ran into classmate **Michael Wahl** entering the stadium. Haven't seen him for years, but he looked great and ready for the game. We went to Penn ostensibly to attend the Ivy squash tournament and the recognition gala held for the women's retired squash coach, who mentored our daughter Elizabeth from walk-on to varsity captain. A bit of nostalgia all around and a great weekend for a family get-together. Regards to all."

Here is a message from classmate **Elizabeth Kelley Blunden** about Prof. Thomas Sokol: "He was director of choral music to thousands of Cornell men and women and a global ambassador with them during a 36-year career. How ironic Prof. Sokol passed away on April 28, a day after the 2019 mixed chorus concert (over 100 Cornell women and men)—a lengthy performance of the Brahms *Requiem* on Saturday April 27 at Bailey with orchestra, soloists, and a full audience. Prof. Sokol also directed the Sage Chapel Choir for years, as I understand it, and the men's Glee Club for decades. This week has been a time of reflection on the life of a director who expected the highest quality and standards for and from women singers he led at Cornell, as recalled by those of us who worked with and sang under him from the earliest stage of the chorus organization. I thought of that history last Saturday night seeing so many women perform with perfection and poise, and as equal partners with the Men's Glee Club, in a long demanding major work, ironically a requiem. Prof. Sokol was most responsible for reorganizing Cornell women singers in 1960, the first year of our contemporary chorus. We have come a long way from the 1921 Women's Glee Club, and I and my freshman classmates joined in fall 1957, the year Prof.

Sokol arrived from Harvard with a vision to develop a well-trained mixed chorus. For such progress, accomplished within five years, in 1962, we have reason to be thankful and proud."

David Kessler (kess61@gmail.com) checked in from Jewett, NY. **Ed Furtick** (edfurtick@gmail.com) writes, "I am still in retirement mode and taking advantage of being involved with jazz music as much as possible." Ed says he's blessed with a great-granddaughter and remembers meeting Dean **Ted Baldwin '1922**, BS 1923, and **Ted Primack** the first day at school. He would love to visit old haunts on and off campus.

major artists and leading corporations in entertainment, internet, and music publishing. He regularly handles complex transactions for music and entertainment clients and handles all forms of contract, agreement, and licensing negotiation in the music, film, television, and digital media industries. Send your news to: **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 President's Corner: "The Cornell Class of 1963 is in the midst of our annual class membership dues campaign, led by our membership chair, **Harvey Rothschild**. Class dues are the primary avenue

I am the technical organizer of this workshop and others on Gas Lift and Artificial Lift." Last summer, classmate **Marilyn Schur** Hellinger participated in a Cornell off-campus trip to Washington, DC. **Sonia Werker** Butler and **George '62**, MBA '63, and **Shirley Morrison Love-Less** all attended Cornell's Adult University and took the course on climate change.

Joe Brennan recently sent me a newsy e-mail: "I just received my November/December issue of our alumni magazine and noticed that the Alumni Deaths section for '63 is growing and the Class Notes section for '63 is shrinking. Hope this is not the result of fewer classmates available but rather a lull in class news. On May 9, my youngest granddaughter, Mia, and her husband, Ricky, presented my first great-grandson, Emmanuel Jesus, to the world. Emmanuel, like his globetrotting mother, is on a 21-day tour of the Hawaiian Islands with his parents and grandparents. Mia accompanied me to Japan, India, and Nepal the last two years. My partner of 21 years, Elaine Burns, two of her children, their spouses, and I rented a brownstone on the Upper West Side near Central Park in September and enjoyed our annual visit to New York and celebrated my 82nd birthday. After my planned trip to Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, I plan to enjoy my quiet life with Elaine and family, read, write, tutor, and support political causes."

Please follow Joe's example and send me e-mails of what you are doing now. There is lots of room in the Class of 1963 column for information on you! **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Road, Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

'Tom '63 and Nancy Williams Clark are working to develop more dairy sheep farms across the country.'

JAN MCCLAYTON CRITES '62

Doug and I are looking forward to the annual CALC meeting in—guess what?—Las Vegas, NV. Cornell in Nevada! Wow! On Saturday our class Reunion officers will meet and plan for our 60th! Doug will be telling you about CALC and our class meeting in the next column. Meanwhile, send us your news as usual to: **Susan Stevens**, sastevens61@gmail.com; or **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 As you turn to this column today,
Eager to read what classmates have to say,
*About travels to places far and near,
Tales of grandchildren oh so dear,
Reunions with friends from our college time,
And vocations and avocations sublime,
You may be disappointed to find this ditty,
For I received no updates, such a pity.
As the spring flowers bloom in your yard,
Please send your news, just drop me a card!
Or an e-mail if you prefer, to you I defer.
Thank you.*

Summers for **Steven Serling** have been spent at the Jersey Shore since they retired from Philadelphia to West Palm Beach, FL. This year they're spending a month in the Berkshires to enjoy Tanglewood concerts and the Williamstown Theatre.

Both **Tom '63**, MBA '64, and **Nancy Williams Clark**, ME '64, are retired, still in Old Chatham, NY. They no longer have sheep but remain active in the Dairy Sheep Assn. and are working to develop more dairy sheep farms across the country. Nancy (nwclark@outlook.com) had a one-man watercolor show last fall in the Old Chatham Country Store. The Clarks have ten grandchildren. The oldest, **Brooke Shachoy '22**, daughter of **Meredith Clark** Shachoy '91, was just initiated into the sorority of her mother, grandmother, and aunt **Megen Clark Eisenberg '97**. All three generations were on hand for the ceremony. The other nine grandchildren range from 2 to 16.

Owen Sloane has been elected to the *National Law Journal's* inaugural list of Sports & Entertainment Trailblazers. This award honors those who have made a significant impact in the sports and entertainment sectors through creative strategies and innovative court cases. Owen is a partner at law firm Eisner LLP, where he focuses his practice on the entertainment industry, representing

through which classmates can stay connected to Cornell and to Cornell sponsored information and activities. It is also a way to stay connected between Reunions to those with whom you shared a unique experience during your college years. You will be (and probably already are) receiving combined membership renewal appeals from our class and the university. I hope that each classmate will consider a positive response. **Dick Clark**.

To the other news: **Art and Marc Resnikoff** spent three and a half weeks in Africa this past summer. Art writes, "Trekked to see the silverback gorillas in Rwanda, with safaris in Tanzania and Kenya. Had the opportunity to view the great migration across the Mara River in Kenya, in the Maasai Mara. Visited Robben Island, South Africa's answer to Alcatraz: a very sobering experience, but an amazing story with Mandela, Sobukwe, and others visioning the future and creating the country's new Constitution while in prison. Saddened by the poor economic decisions and corruption in Zimbabwe, which have bankrupted that country. In all countries, found the people to be incredibly friendly, warm, engaging, and helpful. With most vacations, happy to return home. With this one, we would have liked to have stayed longer."

Joel Sachs (jsachs@kblaw.com) has recently been named a "Best Lawyer in America" for the 11th consecutive year in the practice areas of environmental law and environmental litigation. Joel continues practicing law full time as a senior counsel in the White Plains, NY, law firm of Keane and Beane and lectures frequently for the New York State Bar Assn. on a variety of environmental law and land use law topics. **Bob Epstein** writes from New York City: "My novella, *A Portrait of the Entrepreneur as a Young Man*, is available on Amazon.com. Among the Cornell influences that may have found their way into the novella are the result of my having been commissioned as a second lieutenant from the Army ROTC program and the words of wisdom from a professor who said that the US could not win a war in Southeast Asia. Happy reading. I also spend quality time with my 15-year-old son."

Cleon Dunham is the president of the Artificial Lift R&D Council (ALRDC), president of Oilfield Automation Consulting, and trustee of the Inst. for Strategic Clarity. He wrote last September, "I just returned from the 2019 Sucker Rod Pumping Workshop in Oklahoma City, OK.

64 It's that time of year again! No, not the first (and often deceptive) glimpse of an emerging green something-or-other after a harshly cold winter, but rather the month that signals we should begin paying our annual class dues. That and responding to our continuing appeal to send news of your life and activities that I can put into future columns. Meantime, here's the latest classmate news that helps make that obligation worthwhile!

Linda Collyer Logue writes that she's loving retirement and keeping busy with gardening, golf, and pickle ball, plus tennis, which she plays in a style she says is "more suitable to my age and abilities." Linda, who lives in Southport, NC, also keeps busy with two new shih tzu puppies who "take up unexpected time and energy potty training." Linda's gated community, St. James Plantation, has many amenities ranging from a beach club to four golf courses and even an amphitheater with concerts. She still finds time to travel, notably to Cabo San Lucas, where she has two timeshares (one of which she would like to sell), and also throughout North Carolina, "a beautiful state." Her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren live in Seattle. All in all, she says, "my life has had many unexpected twists and turns but is interesting. I am now celebrating 33 years of happy, joyous, and free sobriety!" Linda has gotten together with her Cornell roommate **Dana Woolard** Troy and her husband, Austin, who live in nearby Savannah, GA. Dana comments that she is "surprised to find myself a Georgia resident—and very happy about it, too."

Edward Martin Jr. (edmartin.k2qP@gmail.com), retired chairman of the Dept. of Physics and Engineering Science at Monroe Community College in Rochester, reports that he still lives in Honeoye Falls, NY. **Judith Sutherland** has a new home address, still in Oakland, CA. She enjoys reading and still works in vocational rehabilitation. **Stephen Abramson**, who lives with wife Phyllis in Hauppauge, NY, recently moved his business,

APS Pension & Financial Services, to larger offices in nearby Melville, NY. Steve has become active in Hadassah Assocs., to the point of being a VP on their associate board. He writes that all their grandchildren are in college or have recently graduated, adding that their oldest grandson is a 2015 graduate of Cornell's Engineering college. Also, one is working with him at APS. Steve would like to get in touch with **Chuck Levitt, Larry Gach**, ME '68, and other Phi Sig Ep brothers. He otherwise notes, "Wish I was 20 years younger, life has been good," and his family and business are doing well.

Joe James still works at buying and selling Mexican produce, which he describes as a "great hobby!" Joe and wife Shirley still live in Eagle, ID, where he is involved in the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary at Holy Apostles Catholic Church. He's otherwise quite active, involved in soccer games for his grandchildren, skiing trips to northern Idaho, and white-water rafting on the Salmon River. Recently, Joe had a "great visit from **John Bailey**, fraternity brother and ex-roommate." **Michael Graves** and wife Suzanne, who still live in Fairport, NY, keep busy following their two grandchildren, who are very active in multiple school sports and theater.

That's it for this column. I could use much more news (HINT, HINT), so please update me by e-mail, regular mail using the news form or a sheet of paper, our class website (www.cornell1964.org), or our class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 **Stuart Ross** (sturossworks@gmail.com) writes, "I am board chair for Purple Tree Café, a non-profit organization that promotes employment for people with disabilities. I have been living in Davis, CA, near my two sons and two grandchildren, since 2015." **Sharon Hegarty** Williams (sharonwilliams6@gmail.com) has moved from Venice, FL, to East Greenwich, RI, to be near her younger daughter, **Kate Williams '92**, and family, including **Priya Sarma '22**. "Kate has been a tremendous help since my spine and shoulder are disintegrating from osteoarthritis." Many folks in the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee are missing Sharon, who was active in the club.

Frank McCreary (femccreary@aol.com) and his wife, Jacki, visited their daughter and her family for Christmas 2019. Their 4-year-old grandson Murray attends Temple Emmanuel pre-school, so they celebrated Hanukkah as well. **Chuck Andola** (Charlesandola7@gmail.com) continues to be active in the dean's council at CALS and reports that the college is known worldwide for agronomy research. Chuck enjoys consulting and has worked with researchers in Australia to find the optimum growing conditions for fresh apples and pears. The philanthropic outreach of Bill Gates's organization has given many millions of dollars to Cornell with the goal of advancing world food supply.

Liz Gordon (eigbook@aol.com) writes, "Along with Reunion chair **Myron Jacobson, George Arangio, MD '69**, and **Bill Vanneman**, I had a fun and productive weekend up at Cornell helping to plan our fabulous 55th Reunion. Cornell welcomed us back with perfect weather and a chance to seek out the best venues, programs, and food for June 4-7. Hope to see all of you there. I also had the chance to enjoy Ithaca in August with my husband, Neil Lowenbraun, son **Matthew Lowenbraun '02**, and two grandchildren. It's a really fun place to spend time with family. We hiked up to Taughannock Falls and around Beebe Lake, enjoyed the wonderful children's science museum, ran all around campus, ate at delicious

restaurants, and visited Purity Ice Cream as much as we could. Neil and I are trying to cram as much travel as we can into retired life. We recently visited Memphis and Nashville for great food and music, as well as the many Civil War sites in the area. We're off to Cabo in Mexico in January and then on a Cornell trip to China in April."

The days are hastening toward our 55th Reunion and all of us on the class council hope that the dates of June 4-7 are marked on your calendar to celebrate good times at Cornell! There is one more column before Reunion and we need news! Let us know what you are doing! Please let us hear from you—via e-mail is best! Thanks. ♦ **Joan Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigrded1965@aol.com.

66 Welcome to spring, as the days get longer and the weather gets warmer! **Mary Whitley**

Rogers Reese "retired as rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Goldsboro, NC, on July 1, 2018, after having served as parish priest for eight years." She took a river cruise on the *American Queen* steamboat for eight days in December of that year, cruising from New Orleans to Memphis.

Ralph Schwartz wrote, "I crashed my bike and ended up in the hospital. Otherwise I was training for cross country ski racing and living a nice, calm, retired life. My son and his family have moved back to Saint Paul from Seattle—it's wonderful to have my granddaughter and grandson so close by. My oldest son is an attorney, my youngest works in fundraising for Luther Seminary—a nice gig for a Jewish kid." What would he do if he returned to Ithaca? Ralph responded: "We took my oldest to Cornell for a tour when he was looking at colleges, toured the campus, and fought off the elderly hippies downtown. Now I think I would just walk around the campus."

Roger Burnell wrote, "Well, on the humanitarian side, the Graduate Chair in Integrative Medicine and Technology that we endowed at Cornell Tech is engaging its esteemed search committee—now in their second year of scouring the country (and the world) charged with finding the most qualified candidate. Cornell just held their second Burnell Symposium on technical subjects (the first presented news-breaking research on the human microbiome, and the recent one addressed the bilateral relationship between emotions and artificial intelligence). What's also new is that we have now launched an endowment at Stanford (in part to "heal" the heartbreak when Cornell won Mayor Bloomberg's RFP to come in and build Cornell Tech, where Stanford only came in second): the Roger and Joelle Burnell Chair in Integrative Medicine, Technology, and Social Responsibility. Additionally, we have just installed a perpetual, annual scholarship in humanitarian journalism at Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism to select and produce expert reporters, in the spirit of Walter Cronkite and Jules Bergman, to carry out the communicative/informative delivery that this world health mission requires. Personally, we just celebrated the 50th anniversary of our family company, at a large gala event last fall. Our daughter returned to competition as the second-ranked US amateur in 'Three-Day Eventing,' the Olympic equine event, where she aspires toward making the US Olympic Team one day!"

Class co-president **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, reports that there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that he and wife **Nancy (Nystrom) '68** attempt to spend at least 25 percent of each year on cruise ships. However, in 2019 they cruised: from Chile to Argentina around Cape Horn; on a riverboat in the Netherlands and Belgium at the peak of the tulip season; from New Jersey on a "triangle"

route to New England and Bermuda; to Bermuda again with their son and granddaughter; and from Seattle to Miami via the Panama Canal. Rolf admits that at almost 11 weeks, that adds up to something perilously close to three months. **Jerry Touger** "finally retired at the end of May 2019 after 45 years as a physics professor at Curry College. Happily, I spent my first days of retirement in Castellina in Chianti (Tuscany), where my wife—mystery author Hallie Ephron—was writer in residence leading an eight-day writing workshop. Now we're off to Brooklyn for a few days to spoil our grandkids."

Howard Sobel wrote, "In September 2019, my wife, Kathy, and I went on a two-week Cornell Alumni Assn.-sponsored tour of Greece, Crete, and Santorini. This was an item on our bucket list, ever since I took a Greek and Roman mythology elective course as a senior at Cornell. We had a great time, made some new (Cornell alumni) friends, and went to places (the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Delphi, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Nafplio, as well as Knossos, to name a few) that were fascinating. Interesting how mythology and history can create a story that has lasted the ages. We consumed a lot of Greek food and accompanied liquids, and we thoroughly enjoyed every moment and each adventure. The tour included motor coaches, airplanes between the major islands, and boat trips between some of the smaller islands. With winter coming we have planned several trips to Cancun, Mexico, which we do every year. Other travels also include visiting our three sons, who between them have seven children scattered between Charlotte, NC, Fairfax, VA, and nearby Rockville Centre, which is a few minutes from where we live. I am still working on engagements where I have been recommended by friends and business associates but not seeking additional work beyond that which comes to me. I very much enjoy the interaction and helping out with major construction projects that have reached the litigation threshold with regards to over-budget and over-schedule. As we are all in the same class, we are all about 75 years old. My wife and family made a little party for me that was quite a surprise. In addition, as I write this, tomorrow, November 26, 2019, will be our 50th wedding anniversary. I am a very lucky man, in many ways."

If you haven't yet sent in your 2020 class dues—please do! And—share your news for this column so we all stay in touch. ♦ **Pete Salinger**, peteRsaling95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 **Richard Weldgen Jr.** (Webster, NY; rhw8@cornell.edu) reports: "I'm six years into my semi-retirement. I design, sell, install, and maintain low-voltage LED landscape lighting at Woodlawn Landscapes Unlimited Inc. My granddaughter Zazie, a junior at Webster High School, will graduate early this year. She will attend Monroe Community College, where my son Franz is an associate professor. My wife, Mattia, continues to provide me with professional quality guidance."

"Hope you're well," writes **Joan Klein** Cohen (Stockbridge, MA). "Just wanted to let you know I've embarked on a second career as a fiction writer. My first novel, *Land of Last Chances*, was published in August 2019. I've been gratified to see how much readers seem to like it. I can be found at joancohenwriter.com." **Daniel Feld** (New York, NY; danfeld23@gmail.com), who started his editorial career on the *Sun*, is "an executive editor at Thomson Reuters, where I am the managing editor of two tax journals—*Taxation of Exempts* and *Practical Tax Strategies*." Authors can submit proposed or completed articles to Dan at dan.feld@tr.com.

Carol Lee Terry Gips (Mashpee, MA; tgips@comcast.net) writes: "My husband, Ned Hitchcock, and I returned to Cape Cod after living in New Bedford for three years. We made a big move to a small condo in Mashpee. I continue to work as an artist, and a book of my photographs was published in July: <http://www.coldmeadow.com/book.html>. We attended a wonderful concert of the Sherwoods in Barnstable in September. It was a treat to see my old friend **Geoff Hewitt '66**."

Jeffrey Rose (Las Vegas, NV; vegasmuse@gmail.com), based on his regular postings on Facebook, travels around the US more than anyone else in my limited purview. He writes, "I'm still working part time at due diligence on alternate investments for retail securities broker-dealers. I volunteered as a Black Rock ranger at Burning Man for the 20th year. No reason to quit as long as I'm having fun and can walk. It's the most interesting place I can think of during the last week in August."

Tom Loane, MBA '68 (Willow Street, PA; tloane1@gmail.com) reports that wife Nancy and he "have moved from Valley Forge to Willow Valley, an adult community near Lancaster, PA." He's retired from TSL Analysis LLC. **Tia Schneider** Denenberg (Red Hook, NY; tdenenberg@aol.com) was re-elected town justice for the Town of Gallatin, Columbia County, NY, last November. I heard the campaign report while catching up over Thanksgiving weekend with her and fellow arbitrator **Marcia Greenbaum '62** (Essex, MA).

I didn't get to see the great upset football victory over Dartmouth in Hanover, or the win a week later in Ithaca over a resurgent Columbia to end an all-too-usual season with some huzzahs. An exceedingly wonderful interlude from the ongoing politics here in the nation's capital was the amazing run to and triumph in the World Series

by the come-from-behind Nats! ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 By now I hope you have received the annual News and Dues mailing from your class. If you haven't responded yet, you can pay your dues online at: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/alumni-life/classes/>. While you're at it, please send your news, either directly to me at the e-mail below, or via the online news form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Our class co-president **Greg Baum** sent us this news: "On November 9, 2019, I attended a large memorial service in Portland, OR, for one of our classmates, **Dennis 'Denny' Hubel**, who died on September 16. Just a few years after his retirement as a federal magistrate judge in Oregon in 2014, Denny's health began to fail him. Despite all of his medical difficulties, Denny was determined to be in Ithaca for our 50th Reunion and he made it. He was so happy to be able to show his wife the campus and to visit with so many of his Alpha Tau Omega brothers. Six of the ATOs traveled to be at his memorial: **John**, ME '70, and **Pat Rees** from Oregon/Arizona, **Tom** and **Gayle Allen** from California, **San Eigenbrode '70**, PhD '90, from Idaho, **Mike** and **Marcia Madden** from Washington, **George** and **Ann Mavko** from Arizona, and **Charlie Smith** from Pennsylvania/Florida."

Marianne Goodman tells us "the great advantage of having switched to psychiatry out of general surgery is that I need never retire. Short of a massive stroke that wipes my memory banks clean, I can continue until the day I fall silent. This is a wonderful prospect, as I love what I do." She is a busy lady, a patron of the arts, involved in animal rescue, saving the planet from environmental abuse, traveling with her family, and "most of all, spending time with family and friends." Her older daughter remains in the fashion business manufacturing handbags; her younger daughter is in her second year of general surgical residency. Husband William Norden is a trusts and estates attorney and balances work with their garden. Enjoy spring and send your news and notes to: ♦ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Here is a special message from our Class of 1970 50th Reunion chairwomen, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Forster Hogan**: "Come back to Cornell for our 50th Reunion. This will be a grand event! The Reunion committee has planned a great schedule of class events along with Cornell's famous Reunion lectures, tours, activities, concerts, and more. Reconnect with your classmates and encourage them to meet you back at Reunion. The Finger Lakes area and the campus are so beautiful you will fall in love with them all over again—especially when you are not worrying about studying and exams! Watch for registration materials in late March. We only have one 50th Reunion. Please don't miss it!"

As you know, the Class of '70 has a designated 50th Reunion e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. Use it to connect directly with Sally Anne and Cathy as they are anxious to hear from you with questions, ideas, concerns, and suggestions regarding our 50th. And, of course, they want you to volunteer to help with any part of Reunion, both before and during. Many of you have memorized the dates, but just in case: Thursday, June 4, 2020 at noon until Sunday morning, June 7, 2020.

See you in three months! Remember to connect to our Cornell Class of 1970 website: cornell70.org.

Our classmate **Diana Christopoulos** (dchristop@earthlink.net) has reported exciting updates regarding her many and continuing years working for the environment and conservation. In October 2019, she won the national Cox Conserves Heroes award for work with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and other environmental groups, including the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy. This meant a \$60,000 check for ATC, and Diana received front-page coverage in the *Roanoke Times*. The funding came from the Pew Charitable Trust and the Cox Foundation. She won the State of Virginia through Cox staff selection and then went up against eight other state winners (including California) in an online vote. Diana and ATC won! She was photographed holding the \$60K "check" that went to ATC, which will be used to protect land along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia (which has over 500 miles of the 2,200-mile trail). In addition, she is president of the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, which holds over 70 easements in 16 counties in Virginia, and thus is protecting over 22,000 acres of rural land from development. Diana continues to reside with Mark McClain in Salem, VA, where they retired in 2003. Congratulations and thank you for your exceptional efforts on behalf of the environment.

Remember to connect, or reconnect, with classmates and ask them to join you at our 50th Reunion this June. Our class VP of affinity groups, **Tom Newman** (tnewman1207@gmail.com), is a great resource for classmate contact information and much more. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Just as this column was being finalized, we received the following e-mail from class president **Barbara Brem** Noveau: "It is with great sadness that I write to inform you all of the news that **Jan Rothman** passed away on December 17, 2019. As some of you knew, Jan was battling a recurrence of cancer for the past year. He never gave up hope, approached every setback with an irrepressible optimism, and was looking forward to seeing classmates in New York City in March 2020. Jan was dedicated to our class and to Cornell in a way that very few are able to match. He served as class president, Reunion chair, and I'm sure a number of other roles before I got to know him. He was our number-one cheerleader and a true friend. I will miss him terribly, as I'm sure you will too."

Michael Kubin, who is now the executive vice president of INVIDI Technologies, delivered a presentation, "Transforming television and building a billion-dollar business," at a Cornell Enterprise Engineering Colloquium in October. The announcement of that event noted that he "acts as the evangelist for addressable television to agencies and advertisers to get them to adopt addressable television as part of their media plans, and is involved in the company's global expansion, in particular to Latin America and Europe." Michael has managed a "string of successful entrepreneurial ventures. At his first media buying company, Corinthian Media Buying, he was integral in the creation and growth of its direct response subsidiary, Corinthian Direct, which grew to over \$100 million in billings in just three years." Next, he became president of Club Med Inc. Then, with Club Med as his first client, "Michael co-founded Media Inc., which, along with its direct response subsidiary, Media Direct Partners, was sold to IPG (the Interpublic Group)." In addition to his Cornell degree in Operations Research, Michael earned an MBA from Harvard Business School and a

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master's in journalism from Columbia. His articles have been published in the *New York Observer*, the *New York Times*, and the *New Yorker*.

Class correspondent **Jim Roberts** reports that in mid-November, he and **Arthur Mintz** did a presentation at the Cornell Club-New York on their book, *Forever Faithful: Celebrating the Greatest Moments of Cornell Hockey* (Cornell University Press). If you haven't read it yet, it's a terrific book! Jim and Arthur "were joined for the talk and a dinner that followed by **John Hughes '70**, MBA '71, JD '74, tri-captain of Cornell's undefeated 1969-70 NCAA champion hockey team, and his wife, **Amy (Pasternak)**, MBA '74. Also on hand were classmate **Richie Halpern** and his wife, Ellen."

Dipping further into class correspondent news, this past summer **Gayle Yeomans** built a horse barn (with lots of help), fenced in two pastures, and moved her quarter horse, Sage, to her home in the Catskill Mountains. She had a wonderful summer and fall riding in and around the mountains and just hangin' with Sage. Soon after Sage arrived, her husband, Dick Bowden, said he wished he could ride. Before he could change his mind, she signed him up for riding lessons. Since then, they have purchased another horse so they can now go riding together.

Please send us your news; otherwise, you'll have to continue reading news about the two of us! ♦ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; or **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 Happy 2020 to everyone. I hope this year brings happiness to you and your family. The following classmates immersed themselves in a Cornell's Adult University (CAU) class on campus last July and/or joined one or more study tours to destinations around the world in 2019. 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. **Gwen Vail Cukierski**, MA '74, participated in the book making course; **Peter McCarthy** was a participant in the American Humor course; and **Judith Harrod Strotz** studied in the happy life course. Taking part in the study tours around the world were **Kathy Price Chiron** (Rome), **Bruce Euzent** (Costa Rica), **Lydia Kernitsky Tedeschi**, MD '76 (Basel/Amsterdam), **William Medina** (Switzerland), and **Deborah Resnick** (NYC theater). If you would like to read more about CAU, you can do so at www.cau.cornell.edu.

Bedford Magazine and Houlihan Lawrence hosted the 2019 Bedford 25 reception and ceremony on November 7. The evening began with wine, beer, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres provided by the Wine Connection and the Market at Pound Ridge Square, followed by a ceremony recognizing the 2019 Bedford 25 honorees, who performed great work and services for the town of Bedford. One of these honorees was our own **Deirdre Courtney-Batson**, MA '75, who has worked tirelessly for Bedford since the 1980s as the president of the Katonah Historical Museum, chair of Katonah's Historic District Commission, and chair of the town's planning board. As chair, Deirdre guides the board through difficult and complex matters that require the adept application of their zoning code. Bedford would be a different town without her efforts to protect and preserve its semi-rural character. Deirdre has also been very active and successful in planning and organizing our class Reunions.

Mary Shelley (maryshelleyst@gmail.com) wrote that she had a retrospective show of her work at New

York Folklore from October 2019 until early January 2020. For more information on the show, go to: <https://nyfolklore.org/new-exhibition-wood-carving-by-mary-michael-shelley/>. Mary has been making art for 45 years and has produced more than 2,000 works. Collections that contain her work are: the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC; the Smithsonian Institution White House Easter Egg Collection; the American Folk Art Museum; the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, NY; the High Museum in Atlanta, GA; the American Museum in Britain; and the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY, among others.

Roger Dube recently retired as assistant dean for undergraduate research and professor at the Rochester Inst. of Technology. Shortly afterward he was surprised and honored to receive the 2019 Ely S. Parker Award from the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) in recognition of his lifelong work to increase Native American and First Nations representation in the sciences. This is the highest award given by AISES, and Roger was humbled by this recognition. He continues to work on native issues in science and is currently providing guidance to Canadian universities as they seek to establish programs to increase First Nations student participation in science programs. He is living in Rochester, NY, with his wife, Jeri, and their two dogs.

I was searching through the Cable TV Guide one evening and spotted that the Turner Classic Movie channel was showing *Knute Rockne, All American* starring Pat O'Brien as the Notre Dame coach and Ronald Reagan as legendary halfback George Gipp. After the end of the film, the host usually tells the viewers more about the movie and the actors. This night, after the movie, the host had a guest join him, someone with a background both in sports and in acting—none other than our own **Ed Marinaro**. Ed talked about his breakthrough role as Officer Joe Coffey on the TV series "Hill Street Blues." He related how he was originally signed for just three shows but was kept on for the whole season. When Ed asked the producers about their plans for him for the next season, he was told that it was up to him and his agent. So, the producers filmed Ed's big scene two ways. Officer Coffey was shot in both versions; in one version he survived, while in the other version he died. Fortunately, contract negotiations went well, Officer Coffey made a miraculous recovery, and Ed's career took off. Send news to: ♦ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

73 Greetings, Class of '73. We're short on news this month—as in none—so I have a suggestion. Since a lot of us are at retirement age, consider sending along a paragraph or two on how you made the transition. Was it uplifting? Depressing? How long did it take to find a new groove? Are you still looking? Did grandchildren help?

I'm pretty sure that any story, no matter how ordinary it seems to you, will interest someone. I am personally not retired as of this writing, but with our first grandchild, it gets more tempting. I'm also surrounded by more and more retired friends, like my sister (seven years younger), who sent in her notice and was off with her (also retired) husband trekking in Nepal before the door slammed. Like a jailbreak. Is that normal?

We look forward to hearing your stories. ♦ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, phg3@cornell.edu; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

74 This is my first column for our class, and I, **Molly Miller** Ettenger, send you sunny greetings from Tucson, AZ. We moved here from Pennsylvania this past summer to enjoy retirement without aid of snow shovels, and to be just a few miles from our younger son, **Kolb Ettenger '07**. I'm pleased to report that there is a very active Cornell Club here, which sort of makes up for no longer being a half-day drive from Ithaca.

The packet of messages and Share Your News forms that arrived in the mailbox today contained plenty of news to share. For starters, **Sandy Sears** (sls83@cornell.edu) reports, "I'm now a doctoral student at the Neag School of Education, specializing in positive behavioral interventions and supports." Also in academia, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Moore** (emoore@cazenovia.edu) continues to manage the interior design program at Cazenovia College and says, "I'm thinking I will delay retirement for another year or two—partly because it will take that long to clear out my office." When that happens, she's looking forward to more reading and gardening plus traveling back to the UK. In the meantime, Betsy has been attending family weddings and has become a great-aunt. **Paul Mayne**, PhD '91 (paul.mayne@ce.gatech.edu) is a professor of geoengineering at Georgia Inst. of Technology and has been there for 30 years. He's doing a fair amount of travel and lecturing including delivering the Cross-USA lecture for the American Society of Civil Engineers Geo Inst. One of the first people he met at Cornell was Solomon Cady Hollister, "who was my advisor when I started my freshman year in 1970. Even though I was Class of '74, I took two years off to play guitar and finished my BSCE in '76, my MEC in '77, and eventually my PhD in '91, all at Cornell." He was in Ithaca in May 2019 visiting CEE professors **Tom O'Rourke '70** and Harry Stewart, as well as Gloria Kulhawy, who was married to the late Prof. Fred Kulhawy.

Two new careers to celebrate for classmate **Jim Connor** (jconnor3@cox.net), who after 36 years as a tax attorney reports, "I retired and am now a full-time high school math teacher at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA. I am also head track and field coach." He has two grandchildren and finds much satisfaction in teaching and coaching. **Bill Oppelt** (William.Oppelt@gmail.com) is working part time at Change Inc., hiking the Appalachian Trail, and very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. **Lynn Allinger** (lallinger1@cox.net) recently made a career change, becoming an actor after a 20-year career in teaching. She participates in a SilverSneakers fitness program twice a week but finds the most satisfaction these days from "seeing my two children thriving in this crazy world." She also notes, "Learning acting is broadening my point of view of life." If she could have a day in Ithaca now, she'd "take in the view from Willard Straight Hall, re-visit Wait Avenue Co-op, walk over some gorgeous gorges, go down into Collegetown, and then go downtown and to Cayuga Lake."

There is quite a bit going on these days with **Ken Brown** (kenbro74@gmail.com). He and his wife have an art business in Delray Beach, FL, so they divide their time between Delray Beach and their ranch in Colorado, while also doing a lot of travel "to the world's most remote places for photography and painting. We're hoping to reach our goal of 100 countries visited by the 2024 Reunion!" Ken is working on writing several different biographies and finds "the writing process difficult but ultimately rewarding." In addition, Ken and colleagues have formed a new private equity partnership, Blue Key Equity Partners. He recalls his best day at Cornell as "any

cool fall evening on Cayuga Lake with the crew, watching the sun light up the windows of the Hill like fire."

Wendy Schwartz Wein (wendyswein@gmail.com) is also traveling quite a bit; she's still working part time but also relishing spending time with children and grandchildren. Daughter **Lauren Wein '09** married **Jonathan Feldman '08** in 2018 in Park City, UT, and there were lots of Cornellians in attendance! **Raymond Kase Jr.** (rkasejr@comcast.net) was bound for Alaska for a month at the time he wrote and is also keeping busy with doctor appointments and enjoying his first grandchild. **Florence Higgins**, DVM '81, recalls her best day at Cornell as the day she started Vet college in 1977. She gets the most satisfaction these days in diagnosing and treating a difficult case and is currently busy training a new border collie puppy for obedience and agility. This puppy joins two other border collies and a cat. If she could be doing something else, Florence would be swimming in a lake or ocean—which sounds tempting to me too.

Many thanks for your news and please keep sending in more! ♦ **Molly Miller** Ettinger, molly.ettinger@gmail.com; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu.

75 Where did the years go?! Join the Class of 1975 at Cornell for our 45th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020, a memorable weekend of old friends, new sights, educational programs, and social gatherings.

Susan Fulton, our Reunion chairperson, and her team have planned special class events to complement the extensive offerings made available by Cornell across the campus including music, insightful lectures, a wine and cheese tasting, sports, Greek receptions, and other great gatherings. Reach out to classmates you haven't seen

lately and gather friends with whom you'd love to relive fond memories on campus, and we'll see you all there in just a few short weeks!

Cornell members of Delta Gamma and Kappa Psi classes from the early 1970s enjoyed a fabulous, fun-filled reunion trip to Delaware's Brandywine Valley in October. Organized by **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure '74 and **Mary Vane '73** (a Delaware native), we celebrated renewed friendships with Mary's special "taste of Delaware" at her home, tours of Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, and Old New Castle, and, of course, the best of food and beverages that Wilmington had to offer. Class of '75 attendees included **Karen Leung** Moore, **Eileen Nugent**, **Christine Curran** Williams, **Elyse Byron**, and **Joan Pease**. The theme of discussions between special events appeared to be "retirement" as many of our group had recently given up their full-time jobs or were planning to do so within the coming months. Elyse celebrated the end of a rewarding career in medical sales in the Chicago area in fall 2019 and was planning to spend more time traveling the world. Eileen's legal career in NYC and Chris's wellness consulting in nutrition counseling and diabetes education in the metropolitan Washington, DC, area are still occupying much of their time, although travel and family are also top priorities. Visiting from St. Louis, Karen was able to piggyback a visit with her son's family in nearby Princeton, catching a day with her adorable 7-year-old granddaughters.

Also keeping close contact with many of his Cornell friends is **Dave Pritchard**, gathering frequently with folks around the world since he retired early from a 30-plus-year career in biopharmaceuticals. His retirement theme has been, "Be with people you love and go to amazing places," in part driven by the fact that he is the oldest male Pritchard in his family to live and the first to retire. Dave has organized reunions and adventure travel to over 25 countries with friends and family, including a week-long Grand Canyon river raft trip in May with **Stan Gross**, **Mort Bishop '74**, and **Brian Beglin '74**, all Sigma Chi brothers, enjoying amazing nature and great companionship. They had so much fun that they are considering expanding the group and doing another active reunion trip next year. Dave is currently president of two nonprofit boards, one a Silicon Valley startup school for dyslexic children using tools developed from the latest research at UCSF and Stanford and applying it to the classroom. They are considering a virtual classroom to teach dyslexic parents/grandparents the new high tech tools the students now use routinely. He's inquired as to whether any dyslexic Cornell alumni would be interested in benefiting from that concept.

The Delta Upsilon fraternity is another group that remains in close contact since graduation. **Mark** and **Christine "Ting" Magill Kamon** visited the Washington, DC, area in December to share a holiday concert and dinner with fellow DUs **Scott Keenum '76** and **Kevin Bruns '79**, as well as Diane Sislar, **Matthew Bruns '13**, BS '16, and Joan Pease. Mark and Ting had retired to the small town of Kennedyville, MD, several years ago and are now building the home of their dreams on the Sassafras River. Capturing the sunrise view each morning, they'll enjoy a large dock for their boat, a new textile studio for Ting, and plenty of space for their three children and seven grandchildren.

Cornell does an amazing job of offering interesting and challenging Cornell's Adult University (CAU) courses for alums during the summer, and several folks from '75 have taken advantage of these classes. Exploring the outdoor environs near Ithaca, **Norman Greenberg**, MS

'78's selection of Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes and **Susan Linz**'s choice of Bike the Finger Lakes led them through beautiful Upstate New York during the best season of the year. An in-depth exploration of the Science of Climate Change and the Question of Our Response was pursued by **Kathryn Noel** Phillips. Class correspondent **Mitch Frank** traveled from Florida to attend two courses, including How to Live a Happy Life and American Humor from Mark Twain to Jon Stewart taught by popular professor **Glenn S. Altschuler, PhD '76**, while **Mary Kate Owens** expanded her writing expertise with Personal Essay 1: A Writing Workshop in July.

Some of the CAU classes involve travel outside the US. Under the guidance of instructors Julia Thom-Levy and Stephen Levy, **Heinrich Hellfeld**, MS '81, and **Neil Hemphill** spent a week in Switzerland enjoying CERN, Einstein, and Art. **Paul Higdon** enjoyed a ten-day journey of Walking the Eternal City—Rome Across the Centuries, experiencing the sights, sounds, culture, and cuisine of Italy.

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, college friends you've seen, and memorable moments on campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. ♦ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.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, Krinsky54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; or **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

77 Our class must be in hibernation or on vacation. We have a sparse amount of news for this column.

Mark Newberger, JD '77, is of counsel at Foley & Lardner LLP. He was recently appointed co-chair of the firm's cannabis industry team. He assists in coordinating the firm's multi-disciplinary practice across 24 offices to advise clients in the cannabis industry on all aspects of the business, including navigating the complexities of federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Mark will likely be dealing with the highs and lows of the cannabis business, given changes in federal, state, local, and international (i.e., Canadian) laws.

Hopefully, everyone is well rested and can contribute lots of news in the New Year. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or write directly to either of us. ♦ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu; **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com.

78 Three cheers for two of our classmates, who were among the seven alumni honored with the Outstanding Alumni and Faculty Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Assn. last year. **Peggy Koenig** is chair of Abry Partners LLC, a private equity investment firm focused on investing in the media, communications, information, and business services industries. She is a member of the Cornell Board of Trustees, where she chairs the research and innovation committee. **Mark** and **Lisa Preger Sellew '79**, MBA '82, run Prides

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Corner Farms, one of the largest nurseries in the Northeast. With more than 500 employees, they are the largest agricultural employer in the State of Connecticut. The annual awards recognize alumni who have achieved professional success, demonstrated leadership on behalf of the college and university, and made significant contributions toward the betterment of society. "At CALS, we strive to leave the world a better place than we found it," said **Kathryn Boor '80**, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of CALS. "These alumni reflect that mission, contributing their time, resources, and invaluable expertise to help improve their own communities and the world at large."

On an inkling 20 years ago that a group of naturally occurring fat molecules produced by cows could improve human health and revitalize the dairy industry, **Doug Young** has launched an exciting new product called Cowfee. It's a cold brew made from milk from his dairy cows at Spruce Haven Farm, about 40 minutes north of Ithaca, and coffee from a farm in Guatemala sourced through his employees. These are not just any cows, but cows that are fed a special diet, developed with the help of Doug's longtime friend and collaborator Dale Bauman, professor emeritus in Animal Science at CALS, to increase the concentration of conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) in their milk. CLA has been found to reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity in animal studies, and a team of scientists stands ready to implement a protocol to measure the effect in humans. Cowfee is being marketed in the Northeast (and available everywhere on Amazon) under the brand name Pursue Happiness. It carries the FDA-approved slogan: "Working toward the highest nutrition with the lowest environmental footprint." Says Doug: "We are trying to serve people in a way that can improve happiness through a tasty drink, good nutrition, and human health, while improving environmental sustainability through innovation."

As many of us contemplate—and actuate—retirement, **Mick Rogers** went back to school! He successfully defended his clinical social work PhD dissertation on "Teaching Advocacy to Second Year Master of Social Work Students in Clinical Field Placements" from the Smith College School for Social Work. He took the leap when Sutter Health closed down the Child Guidance Clinic, which he led. "It took a little longer than expected," he says, "but it was an intellectually invigorating experience." Mick now teaches second year practice, group therapy, and a field seminar at Smith and serves as a field faculty advisor for students in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Having studied apparel and costume design, **Candace Warner** Herring is still working as a costume designer and is also now a professor. "Do anything long enough, and they let you teach others!" she remarks. Kidding aside, Candace says helping others learn and grow brings her the most satisfaction these days. The day she figured out what career to pursue was her best day at Cornell. One of Candace's daughters has been hiking the Appalachian Trail, taking time off from her job as a pastry chef. The other just received her master's in agricultural extension, just like her grandpa, **Richard Warner, PhD '51**.

Our class held two events in NYC last November. **Cynthia Kubas** writes that the Red Hot Hockey event was the best ever! The pre-party at Haymaker Bar and Kitchen included alumni from the classes of '78 and '79 and was buzzing with excitement about the undefeated men's hockey team as they shared wings, fries, and a few adult beverages. Cornellians attending included **Angela DeSilva, Jeanne Arnold Schwetje, Pat Valletta Riley '81, Roger Anderson, Kent Sheng, BA '82, Sharon**

Palatnik Simoncini, and lots of friends and family. The evening was capped off with the Big Red defeating BU (yes, they did the cheer!) 2-0, maintaining their undefeated status.

At the other end of the Big Apple's cultural spectrum, **Bill Cavanaugh** shares highlights of the class-sponsored off-Broadway play event, *Einstein's Dreams*. The very *Hamilton*-like musical, based on the 1992 book of the same title, is a "what-if" of how a twilight muse might have inspired the scientist in his personal and scientific life. The first of what may become an annual event (open to all class members) was organized by Angela DeSilva and **Mary Bowler** Jones and was preceded by a reception at Cornell's Midtown ILR center. Other theater-going Cornellians included Jeanne Arnold Schwetje, **Bruce Berkman, Vickie Hartman, Barbara Cook Jacobs, Cynthia Kubas, Mike Reiner, Kent Sheng, Nina Silfen, Martha Kadlubowski** West, **Leslie Lewit Milner '79**, and Doug Young, along with other partners and friends of the class.

Did you know you can enjoy Ithaca in the summer-time during week-long CAU classes on the Hill? Offerings include the Science of Climate Change and the Question of Our Response, American Humor from Mark Twain to Jon Stewart, Bike the Finger Lakes, and the Wines Course. Throughout the year, choose from study tours of various lengths and destinations such as Silicon Valley: A Cornell Insider's Tech Tour, River Cruise from Basel to Amsterdam: Legacies of the Roman Empire and World War II, and Costa Rica: An Ecological Family-Friendly Adventure. Learn more at: sce.cornell.edu.

And, lastly, a friendly reminder to pay your class dues and send back your "Share Your News" forms so we have plenty to write about! ♦ **Ilene Shub Lefland**, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

79 Greetings, classmates! After five years of authoring our class e-newsletter, I (**Danna Levy**) have swapped responsibilities with fellow class officer **Kathy Zappia** Gould and have joined the class correspondent rotation along with fellow scribes **Linda Moses** and **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea. By way of personal update: Since leaving Ithaca, I have happily resided in NYC, where I attended NYU's Stern School of Business (MBA '81) and embarked on a career in advertising and brand consulting. In recent years I have segued into medical writing and pharmaceutical branding and am currently freelancing. Along with my husband, **Jeffrey Riback '75** (now retired, but a former assistant general counsel at Consolidated Edison), I am well into a "bucket list" journey of visiting all 30 Major League Baseball stadiums—seeing the Yankees play whenever possible. Our daughter, Jaclyn, and son-in-law Michael, both executives in the telecommunications industry, provided us with granddaughter Ella Jade in March 2018.

On the topic of bucket lists, class president **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, shared with me that she and husband **Brad** are involved in a similar project to ours. Brad, a lifelong Yankee fan, has set the goal of seeing the Yankees play in every American League ballpark. Perhaps we will see them in Dallas this April! I would love to learn about the bucket list plans of other classmates. Please provide them to the e-mail below so they can be shared with the class.

Living in NYC comes with the added benefit of being surrounded by legions of Cornell alumni. For the first time this year, I attended the Red Hot Hockey game at Madison Square Garden. This year's contest was versus

Boston U., with the Big Red winning 2-0. Had I known the game was the great, spirited fun it was, I would have started attending years ago! Among the classmates I noticed sharing in the revelry at MSG were **Howard Lavin, Elizabeth Kutcher** Rosenstein, **Rich Friedman, Lon** and **Lisa Barsanti Hoyt**, and **Larry Bunis**. As in past years, there was a pre-game gathering at a local restaurant, but while our class has generally combined with all classes of the '70s, this year we joined only with the Class of '78 at Haymaker Bar and Kitchen. It was great to catch up with my freshman year High Rise 1 suitemate **Deb Seidman**, who now resides in Forest Hills, Queens, and relayed that she recently sold a lithograph at an exhibit at a Brooklyn art gallery. She also mentioned that she has joined the consulting team at Kotter (Change Leadership Consulting), where she is "helping clients transform their organizations for the future."

I also chatted with fellow grandparent **Janet Goldin Rubin** of Short Hills, NJ, who reported being "busy" with 2-year-old Benjamin Lee. Janet said, "I am looking forward to attending Cornell's Adult University on campus this summer and invite other '79ers to join us back at college—with no tests!" **Margie Wang** and her husband, Bill, of Madison, NJ, were also in attendance, and reported that daughter **Marlene '11** and **Tom Hudson '11** were married in September 2018 at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Marlene is completing her third year as an ophthalmology resident at Columbia's Harkness Eye Inst. and looks forward to a two-year retina fellowship next year. Tom is a partner at Locke Careers. The Wangs' son, **Alexander '14**, is a finance manager at Coty in NYC. Margie added that she and Bill celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in July in Brussels. She is looking forward to more travel, including a CAU trip to Patagonia in 2020 with classmate **Wendy Schaenen**, MD '83, and her husband, **Anand Jagannath, MD '83**.

My Manhattan "neighbor" and high school classmate **Nancy Sverdlik** reported to me that she and **Beth Anderson '80** "set our hiking boots in the direction of Hokkaido, Japan, this past September, climbing up trails to active volcanoes and ever-mindful of replenishing our fluids—with sake!" Nancy's previous hiking adventures have included trips to Machu Picchu, the Himalayas in Nepal, and summiting Kilimanjaro at 19,341 feet. Other classmates enjoying the Haymaker's wings and fries included **Debbie Zimmerman** Frankel, **Jeff Ford, Cynthia Green, Stacy Buchler** Holstein, and **Matthew Frisch**. Thanks to **Leslie Lewit Milner** for organizing the event.

Jeri Roberts Appel, MBA '81, writes from Stamford, CT, that she is retired from the software training business but is a "very dedicated volunteer" with the Boy Scouts, Jewish Family Services, the local food bank, and has been the treasurer of her temple's sisterhood for the past 22 years. She reports that her son **Joshua '22** is the seventh family member to attend Cornell—a tradition that began with Jeri's grandmother, **Rosalie Ulrich Rosenberg, LLD 1921**. Jeri says her greatest satisfaction these days comes from "seeing my sons succeed in college." When asked about her best day at Cornell, she recalled scoring concert commission tickets to the 1977 Grateful Dead concert, which afforded her early entry and therefore great seats!

Please continue to send us your news. Your classmates want to hear from you. ♦ **Danna Levy**, Danna GOA@gmail.com; **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

80 I beg your indulgence, dear reader, as this will not be a column of the usual pithy style for which the Class of 1980 correspondents are well known. As you read this, our 40th Reunion will be mere weeks away, June 4-7, 2020, and it is the wish of your scribe to convey to you that many classmates have volunteered their time and creative talents to make this a weekend that will linger in your memory. Unless your memory is like mine, in which case you may sneak a peek at the cover of this magazine to reassure yourself that you are not currently reading the Shouts and Murmurs section of the *New Yorker*.

This column was submitted to CAM editors in mid-December 2019, so the list of both planned events and volunteers is certainly not complete. The takeaway from this column is that there will be no shortage of opportunities to reconnect with familiar classmates and meet new ones, learn more about the most beautiful campus in America, and participate in the resurrection of an icon that was last seen on East Hill during our freshman year.

On Thursday night we will take over the Ithaca Farmers Market downtown—i.e., we will co-opt the co-op. Classmates will join some local vendors in displaying their wares, and for those still tense over the commute to Ithaca, a yoga session will be offered (in fact, classmate-led yoga will be available each day throughout the weekend). We will partner with the non-Reunion year gang in this effort. If you have never been to the market, plan to join us on Thursday.

Friday mid-day will feature a women's panel forum—the working title as of this writing is "Any Woman, Any Study." Classmate panelists will discuss the challenges women students encountered in the late 1970s and the cultural changes precipitated by activism in our time on campus. Table facilitators will promote small group discussion as well. This will happen in the Straight Memorial Room, with lunch to follow on the Terrace.

If you want to see Cornell as you never have, we have arranged fascinating classmate-led tours. Cornell's secret gardens, architecture, and world-class library system will be featured in separate tours on Friday and Saturday.

On Saturday we will dedicate a group of newly planted American elm trees on the Arts Quad. We have established a Class of 1980 Tree Fund to, along with others, bring back elm trees to the Cornell campus. The last of the Dutch elms was removed from campus in 1976, and it is our hope that the disease-resistant American variety, when mature, will restore a former glory not seen for several generations.

Speaking of the iconic, the May 1977 Grateful Dead concert at Barton lives on not only in Cornell lore, but in American musical history as well. Saturday night will feature a live Dead tribute band (yup, I just wrote that) to play a set from that concert. Even if you don't know Jerry Garcia from a pint of Cherry Garcia, you should check it out.

These events are over and above everything that the university provides for all classes during Reunion weekend, so boredom will not be an option. If you haven't registered for our 40th, it's not too late. For the most current Reunion news, go to <https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/> and click on the Class of 1980 link.

Thank you to all who have volunteered as of December 2019, and to those others who have since joined the 40th Reunion team! ♦ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 Happy spring to all! Life has been unbelievably busy for my family. As an annual giving officer for Hadassah Medical Organization, my team just finished up a banner year in fundraising. My daughter, Ella, just had her bat mitzvah—she actually had it “twice” as the hurricane that never hit Delray made an enormous threat; so we celebrated on two weekends! Ella and her brother, Brayden, are busy applying for high school and middle school; we are keeping our fingers crossed that they get into performing arts schools! We took a ten-day road trip in Russ's van and traveled to Charlottesville and NYC, where we had dinner at Wo Hop with **Susan Levitt**, who I hadn't seen in a long time, and lunch with **Eric Messinger '83** on the Upper West Side.

Restaurant veteran **Nick Vojnovic** has been inducted into the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Assn. Hall of Fame. Nick, who is president of St. Petersburg, FL-based Little Greek Fresh Grill, has been honored for his commitment and service to the hospitality industry. In addition, he was named the association's 2019 Restaurateur of the Year. Since joining Little Greek Fresh Grill in 2011, he has led growth of the fast-casual concept to 44 locations in five states. Prior to Little Greek, Nick served as president of Beef 'O' Brady's Family Sports Pubs for 12 years, where he helped the company grow from 30 locations to 260 in 23 states. He received his MBA from the U. of South Florida's business school. **Steve Ritchey** was back in Ithaca for a semi-annual adult Cornell Educational Fund meeting on October 25 and 26. While there, he celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell with classmates **Tom Starr** and **John Tuttle**, among many others.

Paula Kaplan Reiss writes that she's grateful to be alive—after falling 75 feet off a cliff in a hiking accident in Massachusetts. Incredibly, she was found by an Ithaca College freshman who was also hiking in the area and heard her fall. “Fifty people were involved in my rescue,” Paula writes, “which was managed by the Great Barrington Fire Dept.” After suffering a concussion and numerous broken bones, she was airlifted to the hospital—none of which she remembers. Happily, she is recovering well. Her story was covered by the *Berkshire Eagle*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *Cornell Daily Sun*. Paula is hoping to hike again soon. Congratulations to **Celia Rodee** and **Peter Cooper '80**, who received the 2019 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award! This award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activity.

In November, about 20 of our classmates went to Red Hot Hockey at MSG in NYC, where they saw the Big Red trounce Boston U. 2-0. A fun time was had by all! **Mary Flannery** Climes has just completed thirty years as a librarian at Middletown Thrall Library, the public library in Middletown, NY. She loves her job and hopes her work does good in the world. One of the highlights of 2019 was a day spent with her dear classmates **Lori Leipold** Doughty and **Liz Orfan** in the Catskills. They had a lovely hike and meal together.

A number of Cornell Delta Chis made a bittersweet journey back to Ithaca on August 30, 2019, for the memorial of **Philippus Miller III '83**, who died of a massive stroke earlier that month. Attendants at the beautiful but sorrowful ceremonies at Sage Chapel included classmates **Dave Martens** and **Steve MacDonald**, many of their brothers in nearby classes, and a full complement of Glee Club and Hangovers members. A phenomenal reception followed at the Statler, where Phil devoted so many years. Phil's wife, Yasamin, has established a memorial charitable foundation (<https://youneedtomeet.org/>)

named after Phil's catch phrase, “You need to meet . . .,” as he effortlessly networked to bring people together, both in business and as friends.

Out in Iowa, **Sally Wilson** is professor of biology and teacher of environmental biology, human anatomy and physiology, horticulture, and applied systems thinking at Marshalltown Community College. The best aspect of her job, she says, is meeting so many interesting people and helping students who may have had limited success in their studies in the past to learn that they can learn. It is a wonderful reward to see a student succeed both in the classroom and in life, when previously they struggled. She also loves to hear back from her graduates that they are continuing to learn and grow and use the skills they developed at MCC to help them succeed in life.

“If you come to Ithaca every year, call yourselves the ‘Old Guys,’ and engage in enough tomfoolery at Lynah Rink, it turns out you can become local celebrities,” the *Daily Sun* reported last November, writing about classmates **Gary Thompson**, **David Dilzell**, **Mark George**, ME '82, MBA '83, and **Dan Metsa** (the conductor of the band back in the day). The four come from all over the country—two from New Jersey, one from Virginia, and one from Chicago—but make sure to come together every year to cheer on the Big Red. They always have a good weekend for the group; last year they watched the Cornell football team blow out Columbia and saw wins over both Quinnipiac and Princeton at Lynah.

Everyone likes to reconnect, so please send us your news! ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Tanis MacKay-Bell**, TanisMBell@gmail.com; and **Steven Barre**, scbarre@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes>.

82 Another spring is upon us, a great time to reconnect with friends and update us with your latest life events. Last spring, I reconnected with a classmate after nearly 40 years. **Mark Mandel** contacted me after seeing my daughter on the streets of Collegetown. Mark noted that I was one of the first people he had met at Cornell during summer 1978. He is now a busy pediatrician in Woodcliff Lakes, NJ (in a practice that includes several fellow Cornellians), where he lives with his wife, **Patti (Rose) '83**, MBA '85, a professor at Ramapo College. Patti also serves as visiting lecturer at Cornell. Mark writes that he is incredibly proud of his three daughters—**Molly '17**, **Marissa**, **MBA '18**, and Natalie, who received a PhD in applied behavioral analysis from the U. of South Florida in 2019—as well as his numerous Cornell connections.

As you may be aware, Cornell's Summer College is available 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. It's an amazing program and you can learn more at: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu>. Liana, daughter of **Richard Rego** and **Carol Stabile**, was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2019 Summer College program.

On November 5, 2019, **Mark Masler**, JD '93, was elected to a 14-year term as a New York State Supreme Court Justice. He served for the past 11 years as a law clerk to recently retired Supreme Court Justice Phillip Rumsey, whose seat he was elected to fill, and formerly practiced law as a partner in the Ithaca office of Harris Beach PLLC. Mark lives in Cortland, NY, with his wife, **Bernice Potter**-Masler. Mark and Bernice have four adult children and one grandchild.

Three years ago, with no prior military service, **Ernest Block** was approached to join the US Navy Reserve Medical Corps. Ernie, a career trauma surgeon, joined up and writes that working with Marines and sailors has been a new experience for him. As of the time of his writing, he had not been deployed and has been spending most of his time training corpsmen.

We were delighted to learn that our classmates **Teri Bayer, Alfred Cowger Jr., Lisa Potkewitz**, DVM '88, and **Carol Huntress** Gilmour immersed themselves in Cornell's Adult University classes last summer. These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell's most gifted faculty, allow alumni to enjoy the educational life of Cornell in the company of other bright, curious, and warmly engaged adult learners. If you would like to learn more about CAU, you can do so at: www.cau.cornell.edu.

One of our Florida classmates recently wrote about her many Cornell connections and contacts. **Beth Berman** Zipper is a retired nutritionist. She writes, "I recently brought my daughter, **Jamie '21**, to campus and had a wonderful visit. Other family graduates include sons **Brandon '13** and **Harrison '10**." Beth noted that she has remained in contact with **Vickie Gladstone** Dubin and **Meryl Seltzer** Jacobs and that **Karen Bedor** Baker and **Betsy Silverfine '81** are fellow Boca Raton residents.

Enjoy your spring, and when you have a few free minutes please complete and send us your "Share Your News" forms. Take care. ♦ **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

83 What a special time to write this column, having just cheered with 10,000-plus screaming Lynah Faithful at the terrific tradition of Red Hot Hockey at Madison Square Garden. Shout-outs to our awesome class attendees including **Glennis Barr, Michael Brody, Jon Felice, Nancy Gilroy, Susan Wasserman Guerin, Jean Parker Hill, Lynn Leopold, Eric Messinger, Maureen Saunders**, DVM '87, **Matt Sirota**, and so many more!

We have some fabulous news and stories from our classmates. After many years of running multi-billion-dollar food businesses with Cadbury, Mondelez, and then Kellogg's, **James Cali** (james.v.cali@live.com) is now a partner at a venture capital firm investing in and mentoring small disruptive snack, beverage, food tech, and food ingredient startups. Jim finds it "refreshing to do something new and have more control of time." Jim and wife Susan enjoy family time in Glen Ridge, NJ, and at their beach house at Barnegat Light, Long Beach Island. They had a fabulous holiday in Italy last summer in the Vineyards of Montepulciano. Son Anthony is studying business at Fordham U., and daughter Francesca, who graduated from Johns Hopkins U., where she played varsity field hockey, will be starting medical school soon. Jim is up for an LBI beach party summer 2020—who's in?

Kudos to **Dominic Fote** (dfote@cgdrlaw.com) and wife Becky for helping to fight the Woolsey fire in Malibu, CA, which "destroyed almost 500 homes in the city limit and nearly ten percent of the neighborhood." Dom and Becky, married in 1986 after meeting at Pepperdine Law School, are active members of the ten-person Malibu West Volunteer Fire Brigade (Dom since its inception in 2012). They were able to help save their home and most of their cul de sac. Dom has been with Chapman, Gluckman, Dean & Roeb for 33 years, a partner since 1997. Becky is a criminal prosecutor in Ventura County. Daughter

Gianna attended Yale, earning a BS in biology, and is currently an MD-PhD candidate in neuroscience at UC Irvine. Son Adam graduated from George Washington U. School of Business and resides in Manhattan, working for Yelp. Dom loved the visits of **John Stewart** and **Benjamin Goldman** and welcomes any Cornellians for as long as he and Becky are holding down the fort in Malibu.

equal employment opportunity, an aging workforce, occupational safety and health, and the gig economy. Susan is most proud of the successes of her students. "I teach at a school that prizes access—we admit students with fewer options for legal education. Many are racial/ethnic minorities, many the first in their families to attend college and graduate school. And we've had some wonderful

'We have established a Tree Fund to bring back elm trees to the Cornell campus.'

DANA JERRARD '80

Super to hear from Benji Goldman (zbabygiver@aol.com), who continues to practice ob/gyn at North Shore U. Hospital on Long Island, where he is also assistant professor at Hofstra Medical School. In 2017, Benji was one of five physicians out of thousands in the Northwest Physician Partners Network to receive the Patients' Choice Award based entirely on patient feedback: "These physicians truly embody our commitment to continuously raising the standard of care for our patients." Benji and wife Sara live in Lattingtown, Long Island. Son **Daniel '14** is starting his own B&B in the Bahamas; daughter **Jessi '16** graduated from Boston U. Law School and works for Sullivan and Cromwell in NYC; and rounding out the busy Goldman clan are children Sammy, Jonah, and Gabriel.

Offering much-needed services in healthcare, **Steve Novak** (steven_novak@urmc.rochester.edu) continues to build adolescent and addiction medicine practices at the U. of Rochester Medical Center, where he has been recognized for excellence in education including the recent Mary Lou Meyers Award, given by the Dept. of Psychiatry, for outstanding medical student teaching. Steve and wife Dawn enjoy time with their twin girls, Danielle and Stephanie. Steve loved seeing Sigma Pi mates **Gerry Leape '82, BA '83, Carlos Santiago**, and **Michael Vernick**, ME '84, at the recent wedding celebration of Emily Kern, daughter of **Steve and Jennifer Hughes Kern**. Also attending were **Alyson Burleigh** and her husband, Mike Dege. Big congratulations to newlyweds Emily and Timothy Nielsen!

James and Shelley Macklin Taylor (jtaylor@abartaenergy.com; staylor@innovation.pitt.edu) write that they had a wonderful visit to campus in November, speaking to undergraduate and graduate students in the Global Emerging Leaders in Family Enterprise class. Jim is chairman of the board of ABARTA, a diversified third- and fourth-generation family business with interests in Coca-Cola beverage distribution and energy. Shelley chairs the ABARTA family council, is a family business consultant at the U. of Pittsburgh, and has her own consulting practice. They love traveling with family including their three daughters, **Alex '09, Casey, and Erica '15**. "It was fun to have a reason to visit Cornell again. The students asked great questions!"

Special accolades to Thomas Jefferson School of Law associate dean **Susan Bisom-Rapp** (susanb@tjsl.edu), who received the 2019 Paul Steven Miller Memorial Award, a national honor recognizing outstanding academic and public contributions in the field of labor and employment law. Recipients are chosen by their academic peers. A member of Jefferson's faculty since 1996 and an internationally recognized scholar, Susan writes about trends affecting the modern workplace, including globalization,

successes—students who have become incredible advocates, judges, and policymakers." Susan and freshman-year sweetheart and husband **Charles Bisom-Rapp** (charles.bisomrapp@gmail.com) live in Southern California. Son Skylar and daughter-in-law Molly McNamara are both architects in NYC. Son Ezra is a pre-med senior at UC Berkeley. Niece **Hannah Ritter '22** keeps Susan close to the Hill. ♦ **Stewart Glickman**, stewartglickman@gmail.com; **Kim Todt**, krt5@cornell.edu; **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

84 Hello all! Since our last column, our class council is off to a great start! So first, let me get you up to speed on what your class officers have been working on "behind the scenes."

The Class of '84 has been quite busy getting the new officers established in their roles and responsibilities. Our president, **John Toohey** (jrt67@cornell.edu), got us all started at a phone conference in which we discussed our vision for an engaged class council. There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm among the officers, and many ideas sprouted for the coming year and beyond. In particular, some of the best ideas included expanding our social media interactions and presence, possibly launching a newsletter, and perhaps laying the groundwork for a periodic series of classmate profiles in the months leading up to our 40th Reunion in 2024. Please contact one of your class officers if you wish to support making any or all of these ideas a reality, and if you have any other ideas that the council can consider! We can always use "new blood" willing to share time and talents.

One significant accomplishment that may be of much interest for the social media enthusiasts among us is that we have (thanks to our president) a new class Instagram account, which you can follow at [@cornellclassof84. Since we are just now announcing it, we are clamoring for your pictures! You can easily follow the URLs for our class: send your photos to me, **José Nieves** \(\[jmn12@cornell.edu\]\(mailto:jmn12@cornell.edu\)\), and/or **Karen Ansbro** Leone \(\[kansleo25@gmail.com\]\(mailto:kansleo25@gmail.com\)\), and we will ensure that they are posted for all to enjoy not only on our Instagram feed, but also our Facebook feed \(<https://bit.ly/Cornell84FB>\) and the community tab on the class web page \(<https://bit.ly/Cornell84>\)!](https://www.instagram.com/cornellclassof84)

Now for some classmate news. Our news feed is somewhat like a trickle, but we would love for it to become more like Taughannock Falls instead. Thus, I strongly encourage you to share happenings, milestones, and other life events so that I can share them in this space. Remember—if something is important to you, many may want to read about it!

Elizabeth Suárez was on campus this fall at the invitation of the College of Business to talk about her bestselling book, *The Art of Getting Everything*. She and her husband, Clete, visited with their freshman daughter, **Bianca Lewis '23**, during parents' weekend. Elizabeth also crossed paths on campus with her fellow ChemE classmate **Anne Gumkowski** Pierce. Elizabeth got the entire family together for the Thanksgiving holiday in our

Chip Barnes, ME '86, writes, "I am currently living in Boulder with my beautiful and talented wife and two children. I am the chief engineer and director of operations for the civil business at Ball Aerospace, continuing my dream of working in the aerospace industry. When not working I am hiking, skiing, watching my daughter dance ballet, or helping with my son's marching band. I have only visited Cornell a few times since I left in 1986, and though

Manaster was there to see it! I am also very grateful to Cornell and the professors I had in the Communication department for teaching me so much of what I have used in business throughout my career. I have worked in the publishing industry in sales and management for magazines including *Vogue*. Last year, when our youngest child was leaving for college, I launched Empty Quester, my website and blog for parents who are crafting their bold next chapter after raising children. But that concept also grew into my promoting the 50-plus demographic, our continued vibrancy in the workforce, and our growing influence on younger professionals through inter-generational teams. Currently, I am building a business around speaking to companies who are interested in engaging with this audience. On a personal note, we have two daughters: Jacqueline, 23, works for IBM in digital communications in San Francisco; and Catherine, 20, is spending her junior year at NYU abroad in Israel." Donna's TEDx talk can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/KxFvPuWBS5A>. I watched it and it's a great mix of information and inspiration! It resonated with me personally as I took on a new role in a new industry myself last year. I joined Alliance Real Estate, a niche private equity firm, as a managing director.

Another classmate is also embarking on a new professional venture. **Karen J. Laufer** sold her promotional products business, Birch Point Paper Products (dba TK Cups-Sorg), to Gemini Industries on November 1, 2019. Karen worked as an owner and president at TK for almost a decade after practicing as a litigation attorney in her first career. After taking time off to travel and relax, Karen plans to work part time as a consultant for the nonprofit and for-profit sectors with her new venture, Visionstep Consulting.

Lastly, I'm happy to report that many of our classmates sent their children to the Hill last summer to participate in the 2019 Cornell Summer College program. Participants included Eva, daughter of **Thomas**, JD '94, and **Cathy Gordon Bartell** '90 and sister of **Whitney Bartell** '12; Josephine, daughter of **Robert Bowman** and Heather George; Shira, daughter of **Jeffrey**, MPS '86, and **Jessica Budzynski Brown** '87; Nicole, daughter of **Patrick** '85, ME '88, and **Pei Yee Cheng Thean** and sister of **Joy Thean** '21; Tess, daughter of **Ronald** and **Kerianne Piester Wisor** '87; and Teddy, son of **Nancy Keates** and David Siker. Send your news to: **Lori Wagner**, loriwagner86@gmail.com; **Michael Wagner**, mwagner123@gmail.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; or **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com.

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LISA BURNS GRIFFIN '87

beloved New York City. They saw a show at Radio City Music Hall (which they absolutely loved) and had other exciting adventures.

We also heard from our class vice president, **David Goodman** (deg28@cornell.edu), who writes, "In what has become a Thanksgiving tradition for our families, **Jeff Silver** and I recently attended the Red Hot Hockey game at Madison Square Garden. Cornell remained undefeated, shutting out Boston U. 2-0. As usual, a great time was had by all. Jeff and I had our picture taken with Touchdown the bear this year as we did on the very first Big Red hockey game back in 2007." David and Jeff have kept in touch with other '84ers such as **Tom Bellomo**, **Rich Lipschutz**, and **Gary Hindin** through their fantasy football league fittingly named "U-Hall 2." David shares that he is very excited about being elected VP for our class and that he looks forward to working closely with all the class officers.

And David gave me a great segue to ending this column, as he wrote, "I already can't wait for our 40th!" I'm willing to bet that's a sentiment felt by most of us in the class. Please remember that if you attend any Cornell event and have pictures, news, or stories to share, send them in, and they will become valuable mementos for us all. They will also add to the (unwritten) history of our class! Of course, this applies to any Cornell event you attend, either regional, national, or international! Write to: **José Nieves**, jmn12@cornell.edu.

85 By the time this column is available for viewing, we will be in 2020—the 35th anniversary of our graduating from Cornell! That means . . . YES! Reunion plans have already begun. **Sharon Tolpin Topper**, **Jen Sidell** Cornelissen Ellis, **Roxanne Nosal**, and I have been checking venues, menus, and events for all of you to enjoy this June 4–7, 2020. Please make your plans to be there; it's going to be amazing!

Jeffrey Grayzel (jeff@jeffgrayzel.com) wrote in that he earned a BS in Engineering and a BA in Econ at Cornell. He just finished up his first year as mayor of Morris Township, NJ, a community of about 24,000 residents. He previously served two three-year terms on the town council. Jeff said, "I really loved my first year as mayor and feel I am making a real difference in my community. I have taken many of the things I learned as an Industrial Engineering student at Cornell and applied them to improving the quality of life in my town." Jeff says he would love to hear from any other Cornellian elected officials out there.

Boulder is a wonderful place to live, I do miss visiting the Ithaca area." I fully agree, Chip; I love Ithaca!

Our Reunion planning continues in full swing and we are so excited! We look forward to seeing all of you at Cornell. At this writing, we were also planning a pre-Reunion Happy Hour at the Rag Trader and Bo Peep Cocktail & Highball Store in NYC for January 11. Hope to see you there or at Reunion! ♦ **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

86 We heard from many classmates who graciously shared news and updates on their lives. **Betsy Mead** Noel writes that she retired from clinical dentistry in June 2018, after practicing for 28 years in both Oregon and Ithaca. She is finding plenty to keep her happy, busy, and fulfilled. She shares: "In July 2018 my daughter and I went to Kenya and Tanzania with friends. It was absolutely amazing! We went to Amboseli, the Laikipia Plateau, Masai Mara, and Zanzibar. I have always loved all of the African animals, especially lions, and got to see them all. Our daughter is now a sophomore at Ithaca High School, and while she's not thinking Cornell at this point, you never know. (I wasn't thinking Cornell at her age either!) I semi-regularly visit Boston friends **Deirdre Maltais** Heisler, **Donna-Lee Gargano** Selland, and **Patricia Belden** Kelly. All three are incredibly busy being successful at work and raising their kids. I also get to see **Donna Thomas** Choromanski when she visits her son who is a sophomore at Cornell, and **Ellen Nordberg** when I get out to Colorado for skiing. In the summers, **Jen Sidell** Cornelissen Ellis '85 and I meet up on Squam Lake in New Hampshire, where our families have had homes for many years. Coincidentally, Patricia Belden's son Mak goes to camp on the same lake. **Julie Hamon** Hodges and I keep in regular touch, but Seattle is a bit far for regular visits. She has been a successful fitness entrepreneur and has raised two lovely children. Last night I got to spend some social time with **Mike Schafer** and his lovely wife, **Diane (Composti)**. Occasionally I run into **Jenny Graap** as well!" For those of us who pine for our days in Ithaca, take heart; Betsy writes that even though she spends every day in Ithaca, she still muses "about the days when we were all here together!"

Donna Mandell Korren continues to do great work promoting the 50-plus age group. "I gave a TEDx talk in Manhattan recently. I was so grateful **Lisa Hellinger**

Greetings, classmates! As I write this column, Thanksgiving is just around the corner and 2020 will quickly be upon us. Please know that you are in my thoughts and have all my best wishes for the new year.

As part of the Cornell Club of Washington, I recently volunteered at D.C. Central Kitchen—the nation's first "community kitchen." We peeled and chopped fruits and vegetables and helped prepare meals for over 900 people out of what otherwise would be wasted food. Of course, it is always gratifying to participate in community service events. But I also was very pleased to hear the comment of one person who was part of our Cornell group but who didn't attend Cornell and has no affiliation with it. The individual graduated from another Ivy League school and explained that, in her view, Cornell offers the best alumni activities of all the Ivies, so she signs up to join Cornell alumni whenever she can. Go Big Red! If

you're interested in connecting with Cornell alumni in your area, I recommend checking out the following link, which provides information about the many Cornell clubs around the country: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/clubs-groups/>.

Here's what's in the news. After a multi-year hiatus from the class column, **Craig Standen** sends an update from Wayne, PA, reporting, "All is well with the world." Craig says, "Family is good and kids are pretty much launched. Son Hunter graduated from Colby College in 2016, lives in NYC, and is a senior client engagement manager with Eze Software. Daughter Madi graduated from Bucknell U. this past May and is student-teaching biology, math, and wilderness survival skills at High Mountain Inst. in Leadville, CO. Three words—NO MORE TUITION." Craig's wife, Helen, is a horticulturist and manages the greenhouse operations at a local public garden. And in September, Craig accepted a position at Vanguard as senior healthcare investment consultant in the firm's institutional investor group after a little over six months "between gigs." During his time off, Craig had the opportunity to reconnect with many of his Phi Delta fraternity brothers ("Shout out to all you guys!") along with good friends **Shelby Tedesco** Spak, MRP '89, **Kim Leinwand** Erle, and **Eric Braun**.

In October, **Charles Prosper** was named chief executive of the PeaceHealth Northwest network. Charles joined Vancouver-based PeaceHealth in March 2019 as the chief operating officer for its facilities in the Northwest. He will continue to lead its hospital operations in Bellingham, Sedro-Woolley, and Friday Harbor, WA, and in Ketchikan, AK. His work will focus on maintaining clinical and quality excellence, increasing employee and physician engagement, and developing relationships in the Northwest communities PeaceHealth serves. In addition to his Bachelor of Science from Cornell, Charles holds a master's degree in physical therapy from Columbia U. and an MBA from UC Berkeley.

Please keep sending your news our way. We love hearing from you! You can submit a news form or e-mail any of us at the following addresses: ♦ **Lisa Burns** Griffin, LAG77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; or **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

88 Hello, fellow '88s! Well, winter is finally winding down and I am hoping that we can all look forward to the warmer weather that should be coming our way soon again. I was delighted to hear from all of you who sent news for this edition. But before I get into that, I want to offer a Big Red welcome to the sons and daughters of our '88 classmates who were recently accepted in the Early Decision round and will soon join our ranks as Cornellians! **Laura Bloch**'s daughter, Ella, was accepted into Arts & Sciences and plans to major in Government. Laura tells us "she's way into politics!" In fact, Ella has been working for several years now toward making it possible for teens in California who will be 18 by a national election (but not by their state primary) to be able to cast a vote in the primary election. She was even invited by the California State Assembly to introduce Bill ACA4 when it was up for a vote in committee. It passed out of committee and is now one step closer to being on the California state ballot, where the people can decide. With that, Ella has had her hand in paving the way for increasing the voting rights for future teens in the State of California! **Andréa Meadow** Danziger is thrilled to let us know that her son, Andrew, was also accepted to

Cornell and will be joining his older sister, **Sophia '21**, in the College of Human Ecology. Andréa is extremely proud of both of her children and is thrilled to know they will be together again on campus.

Diane Little Sassano writes, "2019 was a busy year for us! Son **Antonio '19** graduated from the Engineering college and is putting his ChemE and Food Science concentration to use in R&D for an Asian frozen food manufacturer in New Jersey. Daughter Natalie enjoyed another year performing in the color guard with the U. of Delaware Marching Band. She is a sophomore double majoring in management of information systems and marketing. In the summer we relocated to Orlando, FL, for husband Frank's finance job at Wyndham Destinations. We are settled into our new home and adjusting to life in the Sunshine State as Disney annual passholders. I'm looking forward to more adventures with my KD sisters **Wendy Zeh Whiting '85** and **Donna Rau Pierce '87**. I've also been having fun locally with **Amy Geller '90** and her family. **Lori Bianco** Orr and I have been able to visit each other in Boston and Orlando! **Jill Lundin Mayo** stopped by with one of her daughters for a quick swim. Before moving I caught up with **Carol Schober** Policelli when she was visiting New Jersey. I continue to volunteer for CAAAN and am in awe of the many accomplishments of the applicants. I am super proud of my father, **Randolph Little '62**, for all his lifelong contributions to Cornell, the College of Engineering, and the Lab of Ornithology. He's currently serving on the president's council, among his many activities. While I may be far away from Cayuga's waters now, I have many memories of my undergraduate days and the many trips to Ithaca over the years. There are more friends I should have mentioned, but I hope they will visit us!"

Alison Minton just finished filming the pilot for the reality show "The Lonely Entrepreneur." The show chronicles the struggles and successes of new business owners as they build their businesses, and guides entrepreneurs toward realizing their professional dreams. Alison features in this new series with her hybrid e-commerce site for fashion accessories. She explains that there will also be a charitable and social element, as well as some unique content. You will have to catch "The Lonely Entrepreneur" when it airs to learn more! This all took place in NYC this past fall and she's hoping it gets picked up for a full season. Alison notes that the real TV star of the family is her 19-year-old umbrella cockatoo, a professional animal actor and model whose most recent jobs include parts in "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," "Million Dollar Listing New York," and a Walmart social media commercial!

John A. Zucker and wife Meg are involved in a non-profit that partners with Cornell called Don't Hide It, Flaunt It (DHIFI). They invite alumni to participate and learn more by simply googling "Cornell Alumni Flaunt It." In addition, John is practicing law in Summit, NJ, and he and Meg are about to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. They also just celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter Savanna (their third and final b'nai mitzvot!). In attendance at the celebration were **Jeff Greenberg**, **Bryan Fuhr '93**, **Mat Zucker '92**, **Liz Zucker Barnett '84**, **Sam Barnett '19**, **Becky Barnett '17**, **Lesley Schonberger Arlein '95**, and **Stacey Slater Sacks '91**.

Thanks to everyone who sent in info for our column. The column would not exist without your contributions! If you have yet to let us know what you've been up to all these years, don't be shy! You can contact any of us at: ♦ **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dkgershe@gmail.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu; or **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com.

89 Happy spring! First off, there are a bunch of exciting announcements. Congratulations to **Stacey Lowery** Bretz, PhD '94, for being awarded the American Chemical Society Award for Achievement in Research on Teaching & Learning of Chemistry for 2020. Stacey has helped advance high-quality assessment in chemistry in hundreds of chemistry departments around the country. The assessment tools she and her research students developed are used in more than two dozen countries. She is a university distinguished professor of chemistry at Miami U.

The board of directors of the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at Cornell recently announced that **Patricia Moy**, MS '93, the Christy Cressey Professor of Communication and associate vice provost for academic and student affairs at the U. of Washington, is the recipient of the 2019 Warren J. Mitofsky Award for Excellence in Public Opinion Research. This award recognizes Patty's contributions to political communication and to our understanding of the communication processes that shape public opinion, citizenship, and political behavior, as well as her extensive leadership service to the public opinion profession. Patty received her BS and MS degrees from Cornell and her PhD from the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, and worked for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty before joining the faculty of the U. of Washington.

Congratulations to **Lorette Simon** Gross, MBA '90, who was elected a Cornell trustee. She joins fellow classmates **Matthew Biben**, **Stephanie Keene** Fox, and **Lisa Skeete** Tatum (trustee emeritus) on the board. In November, **David Rosenberg**, MD '93, was honored at the CALS Alumni Assn.'s annual awards dinner with the Outstanding Alumni Award. **Stephanie Gebel Silverstein** wrote that daughter **Sarah '19** graduated from Arts in May and is an organizer in New Hampshire for Pete for America. Stephanie is married to **Adam '88** and lives in Port Washington, NY. **Gayle Shomer** Brezicki started teaching photography (part time) at her son's high school. She wrote, "I love being with the students and realizing how much things have changed since my years at the *Daily Sun*." She also works part time as an occupational therapy assistant at nursing homes. Gayle wrote, "I met **Deborah Silverman Shames** and her husband, **Martin**, when I checked in (at Reunion), and, after hitting it off, I spent much of Reunion with them. They met at Cornell and are such a great, loving, compatible couple that I'm in awe!"

Thank you **Robin Strauss** Rashbaum for giving updates. **Dana Post** Adler has taken on leadership positions with the Jewish community on a local, national, and international level for the last two decades through the Jewish Federation and now serves on the board of governors to Jewish Agency for Israel. Her community work led her to go back to school for a second master's degree. Dana is currently studying human rights at Columbia U. She and her family have recently moved to Delray Beach, FL. **Nadine Shear** Weinberg wrote a book, *Emerging Contaminants: Anticipating Developments*. It examines the factors that have led "new" environmental contaminants to emerge in the past and combines the lessons learned to anticipate potential new developments. This book is available through Amazon or CRC Press.

Sue Guarnaschelli Collins wrote, "I've been to Ithaca a half dozen times this fall for TCAM, Alpha Phi's house corporation, and visiting my daughter at Ithaca College. There is a great network of Cornellians who are past and present parents of IC students, including **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman '87." Sue also gave news from **Cheryl Donnelly** Burgess, whose daughter,

Isabella '23, started as a freshman in the College of Human Ecology this past fall. Isabella is a Global Public Health Studies major and a member of the Big Red Marching Band and Pep Band. **Alyse Etelson** Leiberman came up from Boca Raton to visit Sue in Huntington, NY. Alyse's son **Jason '19** graduated in December from Dyson.

Don't forget to submit your class dues and Share Your News forms. You can either mail the form you receive, e-mail us directly, or submit your news at: www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/. The more news we have, the better the column is. Enjoy your spring! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Kristina Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Anne Czaplinski Treadwell**, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com.

90 Let's start this column with a word from your Class of '90 Reunion chairs: "Hello classmates! Momentum has been building for months now and we've planned a fantastic weekend on the Hill. Our 30th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020, strikes the perfect balance between planned class events, university classics, and free time. Please join 500-plus classmates as we kick off the weekend with a port tasting and talk presented by Frédéric Bouché, owner of Ports of New York. See artifacts from his family's vineyard in Bordeaux and learn about the makings of his exceptional specialty wines. We follow that with dinner in the crit space under the dome in the gorgeous new Milstein Hall. Serendipity Catering will provide our exceptional food (we've tasted everything!) there and for most of our meals including our dressiest dinner Friday night at the Nevin Welcome Center at the Botanic Gardens and the more casual Saturday night dinner on the Ag Quad before Cornelliana Night. Morning meditation, yoga, group runs/walks, a campus tour, opportunities for continued learning, our class meeting and photo, time with the Hangovers, and themed late nights at our RPU (now Robert Purcell Community Center) provide the perfect backdrop for memory-making! You will not want to miss this Reunion. For additional details, see our class website (<http://classof90.alumni.cornell.edu>) and our Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>). Register now at: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/>. See you in June!"

In the meantime, a quick check of our e-mail inbox reveals a note from classmate **David Cohen**. David and his wife, **Shelli Bodnar '91**, MD '95, are currently raising their two kids in the San Jose area. "Our daughter, Mia, is a junior in high school and the starting guard on her school's basketball team. Ourson, Reed, is in eighth grade, is a top distance runner at his school, and plays soccer." Reed isn't the only family member who is running—in a

manner of speaking. David is currently serving in his fourth term on the local school board and has set his sights on a new race in 2020. "After 13 years of advocacy for neighborhood schools, I am now running to serve on the San Jose City Council. My district (District 4) includes 110,000 residents of North San Jose." For more information, you can visit his website at: <http://electdavidcohen.com>. Also on the West Coast, **Adrian Spidle**, MS '94, and his wife, **Holly Davies '93**, are raising their family in always-sunny Olympia, WA. Their son has entered his first year at Western Washington U. in Bellingham, WA, while their daughter is a freshman in high school.

Turning our attention to the East Coast, **Dave Pollin**—a member of the Hotel school dean's advisory board—is co-founder and president of the Buccini/Pollin Group in Washington, DC, where he leads the firm's hotel acquisition, development, and capital markets efforts. He also serves as chairman of BPG's hotel management affiliate, PM Hotel Group, which was recently recognized in *Hotel Business* for its outstanding company culture. In fact, in a survey of more than 1,000 people in the hospitality industry, PM Hotel Group performed the highest in the most categories, including trust development, leadership, and purpose. Also in the D.C. area, **Shenandoah Titus**, MPS '01, is working as an attorney, licensed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (D.C. Bar). Shenandoah specializes in whistleblower law and protection against workplace bullying. "I am the CEO of a national office, the Whistleblower Anti-Bullying Resource Network (WARN). Moreover, I am the author of the premier book *The Whistleblower: Defeating Bullies, Harassers & Management Gang Retaliation*, which is available at Amazon.com."

If a book on whistleblowers seems remarkably topical, take a look at the news from **Jessica Hausknecht Sanderson**, who joined the Volkov Law Group in January 2019. Jessica represented Lt. Col. Alex Vindman in the recent impeachment hearings before Congress. She notes that Lt. Col. Vindman also attended Cornell for some of his military training. Jessica and her husband, **Matthew '87**, make their home in Denver, CO. Their son is a junior at Cornell and their daughter is applying to colleges as she wraps up her senior year in high school. When asked what gives her the most satisfaction in her life these days, Jessica responded: "Family, friends, and work. I love my Cornell friends and we are still in close contact." If she had a day in Ithaca, Jessica says she would "hug my son, walk around campus, go on a wine tour, and eat at the Souvlaki House. Our composite picture is still adorning a booth."

Of course, as noted above, members of the Class of '90 can spend more than just a day in Ithaca if you join us for Reunion this year! 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 the class column. ♦ **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu. Class Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>.

91 Greetings from Kennebunk! As I write this in December, we are freezing up here in Maine, with some weather on its way. My son is hoping for a white Christmas this year. You'll all be reading this in March, right at the start of Mud Season, Maine's fifth season.

We heard from some of my favorite classmates this time around. First, my roommate and longtime dear friend **Julie Welch Alvarez '92** wrote from Central Texas that her oldest, **Andrew '19**, graduated with a degree in Operations Research and Information Engineering from the College of Engineering. Andrew has had a great experience at Cornell! Julie also shared that she was able to celebrate **Karen Paul** Zimmer, MD '98's 50th in Philadelphia at the Rittenhouse Hotel. Also there were **Georgia Bosseler Rossi '90**, **Erinn Greene Ryon**, **Kelly Hammond Jessop '90**, MBA '95, MRP '96, **Tom Wolf '90**, ME '91, **Nina Weissenberger Neel '89**, **Rob Lane '90**, **Elizabeth Bunta Haussman**, and **Abbe Goldberg Groffman**. Julie also joined a lot of Cornellians on November 30 at Madison Square Garden, to see Cornell defeat BU 2-0 in the Red Hot Hockey game!

Tracy O'Connor Morzano, another roommate and dear friend of mine, wrote that her oldest, **Isabella '22**, is a sophomore at Cornell and is loving it. Isabella runs track and cross country for the Big Red. I also heard from my old friend **Doug Fudge**, MAT '92, and caught up with him. He is living in Culver City, CA, with his wife, Esta Spalding, and their daughter, Gemma. Doug is an associate professor at Chapman U., and he regularly talks with his roommates of several years, **Harry Cosmatos**, who lives in South Pasadena, and **Ian Reichenthal**, who lives in New York City.

That's it for now! Here's your friendly reminder to please pay your dues and send updates! We correspondents appreciate some fodder for the column. Have a wonderful spring, everyone, and hope to see you soon. ♦ **Wendy Milks Coburn**, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; **Joe Marraccino**, J.Marraccino@wfafinet.com; **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

92 Hello, Class of '92! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the most recent news from our fellow classmates.

Congrats to **Danny Stein**, managing partner at Volery Capital Partners, who was a speaker at Entrepreneurship at Cornell this past fall. He relayed his investment experience across media and technology, digital anti-piracy technologies, and asset management. A Class of '92 shout-out goes to **Andre Carrier**, the chief operating officer of Eureka Casino Resort in Mesquite, NV. Andre's company, which also owns the New Seabrook Park in Seabrook, NH, has recently been recognized as number 35 in *Fortune Magazine's* 2019 list of Top 100 Medium Workplaces in America.

More congratulations go out to **Stacey Rappaport**, a partner at Milbank (NYC), who received the Champion of Justice Award at Fordham Law School's Feerick Center 2019 Awards and Benefit Reception. Stacey was recognized for her dedication to social justice. Her focus involves victims of gender-related violence, gender equity, and providing legal services to underserved populations. As a litigator at Milbank, she represents insurance companies,



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financial institutions, and major corporations. Stacey is also an advocate for women through pro bono work, nonprofit board memberships, and the legal profession, and she is a founding member of Milbank's Women's Initiative Committee. **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, writes in that he has poetry forthcoming in *Agenda Magazine* (London). His recent album, called "Fabula by Lost in Stars," continues to chart on college radio. That's all the news for now, folks. Send your news to: **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; or **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

93 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: **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; or **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

94 A popular meme going around lately states, "Can you believe the year 2000 was 20 years ago? Which is strange, because 1980 was also 20 years ago." And I will add that our high school graduation year also feels like 20 years ago. How can all of it be even 20 years ago, much less 30 or (gulp) 40? It feels distinctly strange to be welcoming not only a new year, but a new decade. The great news, however, is that a new decade brings with it the opportunity to not only reflect on the past ten years, but also really focus on a vision for this year and beyond. What is your 2020 vision?

We have lots of news as our classmates continue to hit milestones with family and career. Many now have their own children eagerly awaiting college acceptance letters (am I the only one who feels like I would not get into Cornell in today's uber competitive atmosphere?). Here's just a little bit of news to help you welcome 2020.

Susan Laufer Krauss is living in Weston, CT, with her husband, Jason, sons Gavin, 14, and Lucas, 11, and her two beagles. She writes, "I founded and run a counseling center for children and families in Fairfield County." She is lucky enough to see her Cornell friends often and loved celebrating at our 25th Reunion this past June in Ithaca!

Jason McMurray is taking science teaching to a new level. Last fall he was selected to be part of the NYS Master Teacher Program and received a fellowship through the Noyce Foundation through the U. of Rochester. He teaches with the East Irondequoit School District in the Rochester area and is responsible for designing and implementing curriculum for three science classes, including IB biology and animal behavior. In addition to teaching, he serves on committees focused on improving science and math education in the district.

Karen Bierman Hirsh is now an elected official—specifically, she was sworn in as an elected member of the Greenwich Connecticut Board of Education after November's election. She campaigned on her more than decade of advocacy within the school district, as the parent of two current students. Her platform included advocating for strong use of technology, health and wellness support for students, and ensuring school facilities are ADA compliant. She comes to the board role after many years leading and volunteering with PTAs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Now she gets to up her devotion to the schools to another level by working to set meaningful policy. Good luck, Karen!

Joel Levin has been living and working in South Korea for more than 15 years, but this year he walk-climbed-raced up Lotte World Tower—at 123 stories, it's the tallest tower in South Korea, and fifth or sixth tallest building in the world—as part of a vertical fun run. He finished in 44 minutes. Since 2015, he's been a KEB Hana Bank relationship manager, where he focuses on developing and supporting the bank's expat banking services, which include launching and communicating about products/services tailored to expats. In that role, he also shares bank information with Korea's expat community through online, print, and social media; updates and edits the bank's English website; trains branch personnel about foreign-client products/services and etiquette; develops and leads expat-focused tours and seminars; and builds ties with expat organizations, companies, clubs, and schools.

Seth Klugherz has been with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. since 2015, but in 2019 he took on the role of director of retail expansion for the company's new Roll retail line; he's also serving as the general manager of Roll. In that position, he is directly accountable for all aspects of the Roll retail business, leading a cross-functional team to reinvent the way tires are bought and installed through the launch of a new retail proposition. Two pilots have been launched to date, with a combined 11 stores across Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Finally, I will share a little of my own news. For the second year in a row, I have been voted by my peers as one of the top 100 lawyers in Florida, one of the top 50 lawyers in Tampa, and one of the top 50 women lawyers in Florida on the Super Lawyers platform. I currently serve as the chair of the Florida Bar's Intellectual Property Certification Committee and was recently re-certified myself as an expert in intellectual property law. This year marks my eighth year as the owner of my own boutique law firm, DPW Legal; my practice focuses on helping other small business owners with branding and protecting their intellectual property, as well as helping litigants navigate the appellate process.

Here's hoping everyone fulfills their vision for 2020 and beyond! And remember, mark your calendars for June 2024, because our 30th Reunion will be here before you know it. Don't forget—send us your news! **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 Here we are, just months away from the big weekend: our 25th Reunion! Have you registered yet? It's going to be an incredible event you won't want to miss. Check out our Reunion site for all the relevant details: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/classes-groups/class-of-1995>.

As it stands, two of our classmates, **Scott Horowitz** and **Heather Walsh** Jakubowski, have already won FREE Reunion registrations through the Still Red Trivia contest we've been running on our class Facebook page (link below)—not to mention all the great Cornell swag being given away monthly to our Instagram followers (search for Cornell Class of 1995, look for the Big Red Bear logo, and click to follow).

Meanwhile, here are some of the latest winners who have not yet been mentioned in a class column. **Carla Bravo** is a bilingual territory sales manager for the Eaton Corp., responsible for increasing market share and revenue growth in the Southwest region. She lives in Dallas, TX, is the mother of two beautiful daughters, Samantha,

7, and Alejandra, 8, and knew that Stanford U. is considered Cornell's sister school.

Speaking of Cornell sisterhood, do you know what year our beloved Supreme Court Justice alumna graduated from Cornell? **Jennifer Henderson** DiSarcina did! 1954 was the graduation year of "the Notorious RBG," aka **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** '54. Jennifer is pretty accomplished herself. A fifth-grade mathematics lead teacher in Boston Public Schools, she is a founding teacher/award winner of the Sontag Prize in Urban Education and has continued to work with the program as it expanded from Boston to across cities in the Commonwealth for over ten years. Jenn began her career in 2000 in Prince George's County, MD, and has taught second, fifth, and sixth grades in inclusion, general education, and talented and gifted magnet classrooms. Since 2003 she has also worked with Boston Partners in Education and was named their Teacher of the Year in 2010. Jenn is a past TeachPlus Fellow and has presented regionally and nationally for MA Kairos, City Year, Word Generation/SERP, and Expeditionary Learning/Outward Bound and has worked at the district level as a math coach.

And who could forget the pumpkin that sat atop McGraw Tower in October 1997, making national news?

Stephanie Lessans Geller knew it stayed there for a whopping 158 days! Ever competitive, a Santa hat was found atop the tower just a few days from when I wrote this column, making its appearance just one day before Cornell shut down the campus during a Thanksgiving break snowstorm. An article in the *Daily Sun* (which, not coincidentally, also mentions the famous gourd of '97) quoted one student as saying the week was "just full of Christmas miracles." As for Stephanie, she founded and now runs Community Wealth Builders, a nonprofit initiative focused on fostering equitable, sustainable economic development in Baltimore. She lives in the city with her husband, Jeff, and two sons, and just made a trip up to Cornell on a snowy November day so that her oldest son (a high school junior) could check out the Engineering college. (Unfortunately, they were a bit too early to view the Santa hat tower topper.)

In addition to our amazing trivia winners, we have some other pretty impressive classmates to highlight this issue. **Erica Chapman** (rafiki.chapman@gmail.com) sends news that she recently moved from Colorado to Atlanta, GA, for a new job as CFO of Oldcastle Infrastructure. She writes, "And after 20 years as a finance professional, I finally became official and got my CPA license—and in the process learned test taking gets harder as my brain ages!" Erica also completed her 12th (!) Ironman triathlon this past season. In Barnegat, NJ, **Thy Nguyen** Cavagnaro (jimmythy@comcast.net) built the nation's first and only Vietnam veterans monument (dedicated on March 29, 2018) that has been fully funded by a single Vietnamese former refugee, receiving national news coverage via *USA Today* and the Associated Press. A former Vietnamese refugee who came to the US in 1975, Thy founded a movement called "Thanking Vietnam Veterans in Barnegat," and now hosts annual commemoration events for this group of veterans in her town, fully funds group dinners for them, and has inspired others across the nation to do similar things for their own Vietnam veterans as well.

Scott Sanderson is a neurosurgeon who is saving lives every day. After completing his surgical internship and residency in neurological surgery at New York U. Medical Center, he was chief resident in neurological surgery at both Bellevue Hospital and the Veterans Affairs

Hospital in Manhattan, where he operated on complex brain tumors, intracerebral vascular malformations, cerebral aneurysms, and extensive brain and spinal cord traumatic injuries. He uses computerized navigational software to aide in the safe dissection of and removal of brain tumors and treatment of intracranial diseases. In addition to seeing patients in Connecticut, Scott is an assistant clinical professor of neurosurgery at New York U. Medical Center. Recently, he saved the life of a man with a severe traumatic brain injury; you can read the full story at: <https://www.westernconnecticuthealthnetwork.org/newsroom/article-listing/head-injury-patient-story>.

Congratulations and thank you to our classmates! Hope to see you all at Reunion, June 4-7! Got any fun alumni stories to share? Reach out to us. ♦ **Alison Torillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu; **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Class Facebook page, <http://bit.ly/CU95FB>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

96 **Joshua Mendell** (MD, PhD, U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center) was named one of three winners of Memorial Sloan Kettering's (MSK) Paul Marks Prize for Cancer Research, which recognizes promising investigators for their efforts in advancing cancer research. He received a medal and an award of \$50,000 for his research on noncoding microRNAs. A committee of prominent members of the cancer research community selected the winners. Craig Thompson, MD, MSK president and CEO, stated, "Each of the recipients is conducting investigations that will have a major impact on cancer care in the years to come."

Joshua's lab studies noncoding RNAs, which lack the instructions for making proteins. Much of his research focuses on a class of very small noncoding RNAs called microRNAs. "Over the years, my lab has investigated how these small noncoding RNAs contribute to tumor formation and how they become dramatically reprogrammed in cancer cells," he says. One particularly important contribution from his lab was the discovery that MYC, a gene that's overactive in many human cancers, promotes cancer in part by reprogramming microRNAs to favor tumor growth. Not all microRNAs in cancer cells have the same function: some act to drive the formation of tumors while others are tumor suppressors. This means that when levels of the microRNAs go down, tumors are able to form.

"We're interested in finding therapies that change the activity of these microRNAs," Joshua explains. "For those that act to drive the formation of tumors, it could be beneficial to inhibit their activity. On the other hand, for those that act as tumor suppressors, we are working to restore their activity or increase their levels in cancer cells." Research in his lab has expanded to include the study of other types of noncoding RNAs. "Other classes of noncoding RNAs are much more mysterious, and their mechanisms are more diverse compared to microRNAs," he says. "We want to understand why our genome is producing so many RNAs that do not encode proteins and what role they may have in diseases, including cancer." Congratulations to Dr. Mendell! We wish him continued success in his lifesaving, pioneering work! Send your news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 By now we hope you have received the annual News and Dues mailing from your class. Haven't responded yet? You can pay your dues online at: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/alumni-life/classes/>.

And while you're at it, please send news, either directly to us at the e-mails below, or via the online news form at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennele** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 This May, I will attend Commencement not only as a Cornell alumna, but also as a "Cornell Aunt," when **Alexa Parulan '20** and **Kaitlin Parulan '20** graduate with their class. How fitting that they attended our graduation 22 years ago at the tender age of five months! Have you been back to campus since graduation? What are some memories you hold dear from your Big Red years? If you have any news to share, please access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or you can e-mail me at udj1@cornell.edu.

Here's some good news from our classmate **Kelly Jackson**. Kelly co-authored a new book, titled *Multiracial Cultural Attunement*, published by NASW Press. The book presents research on multiracial people and families and the challenges they face today, including racism, bullying, and separation. It also shares a model for attunement that leverages the strength and resilience of multiracial people. Kelly is an associate professor in social work within the Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions at Arizona State U. After Cornell, she earned her master's degree from the U. at Albany and her doctorate in social welfare from the U. at Buffalo, SUNY. ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 **Amy Shah** writes, "I did my own major in the Nutrition department, which was paramount in my career now as a wellness speaker and double board-certified MD. I have spoken at large venues, and my upcoming speaking events include the Harvard Club of Boston and Brave Enough (a women's empowerment conference of over 500 people)." Amy's new book, *Why the Fare We So Tired*, comes out in 2021 with Simon & Schuster. You can join her more than 44,000 followers on Instagram at: <https://www.instagram.com/fastingmd/>.

You'll soon be hearing from your class officers 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! ♦ **Class of 1999**, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

00 What are your #reuniongoals? Our 20th Reunion is coming up in just a couple of months, on June 4-7, and there is so much to look forward to! Our fabulous Reunion chairs, **Cheryl Stanley** and **Beth Sullivan** Walkenbach, are putting in loads of hours to make this event a success.

Many of us are looking forward to showing our children the Cornell campus and maybe inspiring a future generation of Cornellians (though I don't envy the acceptance rate today's applicants face!). **Anna Gravino Salerno** will be bringing her four daughters to Reunion. She says, "My son, Matthew, was almost 2 for our 5th Reunion. Although we've been back a few times over the years, my husband, **Matthew '98**, and I are so excited to share Reunion with our five children."

I think many of us didn't leave campus as much as we would have liked during our undergraduate years, and Reunion provides a great opportunity to explore greater

Ithaca and the surrounding area. Taughannock Falls State Park is on the list for my hiking-happy family. **Jocelyn Getgen** Kestenbaum, JD '07, has planned her Reunion weekend well and has many spots to visit, both on campus and off. She lists, "Botanic Gardens picnic, hike the gorges, pitchers at CTB, ice cream at the Dairy Bar, sunset at Sunset Park, hang out on the Commons, night at Hazelnut Kitchen or Moosewood, trip to Dinosaur BBQ, and live music at the Rongovian Embassy." Though the Rongo has permanently closed its doors, perhaps you'll enjoy a visit to Garrett's Brewing Co., the new establishment in that location.

My #reuniongoals include all of the above, and, as one of those backwards walking tour guides you used to see leading groups around campus, I would love to go on a campus tour and see what has changed in the last 20 years. I'm looking forward to catching up with all my CIVR friends—I think it's safe to say we had more fun than most other campus jobs.

For all of us, a highlight of Reunion is catching up with old friends. I'm sure we all have a long list of people we're hoping to see and reunite with during Reunion weekend. I hope to see you back on campus the first weekend in June! ♦ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 How did "My Favorite Things" become a Christmas carol? Sure, it mentions "warm woolen mittens," "sleigh bells," "snowflakes," and "silver-white winters"—but those are just four of Fraulein Maria's 14 favorite things. The rest are either seasonally agnostic or more common to other times of year. And "raindrops on roses" are definitely not happening in December, unless we're confusing Austria with Australia, no? Do you hear what I hear? Just saying, people. We have Ivy League brains, you know!

In case that didn't give me away, I'm writing this in mid-December as Christmas music fills the air—even here in Delhi, where **Salil Gupte** and I recently enjoyed our son's performance with the Austrian Embassy's Mozart Choir of India. (To my earlier point: our drivers often take us to the Australian High Commission when we mean the Austrian Embassy, and vice versa. Can't wait to see what happens when we get invited to the embassy of Switzerland vs. Swaziland!) There are hundreds of religious or festive songs for this time of year; does "My Favorite Things" really need to be one of them? We have so many other uses for it, such as organizing Class Notes columns. Keep reading if, like me, your version of the song would go something like this: "Classmates and veterans / Embracing the FOMO / Christmas, Manhattan / And plenty of cookie dough / Parades and new babies, exchanging of rings / These are a few of my favorite things!"

Combining at least three of the above, we've got big news from **Lauren Bettman Gershengorn** (married to **Brian '00**). She and her sister, **Brittany Bettman Baker '10**, have launched FOMO Baking Co., making 100 percent allergen-free cookie bites and cookie cakes. According to fomobaking.com, the former attorneys "spent countless holidays, birthdays, and special occasions missing out on delicious desserts that everyone else was able to enjoy. When they would try to eat desserts that were labeled as 'safe,' they would often get sick because of hidden ingredients or cross-contamination. Today the marketplace is filled with vegan-friendly treats or with gluten-free treats, but there is very little that is fresh-baked, delicious, and safely enjoyable for both of us." By perfecting kitchen safety practices and delicious recipes, their company now provides "a safe space where

people, like us and so many others, suffering from allergies and other food intolerances could safely enjoy a fun and delicious dessert—and no longer have the ‘Fear Of Missing Out.’”

You know who's not suffering from FOMO? **Jennifer Radi!** Our Facebook friend enjoyed a glittering Christmas visit from Rochester to Manhattan (Idina Menzel in concert! Rockefeller Center Christmas tree! Cirque du Soleil! Bryant Park skating rink! Wedding dress shopping! *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child!*) with a sparkling new ring finger. We'll let her tell you the rest herself—perhaps in an upcoming column?

Just a few weeks earlier, Jen could have caught another impressive NYC sight: **Zach Iscol** serving as grand master of the Veterans Day Parade on Fifth Ave., representing veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. (Thanks to proud dad **Ken Iscol '60** for sharing this news.) The parade featured more than 25,000 participants from nearly 30 states, including veterans, military members, service organizations, youth cadets, and marching bands. From his event bio: “Iscol was commissioned on August 11, 2001 as a US Marine Corps officer following his graduation from Cornell. His wartime service began just one month later, following the 9/11 attacks on New York City. Iscol served two tours in Iraq as an infantry officer and fought in the second battle of Fallujah, considered to be the heaviest urban combat involving US troops since the battle for Hué City during the Vietnam War. He also served in the Marine Corps’ Special Operations Command, with assignments throughout Africa and the Middle East. Since leaving the military, Iscol has founded three different organizations dedicated to serving and giving voice to veterans: Headstrong, a nonprofit healthcare company partnered with Weill Cornell Medicine that builds and manages networks of world-class mental healthcare providers in 25 cities around the US to provide effective cost- and bureaucracy-free mental healthcare to veterans suffering from PTSD, MST, and other hidden wounds; Hirepurpose, which helps companies build talent acquisition pipelines to hire military experienced talent; and Task and Purpose, a military and veteran-focused digital media platform that reaches millions of readers each month. He is also active as an advocate and supporter of a wide range of other veterans causes.” UWVC Executive Director Mark Otto writes, “We are proud for him to represent not only our post-9/11 generation of veterans, but all those who actively continue to serve, even after hanging up their uniform.”

And lastly, congratulations to **Beth Bornstein Kehoe** in Mineola, NY, on the birth of baby Caroline Jane in October. We hope to see her toddling around the Arts Quad at our next Reunion!

That 20-year milestone is coming up fast: June 10-13, 2021! Save the date—and if you're available to help our Reunion committee plan this exciting event, please e-mail classof2001_reunion@cornell.edu. Otherwise, keep in touch by sending your news to me, visiting our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), liking our Facebook page, and following us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). ♦

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Carolyn Deckinger Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

03 Greetings and happy spring! We heard from **Dan Galbraith** recently. After working in various operations and sales leadership positions at Cintas Corp., Dan joined BRP Group Inc. in early 2019 as chief operating officer. He was part of a team to lead the firm to its initial public offering (IPO) on the Nasdaq Global Select Market in October. He says, “Taking BRP public was a huge accomplishment for our colleagues and a key

time, she worked as a luxury hotel and fine dining restaurant inspector for *Forbes Travel Guide* for four years, traveling the world in the process. Her writing and recipes have appeared online and in print publications such as *The Kitchn*, *Epicurious*, *TASTE*, *Bon Appetit*, *Serious Eats*, *Food & Wine*, and others. She currently lives in NYC with previous stints in London and Los Angeles. Her first cookbook, *Keeping it Simple* (Hardie Grant, February 2020),

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focus of my time in 2019. The complexity of executing the IPO while operating our business was certainly a challenge, but the grit, skill, and teamwork of our colleagues is what enabled a successful outcome. When BRP listed on Nasdaq and rang the opening bell in New York City, it was truly an amazing experience both personally and professionally.” Dan and his wife, Liz, live in Tampa. They have three children and another one on the way. Joining BRP has allowed him to work at the headquarters of a world-class organization and spend more time with his family. In addition to spending time with family, Dan enjoys exercise, racquet sports, and fishing. Congratulations, Dan, on this accomplishment!

Classmates, we encourage you to pay your class dues and send in your Share Your News forms! We look forward to hearing from you! All the best. ♦ **Candace Lee Chow**, cjl24@cornell.edu; **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

04 Hello, Class of 2004! **Adil Ahamed** has great news to share. He was recently recognized as a “Top Forty under 40” by *Business in Vancouver*. As the managing director and co-owner of Destination Auto Group, Adil led his family’s automotive business through a major organizational restructuring, increased revenues by 63 percent and vehicle sales by 42 percent in 2018, guided the build-out and opening of two new dealerships, and hiked the staff from 275 to 410. For additional details, you may find the article through this link: <https://biv.com/article/2019/12/adil-ahamed>. Cornell gave Adil his start and an opportunity to work on Wall Street after graduation. He believes that Cornell was an integral enabler of this achievement and recognition.

Please continue to share your personal and professional news with the class. You may reach out to me directly or via the online news form at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Cheers! ♦ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com.

05 Hello, Class of 2005! We hope you had a wonderful winter season and are gearing up for spring and our 15th Reunion, June 4-7!

We got exciting news from **Yasmin Fahr**, who is publishing her first cookbook! After graduating from Cornell, she completed her master’s degree from NYU in food studies and then wrote a weekly one-pot recipe column for *Serious Eats* for two and a half years. During that

is full of uncomplicated and beautiful weeknight dinners meant to encourage busy cooks to get in the kitchen. Congratulations, Yasmin!

Hilary Johnson King welcomed her second daughter, Josephine Melissa, on October 1, 2019. She joins proud big sister Caroline and looks forward to wearing all of her Cornell hand-me-downs!

Know of any classmates whom we could feature in a “Classmate Corner” or in future columns? Let us know! As always, we would love to hear about your life updates. Stay connected with our class through social media: Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Cornell2005/>; Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/cornellclassof2005/>; LinkedIn, <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12200422/>; and Twitter, https://twitter.com/cornell_2005. You can send news to your class correspondents: ♦ **Hilary Johnson** King, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; or **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

06 Happy spring, Class of '06! You'll soon be hearing from my fellow class officers 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, your classmates want to hear about it! ♦ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

07 Hello, 2007! I hope everyone has settled into the rhythm of the new year. Just a few updates below from our fellow classmates—always happy to get more! My contact info is at the bottom if you'd like to contribute to future columns.

As of this past fall, Morrison Cohen LLP in New York has added **Theresa D'Andrea** to the firm as an associate in its labor and employment department. She most recently was with the New York State Athletic Commission. After graduating with us in 2007, Theresa went on to receive her law degree from the U. of Michigan Law School in 2012. Congrats on the new job!

Former class president **Shane Dunn** and his wife, Elizabeth Bernardi, welcomed their second child, Eleanor Miriam, on October 13, 2019. Eleanor joins her big brother, Liam, who was born in August 2017. Shane—who in April 2019 began a new leadership job as senior director of development and alumni relations at Brandeis Int'l Business School in Waltham, MA—and his family

live in Boston, MA. They are already looking forward to bringing Eleanor to Ithaca for her first campus visit in the near future!

I was lucky enough to watch Big Red hockey dominate over Boston U. at Madison Square Garden in November. I happily ran into classmates **Omar Gonzalez-Pagan**

11 Congratulations to **Mario Rivera**, who was recently named one of the 2019 Ten Outstanding Young Leaders by City Awake, a program of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Mario is the assistant market head at UBS and president-elect at the Assn. of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA).

'Amanda Anger started a new position as a policy advisor at the US Dept. of Health and Human Services.'

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and **B.J. Siasoco**, MILR '17. Who else was there? Let me know if you're planning to go this coming fall! I'm happy to add that my family and I had a chance to stop over in Ithaca on our way up to Toronto this past fall. We were only in town briefly, so I—obviously—took my son for a bagel at CTB and a photo in front of the clock tower. It was cold-ish for October, but there were still students in flip flops and shorts. So some things haven't changed too much since we graduated.

I'm looking forward to sharing more exciting stories with everyone. Have news to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online! ♦ **Samantha Feibusch** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

08 Greetings, Class of '08. We're short on news this month—as in none. So instead, here is a friendly reminder to please pay your class dues! We'd also really love it if you would send back the "Share Your News" forms you received via snail mail, so we have plenty to write about in future columns. We'll take updates around both major life changes (new jobs? degrees? weddings? babies? vacations?) and those of the arcane day-to-day life variety (get the flu this season? have dinner with some Cornell friends? get caught in a snowstorm?). We'd love to hear from you and give you your fifteen minutes of Cornell fame! We're pretty sure that any story, no matter how ordinary it seems to you, will interest someone. We look forward to hearing from you! ♦ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

09 By now I hope you have received the annual News and Dues mailing from your class. Haven't responded yet? You can pay your dues online at: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/alumni-life/classes/>. And while you're at it, please send news, either directly to me at the e-mail below, or via the online news form at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Jason Georges**, JAG243@cornell.edu.

10 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: ♦ **Amar Kelkar**, amarhkkelkar@gmail.com; **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com; or **Jeff Katz**, jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

Mario was also awarded the Outstanding Service to ALPFA award last year, and in 2016 he was named one of *El Mundo's* Latino 30 Under 30.

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12 **Nicole Mormilo** returned to New York City after three years in Washington, DC. After deciding to leave her government job with the National Labor Relations Board, she joined Davis Wright Tremaine LLP as an associate in their employment services group. She is active with the ILR Alumni Assn. and would love to hear from ILR alumni with ideas on how the ILRAA can better serve them in their recent alumni-hood.

Amanda Anger started a new position as a policy advisor at the US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Administration for Children and Families. She joined HHS in February 2019 as the director of congressional relations in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources, and for her first three months she was the acting deputy assistant secretary for congressional relations. Before moving to the executive branch, she served as Professional Staff in the US House of Representatives at the Committee on House Administration. This will mark her fifth year working for the Federal government, and she looks forward to many more years of public service.

Alex Fotsch, along with fellow Cornell alumnus **Jonathan Hua, MBA '17**, was selected for the inaugural AgGrad 30 Under 30 class. The program sought to identify young professionals who are shaping the future of the agricultural industry and are making significant impacts to one of five areas including production, innovation and tech, entrepreneurship, education and advocacy, and agribusiness. Fourteen judges selected winners from peer and self-nominations based on contributions in their career, community, and the industry at large.

Hayley Assael was promoted to VP at the J.P. Morgan Private Bank, where she now oversees over \$1 billion in client assets and credit exposure. She still specializes in advising clients who have earned their wealth in the real estate sector and have more recently broadened by discipline to advising clients in the evolving real estate tech space. Within this sub-sector, in addition to providing private banking services, she often liaises with J.P.

Morgan's other lines of business (i.e., investment bank, commercial bank) and finds it a tremendous value-add to guide founders of these disruptive companies through fundraising, in preparation for IPOs and strategic exits, and in facilitating introductions.

Hayley was recently invited to join the Human Ecology Dean's Advisory Council as president of the Human Ecology Young Alumni Council and found herself surrounded by what she felt were the greatest minds and decision-makers behind the college. She believes the classes to come are in good hands with the foresight and passion of these individuals, and she is thrilled to be joining them and seeing the college's future evolve. Additionally, Hayley shares that she surpassed the halfway mark in her endeavor to get an MBA on a part-time basis at NYU Stern. During this last year she plans to study abroad for two weeks in New Zealand. Send your news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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14 Hello, Class of 2014! One week after celebrating their 5th Reunion, **Kristin Scillia** and **Daniel Lowenthal** were married, on June 15, 2019, at the Ashford Estate in New Jersey. Classmates **David Desta**, **Daniel Katz**, **Colin McKenna**, and **Jeff Curran** served as ushers, while many other Cornellians were in attendance, including parents **Mitch '78**, JD '81, and **Ann Zanger Lowenthal '78**, grandmother **Shirley Slatkin Lowenthal '54**, and relatives **Joan Parker '70**, PhD '74, and **Tommy Felix '10**. After graduation, Kristin and Daniel moved back to the New York City area and currently reside in Brooklyn Heights, while Kristin works at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP and Daniel at the Madison Square Garden Co. Please reach out with any news you'd like to share with classmates. ♦ **Samantha Lapehn**, SRL76@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

15 Save the date for our 5th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020! Look forward to catching up with classmates, enjoying meals from local Ithaca favorites, and joining all alumni for the Arts Quad dance parties. Keep an eye out for an e-mail to register coming to you in the spring.

Have some news? Did you start a new job or get a promotion? Go on a vacation? Have other things to tell us? Share it all with the Class of 2015. Please send us your updates and we will include them in an upcoming column! ♦ **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu; **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu.

16 Happy spring, Class of '16! You'll soon be hearing from my fellow class officers 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: ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

Agriculture & Life Sciences

Shanna Ratner, MS '84 (gonuts.ratner2@gmail.com) recently published her first book, *Wealth Creation: A New Framework for Rural Economic and Community Development*. "A new approach to rural development is emerging," reads the book's description, which goes on to explain that the key is empowering community members to grow assets that they own and control, "rather than relying solely on philanthropy and government." Shanna lives in rural Vermont, is the founder and principal of Yellow Wood Assocs. (a firm specializing in rural economic and community development since 1985), and is a member of the Aspen Inst.'s Learning Cluster on Rural Community Capacity Building. She was selected by the Ford Foundation to conceptualize and support implementation of a new approach to rural economic development—a project that eventually became WealthWorks.

Carylanna Bahamondes, MS '03, is an anthropologist and filmmaker. Her first fiction film, *ANYA*, was released on Apple TV, Amazon, DVD, and more last November. *ANYA* is a contemporary sci-fi love story grounded in real anthropology and genetics about a newlywed couple whose determination to have a child leads them to a cutting-edge geneticist, an ancient outlier community hiding in plain sight in New York City, and a veritable Pandora's box of consequences involving genetic testing, gene-editing, and invasion of privacy. Notes Carylanna, "It's provoking discussions about gene editing as well as the relationship between researchers and participants or doctors and patients."

Johnson School

Bruce Lasko, MBA '02, is the new managing director and head of human resources at LandrumHR, a professional employer organization and human capital services firm. In his new role, Bruce will be responsible for the corporate HR function including leading the HR department and overseeing all HR policies, compliance, compensation, and benefits programs. Prior to joining LandrumHR, he served as the vice president of corporate human resources with TriNet. Additionally, Bruce held executive positions leading HR, finance and corporate services functions in the financial services, healthcare, and telecommunications industries. He writes, "I can directly correlate the trajectory of my career acceleration to my Cornell MBA."

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1930s

'39-40 SP Ag—**Robert D. Ossont**,
Sheds, NY, April 24, 2019

1940s

'40 BS HE, MS HE '50—**Rose Nardi George**,
Silver Spring, MD, August 30, 2019
'42—**Jean Cummings Storandt**,
East Haven, CT, April 17, 2019
'43, BA '44—**Miriam Kangas Aschim**,
Burnt River, OR, April 20, 2019
'43 PhD—**George F. Condike**,
Granbury, TX, October 3, 2019
'43 BA—**Marjorie Hunter Drummond**,
Auburn, NY, October 4, 2019
'43 BA—**Muriel Blum Lipman**,
Hamden, CT, September 22, 2019
'44 BEE—**Anthony J.G. Prasil**,
Irondequoit, NY, April 1, 2019
'45—**Henry J. De Nicola**,
Denver, CO, May 20, 2019
'45 BA—**Jean Hall Dinsmore**,
Atlantis, FL, August 26, 2019
'45, BME '46—**John W. Gibbs**,
Maineville, OH, April 6, 2019
'45—**Thomas J. Hayden**,
Wilton Manors, FL, July 22, 2019
'45, BS HE '44, MS '47—**Alice Ross McCarthy**,
Evanston, IL, September 18, 2019
'45—**Virginia Tedeschi Morales**,
Sarasota, FL, April 9, 2019
'45 BS HE—**Jeanne Krause Thompson**,
Wisconsin Rapids, WI, April 14, 2019
'46 BCE—**Jules A. Gagnon Jr.**,
West Babylon, NY, July 19, 2019
'46 BS Ag—**Charlotte Fry Poor**,
Peoria, IL, October 14, 2019
'46, BA '45, JD '47—**Phyllis L. Read**,
Horseheads, NY, April 23, 2019
'46—**David A. Scott**,
Dallas, TX, May 26, 2019
'47 BS HE—**Elsie Hendrickson Becker**,
Sea Cliff, NY, June 1, 2019
'47 BEE—**Rosemary Williamson Colgate**,
White Rock, NM, April 19, 2018
'47, BS HE '46—**Elizabeth Garnsey Gilbert**,
Owego, NY, May 7, 2019
'47 BA—**Muriel Sweeney Snider**,
Greenport, NY, September 5, 2019
'48 B Chem E—**David C. Benedict**,
Fremont, CA, August 26, 2016
'48 MS—**Louise Williams Bennett**,
Severna Park, MD, September 17, 2019
'48 BME—**Robert Jorgensen**,
Williamsville, NY, September 30, 2019
'48 BME, PhD '59—**Ben-Ami Lipetz**,
Schodack, NY, October 9, 2019
'48 BS ILR—**Harriet Morel Oxman**,
Sarasota, FL, October 25, 2019
'48—**Mary Stow Sergeant**,
Canton, NY, September 2, 2019
'49 BA, MD '52—**Irving M. Blatt**,
Schriever, LA, May 25, 2019
'49, BS Ag '51—**William S. Grover**,
Sarasota, FL, October 12, 2019
'49 BA—**Alan K. Jamison**,
Ithaca, NY, August 7, 2019
'49 BFA—**Helen Osborne Jenkins**,
Akron, OH, August 21, 2019

1950s

'50 BS HE—**Margery Westlake Clauson**,
Alpine, NY, October 5, 2019

'50 BA—**Brita Smith Dorn**,
Youngsville, PA, August 25, 2019

'50 BA—**Gerard M. Grosoff**,
New York City, October 6, 2019

'50 BEE—**Lawrence D. Hall**,
Wheaton, IL, April 7, 2019

'50 BS Hotel—**Howard A. Heinsius**,
Shrewsbury, NJ, September 1, 2019

'50 BA, MD '53—**James M. Ludwig Jr.**,
Binghamton, NY, September 29, 2019

'50 BS Ag—**Thomas K. Nickou**,
Liberty, NY, August 31, 2019

'50 BS Ag—**James W. Overfield**,
Fort Worth, TX, April 30, 2019

'50 BCE—**Richard A. Pearce**,
East Greenbush, NY, August 27, 2019

'50 BS HE—**Amy Sun Shen**,
Anacortes, WA, October 2, 2019

'51 BA—**Harold I. Bloom**,
New Haven, CT, October 14, 2019

'51-53 SP Ag—**Melvin K. Chubbuck**,
Vestal, NY, May 1, 2019

'51 MD—**Hyman L. Gildenhorn**,
Las Vegas, NV, August 23, 2019

'51, BME '52—**William R. Hamilton Jr.**,
Naperville, IL, August 12, 2019

'51 BS ILR—**Kenneth J. Jones**,
Shelburne, VT, March 22, 2019

'51 BCE—**Norman F. Kirchner**,
Cumberland Foreside, ME, September 16, 2019

'51 BA—**Richard A. Manion**,
Palm Bay, FL, May 5, 2019

'51 BFA—**Jo-Ann Mayer Mullen**,
Grand Junction, CO, May 5, 2019

'51 BS HE—**Doris Stilwell Rowe**,
Orono, ME, August 5, 2019

'51 BS Ag—**Edward S.J. Walsh**,
Mendham, NJ, September 28, 2019

'51 MS HE—**Helen Voorhis Webster**,
Schenectady, NY, October 19, 2019

'51 BA—**W. Peter Williams**,
Columbus, OH, October 5, 2019

'52—**Henry L. Clark**,
Newfield, NY, September 9, 2019

'52 BA, MBA '55—**Herbert A.P. Doree**,
Barrington, IL, May 11, 2019

'52 BA—**George F. Gershel Jr.**,
Rougemont, Switzerland, September 20, 2019

'52, BCE '53—**Donald E. Henn**,
Southold, NY, September 8, 2019

'52 BA—**Gayle Raymond Kennedy**,
Minneapolis, MN, March 27, 2019

'52 LLB—**John F. Kennedy**,
Wheaton, IL, September 3, 2019

'52—**Alice MacMillan Moll**,
Raleigh, NC, May 18, 2019

'52 BS Nurs—**Elizabeth Dupeza Mosheim**,
Brockport, NY, June 6, 2018

'52, BA '53—**Robert E. Ostrander**,
Romulus, NY, September 10, 2019

'52, BS Ag '53—**Jean Stubbs Zaharchuk**,
Hickory, NC, August 10, 2019

'53 BS Ag—**Melvin G. Atwater**,
Olympia, WA, August 18, 2019

'53, BCE '54—**David S. Borglum**,
Wilton, CT, September 17, 2019

'53 BS ILR—**David M. Kopko**,
Nantucket, MA, July 31, 2019

'53 BA—Mary Royce Severns, Great Falls, MT, October 28, 2019
'53 BA—Joan Stracks Steiner, Louisville, KY, August 5, 2019
'53 BS Ag—William R. Swirbul, Perrysburg, OH, October 16, 2019
'53 PhD—Ernest W. Terwilliger, Ithaca, NY, October 8, 2015
'54—Samuel J. Abate, Mt. Pleasant, SC, September 22, 2019
'54 BS HE—Margaret Bundy Bramhall, Libertyville, IL, September 7, 2019
'54 BA, LLB '58—Gilbert Henoch, Rockville, MD, May 29, 2019
'54 BA—Ronald A. Kent, Richmond, VA, September 26, 2019
'54 BA—Carol McNeill Kirchheimer, New York City, September 9, 2019
'54-55 GR—Edward R. Lekava, Orange, CA, August 11, 2019
'54 BS Ag—William H. McKinney III, Inver Grove Heights, MN, August 7, 2019
'54 LLB—T. David Mullen, Quogue, NY, October 21, 2019
'54 BS Ag—Marian Trerise Nandal, Louisville, NY, September 18, 2019
'54—Allen E. Nichols, Briarcliff Manor, NY, April 1, 2019
'54, BEE '58, PhD '61—Gerald E. Sacks, Falmouth, ME, October 4, 2019
'54 BA—George G. Sampson Jr., Oxford, NY, October 14, 2019
'54 BA—Harry C. Shepard Jr., Spring Hill, FL, August 19, 2019
'54, BA '55—Virginia Beamer Weinhold, Worthington, OH, May 16, 2019
'55 MS—George J.L. Colart, Edinburgh, Scotland, February 21, 2017
'55 BA—Alice O'Neil Guilfoos, Auburn, NY, September 18, 2019
'55 BA—Joseph P. Gulia, Scarsdale, NY, September 10, 2019
'55—William S. Haney, Parkville, MD, August 28, 2019
'55 BEE—David J. Maxwell, Fairfax, VA, October 11, 2019
'55 BS HE—Jean Keller Miller, Bronxville, NY, May 11, 1919
'55 BS Ag—James Pietropaolo, Queensbury, NY, October 13, 2019
'55 BA—Leonard J. Porcello, Yorba Linda, CA, April 24, 2019
'55-56 GR—Louis A. Preli Jr., Glastonbury, CT, August 24, 2019
'55, BCE '56—C. Edward Walter, Queenstown, MD, September 14, 2019
'56—Charles L. Blander, Swampscott, MA, August 24, 2019
'56 BA—Bruce J. Bloom, Southold, NY, October 18, 2019
'56 BS Hotel—Paul F. Coon, Newport News, VA, August 30, 2019
'56 BS Ag—Judith Combs Gallinger, Plattsburgh, NY, September 4, 2019
'56 BA—Doris Zacker Hoffman, Bronx, NY, September 21, 2019
'56, BCE '58—Michael D. Nadler, Corona Del Mar, CA, September 8, 2019
'56 MILR—Thomas R. Shepherd, Stow, MA, March 19, 2016
'56 DVM—William A. Sumner Jr., Kinston, NC, October 29, 2019
'57 BA, MD '61—Theodore V. Boroian, Danville, CA, October 12, 2019
'57 MRP—Donald W. Clifford, Salisbury, NC, October 6, 2019
'57 BA—James D. Cockcroft, Montreal, QC, April 16, 2019

'57 BA—Donald D. Crane, Milbridge, ME, October 8, 2019
'57, BME '58—Charles F. Feledy, San Jose, CA, March 2019
'57, BME '58—Donald M. MacKay, Charlton, MA, September 21, 2019
'57 BS HE—Patricia Noecker McDonough, Lake Toxaway, NC, August 20, 2019
'57 BA, MBA '59—Robert W. Menger, Powhatan, VA, May 6, 2019
'57 BS Ag—Bruce W. Merrill, Nashville, TN, September 13, 2019
'57 MA—Virginia A. Pratt, State College, PA, September 11, 2019
'57—John S. Pulver, North East, NY, May 31, 2019
'57 MBA—Richard K. Sullivan, Prospect Heights, IL, June 2, 2019
'58 LLB—James A. Cashen, Hudson, NY, October 3, 2019
'58-59 SP Ag—Clifford E. Cordell, Suwanee, GA, September 13, 2019
'58—George W. Crockett, Falmouth, ME, August 17, 2019
'58 BS Ag—Charles J. Howlett, Adams Center, NY, October 7, 2019
'58 BS Ag—Jerome F. Lake, Maricopa, AZ, September 17, 2019
'58 BS Ag—Robert W. Martenson, Schuyler Lake, NY, May 18, 2019
'58 PhD—Francis H. Raven, South Bend, IN, September 12, 2019
'58 BS ILR—John T. Sowada, Hyde Park, NY, October 21, 1919
'58 BS Hotel—William J. Wentz, Cincinnati, OH, September 28, 2019
'59-60 SP A—Kerstin Westman Codrington, New York City, October 4, 2015
'59 LLB—Betty Bregman Friedlander, Ithaca, NY, October 24, 2019
'59 MBA—John J. Funsch, Eagle Rock, MO, July 14, 2019
'59, BME '61, MBA '62—Richard A. Gatz Jr., St. Louis, MO, August 29, 2019
'59—Van Ness D. Hough, Winchester, VA, September 5, 2019
'59 LLB—Lawrence E. Larson, Greenwich, CT, July 22, 2019
'59 BS HE—Jacqueline Grant Lewis, Upper Providence, PA, August 16, 2019
'59 MA—Lionel S. Lewis, Williamsville, NY, October 1, 2019
'59 PhD—Lawrence G. Morrill, Neola, UT, August 24, 2019
'59 BS Hotel—Robert E. Nelson, Niantic, CT, April 10, 2019
'59 MS Chem E—Harold B. Reisman, Carlsbad, CA, July 29, 2019
'59 BS Hotel—H. Sharpe Ridout, Cary, NC, August 29, 2016
'59 BS HE—Kathryn Ripp Sisley, Lady Lake, FL, September 1, 2019
'59 DVM—Albert G. Wooding, Clay, NY, September 19, 2019

1960s

'60 JD—Morton L. Bittker, Rochester, NY, September 29, 2019
'60-62 GR—Robert L. Hinshawwood, Otisville, NY, January 13, 2019

'60 BS HE—Gale S. Jackson, Morristown, NJ, September 28, 2019
'60 BA—Eric W. Peniston Jr., Vero Beach, FL, September 25, 2019
'60, BCE '62, PhD '66—Richard M. Shane, Austell, GA, August 19, 2019
'60, BS Ag '62, MS Ag '69—Frederick D. Stone, Kurtistown, HI, May 29, 2018
'60 BS Ag—James C. Thomas Jr., Dallas, PA, October 24, 2019
'60—Edward F. Winser, Newburgh, NY, September 2, 2019
'61, BME '62—Garrett R. Codrington, Chester, NJ, November 10, 2018
'61, B Chem E '62—David J. Dittmann, Kingston, NY, September 25, 2019
'61 BA—Roy S. Flack, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, October 22, 2019
'61 BA—Thomas W. Gittins, Falls Church, VA, July 6, 2019
'61 BS Ag—Donald L. Jayne, Waverly, TN, October 20, 2019
'61 LLB—Richard T. Spriggs, Denver, CO, October 21, 2019
'61, BEE '62—J. Clifford Wagoner, Davidson, NC, September 21, 2019
'62 MST—Lewis D. Addlesperger, Lorain, OH, March 26, 2019
'62 MD—Richard A. Davidson, Arlington, WA, April 25, 2019
'62 BS Ag—Priscilla Tutton Dyer, King Ferry, NY, September 9, 2019
'62 MPA—Frederick A. Hough, Beulah, MI, October 22, 2019
'62 BS Nurs—Barbara Graeff Parr, Palmyra, PA, September 27, 2019
'62 MS—Alfred A. Schlorholtz, Dunedin, FL, March 31, 2019
'63 BS Ag, PhD '71—Rudolf G. Arndt, Galloway, NJ, September 29, 2019
'63 BA—Thomas E. Fink, Hot Springs, AR, September 28, 2019
'63 PhD—Earl W. Prohofsky, Lakewood Ranch, FL, September 22, 2019
'63 MS HE—Carmen Luz Santiago Ramos, Rio Piedras, PR, September 2, 2019
'64 PhD—Herbert R. Carleton, Mesa, AZ, August 24, 2019
'64 BS Hotel—Carolyn Davenport Chapman, West Deptford, NJ, October 9, 2019
'64 MS—Spencer Hayes, Meigle, Scotland, August 31, 2019
'64, BEP '65, MEP '66—Philip E. Lindquist, Pasadena, CA, March 30, 2019
'64, BME '65—J. Donald McCarthy, Santa Monica, CA, September 15, 2019
'64, B Chem E '65—James J. Melnyk, Walnut Creek, CA, September 23, 2019
'64 BA—M. Nour Naciri, Nashville, TN, September 30, 2019
'64 PhD—Francis D. Roberts, Dover, MA, October 15, 2019
'64 DVM—Avery L. Smith, Kingston, NY, October 16, 2019
'65 BS Ag, MBA '66—James C. Altemus Jr., Bloomfield, NY, September 24, 2019
'65 MME—Allen C. Bieber, Millcreek Township, PA, September 15, 2019
'65 DVM—Richard C. Lange, Douglaston, NY, July 27, 2019

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'66 PhD—John J.B. Anderson, Chapel Hill, NC, August 21, 2019
'66 PhD—Stanley M. Bemben, New Britain, CT, October 5, 2019
'66 DVM—Paul D. Bennett, Middlebury, CT, August 17, 2019
'66 BS Hotel—Pamela Troutman Kessler, Zurich, Switzerland, September 12, 2019
'66—Robert E. Kilgore, Ithaca, NY, September 15, 2019
'66, BS Ag '69—Harry R. Wells, Darlington Heights, VA, August 6, 2019
'67 BA—Michael S. Bank, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, September 17, 2019
'67 MEE—Rolf R. Beyer, Horseheads, NY, October 1, 2019
'67—John E. Binyon, Chicago, IL, September 8, 2019
'67 JD—Robert W. Brown, Allentown, PA, July 12, 2019
'67 BME—Alan K. Miller, Santa Cruz, CA, June 29, 2019
'68 BS Ag—Warren A. Hill, Hope, RI, September 26, 2019
'68 BS Hotel—Thomas A. Rathbone, Captiva, FL, September 21, 2019
'68 BA—Daniel P. Smith, Charlton, NY, September 14, 2019
'68 BS ORIE—Martin Stern, Highland Park, IL, October 13, 2019
'69 BS Hotel—Adam T. Antonopoulos, Shawnee, KS, September 18, 2019
'69 BA—Frederick J. Box III, Newtown Square, PA, September 30, 2019
'69 BA—Robert G. Blacker, New York City, August 30, 2019
'69 BEE—Denny J. Hubel, Portland, OR, September 16, 2019
'69, BA '71—Pat Lisko Monz, Moscow, TN, September 7, 2019
'69 BEE—Warren L. Schall, Pewaukee, WI, October 18, 2019
'69 BS ORIE—Jack B. Smyth, Houston, TX, July 30, 2019
'69, BS Ag '70—Richard A. Turner, La Jara, CO, April 5, 2019

1970s

'70 BS Nurs—Mary E. Doyle, Nyack, NY, October 11, 2019
'70 JD—Henry S. Mather, Columbia, SC, September 9, 2019
'70 BA—Mary E. McCrossen, Pittsford, NY, September 6, 2018
'70 BEE—Norman P. Swales, Fort Myers, FL, October 11, 2019
'71 BEE—John H. Lee, Farmington Hills, MI, August 12, 2019
'71 MPA—Pierce B. MacKay, Mechanicsburg, PA, October 9, 2019
'71 BS Ag—Eileen A. Merz, New Bern, NC, October 8, 2019
'71 BS Ag—James H. Michaelis, LaGrange, NY, August 24, 2019
'71 BEE, MEE '72—Joseph A. Pryluck, Quarryville, PA, May 14, 2019
'73—Kathleen L. O'Connor, Boston, MA, April 4, 2019
'73 MS Ag—Thomas S. Patrick, Monticello, GA, August 22, 2019
'73 BA, JD '77—Michael A. Snyder, Harleysville, PA, May 18, 2019
'74 BCE, MCE '75—Steven M. Tundermann, Weymouth, MA, April 15, 2019
'74 BA—Kam Williams, Princeton, NJ, May 30, 2019
'75 BA—Richard A. Eichner, Alexandria, VA, October 17, 2019

'75 BS Ag—Robert C. Fisher, Newtown, CT, August 1, 2019
'75 MS HE—Nadine Albrecht Hays, Camarillo, CA, August 25, 2019
'75 MBA—Edward P. Hughes Jr., Morristown, NJ, January 18, 2017
'75 MD—Arnold B. Sterman, Morristown, NJ, May 29, 2019
'76 DVM—Susan Begg, Ithaca, NY, September 15, 2019
'76 JD—John T. Pattison, Fairport, NY, October 18, 2019
'76 BS Eng—Russell L. Wagner, Paducah, KY, April 22, 2019
'77 MS HE—Cecilia Myers Levisky, Morgantown, WV, October 5, 2019
'77 BA, PhD '81—Harriet Fowler Mobley, Nicholasville, KY, October 4, 2019
'77 MFA/DMA—Christopher C. Rouse III, Baltimore, MD, September 21, 2019
'77 MS—Theodore J. Włodkowski, Boonton, NJ, May 17, 2019
'78 BA—Edward J. Kardys, Niantic, CT, May 10, 2019
'79, BEE '80—Henry P. Crawford III, Tinley Park, IL, October 31, 2019
'79 BS ORIE—Roger L. Houck, Bothell, WA, January 4, 2019
'79 BS HE—Rosita Cheng Young, Alameda, CA, October 8, 2019

1980s

'80 MA—David S. Palmer, Isleboro, ME, March 21, 2019
'81 BS Hotel—Lawrence W. Hall, Atlanta, GA, September 7, 2019
'81 BS Eng—Thomas S. Wanuga, Mt. Pleasant, SC, September 2, 2019
'83 JD—W. Wells Talmadge, Portland, OR, October 16, 2019
'84 BA—Lee S. Bender, Ardmore, PA, September 10, 2019
'85 MS Ag—Paul K. Kintner III, Tucson, AZ, September 1, 2019
'85 MS, PhD '88—Michael R. Trolier, Boulder, CO, August 29, 2019
'86 BS Hotel—Curtis C. Nelson, Minnetonka, MN, September 27, 2019
'87 MBA—Clifford H. Beck, Greer, SC, March 23, 2017
'87 BME—Richard B. Pease, Fort Collins, CO, October 1, 2019
'88, BA '91, MA '10—Christopher V. Hinkle, Ithaca, NY, October 23, 2019

1990s

'90 JD—William P. Smith Jr., Rochester, NY, September 10, 2019
'91 MS Ag—Jacobo Fastag, Lambertville, NJ, July 12, 2018
'91 LLM—Michael B. Hess, Zurich, Switzerland, July 12, 2018
'92 BS Ag—David M. Wenzel, Iowa City, IA, October 6, 2019
'99 BS HE—Blair F. Barton-Percival, Greensboro, NC, October 3, 2019

2000s

'03 BS Ag—Joseph D. Turcotte, Brant Lake, NY, September 26, 2019
'09 BA—Jesse M. Alexander, Clyde, NY, May 15, 2019

2010s

'11 BS HE—Krista M. Speicher, Cortland, NY, July 14, 2019
'13 MMH—Kelver Choo, Singapore, February 7, 2019

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Great Outdoors

A beloved state park turns 100



A century ago—in April 1920—the *Alumni News* reported that Robert Treman 1878 had just given a priceless gift to the State of New York: an extraordinary piece of land then known as Enfield Glen, located about five miles southwest of campus. “The deep-cut gorge and waterfall at Enfield, features of special interest to the geologist, are the most picturesque in the region about Cornell, comparing favorably, except in size, with Watkins Glen,” the story noted. “These natural beauties are now to be preserved in a state park.” Generations of Cornellians and others have since flocked to the park—named in honor of its benefactor in the late Thirties—for class gatherings, to study the area’s natural features, or simply to hike the gorge’s winding trails, take in the sweeping views, and swim in its stream-fed pool.

An Ithaca native, Treman had spent many hours in Enfield Glen in his youth, arriving by carriage to meet friends for picnics and strolls through the woods. A disappointing visit in 1915 revealed that the site sorely needed maintenance, so he and his wife purchased forty acres that included the old mill at the top of the gorge, the 115-foot-tall Lucifer Falls, and much of the ravine.



GORGEOUS GLEN: One of the iconic sections of Treman State Park (far left) and a portrait of its namesake

They brought in a landscape architect to develop the area with stone bridges, staircases, and railings that blended into their surroundings. Over the next few years, the couple acquired more contiguous land, ultimately giving the state some 387

acres to establish Enfield Falls Reservation. A commission to oversee the park was created, with Treman as its chairman and Cornell horticulture professor Liberty Hyde Bailey as a member.

The park got another facelift thanks to the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps, which offered jobs repairing and improving government properties; workers built walls, roads, bridges, water systems, and more. Today, the park comprises more than 1,000 acres featuring nine miles of trails, a dozen waterfalls, multiple pavilions and playgrounds, and camping and RV facilities. In 2015, Treman’s natural pool was the New York entry on the Weather Channel’s list of each state’s best places to swim, and the park currently holds the number-one spot on TripAdvisor’s tally of things to do in Ithaca. (Touring Cornell ranks fourth.) “Recent visitors called Robert Treman the best state park in the region thanks to its gorgeous views,” observes *U.S. News & World Report*’s online travel guide, “but caution that you must be in good shape to hike up the steep trail to the upper falls.”

Treman himself was an athlete on the Hill—he captained the varsity baseball team—as well as a mechanical engineering major and a member of the Quill and Dagger honor society. After graduation, he became a prominent member of the Ithaca community: chairman of the family hardware business, a volunteer fire captain, president of Tompkins County Trust Company, and eventually director of the Federal Reserve

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Bank of New York. Treman’s ties to the University remained strong; he served on the Board of Trustees from 1891 until his death in 1937. And he and his wife continued to help preserve the region’s natural wonders, acquiring and donating portions of Cascadilla Gorge and of Buttermilk Falls and Taughannock Falls state parks. “He was a fine public servant,” New York Governor Herbert Lehman wrote in a telegram to Treman’s widow, “who gave of himself to all worthwhile causes with rare devotion and self-sacrifice.” ■

—Alexandra Bond ’12

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