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GLENN ALTSCHULER, PHD '76 &amp; ISAAC KRAMNICK

As the two professors (Altschuler of American studies, Kramnick of government) conduct an ongoing study of Cornell history from 1945 to the present, they offer a look at how the "Red Scare" affected the University. In the first installment of a two-part series, they examine how fear of communism threatened academic freedom—at a time when newspapers were printing headlines like "Cornell Goes Bolshevik."

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BETH SAULNIER

There were already twelve Cornellians in Corey Earle's family by the time he matriculated into the Class of 2007. The son and grandson of grads who spent their careers on the Hill, Earle is now associate director of student programs in Alumni Affairs and Development—but his unofficial job is being a one-man repository of Big Red lore. In slideshows on campus and beyond, Earle shares anecdotes about the weird, wild, and wonderful world that is Cornell.

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BRAD HERZOG '90

If Dana Beyer '74 succeeds in her bid for Maryland's House of Delegates, she will be the first transgendered person ever elected to statewide office in the U.S. When Beyer was majoring in biology on the Hill, she was known as Wayne—but all her life, she'd felt like a woman trapped in a man's body. Now, the retired eye surgeon has a new life as a community activist and aspiring politician. "Because of my transition," Beyer says, "I'm fearless."

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# Finding Strength in Troubled Times

**A**s the new academic year beckons, I look back at the last one with gratitude to all of you in the alumni community for the vital part you played in helping to guide Cornell through troubled and turbulent waters. I've been asked by many of you, as well as parents, faculty, staff, and students, about the things that sustained me during this difficult year. I'm pleased to share some thoughts, beginning with the disclaimer that I have no special expertise for dealing with the kind of emotional roller coaster that was the 2009–10 academic year. But my journey was lit by seven lights—illumination that made the year, in the end, a positive and meaningful experience.

First, our wonderfully strong, bright, and optimistic students showed me the way forward. From the “Lift Your Spirits” event on the Arts Quad following our cluster of suicides, to the chalk inscription “Life Is Full of Wonder” on a walkway, to the exuberance of Dragon Day and the celebration of our athletic successes, to our many individual and group conversations, they reminded me why we are here and that learning and teaching flow in both directions.

Second, listening to jazz, classical, and other musical genres made me calmer, more positive, and more joyous. Limited as it has been by my schedule, making music with Paul Merrill, the Gussman Director of Jazz Ensembles, and with our talented students, is at once exhilarating, terrifying, and humbling.

Third, reading, whether nonfiction, current events, or poetry, sustains me each day, if even for only a half-hour. Last year, among many other books, I especially enjoyed Jonathan Phillips's *Holy Warriors: A Modern History of the Crusades*, the novel *The Professional* by the late Robert B. Parker, and several issues of *Modern Haiku* magazine.

In today's difficult economy, our students (and their parents) often ask me what the “best” majors are, and sometimes question the value of a broad liberal arts education. Understandably, they want to spend their time and tuition dollars learning material that will have immediate applicability in the “real world.” Yet for me, and for so many others, music and literature are not only valuable in their own right, but are ways to connect with others, expand horizons, and bring joy into life. In this sense, a liberal arts education may be the most valuable and meaningful education of all.

Fourth, and related to reading, is the joy of learning, even at my advanced age. Under the guidance of Senior Lecturer Munther Younes, I've continued my maddeningly slow but steady study of Arabic. Our third commencement ceremony at Weill Cornell Medical College in Doha, Qatar, gave me the opportunity—and challenge—of working with Munther to

develop a portion of my remarks in Arabic. As with musical performance, it was exciting and frightening. But it also reminded me of the joy of discovery—something that animates our faculty in their research, scholarship, and creative work, and something we hope to infuse into the education of all our students.

Fifth, I continue to learn more about the faculty and staff. Last year, I began to attend departmental faculty meetings, focusing on undergraduate education and augmenting what I learned about research from similar faculty meetings a couple of years ago. In addition, I have periodic meetings with the Employee Assembly and, with their sponsorship, participate in events for staff members. Our talented and devoted faculty and staff make Cornell what it is and what it will be.

Sixth, my monthly online conversations with alumni around the world, conceived by our colleagues in Alumni Affairs and Development and University Communications, have brought me “face-to-voice” with many thoughtful and experienced alumni. You facilitated my learning and challenged my assumptions about our university and the world beyond. I thank all of you for your wisdom.

Finally, I have depended on my family and friends for counsel, advice, and—most of all—support. Those close to me created a haven in which it was safe to be confused, angry, terribly sad, and ultimately confident in each decision, each chosen path. Although I did not expect it, some of my closest friends have turned out to be members of our Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers, whose wisdom and encouragement were bulwarks against the problems we faced together.

I ended the year with an even stronger appreciation of the great gift of being a Cornellian, of being your colleague and friend. Here's to our new year together!

— President David Skorton  
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**Time marches on:**

On the morning of Cornell's 142nd Commencement, members of the Class of 2010 gather on the steps of Goldwin Smith Hall to await the parade that will lead them into Schoellkopf Stadium—and the future.

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# A Dog's Life

Doing more to help neglected and abandoned pets

Thank you for the wonderful article “Shelter Me” in May/June 2010. Cornell should be very proud of its Vet college. Addressing the dreadful state of care for our homeless, abandoned, and abused domestic pets is long overdue. We should all be reminded periodically that this situation is *not of their making*—but ours. It certainly can, and must, be improved upon.

Yesterday, I visited the Washington Humane Society in Silver Spring, Maryland. My heart went out to the ten doggies housed in shallow kennels in the basement. The conditions were clean—no odors, well-ventilated, low humidity—but there was no natural light. Each doggie had a clean coat and was active, healthy, and housebroken. But it was obvious each one wanted “out,” to a loving home. It was heartrending, but as a senior citizen all I can do now is donate and pray that there will be others who can provide a caring, healthy, lifetime home for each and every one of them.

Please publish more articles about the Vet college, and please remind all alumni to donate generously to their local SPCA and similar organizations. Doggies give so much to us in important ways and, sadly, often receive so little in return.

Mary Turnbull '53  
Arlington, Virginia

Please do not insult my intelligence by implying that the problem of euthanasia of dogs and cats in this country is going to be eliminated by teaching veterinarians how to manage shelters and shelter animals. I have been involved in dog rescue for the past fifteen years. It is heartbreaking, exhausting, and emotionally draining



work. It is also rewarding, when we are able to save a dog or cat. If Cornell veterinary students and faculty believe they are learning about homeless animals by working at the Tompkins County SPCA, they are sadly mistaken. If student veterinarians really want to know about the world of homeless companion animals, they should try some of these suggestions:

- Talk to people who are actually involved in rescue about the thousands of volunteers all over the country who donate their time and money to save homeless dogs and cats. Ask them what it is like to walk down the aisles of a shelter trying to decide which ones you can save, knowing the others will likely be euthanized.

- Find out about the hundreds of transports that drive all over the country in an attempt to get dogs and cats from places where the adoption rate is low to a place where they can be sheltered and

adopted. There are even more than a hundred pilots who fly rescue missions in their own planes.

- Visit rural shelters in Georgia or North Carolina or West Virginia (these are not the only states), to see the poor conditions—despite the heroic efforts of shelter staff. A few years ago, my rescue took a truckload of dog food to a rural shelter because we found that they were feeding the dogs only every other day. They couldn't afford to feed them every day.

- At those same rural shelters, watch the animals that were not rescued being gassed, because that is the cheapest way to dispose of a lot of animals at one time. It makes the statistic cited in the article about the number of dogs that are “euthanized” very real. The kind of humane euthanization that veterinary students learn is not commonly used in these situations.

- Spend some time in a puppy mill. Observe how the breeding mothers are kept in crates stacked on top of each other, so the urine and feces of the dog on top fall on the dogs underneath. You might even observe one of the puppy mill moms being shot, because that is a common way to get rid of them when they are no longer fit for breeding.

- Talk to some practicing veterinarians and ask how many of them would be willing to forgo some of their profits to provide low-cost veterinary services to rescue organizations.

You have published a nice article about some nice people who are fortunate enough to have nice facilities and the funds to carry out their program. I applaud Mr. Duffield for his efforts. But until this country decides to face the reality of how we really treat our companion animals, Mr. Duffield's efforts will be for naught. If

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someone is going to face reality, why shouldn't it be student veterinarians?

*Barbara Osgood '56, PhD '80  
Fairfax, Virginia*

## Connections

I felt much sadness reading about those fellow Cornellians who have passed away too early and seeing pictures of our gorge bridges, fenced off and guarded (From the Hill, May/June 2010). The daily commute across one of those bridges is a shared experience of all Cornellians. I was, however, heartened to read President Skorton's open and straightforward discussion of these events in his column. I very much agree with him that we all must connect with each other to help in times of need. Indeed, another experience we probably all shared at Cornell is the occasional feeling of being completely overwhelmed and stressed. Ironically, it is success in these situations that many of us now think back to when faced with great challenges after leaving Cornell.

As a former trainee at EARS while at Cornell and a peer crisis counselor at my graduate school, I know that many times simply sharing feelings and concerns is a major step on the road to being better. One of the first things all peer counselors assess is the support network of friends and family of those who reach out for help. We all should recognize when our friends may need to talk or may need to seek additional help. I applaud the efforts being made on campus to spread this message.

*Sanjay Joshi '90  
Davis, California*

I am surprised that there are not more suicides at Cornell. When I arrived in 1956 for orientation, we were told: "Look to the left of you, look to the right. These people will not be here when you graduate." Pretty much, that was true.

After our first exam in Qualitative Analysis, given by Professor Simon Bauer, there was a bimodal grade distribution, with a class average of about 45 percent. Dr. Bauer said that the bottom half of the class didn't belong here. When I took Differential Equations, there were two class sections, taught by different instructors; one taught the theoretical aspects and the other taught the practical aspects. The instructor who taught the practical aspects made up the final exam. Unfortunately, I was in the theoretical class. After about five minutes of reading the exam, everyone in my class was looking around the room. No one had any idea what the questions meant. The man sitting next to me flunked out because of that exam.

I doubt that much has changed. If you want to improve student morale, there needs to be academic tutoring for those who need it, and advisers who actually care to spend some time with their students. There also should be academic oversight of the teachers, their methods, and their lesson plans.

*Lynne Keefe Verna '60  
White Plains, New York*

As a graduating senior, reading the "At a Loss" blog from a fellow student (Currents, May/June 2010) sparked a strong response. It offered a well written and clear perspective—but it was just one perspective. So allow me to share another. As a Hotelier, I can say that I have never encountered the level of insensitivity mentioned by Erica Southerland '10. The overwhelming warmth from Hotel school faculty sets the school apart and creates relationships that will last a lifetime. While the standards we are held to are never compromised (nor should they be), faculty always provide support to students. It only requires asking for help, as President Skorton's message called us to. The Hotel school faculty have made a positive and lasting difference in my life through their friendship and mentorship. I hope they never cease to realize the difference they can make in their students' lives—they've made the difference in mine.

*Christina Heggie '10  
Ithaca, New York*

## Coaching Change

Following Cornell's fantastic performance in this year's NCAA basketball tournament, many alumni, including me, were disappointed to learn that head coach Steve Donahue had left Cornell and signed a contract with Boston College. What Coach Donahue accomplished in basketball, a most visible sport on the national college athletic scene, is truly amazing. He built a program for student-athletes and was able to become competitive with and win against some of the best teams in the country. In recent memory, I cannot recall any other program of our great university, academic or otherwise, that generated so much goodwill, exposure, and publicity. A coach like this comes around once a generation, and his fine work demonstrates that we can have a great basketball program without compromising our academic standards.

Cornell prides itself on producing highly successful graduates who excel in all fields of endeavor including business, medicine, education, government, law,

and finance. Cornell can and does raise millions of dollars from its graduates, partly because of the spirit and pride that successful teams engender. It is disappointing that our university cannot reward a highly successful coach within its own ranks so that he instead has to accept a position at a college half our size. Great academic institutions like Duke, Georgetown, and Stanford have, over the years, managed to keep their great coaches by compensating them in ways commensurate with the contributions they make to the overall success and reputation of their schools. I hope we will be able to change our policies so well-rounded student-athletes will continue to apply to Cornell, benefit from superlative athletic as well as academic environments, and play on teams that energize and inspire current and future students, alumni, and friends of the University.

*Peter Gogolak '64  
Darien, Connecticut*

*Ed. Note: Famed placekicker Pete Gogolak is a member of the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame and played professional football with the Buffalo Bills (1964–65) and New York Giants (1966–74).*

## Diversity by Design?

I found Cornell College Republican Paul Ibrahim's letter about diversity to be quite amusing (Correspondence, May/June 2010). He bemoans the "utter lack of ideological diversity in relevant academic departments." But without seeing his list, I could only speculate what diversity he was looking for. I imagined that he might propose eliminating a course in evolutionary biology and replacing it with intelligent design. Or perhaps replacing quantum mechanics with a course on what the Earth was like when it was created 7,500 years ago and dinosaurs and humans co-existed. Perhaps he would like to suggest a course for Sarah Palin to teach?

*Scott Peer '80  
Glendale, California*

## Correction—May/June 2010

The Wines of New York State, page 15: The article "Students Complete First Vintage at Cornell's New Teaching Winery" by Kathleen Arnink first appeared in "Appellation Cornell," an online publication of the CALS Viticulture and Enology Program ([www.cals.cornell.edu/cals/grapesandwine/appellation-cornell/](http://www.cals.cornell.edu/cals/grapesandwine/appellation-cornell/)). We regret the omission of this credit.



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# ‘A Unique Link’ (Redux)

Looking back—and ahead—after a decade at CAM



LISA BANLAKI FRANK

Jim Roberts '71

Cornell will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2015, but I'm marking a personal milestone this year: ten years at this magazine. I arrived in June 2000, as work was being completed on the July/August issue of what was then *Cornell Magazine*. (We put *Alumni* back in the title a year later.) My name does not appear on the masthead of that issue, but I am listed as Editor & Publisher beginning with September/October 2000. In "An Open Letter" on page 2 of that issue, CAM Committee chairman Larry Eisen '66, ME '67, introduced me as "a third-generation Cornellian [who] has had a distinguished career in magazine publishing." He went on to characterize the magazine as "a unique link between Cornell University and its alumni community" and expressed optimism about strengthening that link.

Before returning to Ithaca, I had not thought much about my family's long-standing connection with Cornell—but I had to pause after Kevin McNery '70, MBA '71 (who served as CAM

Committee chairman from 2006 to 2008) pointed out an interesting fact: when my grandfather, Henry Roberts 1875, arrived on the Hill, Ezra Cornell was still alive. That made me think.

After I took the job, Larry Eisen and I agreed on a series of goals, with two at the head of the list. The first was to improve the magazine's working relationship with the administration. I tackled that job head-on, trudging around campus to introduce myself to deans and administrators, up to and including the president. It took a while—and a few folks gave me an earful—but I think that CAM now has a mutually respectful relationship with Day Hall. I'm grateful to have had the chance to speak at length with three sitting presidents in both formal interviews and informal conversations, and I'm pleased that David Skorton accepted my invitation to write a column for CAM, which has enhanced the dialogue.

The second goal has proven more difficult: expanding CAM's distribution to reach as many alumni as possible. We've done that in one respect—our full-content website, CAM Online, is available to anyone with Internet access. (And this would not have been possible without financial and technical support from Cornell.) But the print magazine remains stuck at a circulation of about 28,000, even though there are now more than 200,000 alumni. I'm thankful for every one of you who pays class dues, because you provide CAM with most of the revenue we need to operate. But I'm frustrated that our circulation is restricted to dues-payers, especially when I compare it to those of our peer institutions—almost all of whom have universal distribution supported by university subsidies.

Expanding circulation will take money, and it's no secret that these are difficult financial times at Cornell. President Skorton, Provost Fuchs, and other administrators have had to make many tough decisions. Budget reductions have affected every college and unit, and they've hit us, too, as ad pages have been cut by many campus advertisers. Even so, I remain hopeful that the situation will improve, and that we will someday find a way to send a print copy to every alumna and alumnus who wants one.

Right now, we are engaged in talks with key administrators in search of a solution. Because of the financial situation, implementation of any expanded distribution plan may be years off—but I'm more hopeful than I have been for years that we will find a reasonable compromise. Doing so can only enhance that "unique link between Cornell University and its alumni community" that Larry Eisen wrote about ten years ago.

— Jim Roberts '71



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# From the Hill



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Back to the future: A grad shares his sentiments on the big day, via iPhone and mortarboard. Right: President Skorton high-fives members of the Class of 2010 on his way into Schoellkopf.

## Sun Shines on 142nd Commencement

Under blue skies and before a crowd of 35,000 friends and family, the Class of 2010 got its marching orders from President David Skorton: “I charge you to continue to lift the world’s burdens locally, nationally, and globally—no matter where your path takes you.” Some 3,700 bachelor’s degrees and 2,600 graduate and professional degrees were conferred during the May 30 commencement ceremony in Schoellkopf Stadium, where Skorton gave the traditional address.

During his talk, Skorton didn’t just focus on good news; he acknowledged the high number of student deaths in 2009–10, advising the graduates to consider lessons learned through hardship. “As difficult as these losses have been for all of us,” he said, “they have reminded us of the importance of taking care of our-

selves, asking for help when we need it . . . and accepting our responsibilities as members of a caring community.” Skorton noted that he and the Class of 2010 share a special connection: most were freshmen when Skorton arrived on campus in 2006. “We have shared these four years,” he said. “You are moving on, but I am not quite ready to graduate.”

The previous day, a similar crowd had gathered in Schoellkopf for a convocation speech by the first female Speaker of the House. Rep. Nancy Pelosi called on the graduates to use their education and expertise to help others—asking engineers and architects “to build the new green infrastructure” and CALS students to “cure disease, feed the world, and minister to all that is God’s beautiful creation.”



## Student Dies in Car Accident

A rising junior in the Hotel school died in a car crash in California in June. Laura Smith '12 of Ashland, Oregon, was killed in the accident, as were her father, Matthew Smith, and her paternal grandparents, Richard Smith, MBA '60, and Sally Van Horn Smith '59, of Simsbury, Connecticut. The family was en route to a sightseeing trip in the Napa Valley when a tractor-trailer bumped their Subaru into oncoming traffic.

## Gorge Bridge Fences Stay Up

Ithaca's Common Council has voted unanimously to grant the University a ten-week extension for the chain-link fences on bridges on and near campus. The ten-foot-high temporary fences were installed in March in the wake of three gorge suicides this spring—including two on consecutive days. The extension, until mid-August, will allow for further study of the fences as a suicide deterrent and the design of permanent, more aesthetically pleasing barriers.

## Gift Endows Dyson School

In June, President Skorton announced the creation of a new school within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences—the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. Made possible by a \$25 million gift from the family of trustee emeritus John Dyson '65, the school will allow for the expansion of business education in CALS.

With an enrollment of about 800 students, the current Department of Applied Economics and Management (AEM) is one of only two Ivy League undergraduate business programs to consistently rank in the top ten. "Most business schools are too theoretical," says Dyson, an AEM alum who named the program for his late father. "This is a broad education, not just a business education."

## Vet College to Open Hospital in Connecticut Suburb

The College of Veterinary Medicine has announced plans to open a small-animal hospital in Stamford, Connecticut. Cornell University Veterinary Specialists will open in early 2011 with a staff of forty DVMs to provide referral services and twenty-four-hour emergency care. The 20,000-square-foot facility will feature guest quarters for visiting students as well as laboratories for clinical research. The new center, says Vet dean Michael Kotlikoff, "will combine the best elements of private practice and advanced, discovery-based medicine."

## Engineering, CALS Name New Deans

Two Cornell colleges have tapped new deans from among their faculty ranks. Food science professor Kathryn Boor '80, on the faculty since 1994, will serve as dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Boor founded Cornell's Food Safety Lab, where she directs research on controlling food-borne pathogens. She succeeds molecular biology and genetics professor Susan Henry, who served two five-year terms.

The College of Engineering has also named its next leader: mechanical and aerospace engineering professor Lance Collins. Director of the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering for the past five years and a faculty member since 2002, Collins holds a joint appointment at Penn State. He succeeds the interim dean, materials science professor Christopher Ober.



Kathryn Boor



Lance Collins

## Grad Student Convicted in Postdoc Wife's Murder

A former graduate student has received the maximum sentence—twenty-five years to life—for murder, arson, and tampering with evidence in the June 2009 death of his wife, a Cornell postdoc. New Zealand native Blazej Kot was convicted in April of murdering twenty-eight-year-old Caroline Coffey, PhD '07. Kot, then a doctoral candidate in information science, was found covered in blood in a closed parking lot at Taughannock Falls State Park; after leading police on a five-mile car chase, he attempted suicide with a knife and was airlifted to a hospital in Pennsylvania. Police found the couple's apartment had been set on fire and ultimately discovered Coffey on a nearby trail, dead of a neck wound. At his trial, the defense argued that Kot was mentally ill and killed Coffey to end what he believed was a "conspiracy" against him.



Caroline Coffey

WILLIAM STAFFIELD / AAP

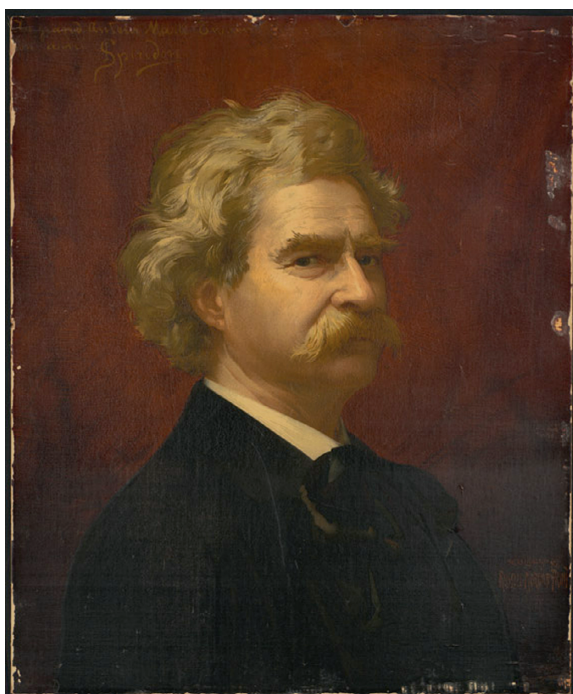


Up and down: A cantilevered section of Milstein's frame stretches over University Avenue toward the Foundry.

## Milstein Hall Rises; Foundry Closes

As the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning sees its long-awaited building rise, its vintage studio space has been shuttered. This spring, the steel frame of Milstein Hall neared completion. The sixty-two-ton beams—the heaviest pieces of steel ever set on a Cornell building—were lifted into place by a 600-ton crane. But due to a May water-main break that eroded the bank of Fall Creek Gorge, the nearby Foundry has been closed indefinitely. Built in the nineteenth century and recently rehabilitated at a cost of \$500,000, the former blacksmith shop is a local historic landmark that houses a sculpture studio and a workshop for fine arts students.





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## Library Showcases 'Business' of Mark Twain

An exhibit of handwritten manuscripts, first-edition books, and personal correspondence by Samuel Clemens will be on display in Kroch Library through early October. Marking the centennial of the author's death, "Known to Everyone, Liked by All: The Business of Being Mark Twain" includes multiple editions of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, an 1870 letter about his famous "Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" story, and works written just days before his death in 1910. Says University Archivist Elaine Engst, MA '72: "This collection comprises the entire sweep of Samuel Clemens's life and offers revealing hints of the man himself."

The exhibit also showcases photographs and artifacts from Clemens's various occupations and interests—from steamboat pilot to celebrity endorser. Among the items on display is an article from the *Daily Sun* reporting Clemens's 1884 visit to Ithaca, which included a talk to a group of students at a local bar. Twain apologized for the brevity of his remarks, saying that he had "worn out his voice in trying to reform the people of Ithaca."

For more information, go to [rmc.library.cornell.edu/twain](http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/twain).

## Give My Regards To...

### These Cornellians in the News

Professors **Valerie Jean Bunce** (international studies), **Theodore Eisenberg** (law), **Ronald Hoy** (biological sciences), and **Roberto Sierra** (music), named fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Professors **Jonathan Butcher** (biomedical engineering), **Hadas Kress-Gazit** (mechanical and aerospace engineering), and **Matthew Pritchard** (earth and atmospheric sciences), winners of NSF Early Career Development Awards.

Physical science professor **J. C. Séamus Davis**, elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

The **Cornell Farmworker Program**, winner of Cornell's annual James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial Harmony and Understanding.

American history professor **Mary Beth Norton**, elected to the American Philosophical Society.

Neurobiology and behavior professor **Kerry Shaw**, awarded a Guggenheim fellowship.

**GHESKIO**, a Haitian public health organization headed by Weill Cornell professor of medicine Jean Pape, MD '75, given a \$1 million global health prize from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Human ecology professor **Kay Obendorf**, PhD '76, honored for lifetime achievement by the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists.

Biomedical engineering professor **Cynthia Reinhart-King**, winner of the World Congress of Biomechanics Young Investigator Award for her research in cellular mechanics.

Philanthropist **Charles Feeney** '56, named the School of Hotel Administration's 2010 Icon of Industry.

**Elaine Elinson** '68, winner of a California Book Award Gold Medal for *Wherever There's a Fight*.

Johns Hopkins professor **Susan Pardee Baker** '51, given the highest honor in the field of public health, the Frank A. Calderone Prize.

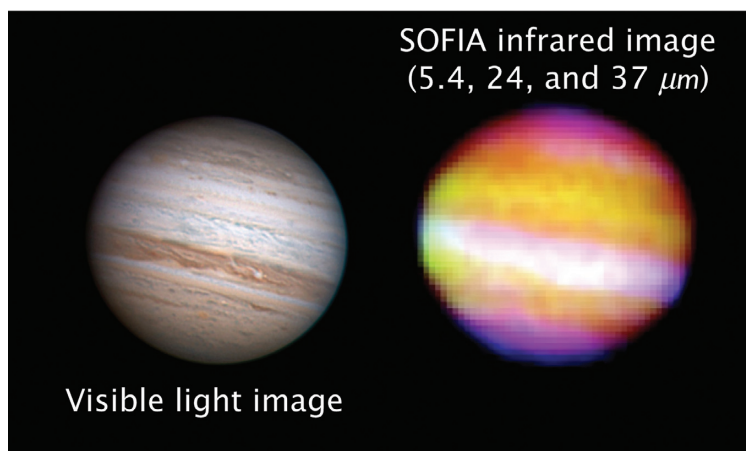
## PCCW Marks 20th Anniversary

Patricia Carry Stewart '50 and Lilyan Affinito '53 founded the President's Council of Cornell Women in 1990 out of concern for the lack of women on the faculty and in other leadership positions at the University and beyond. Thanks in part to their efforts, there are more female faculty than ever: in 2009 women comprised 26 percent of Cornell professors compared with 20 percent a decade earlier.

The organization celebrated its twentieth anniversary in May with a weekend of campus events including networking forums, research presentations by winners of PCCW grants, and a discussion of the oppression of women in the developing world led by Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn '81. The group currently comprises more than 350 alumnae who mentor students, raise funds, and advise the president's office on ways to improve women's standing on the Hill.

Over the past two decades, PCCW has awarded more than \$1,000,000 to faculty and alumnae. Despite such achievements, PCCW chair Carolyn Press Landis '65 says challenges remain. "We still see a difference between the proportion of women at the highest ranks of faculty and leadership and the proportion of women in the general Cornell population from which those high ranks are drawn," she says. "In the foreseeable future, PCCW still has a role to play."





SOFIA infrared image  
(5.4, 24, and 37  $\mu\text{m}$ )

Visible light image

ANTHONY WESLEY

Daily planet: FORCAST's infrared image of Jupiter (right)

## NASA Mission Tests Cornell-Built Camera

The first mission of a new NASA observatory featured a powerful infrared camera that was designed and constructed by Cornell faculty. In May, the modified Boeing 747 known as SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) carried the FORCAST instrument 40,000 feet above the Earth on its inaugural flight.

FORCAST (Faint Object InfraRed Camera for the SOFIA Telescope) is capable of taking 100 high-resolution images per second. Designed and built over the course of a decade under the leadership of astronomy professor Terry Herter—who flew on the first mission, which took off from a NASA facility in California—it aims to collect images of forming stars and nearby galaxies that elude ground-based telescopes.

## Board of Trustees Welcomes Eight New Members

Two alumni-elected representatives are among the eight new members of the Board of Trustees who took office on July 1. Gene Resnick '70, MD '74, and Sheryl Hilliard Tucker '78, will serve four-year terms. A past president of the Weill Cornell Medical College Alumni Association and vice president of the Cornell Alumni Federation, Resnick is executive vice president of the research-support firm Averion International. Tucker, a consultant for Time Warner, is the former executive editor of Time Inc. and a past member of the University Council.

Three other alumni—MIT biomedical engineering professor Robert Langer '70, lodging executive Leland Pillsbury '69, and architectural consultant Dalia Stiller '84—have also joined the board as trustees-at-large, as has Linda Macaulay, an ornithology researcher who was named a Foremost Benefactor in 2001. The other new board members are Darrick Nighthawk Evensen, a doctoral candidate in natural resources, and environmental science professor Nelson Hairston, chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.



Gene Resnick



Sheryl Hilliard Tucker

## Alumni Can Access Cornell Library's Online Databases

The University Library is expanding alumni access to some of its electronic research materials. A broad academic database, as well as two specialized databases focused on business and hospitality, are now accessible with a Cornell Net ID via the alumni section of the library website, [alumni.library.cornell.edu](http://alumni.library.cornell.edu). The databases provide unlimited access to peer-reviewed literature, popular articles, and other material on a variety of subjects including the sciences, the humanities, economics, and tourism. Publications include the *Journal of Leisure Research* and *Nation's Restaurant News*. Graduates without a Net ID can go to [alumni.cornell.edu](http://alumni.cornell.edu) for instructions on requesting one.

## R&D

More information on campus research is available at [www.news.cornell.edu](http://www.news.cornell.edu)

**Prescription errors are cut seven-fold** when doctors use an electronic system instead of writing by hand. A study by Medical college researchers found that two in five hand-written prescriptions had errors and that legibility-based mistakes were eliminated with electronic prescribing.

**Competing against an "underdog"** makes people work harder, says management PhD student Nathan Pettit '02, MPS '03. To avoid the stigma of losing to someone of lower status, competitors try 30 percent harder.

**How do fruit flies avoid the swatter?** Using high-speed cameras and computer models, aerospace engineering professor Jane Wang tracked the flies' flight patterns and found they can do a U-turn in 0.1 seconds.

**Objects we desire appear to be closer** than they are, says psychology professor David Dunning and former grad student Emily Balcetis, PhD '06. The tendency could be part of an adaptive mechanism that encourages us to pursue things we want and not waste time on those we don't.

**The presence of temporary workers** can hurt employee morale, finds an ILR study. In an analysis of data gathered from thousands of British workers, researchers concluded that when companies use temps, permanent employees perceive drastic decreases in job security.

**A decade-long study of more than 1,300 people** warns that alcoholism is a growing epidemic among retired Americans. The study, led by ILR professor Samuel Bacharach, found that those who liked their jobs, retired involuntarily, or had less stress at work are most at risk for alcoholism.





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PATRICK SHANAHAN

**Dynamic duo:** Track and field coach Lou Duesing (left) has led the women's team to eight Heps titles in the past nine years. His counterpart on the men's team, Nathan Taylor (right), was recently honored by his fellow coaches as the Northeast Region Men's Coach of the Year. It's the fourth straight year that Taylor has won the award.

## On the Right Track

**Big Red runners and jumpers**  
have found the formula for success

**D**uring his first year as Cornell's head track and field coach in the early Nineties, Lou Duesing was talking with a recruiter from a major consumer products company. Duesing asked the recruiter how many schools he visited each year and was surprised when he said, "Just Cornell."

"I asked him why, and he told me, 'You have a lot of bright people who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty,'" says Duesing, now the head coach of the women's track and field and cross coun-

try teams. "I thought, Wow, I want that to be the definition of my teams—people who are bright but aren't afraid to work hard, dig in, and get after it."

Thanks to those dirty hands—and feet—the Cornell track and field programs have cleaned up over the first decade of the twenty-first century, dominating the Ivy League and even making a splash on the national scene. The annual Heptagonal Championships, better known as the Heps, serve as the Ivy indoor and outdoor championship meets, and they have had a

distinctly Big Red color of late: the men's team won a record eighth straight outdoor title in May, and the women's team won for the eighth time in nine years. (Their record-breaking streak of seven titles ended in 2009, when Princeton won by seven points, also snapping a run of six straight years where Cornell swept the men's and women's events.) Cornell has been nearly as successful at the indoor meet, held in February, with the women winning seven of the last nine and the men five of the last eight.

The seeds of this success were sown in the mid- to late Nineties. Duesing points to the opening of the Bradley Track Center in 1995 and the Kane Sports Complex in 1996 as turning points. "They allowed





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us to have meets and practices in our own facilities, and it was a clear indication of the commitment being made by Cornell to its track program,” he says.

The next big change came in 1999, when Nathan Taylor was brought in as head coach of the men’s track and field and cross country teams, allowing Duesing to focus on the women. The two coaches have proven to be adept at recruiting student-athletes with a strong potential for improvement. “Even the ones who have done the best here weren’t high school superstars,” says Taylor. “They had tremendous potential, but no one considered them to be great recruiting coups. Their success resulted from them taking initiative and responsibility for themselves and for each other. A lot of our success is due to getting kids who will thrive in that kind of environment.”

Duane Teixeira ’10, named the top performer at the 2009 Outdoor Heps after winning the long jump and triple jump, says, “Our coaches have a ton of technical



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Duane Teixeira

## Sports Shorts

**THREE IN A ROW** The gymnastics team posted its third straight top-three finish at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Nationals. **Maddie Pearsall '11** posted the top score of 9.800 in the team portion of the parallel bars to help Cornell secure its third-place finish. **Emily Santoro '11** won a national championship in the vault, posting an average score of 9.763 in the individual finals. During the meet, assistant coach Melanie Dilli-plane was named the USAG Assistant Coach of the Year for the fourth time.



Maddie Pearsall

**STILL STRONG** It was supposed to be a rebuilding year for men’s lacrosse—but in the end it looked more like a minor renovation. Despite losing 16 players from the squad that reached the 2009 national final, Cornell extended its Ivy championship streak to seven and reached the NCAA Final Four for the third time in four seasons. **Rob Pannell '12**, who tallied 29 goals and 51 assists, was named the Division I Attackman of the Year and became only the fourth sophomore to be named Ivy League Player of the Year. He was joined on the All-Ivy first team by defensive midfielder **Pierce Derkac '10**. The Big Red surpassed 10 wins for the sixth straight season, breaking the previous school record of five, set in 1974–78.

**BIG SHOES** Men’s basketball has a new leader: Bill Courtney was named the head coach in late April, replacing Steve Donahue, who left for Boston College after leading Cornell to three straight Ivy League titles and a trip to the Sweet Sixteen. Courtney has been a Division I assistant for 15 years, most recently at Virginia Tech. He is familiar with Cornell after facing the Big Red during his playing days at Bucknell, where he set the school’s single-season scoring record.

**BACK ON THE HILL** The women’s basketball team will have a new assistant coach next season, but she will look familiar. The new coach is **Gretchen Gregg '08**, who was a four-year letter winner and a member of the Ivy League championship team as a senior. Gregg spent the past two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at Lehigh, helping the Mountain Hawks win back-to-back Patriot League titles.

**IVY HONORS** With repeat winners of the Pitcher of the Year and Player of the Year awards, it’s no surprise that the Big Red won its second straight Ivy League softball title. Shortstop **Alyson Intihar '10**, who hit .367 and struck out only twice in 188 at bats, won her second Player of the Year honors. Not to be outdone, **Elizabeth Dalrymple '11** won her third Pitcher of the Year award after going 21-6 and striking out a school-record 216 batters in 183 innings. They were joined on the All-Ivy first team by third baseman **Elise**





knowledge, and that alone will help you improve a lot. They're also demanding while still being supportive. They expect so much from you because they know you have it in you. And, to me, that's one of the most important things—knowing that someone is there for you but also expects the most out of you. That way, you can get the most out of yourself."

Cornell's athletes have also succeeded on the national level. Rayon Taylor '07 and Muhammad Halim '08 won the NCAA Division I long jump in back-to-back seasons as seniors. For the women, Jeomi Maduka '09 was a seven-time All-American and won gold in the long jump at the North America-Central America-Caribbean Championships in 2009.

Cornell's history of track and field success may be well known to the current athletes, but the coaches say they don't mention past triumphs during the season. "I never talk about streaks because I want each group to form its own identity," says Duesing. "I don't want them to carry the burden of what anyone else accomplished. I want them to focus on who they are and do what they need to do to be as successful as they can be."

—Dennis Read

**Menaker '10**, catcher **Shannon Crane '12**, and designated player **Kristen Towne '13**.

**ALL-AROUND** Men's hockey captain **Colin Greening '10** was recognized for his work on and off the ice as the winner of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, which is given to the outstanding senior student-athlete in each of nine sports. The award is based on community service, classroom achievements, and character as well as athletic success. A member of the Red Key Honor Society, Greening maintained a 3.95 GPA in applied economics and was one of 25 students named a Cornell Campus Changemaker for his charitable efforts. In April, he signed a contract to play professionally with the Ottawa Senators, who selected him in the seventh round of the 2005 NHL draft.

**GREAT RETURNS** After finishing his record-setting career at Cornell, **Bryan Walters '10** signed a free-agent contract with the NFL's San Diego Chargers. Walters set Ivy League records for career punt-return and kickoff-return yardage, and his 338 all-purpose yards against Fordham was the best 2009 single-game performance in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly known as Division I-AA).

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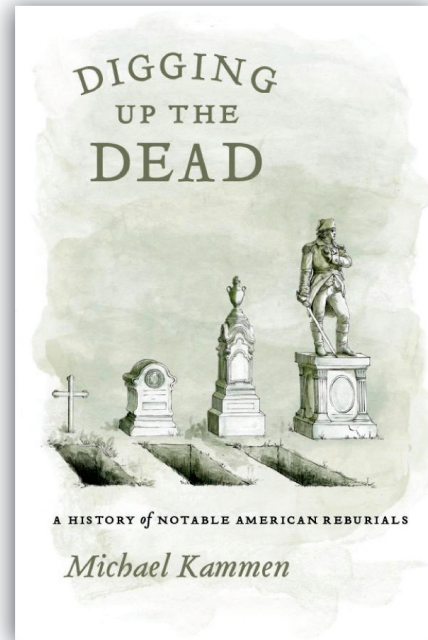
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Men's Lacrosse	12-6; 4-2 Ivy (T-1st)	Fr. Ltwt. Rowing	9-1
Women's Lacrosse	5-10; 4-3 Ivy (T-3rd)	Women's Varsity Rowing	6-6
Varsity Hvywt. Rowing	7-3	Women's J.V. Rowing	6-6
J.V. Hvywt. Rowing	6-2	Softball	37-15; 17-3 Ivy (1st, South Div.)
Fr. Hvywt. Rowing	8-1	Men's Tennis	18-7; 5-2 Ivy (T-2nd)
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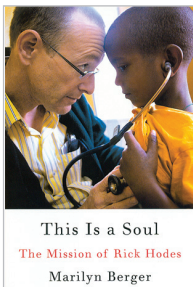
# Six Feet Under

**Digging Up the Dead** by Michael Kammen (Chicago)

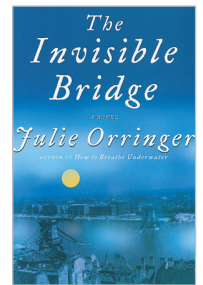
**S**everal notable Americans were not allowed to rest in peace after death. For whatever reason—cemeteries hoping to become tourist attractions, grave robbers looking for skulls, or patriotic veneration—Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Sitting Bull, Daniel Boone, John Paul Jones, Edgar Allan Poe, Jesse James, and others were subjected to reburial. Kammen, a Pulitzer Prize winner and professor of American cultural history at Cornell, explains how pride of place and pride of possession were at stake and rivalries between regions, states, and families often determined the final resting place of the famous.



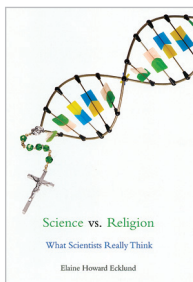
**This Is a Soul** by Marilyn Berger '56 (Morrow). Berger, a contributing writer at the *New York Times*, tells the story of Dr. Rick Hodes's work with impoverished children. Hodes first went to Ethiopia as a medical relief worker during the 1984 famine. In 1990, he oversaw the medical care of several thousand Ethiopian Jews who immigrated to Israel. He stayed in the country and is now the director of the Joint Distribution Committee's medical programs and an attending physician at Mother Teresa's Mission in Addis Ababa, where he specializes in treating tuberculosis of the spine, heart disease, and cancer.



**The Invisible Bridge** by Julie Orringer '94 (Knopf). In her first novel, the author of the collection *How to Breathe Underwater* balances youthful expectations against the tragedy of war. Andras Lévi leaves Hungary for Paris in 1937 to study architecture, and there he falls in love with Claire Morgenstern, a ballet teacher whose past holds a terrible secret. When war approaches, the visas of all Hungarian Jews are revoked and Andras must return to Budapest, where he is separated from Claire and conscripted into the Hungarian Labor Service. Despite hardship and deprivation, Andras's love for Claire sustains him.



**Science vs. Religion** by Elaine Howard Ecklund '95, PhD '04 (Oxford). Are science and religion diametrically opposed? "Much of what we believe about the faith lives of elite scientists is wrong," says Ecklund, associate director of the Rice University Institute for Urban Research. "The 'insurmountable hostility' between science and religion is a caricature, a thought-cliché, perhaps useful as a satire on groupthink, but hardly representative of reality." She hopes that dispelling the myths religious people believe about scientists and the misconceptions scientists hold about religious people will foster understanding and help bring our pluralistic nation closer together.



**Spider Silk** by Leslie Brunetta and Catherine L. Craig, PhD '85 (Yale). The vertical orb web spun by the heroine of *Charlotte's Web* combines four kinds of silk, but some spiders can produce up to eight. All spiders make silk, and it has remarkable qualities. Its tensile strength is greater than steel and as strong as Kevlar. It can stretch more than twice its length without breaking, and it's tougher than the strongest man-made polymer. Craig, an evolutionary biologist and arachnologist, and her co-author trace 400 million years of spiders "spinning, waiting, snagging, and mating."





## Fiction

**Cold Snap** by Cynthia Morrison Phoel '94 (Southern Methodist). The linked stories in Phoel's debut collection reveal the hardships, quarrels, longings, and endurance of the townsfolk in a Bulgarian village.

## Non-Fiction

**The Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University: A History and Personal Reflections** by Malden C. Nesheim, PhD '59 (eCommons@Cornell). The provost emeritus and professor emeritus of nutrition provides a history of the study of nutrition and the pioneering faculty at Cornell. Available online at <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/14711>.

**Kissing the Mask** by William T. Vollmann '81 (Ecco). The National Book Award-winning novelist and essayist uses Japanese Noh drama as the springboard for a meditation on the nature of feminine beauty.

**American Foreign Policy** by Bruce Jentleson '73, PhD '83 (Norton). A professor of public policy and political science at Duke offers a framework for understanding current U.S. foreign relations strategies. This updated fourth edition includes changes introduced during the Obama Administration.

**Reckoning with Pinochet** by Steve J. Stern '73 (Duke). A history professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, examines Chile's struggle to confront General Pinochet's legacy of political violence and human rights abuses.

**Losing Our Religion** by S. E. Cupp '00 (Threshold). A television commentator and political columnist for the *New York Daily News* contends that the mainstream media promote an anti-Christian agenda.

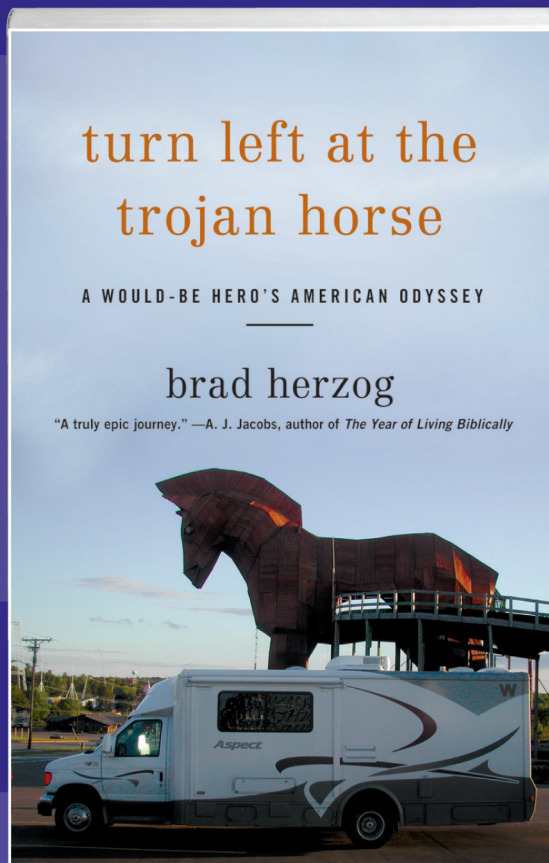
**Crossing the Hudson** by Donald E. Wolf '48, BArch '51 (Rivergate). A civil engineer explores the history of the Hudson River's bridges and tunnels, from early timber arch and truss structures to the Lincoln and Holland tunnels and the Tappan Zee and Newburgh-Beacon bridges.

**Politics in China** edited by William A. Joseph '69 (Oxford). A collection of essays examines the People's Republic of China's transformation from one of the world's poorest countries to an economic powerhouse.

**Eat, Sleep, Poop** by Scott W. Cohen '96 (Scribner). An award-winning pediatrician offers commonsense advice for parents on what to expect during their baby's first year.

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**Modernism in the Magazines** by Robert Scholes, PhD ’59, and Clifford Wulfman (Yale). A professor of modern culture and media at Brown and his co-author analyze the role of early twentieth-century popular and literary magazines in the development of modern culture.

**Materials, Methods, and Masterpieces of Medieval Art** by Janetta Rebold Benton, BFA ’67 (Praeger). The color of many medieval paintings, books, and tapestries has faded over time. A professor of art history at Pace University identifies the materials used in creating the Book of Kells, the Bayeux Tapestry, and works of van Eyck and Giotto.

**The Smart Parent’s Guide to Getting Your Kids Through Checkups, Illnesses, and Accidents** by Jennifer Trachtenberg ’89, with Ron Geraci and Eileen Norris (Free Press). The chief pediatric officer for RealAge.com discusses the best ways for parents to make health-care decisions for their children.

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# Big Red Bash

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High spirits: Grads get a bird's-eye view of the All-Alumni Affair in Barton Hall, courtesy of Cornell Outdoor Education.



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Festive atmosphere: The Big Red Band serenades families at a kids' carnival on the Arts Quad. Left: Brad Herzog '90 autographs copies of his new travel memoir, *Turn Left at the Trojan Horse*, during a group signing at the Cornell Store.





## Card Sharp

**W**hen Brian Hastings '10 was a high school student dabbling in online poker, he and his parents didn't see eye to eye about his card-playing passion. "They're pretty conservative and Catholic. They don't gamble at all. So they were kind of anti-poker at first," says the twenty-two-year-old native of Hanover Township, Pennsylvania, just west of Wilkes-Barre. "But once I proved to them that it was more of a 'feel game' than a gambling game—and that I was winning money through hard work—they kind of came around."

As Hastings told his parents, at its highest levels poker is a game of chance only in terms of what cards are dealt; beyond that, success comes from preparation, observation, experience, and instinct. "There is short-term luck involved, but in the long term it's skill," says Hastings, who'll graduate in December after taking an extra semester to complete his economics degree. "The fact that I was consistently winning money every month was pretty good evidence of that."

Let's be honest: Hastings has been winning *lots* of money. Last December, during a five-hour, one-on-one session against a mysterious Swedish player with

a high bankroll and a penchant for risk, Hastings raked in \$4.18 million. Yes, you read that right; it is believed to be the most lucrative payday in online poker history. So how do Mom and Dad feel now? Says Hastings: "They're very happy that I've been so successful with it."

Gee, ya think? Even before he made poker history, his winnings had allowed him to pay his college tuition and buy a house in Collegetown, where he sits in front of the computer and pursues his profitable passion for roughly ten hours each week. In the world of elite poker, that isn't much time. Hastings—who has a girlfriend and is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity—actually has a life outside the game. But like a basketball phenom delaying entry to the NBA, he is often asked why he has stayed in school. "The college experience was definitely something I wanted to have," says Hastings.

Playing the odds: Internet poker phenom Brian Hastings '10



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**The guy who won \$4 million playing online poker? He's a Cornell senior—and yes, he's majoring in economics**

"I'm still not sure that I want to do poker as a long-term thing, so getting a degree will keep my options open. I like a lot of my classes, and I like to learn."

If poker is any indication, he's a quick study. Hastings began playing seriously as a junior in high school, inspired by a math teacher who competed on the website UltimateBet.com. Hastings began by depositing \$50 in an online account, usually playing no-limit Texas Hold 'Em for a \$10 buy-in and five- and ten-cent blinds (forced preliminary bets, which rotate around the table). For about six months, he basically broke even. "Then I began to take the game seriously, reading strategy forums and trying to improve," says Hastings, who joined CardRunners.com, a poker training website offering pro-player blogs and instructional videos. He quickly made money, but instead of cashing out his winnings, he focused on growing his

bankroll and moving up in the stakes. By the end of his senior year in high school, Hastings had compiled a bankroll of roughly \$250,000. These days he occasionally plays in games with blinds as high as \$1,000 per hand.

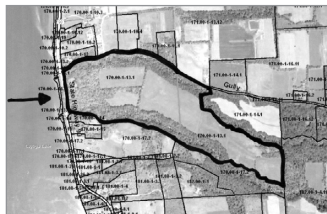
In the four years in which he has balanced college and cards, Hastings has become, in the words of a columnist for BluffMagazine.com, "one of the top three online players in the world right now, if not the best." He has a minority ownership stake in CardRunners and competes on FullTiltPoker.com as a sponsored professional; he is paid to play (\$35 an hour) and retains 100 percent of his rake, meaning he doesn't lose his portion of the pot that goes to the website. Even before his now-legendary head-to-head session, his career winnings had reached seven figures.

But on December 8, while playing a game called Pot Limit Omaha, he broke the record. Playing six simultaneous hands against the anonymous Swede (who goes by the online handle Isildur1) at a virtually nonstop pace, Hastings found himself down more than \$1 million after the first hour. But Hastings had an advantage; like a college basketball team analyzing game films, he and two CardRunners colleagues had intensely studied Isildur's playing style. (This touched off a brief flurry of controversy, as some in the online poker community wondered whether they'd violated FullTiltPoker's rules, although Hastings was never reprimanded.) "I knew that when Isildur would lose a few pots he'd tilt—start playing more aggressively, at detriment to him," says Hastings, who claims to have further honed his skills by taking a course on game theory at Cornell. "I thought I could take advantage of that."

That's exactly what happened. The cards turned Hastings's way, Isildur1 tilted, and when the dust settled (after five hours and nearly 3,000 hands), Hastings was up more than \$4 million. A percentage of the money goes to his CardRunners colleagues, with whom he often splits the action in high-stakes sessions to reduce risk—but suffice it to say that Hastings has been buying drinks for his buddies in College town. He also sent his parents on a trip to Italy and has contributed a portion of his winnings to Kiva, a nonprofit that facilitates global microfinancing loans. "I was lucky in the match," he says, "but I also outplayed him pretty solidly."

Naturally, Isildur1 wanted a chance to make his money back. So in March, the Cornell senior and the Swedish mystery man faced off again. This time, Hastings didn't do quite as well. He only won \$1.5 million.

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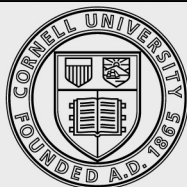
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# Suburban Jungle

Amid malls and subdivisions lurks the elusive coyote

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Call of the wild: *Canis latrans* can now be found in every county in New York State except two on Long Island.

**T**he first time Dan Bogan spotted a coyote on the loose, the rangy German shepherd look-alike was padding its way through a suburban Chicago forest preserve. “It was slowly and lackadaisically stalking a cat,” recalls the natural resources grad student, who was working as a wildlife technician at the time. “The cat detected it, raced to the tree line, and escaped.” The coyote continued on, likely in search of the same small rodents that had attracted its feline quarry. Bogan keeps pet cats at home, but admits that on this occasion he didn’t take sides. “The coyotes have to eat, too,” he says. “I was just waiting to see how it would turn out.”

During the nineteenth century, *Canis latrans* resided solely in the relatively unpopulated American west—much like Warner Brothers’ hapless antihero Wile E. Coyote. But by the mid-twentieth century, as the Road Runner’s animated nemesis schemed his way through Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, the cartoon’s real-life inspiration had undertaken a massive range expansion, migrating east and north. Unlike its larger cousin the wolf, extirpated as human development encroached, the adaptable coyote—which dines on rodents, birds, invertebrates, carrion, fruits, berries, garbage, and the occasional pet—thrives in highly industrialized settings. Today, coyotes reside in every

state except Hawaii. Sightings are common in the most upscale neighborhoods of suburban Atlanta, Boston, and Los Angeles, at Chicago’s O’Hare airport, even in a TriBeCa parking garage in lower Manhattan.

New York’s population—a stocky subspecies descended from southwestern coyotes and Canadian wolves—inhabits every county except Nassau and Suffolk, on Long Island. For the last five years, Bogan’s doctoral research has focused on the question of what the coyotes of Westchester County eat—as well as a larger analysis of their biology, behavior, and ecology in the densely populated area a few train stops north of Manhattan. In the process, he has worked with hundreds of landowners to live-trap and radiocollar forty-one of the elusive animals and hiked nearly 500 miles through parks, along utility lines, and on private land to collect scat for diet analyses. “That’s a lot of miles to walk for poop,” says Bogan, who found that while Westchester coyotes rarely dine on human food sources (they eat primarily white-tail deer and rodents), he did find the occasional cigarette filter or tennis ball fuzz in the animals’ waste.

The work is part of the five-year, nearly \$500,000 New York Suburban Coyote Study, a collaboration among University researchers, the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the Westchester branch of Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the county’s parks department. “We’ve learned that coyotes in New York’s suburban areas use primarily green spaces and woodlands,” says co-principal investigator Paul Curtis, a natural resources professor and director of Co-op Extension’s Wildlife Damage Management Program. “They consume primarily a natural diet.”

In addition to Bogan’s work, the project—which ended this spring—also documented interactions among coyotes and humans and assessed attitudes toward the creatures. “Our goal was reducing potential conflicts,” says Curtis, whose expertise includes a variety of vexing animal-human interactions—from the voles that plague gardeners to Canada geese on golf courses and the white-tail deer that hunting-

averse communities attempt to control via sterilization. In the two years leading up to the coyote study's launch, complaints about the canines had spiked, prompting the DEC to seek out data to inform management plans throughout the Northeast.

Working with co-principal investigator Dan Decker '74, PhD '86, co-leader of the Department of Natural Resources' Human Dimensions Research Unit, grad student Heather Wieczorek Hudenko, MS '08, tackled the human side of the equation, surveying Westchester residents about their attitudes and experiences and assessing strategies for wildlife experts to collect reliable information. "One of the things we're dealing with in the Northeast is the relative newness of the coyote population," she says. "In the Southwest, there's a higher proportion of human-related food in coyote diet and more conflict." The animals aren't going away, says the Michigan native, who previously studied the wolves of Minnesota. Attempts to eradicate coyotes in the Southwest backfired: the animals' average litter size and frequency of breeding increased. "It's a species we're simply not going to get rid of," she says. "Especially with trends of exurban development, we'll keep pushing closer and closer."

Those trends make coexistence all the more important, says Curtis, who notes that negative interactions between humans and coyotes are relatively rare. While nearly a million Americans each year suffer dog bites serious enough to require medical attention, people tend to have more anxiety about the prospect of encountering a coyote, and the rare incidents make a disproportionate splash in the local news. Bogan was originally slated to test ways to address problem behavior among coyotes—but that facet of the study was scrapped when, during four years of data collection, just one of the forty-one animals he tracked caused trouble. Even so, "the occasional clashes can be tragic and unfortunate," says Curtis.

Feeding coyotes—whether on purpose or inadvertently by leaving out pet food or garbage—only exacerbates the situation. "People have to treat these animals with respect," says the professor, who notes that conflicts spike in January, when mate-seeking coyotes become more territorial, and in early summer as people and their dogs head out into nature and adult coyotes defend their pups. "If the animal starts to become too comfortable in suburban areas, you have to enforce that humans are the predators—shout, throw sticks, and wave your arms, and they'll get the message that they don't belong."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



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# Poster Child

Melanie Hoffman '91 and her son are touring the U.S. as ambassadors for the March of Dimes



Role models: Joshua Hoffman (above) and his mother, Melanie (left), have given speeches, raised funds, and even met the President.

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When Joshua Hoffman was born in January 2003—only twenty-three weeks into his mother's pregnancy, a micropremie—he weighed the equivalent of six rolls of dimes. Doctors at Miami's Baptist Hospital considered Josh's underdeveloped organs and prepared his parents for a dismal future. It is unlikely, they said, that he will walk or talk. He may be blind and deaf. Brain damage is a distinct possibility. "It was a flurry of information all at once," recalls Melanie Bloom Hoffman '91. "And the doctors were all dead wrong."

Hoffman's hopes for her tiny son—all one pound, eleven ounces of him, attached to myriad tubes and wires in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and wearing a diaper three times his size—revolved around survival. When Josh was a week old, she and her husband, Lee, sang "Happy Birthday" to him. They weren't sure they had the luxury of waiting a year.

Certainly, they could never have imagined that seven years later their son—healthy, happy, and spirited—would walk into the Oval Office. But that's what he did in February, when the family visited the White House as ambassadors for the March of Dimes. The encounter began rather formally—with the handshakes that Josh and his younger brother had been practicing all day—but when they gave the President some Valentines they'd made for his daughters, Obama got down on one knee and hugged them. "It was so neat to see him step out of his presidential role for a moment," says Hoffman, "and just be a dad."

Since 1946, the March of Dimes Foundation has selected a so-called "poster child" to represent the organization. Over the years, that has evolved into a comprehensive National Ambassador Program featuring a child who was helped by March of Dimes-funded research, programs, or educational campaigns. Last August, Josh was selected as the national ambassador for 2010, meaning he has spent much of this year traveling the country with his tireless mother. They share their stories, advocate, rally sponsors and volunteers, and put a face on the foundation's mission to give every child a healthy start.

Each year, more than 500,000 babies are born premature (before thirty-seven weeks gestation); it is the leading cause of death among newborns. Hospitalization expenses due to prematurity cost the nation some \$18 billion each year. Indeed, when the Hoffmans call Josh their "million-dollar baby," they are referring to both his beat-the-odds recovery and the approximate cost (in their case, covered by health insurance) of his treatments, tests, and 111-day stay in the NICU.

That medical care, developed with the aid of research grants

from the March of Dimes—procedures like surfactant replacement therapy to combat respiratory distress—allowed Josh to survive and thrive. Indeed, his only residual impairment is blindness in his right eye. But Hoffman also believes that the non-profit's efforts—whether it's educating doctors to recognize the signs of pre-term labor or encouraging pregnant women to take folic acid to reduce the risk of birth defects—were instrumental in assuring that Josh's younger brother, Alex, was born healthy after a nearly full-term pregnancy. She credits the March of Dimes with “truly keeping both of my babies alive”—and once she had more time on her hands when Josh was in school, she opted to give back. “We want to help prevent others from going through what we went through,” says Hoffman, a former TV producer who last year was named one of Lifetime Television's “Remarkable Women,” along with the likes of Michelle Obama and Maria Shriver.

Her volunteer work (the family's year of service is unpaid) began with a speech at a small local fundraiser in Florida's Broward County. Afterward, the then-four-year-old Josh pulled a \$20 bill from his pocket and told the crowd, “Here's my contribution from my piggy bank to the March of Dimes because they saved my life.” It earned him a standing ovation. Mother and son were named local ambassadors, which evolved into state-level appearances and culminated in the family's current national position.

At home in Weston, Florida, Josh is a typical first-grader. But several times each month, he and his mom (and sometimes Alex and Lee, who works in the customized media division of Norwegian Cruise Lines) hit the road, appearing at events like fundraising launches to meet-and-greets at children's hospitals.

For the month of March alone their schedule included stops in Houston, Providence, Hartford, Detroit, and Philadelphia; Melanie and Josh have flown on Continental, the program's official airline, so often that Josh can recite the flight attendants' instructions word-for-word.

The boy who didn't walk until age two has strolled the red carpet as a guest of honor at a March for Babies kickoff event. Although he didn't talk until he was three and a half, he now follows up his mother's standard speech (she majored in communication and Japanese in CALS) with a memorized three-minute talk of his own. Sometimes he even uses his once-underdeveloped lungs to belt out an audience-specific version of “It's a Small World” (“Thanks to all of you / at Wachovia / for raising / so much money...”).

There have been a few highlights along the way: the standing ovation after being introduced on the floor of the Rhode Island Statehouse, the TV interviews, the trip to Hollywood for a premiere of the film *Babies*, meeting an “American Idol” contestant in New York City, the hockey pucks that Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood handed over with a wink and a wave, shaking hands with former NBA All-Star Dikembe Mutombo (who paid \$1,100 at an auction for a football signed by Eli Manning, and promptly gave it to Josh). And, of course, that visit to the Oval Office.

As thrilling as the experience has been, it has been equally exhausting. But the family views it as more of an opportunity than an obligation. “In this one year, we want to give as much effort as it takes to move the needle, to increase funding,” says Hoffman. “This is something we believe in from our hearts.”

— Brad Herzog '90

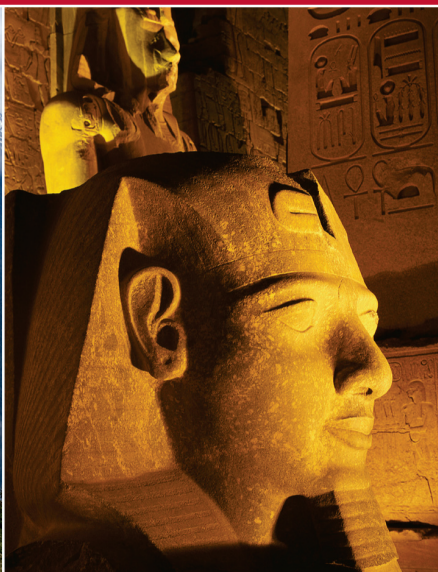
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# Double Feature

Film noir buff **James Cutting** marries psychology and cinema

*It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it. Over the course of a year and a half, psychology professor James Cutting and his grad students spent their days and nights analyzing 150 Hollywood movies—from Cinderella to Sunset Boulevard, Airplane! to Urban Cowboy. Their results, published last winter, exposed an intriguing correlation between modern film editing and the rhythm of the human mind.*

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** Why is cinema a useful laboratory for human cognition?

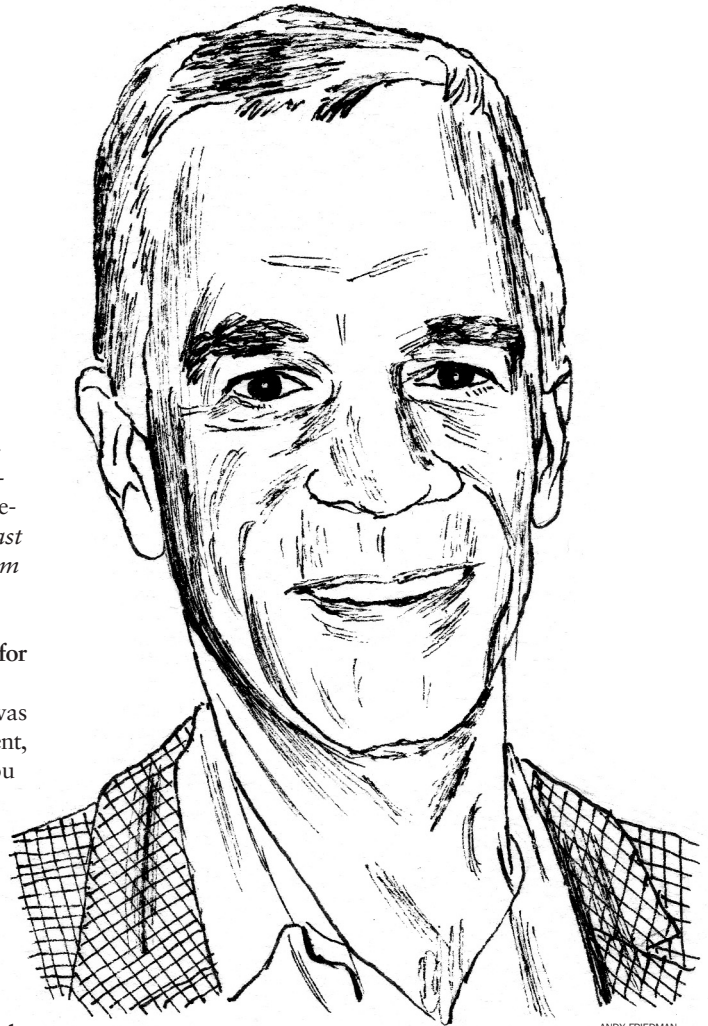
**James Cutting:** Until five or ten years ago, most psychology was interested in perception in the instant. So in the typical experiment, I'd flash you something and you'd respond as quickly as you could, completely disconnected from everything else. There's a lot to be learned that way, but we've done that for a hundred years; there aren't many paradigms for studying how people understand things over long periods of time. And movies are two hours or so. It's kind of the perfect length, otherwise you get into things like diurnal rhythms. Here's a time that people set aside to have a story told to them.

**CAM:** How did you get onto the idea of exploring the psychology of film editing?

**JC:** The key insight that I started with is, "Why does a 'cut' make sense?" It's completely unlike anything we evolved to see—and we not only accept it, but it's used to pace our experience in film. So I wanted to understand more about how cuts work in movies. A psychologist friend was interested in patterns of reaction times in experiments; say you have a bunch of letters and you have to say as fast as you can whether it's a word. You see a lot of responses around 400 to 500 milliseconds, and some that are like two and a half seconds. I'd been looking at cuts in films and I realized the patterns looked the same.

**CAM:** What types of films did you study?

**JC:** We joined Netflix and chose 150 films—ten in each of fifteen



years from 1935 to 2005. The ones since about 1980 were among the highest grossing of the year, and those before that were the ones that the most people had written about on the Internet Movie Database. We chose five genres—action, adventure, comedy, drama, and animation—and set out to divide each movie into its cuts. We spent about twenty hours on each film over the course of a year and a half, and I think we got about 99 percent of the cuts. When we finally had the data, we could figure out the lengths of the shots, so we had a string of analyzable numbers. And the interesting result was that we found that films, particularly since about 1960, have a profile that's not unlike people's attention pattern as

manifested in those experiments, which is called a  $1/f$  distribution.

**CAM:** So you mean the movies catered to people's attention spans?

**JC:** This is not about attention span; attention span is something you can hold for five minutes, five seconds, or whatever. Its actually your *rhythm* of attention. Our brains are incredibly complex, and most complex systems run in oscillations or fluctuations. Movies are just about the most absorbing artistic domain that one can imagine—so the idea is that through the pattern of cuts, the external visual stimulation is essentially grabbing onto your brain and driving it in the kind of pattern it enjoys.

**CAM:** How much variation did you find in the films you studied?

**JC:** A lot. I was just looking at *Mr. Roberts*, and it's so random. And *The Seven Year Itch*—just random. I love *film noir*, and it turns out that the shot lengths in most of *film noir* are completely random—they're as far from this pattern as one can imagine. But it changes beginning in the Sixties. The earliest James Bond film we have is *Thun-*

*derball*, and all of the sudden it's pretty close to  $1/f$ , and there are others that do that, but not many. By about the 1990s, more and more films have a pattern closer to this. *Back to the Future* turns out to be the film that is closest to  $1/f$  that we found in its genre. *Star Wars Episode III: The Revenge of the Sith*—dreadful movie—has a steeper profile than  $1/f$ ; it has actually gone beyond this particular pattern.

**CAM:** Was there any correlation between how a film conformed to this rhythm and how much money it made?

**JC:** None. Zero.

**CAM:** Doesn't that seem odd?

**JC:** Not to me. The idea that a film is hitting you with this set of patterns, and that pattern is driving your attention, doesn't have to do with the narrative—it has to do with the *presentation* of the narrative. There's almost zero correlation between this  $1/f$  fluctuation and how much people like it.

**CAM:** And if a film doesn't conform to this rhythm, it's not a recipe for disaster?

**JC:** Absolutely not. For example, *Goodfellas* doesn't come close; dramas tend to be farthest from this pattern. It's not just action films that fit it. There are a few "chick flicks" as well; *Pretty Woman* almost exactly fits this pattern. But there's enormous variation. Some of the press about this said, "Formula Found for Hollywood Blockbusters!" But we didn't just do blockbusters, and it's not a formula—it's a pattern.

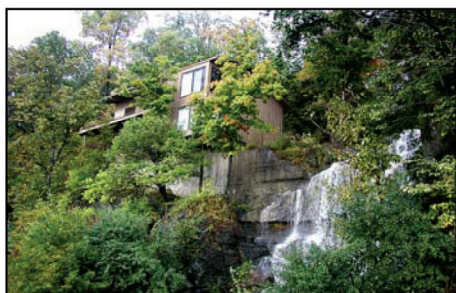
**CAM:** How has this affected your personal movie viewing experience? Do you think, There goes that  $1/f$  pattern again?

**JC:** Almost not at all—unless the movie is boring me.

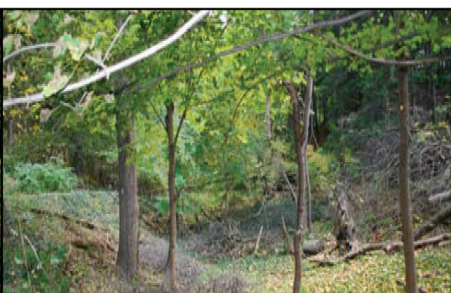
**CAM:** So what's your favorite film?

**JC:** When someone asks me that, I tend to say the one I saw most recently. I just love the experience. I've always enjoyed long shots, and I decry the fact that modern movies don't do them. The opening shot in Orson Welles's *Touch of Evil* or Alfred Hitchcock's *Rebecca*—some of these older films have such exquisite shots, they take my breath away.

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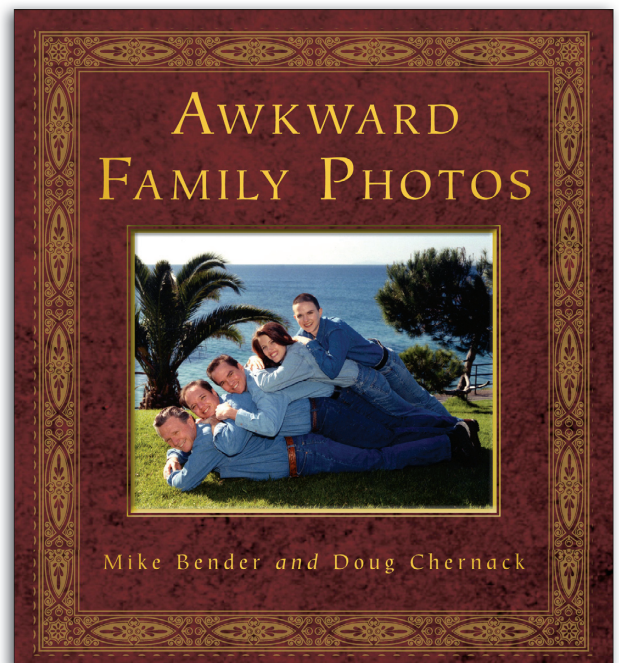
From squabbling siblings to creepy Easter bunnies,  
a new book celebrates the awkward family photo



They say you can't judge a book by its cover—but for the new paperback by Doug Chernack '96, it's a fairly good barometer. The book is called *Awkward Family Photos*, and the title pretty much says it all. Then there's the cover image: a five-member clan, all clad in denim shirts and jeans, lying face-down atop one another in a goofy seaside pyramid. They're trying to look happy and casual; instead they just seem extraordinarily silly, and more than a little unhinged.

That's the general tone of the book, co-authored by Chernack and Mike Bender and published by Three Rivers Press in May—when it debuted at number three in its category on the *New York Times* bestseller list. It's based on the eponymous website, which the L.A.-based comedy writers launched about a year ago to near-instant acclaim following a serendipitous plug on national radio. “We started with a couple of hits the first day, and by the fourth or fifth day we had over 2 million,” says

Suitable for framing: Images from Bender and Chernack's book include “The Kiss Off” (above) and “Punks in Space” (opposite).







Chernack, a former American studies major who got his start in reality TV with shows like “Star Dates” on the E! network. “We were completely unprepared for it—the site was crashing—and we were approached by publishers in the first week. It totally blew us away.”

They got the idea for AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com when Bender came back from a visit to his parents’ house and mentioned a cringe-worthy image they had on display; Chernack realized that, for better or worse, his own family had produced a few contributions to the genre. “We wanted to make a fun environment,” Chernack says, “where people could submit their most uncomfortable photos and have a good time with it.” Now they get about 15 million hits each month from more than 3 million unique visitors, with 200 to 250 photo submissions coming in daily from around the world. Chernack and Bender, who are working on action-comedy screenplays for New Line and Warner Brothers (“one set in the LAPD, the other in the CIA”), had to hire an employee to help them vet the images and comments; they want the content to stay PG-rated. “The intention of the site is, ‘We’re all awkward,’” Chernack says. “When we post these photos, there’s a comfort level of, ‘My family’s not the only one that makes me do this.’ It’s a bit cathartic.”

Of the book’s roughly 300 images, a third are “greatest hits” from the site; the rest are shots that have never been seen before—at least outside the respective subjects’ living rooms. They’re divided into such sections as family portraits (for example,

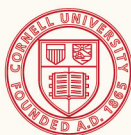
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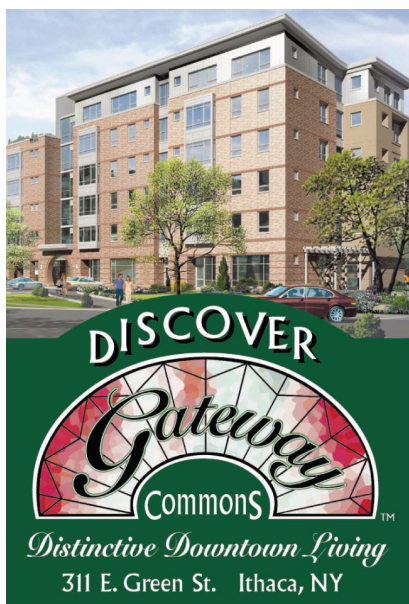
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a shot of an extended clan in which everyone except the baby is brandishing a hand-held vacuum; pets (mom, dad, brother, and sister lying on the floor with their heads together, a giant snake wound around their necks); weddings (a large bridal party posed on the *Enterprise* bridge in full “Star Trek” regalia); and holidays (a dozen people wearing plush turkey hats, the legs dangling like Pippi Longstocking’s braids). A four-photo spread is devoted to the Easter Bunny, who consistently comes off as either malevolent or insane. “Once we post a photo, it opens the floodgates to others of the same type,” Chernack muses. “We never realized how scary the Easter Bunny was. We were always creeped out by the mall Santa, but we realized the giant Easter Bunny is ten times scarier.”

So what are the makings of the consummate awkward family photo? Classic elements include matching outfits and forced poses—like the pile-on from the cover, arrangements of family members lined up by size like the Von Trapp singers, or shots in which everyone is gingerly straddling a tree limb or fence rail. “You’ve got your matching outfits,” Chernack observes, “and you’ve got denim. For some reason, people love denim.” Then there are the excruciating vacation shots, “where you can tell mom or dad wanted the kids to look their happiest, or pose in front of a statue or something, and you know there’s a certain level of discomfort. Sometimes you can see a dynamic between the family members—they’re trying to project the perfect image, yet the photo reveals something different. Maybe there’s a brother-sister conflict or a mother-daughter conflict. That comes out a lot.”

Case in point: Chernack’s author photo, circa mid-Eighties, in which he and his brother stand stiffly on the grass in front of their parents. Both boys are wearing white “short shorts,” with Chernack in a striped polo and his brother in a Billy Joel T-shirt. “I remember it well,” Chernack recalls. “I had just gotten into a huge fight with my brother, and my parents forced us to stand next to each other and look happy. So for me it was fitting to put that photo in. Before we could have our picture taken, my brother and I had to be split up and yelled at.”

Chernack’s relatives show up elsewhere in the book as well; his brother can be seen on page 58, wearing an orthodontic headgear as he sits cross-legged, surrounded by Legos. And as for that family wearing the matching turkey hats? They’re Chernack’s in-laws.

— Beth Saulnier

## Reminiscing in Tempo

CD release of Ellington concert at Cornell



Swingin' sound: Duke Ellington (at the piano) and his band, circa 1948

On a Friday night in December 1948, the bus carrying Duke Ellington and his orchestra pulled up to Bailey Hall and unloaded the musicians for one of the dozens of concerts they would play that year. Many jazz aficionados consider the Forties to be the Duke's greatest decade, and the band he led that night was studded with stars like saxophonists Johnny Hodges and Ben Webster, trumpeter/violinist Ray Nance, trombonist Tyree Glenn, and drummer Sonny Greer. Because of a dispute between the musicians' union and the record companies, they made no studio recordings that year—but, lucky for us, Ellington had his tape recorder running that night. Now the entire concert—more than 130 minutes of peerless music and elegant Ellington commentary—is available on a Nimbus Records two-CD set, *Duke Ellington: Cornell University 1948*.

What a show it was . . . Interspersed between such Ellingtonian staples as "Creole Love Call" and "Take the 'A' Train" (reworked here as "Manhattan Murals") were striking new compositions like "Lady of the Lavender Mist," "The Tattooed Bride," and "Fantasm." The night was capped with a seamless medley that merged nine of the Duke's greatest hits and an encore of "Limehouse Blues" featuring Tyree Glenn on his "electrical appliance," a vibraphone.

Perched on one of those wooden seats and absorbing every note was a student named Whitney Balliett '49, BA '51, who would pen a review of the show for the *Daily Sun*—and go on to become a long-time contributor to the *New Yorker* and one of the most celebrated jazz critics of his time. The concert, he wrote, was distinguished by "the freshness, inspiration, and inimitable polish of master musicians playing music they love that has earned the Duke a permanent niche in the history of music."

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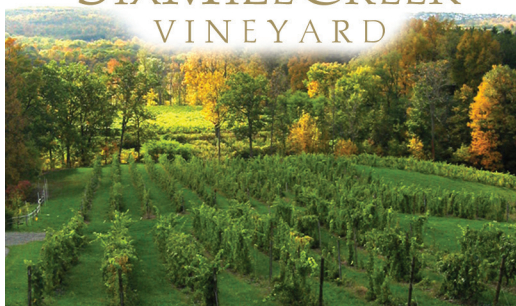
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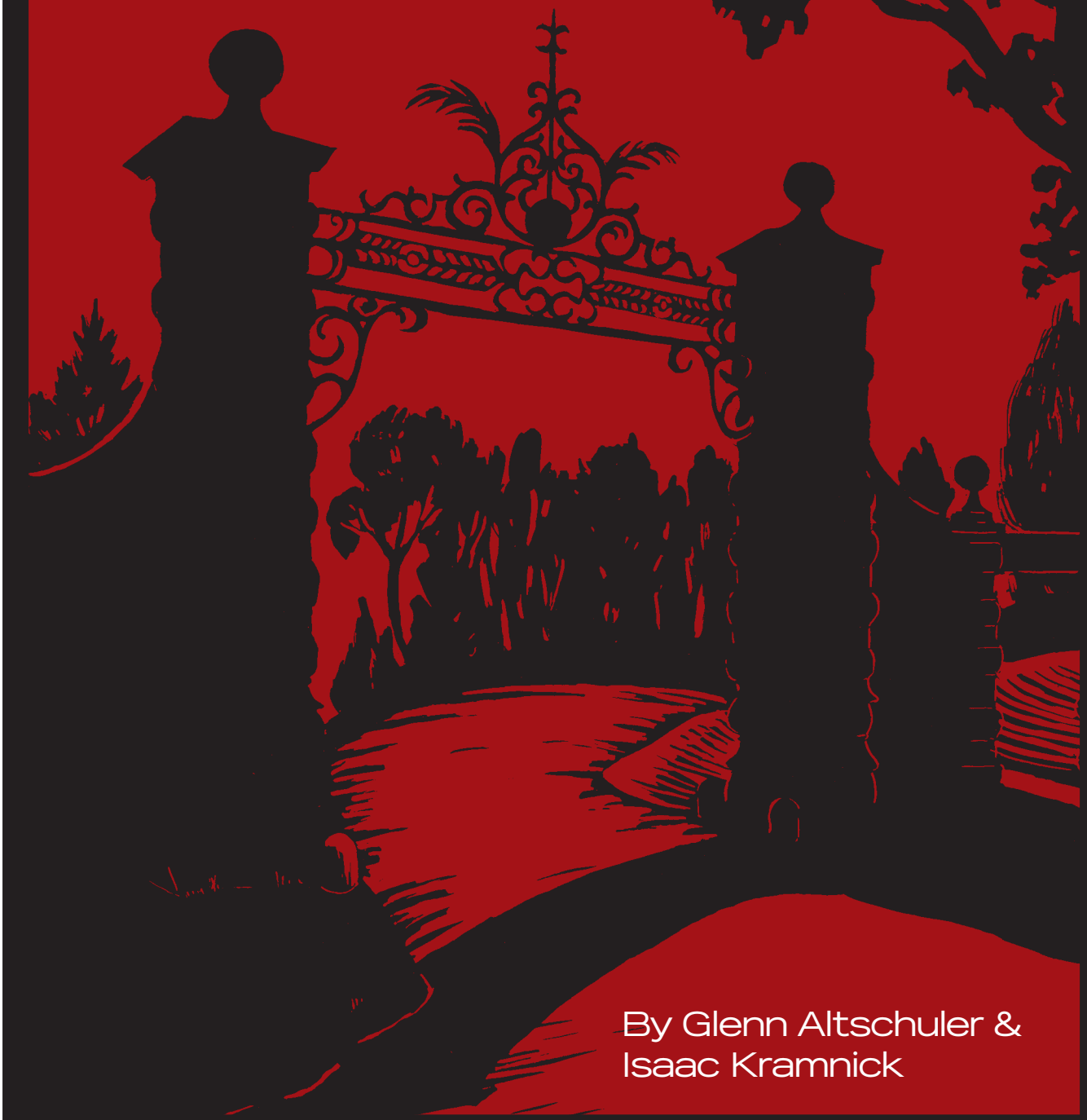
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# Cornell in the Cold War (Part I)

*This is the first of two articles derived from ongoing study of Cornell history from 1945 to the present by Glenn Altschuler and Isaac Kramnick. Altschuler, PhD '76, is the Litwin Professor of American Studies, dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, and vice president for university relations. Kramnick is the Schwartz Professor of Government. They are the co-authors, along with Laurence Moore, the Newman Professor of American Studies and History, of The 100 Most Notable Cornellians. In their research, Altschuler and Kramnick have had access to many presidential papers in the Cornell archives, some of which had never before been open to scholars. The full manuscript, with footnotes and additional material, is available online at [cornellalumnmagazine.com](http://cornellalumnmagazine.com).*



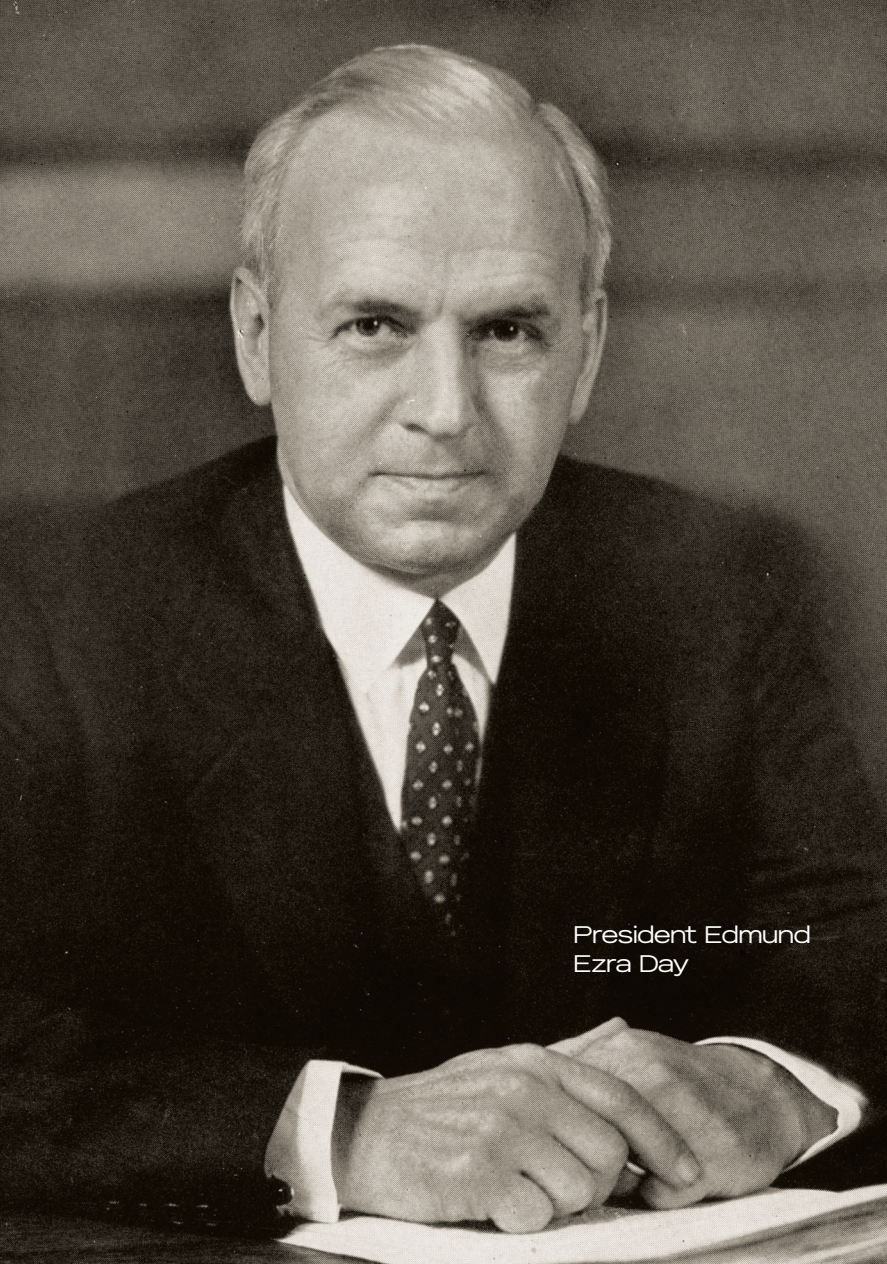
ornell Goes Bolshevik” proclaimed the *New York World-Telegram* on October 19, 1943.

The University’s Russian courses, the paper announced, were being taught by communists, making Cornell a breeding ground for “Muscovites.” For the next several days, the paper repeated its accusation in articles and editorials carried in other Scripps Howard and Hearst papers across the country.

The attack was focused on two Russian émigrés, Joshua Kunitz and Vladimir Kazakevich, who had been hired to teach in the Intensive Russian Language and Culture Program, which the University agreed to design for the United States Army in the summers of 1943 and 1944. The Army had chosen Cornell because since 1939 it had offered an innovative Slavic language and studies program funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. For twelve weeks, hundreds of trainees in what was called the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) were brought to Ithaca and immersed in conversational Russian language. The students also took courses in Cornell’s Institute of Contemporary Russian Civilization.

Cornell’s president, Edmund Ezra Day, had been delighted that the Army asked his university to play an important role in the war effort. “Because of Cornell’s well-known reputation as a pioneering institution,” he wrote after the Soviet Union had become an ally of the United States, “strong representations were made that it take a lead in the development of modern Russian studies.” Answering this call was what Day had in mind when he insisted in his 1937 presidential inaugural address that universities had a “social obligation” to “add to the common weal.” Not that the Dartmouth- and Harvard-educated former economics professor—who before coming to Cornell had taught at Harvard and Michigan and been director for the social sciences with the Rockefeller Foundation—didn’t see problems in such activities. “We knew,” he later noted, “that we were taking a calculated risk in agreeing to run the Army program,” given the





President Edmund  
Ezra Day

lack of “authentic and validated information” about Soviet Russia and “an even worse lack of critically trained teachers.” And, of course, given the potentially controversial nature of the instruction.

Several weeks before the first *World-Telegram* attack appeared, Day asked Cornelius deKiewiet—a professor of history and director of the Army program that sponsored language and culture courses in German, Italian, Czech, and Chinese, as well as Russian—to inform the Cornell faculty about the initiative. Controversial material would be taught in these courses, he conceded, but this was the intention of the Army authorities responsible for the program. If instructors had “burning convictions” about their subjects, they should lay out their views and “provide the opportunity for free discussion.” DeKiewiet was as concerned with courses about our enemies, Germany and Italy, as he was about Russia, a “friendly and associated power.” In a surprisingly capacious vision of academic free inquiry, he wrote:

There is no objection whatever to handling controversial material if the purpose is to improve the understanding or promote the efficiency of Army trainees. Marxism and communism, the genuine achievements of Hitler or Mussolini, attractive characteristics of enemy peoples—these can and should be freely handled. The ASTP wishes its

trainees to have a mature and sympathetic comprehension of other areas and peoples.

President Day responded to the *World-Telegram*’s charge that students were being indoctrinated by “communist” faculty in a January 7, 1944, letter to Cornell’s Board of Trustees:

For reasons which are relatively easy to understand, the only available instructors who have an intrinsic knowledge of contemporary Russian conditions are individuals who had been repeatedly in Russia during the period since the revolution. Perforce, most, if not all of those individuals have exhibited “Russian sympathies”; otherwise they would not have had opportunities for close observation of developments under the present Soviet regime.

Day then reviewed the careers of Kunitz and Kazakovich, their study in America, and their travels in and writings about Soviet Russia. “As far as we can see,” he concluded, “there is nothing in [the] entire record that suggests ‘un-American activities.’” Having talked with the Russians, Day was prepared to vouch for their loyalty and their “thorough” commitment “to the American way of life.”

Having reassured the trustees, Day turned next to calming any fears in the general public about “Red Cornell.” In March 1944 he stated the University’s position in the prestigious *Saturday Review*. Written in an age before professional speech writers, “So Cornell’s Going Bolshevik! The Strange Case of the Russian Courses,” is a beautifully crafted, at times deeply moving, essay, interwoven with a history of Cornell and an almost lyrical paean to freedom of inquiry.

It was an “unpleasant experience,” he began, with wry understatement and a touch of intellectual disdain, to find the “good name” of his institution “aspersed in the columns of a metropolitan daily.” Day felt particularly sad for anxious alumni, fearing that their

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alma mater “is pulled down from the serene heights on which their adolescent imaginations had placed her.” He then addressed head-on what he referred to, in terms not yet part of common American political parlance, as the *World-Telegram*’s “witch-hunting.” It wasn’t the first time his institution had been so publicly attacked, he pointed out, recalling the accusation in the nineteenth century of “Godless Cornell.” Having its “faith tested” could be salutary, he proclaimed, if it forced Cornellians to realize that “a principal obligation of any university is a certain fearlessness about the knowledge which it professes and the end which it pursues.”

Little could President Day know in 1944 that Cornell’s encounter with a metropolitan daily was a mere minor prelude to the full-blown drama of postwar anti-communist hysteria—the phenomenon we now know as McCarthyism—that would engulf the University for the next twenty years, requiring Day and his successor, Deane Waldo Malott, to walk a fine line, balancing their commitments to academic values with demands of loyalty and Americanism. In meeting these challenges, Cornell’s presidents, administrators, and faculty would sometimes falter and stumble as the weight of the political world outside East Hill fell upon their shoulders. For the most part, however, in the face of pressure from trustees, politicians, and the popular press, they bent but did not break.



**R**obert Fogel '48, who would win the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1993, was Cornell's leading student radical in the late Forties, when Soviet-American friendship was replaced by the bitter suspicions of the Cold War. The son of Russian immigrants, he concentrated on physics and chemistry at New York City's prestigious Stuyvesant High School. At Cornell, Fogel switched to economics and history—as well as political agitation. He became head of the Marxist Discussion Group and the campus chapter of American Youth for Democracy (AYD), the successor to the Young Communist League and an organization that Attorney General Tom Clark placed on his 1947 subversive list. The *Alumni News* estimated that in Fogel's last years on campus the AYD had about a dozen members, with most radical students preferring either the Henry Wallace politics of the Progressive Citizens of America or the Students for Democratic Action, which was linked to its anti-Stalinist parent organization, Americans for Democratic Action, founded by Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and Reinhold Niebuhr.

Although his followers were few, Fogel put Marxism on the postwar campus map. In speeches, public debates, and letters to the *Daily Sun*, he proclaimed that communists “fight for anything that will help the majority of the people.” Fogel's views would infuriate some trustees, but they seldom shocked the student body, a majority of whom were World War II veterans. A 1948 *Daily Sun* poll of 500 students indicated that 70 percent of the respondents believed that “we should continue to try to cooperate with Russia.” While 27 percent felt the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) was “valuable,” 35 percent thought it “actually does harm”; the rest had no opinion.

Unlike most Cornell students, the mayor of Ithaca was shocked by Fogel's Marxism. In May 1946, citing an ordinance prohibiting littering, he banned AYD leafleting downtown. More important, some Cornell trustees—including Nicholas Noyes 1906 of Eli Lilly and Co., Franklin Olin of Illinois's First National Bank, John Collyer 1929 of B. F. Goodrich, and Horace Flanigan 1912 of New York's Manufacturer's Trust—were convinced that, as Olin put it, Cornell was “riddled with communism.” Day reassured angry alums and trustees that Fogel's AYD was “a small, highly vocal, and virtually impotent” organization. As if to minimize any need for concern, Cornell's dean of students noted that, like Fogel, “most of its members are Jewish” and that they are “attracting almost entirely their own type.”

The trustees had more than Fogel to fret about. The film star Adolphe Menjou 1912, who had attended Cornell without completing a degree, told HUAC that there was “a group of communists functioning in Ithaca.” *Collier's Magazine* photographed a Willard Straight Hall meeting of the Marxist Discussion Group for an article it was preparing on campus reds, and in 1947 Eugene Lyons, author of *The Red Decade*, singled out Cornell in a pamphlet, “The Enemy in Our Schools,” published by the Catholic Information Society. Other colleges may have been as “deeply infiltrated” by communists, but few others, he claimed, “have been as frivolous in defending the infiltration or as stubborn in persisting in the error after it has been exposed.” Lyons recycled the charges against the wartime Russian program, “honeycombed with notorious pro-Soviet propagandists,” and accused the University of using the same faculty, “seasoned mouthpieces of Red propaganda,” when it revived the program in 1946.

Several trustees were suspicious, as well, that in collaborating with the State of New York to create a School of Industrial



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Student radical: Robert Fogel '48 represented the Communist-front Labor Youth League at the National Student Congress in 1950.



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Trustee Frank Gannett 1898



In a series of long letters in 1949, trustee Nicholas Noyes complained that Cornell was ‘unwittingly providing a sounding-board for a lot of reds, pinks, and crackpots.’

and Labor Relations, Cornell was opening the door to subversives. No matter that Governor Thomas Dewey, in his address at the ILR opening in November 1945, described it as “a school which denies the alien theory that there are classes in our society and that they must wage war against each other.” President Day agreed that ILR could well help the nation turn “from continuing warfare between the contending parties in modern industrial enterprise, and toward increasing cooperation.” Nonetheless, by 1947, trustee Frank Gannett 1898 cautioned Day that the ILR faculty “can be in sympathy with the working class but that does not mean that they should directly or indirectly promote collective bargaining or unionization.” A year later, Day was informed that “some trustees . . . still regard [ILR] with horror as an incubator of radicalism.”

In the immediate postwar years, trustees worried a lot about what happened on campus. In a 1947 speech at Barnes Hall, NAACP leader Roy Wilkins described the campaign against communism as “stupid, foolish, and at times hysterical . . . [and] anyone who challenges the status quo seems to be branded as communistic.” Along with the Ithaca Chapter of the American Veterans Committee and the *Daily Sun*, Fogel urged that ROTC training, a requirement for all male students in Cornell’s contract colleges, be made voluntary. After voting twice to retain compulsory ROTC, the Student Council endorsed the reform in December 1947; the faculty and administration, however, would not be moved.

To the trustees, moreover, too many professors seemed to be radicals or fellow travelers. They noted that history professors Paul Gates and Curtis Nettles opposed President Truman’s 1947 proposal for aid to Greece and Turkey in their battle against communism, and that some Cornell scientists refused to work on government grants if the research was “classified” and therefore secret. They were further alarmed when—concerned about the arbitrary dismissal of faculty from American universities—Robert Wilson, director of the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies, Nobel laureates Hans Bethe and Peter Debye, chemist Simon Bauer, and physicist Philip Morrison formed a committee, affiliated with the Federation of American Scientists, “to investigate the spy investigators.”

The trustees took note, as well, of the position of the faculty on the sensitive issue of student organization membership lists. For years, concerned that students on academic probation might participate in student organizations, the faculty, with the support of the Student Council and the *Daily Sun*, had required that all registered groups submit membership lists to the administration. In January 1948, Fogel’s Marxist Discussion Group and the Cornell chapter of the Young Progressive Citizens of America refused to comply, fearing that the students named would then be under suspicion of disloyalty. Setting what the *Sun* described as “an all-time attendance record,” the University faculty met in February and, by a vote of 155 to 149, repealed the policy. With considerable justification, President Day feared that the trustees would read this vote “as a victory of the campus reds” and for Fogel.

## CORNELL BARS TEACHER

Withdraws Offer to Professor Who Balked at Red Inquiry

ITHACA, N. Y., May 21 (AP)—Cornell University announced today it had withdrawn its offer of a summer teaching job to Harry C. Steinmetz, who was dismissed by San Diego State and refused to join a faculty committee that had been a

professor of physics at San Diego State had hired Steinmetz and that this was an academic vindictive act against a previously communist.

## DILLINGS SAY CORNELL HARRIES ANTI-RED SON

Professor Denies Charges of the Author of ‘Red Network’

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ITHACA, N. Y., May 6—Disciplinary action of the faculty committee on student conduct imposed on Kirk Dilling of Kenilworth, Ill., a Cornell sophomore, on charges of continued disturbances in the university residential halls, led to a complaint today by his father, Albert W. Dilling, that the student was being persecuted because of his anti-Communist activities.

In a letter to Professor George E. Peabody, chairman of the committee, Mr. Dilling, a Chicago lawyer, said that Professor Peabody and “a majority at least” of his committee were Communist-influenced.

Mrs. Dilling, the youth’s mother,

## U. S. JURY INDICTS 8 FOR CONTEMPT

Professors at M.I.T., Cornell and Temple Are Accused of Silence at House Inquiry

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—Indictments charging contempt of Congress were returned by a Federal grand jury today against

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Three months later, his assistant, Whitman Daniels, wrote to Day that “these queries in regards to communism and kindred activities at Cornell seem to be coming in with such frequency that I am almost inclined to believe that we should adopt a form letter by way of reply.”

Fogel didn’t always win. In early 1949, a year after his graduation, Fogel was still on campus. On behalf of his Marxist Discussion Group, he invited Eugene Dennis, secretary of the American Communist Party—then under indictment in federal district court for advocating the overthrow of the U.S. government—to speak at Cornell. The Faculty Committee on the Scheduling of Public Events, however, unanimously turned thumbs down,

declaring: “No person under indictment should be permitted to substitute the campus of Cornell University for the legally constituted courtroom as a forum to plead his case.” At a rally that April, Fogel charged that the faculty caved in because it was “unrepresentative, lacking professors who believed in Marxist doctrine.”

The trustees saw a different faculty. In a series of long letters in 1949, Nicholas Noyes complained that Cornell was “unwittingly providing a sounding-board for a lot of reds, pinks, and crackpots.” Noyes endorsed Day’s commitment to fire self-professed communist professors, but he also wanted to regulate “borderline teaching,” which “stops just short of communism.” Trustees also complained about “pinko” textbooks. When Frank Gannett, J. Howard Pew, John Collyer, and W. C. Teagle objected to classroom use of L. Tarshis’s “subversive, wicked, and vicious” *Elements of Economics*, Day and Provost Arthur Adams felt the heat—and asked C. C. Murdock, PhD 1919, dean of the faculty, to investigate. *Elements of Economics*, Murdock reported, “adopts the approach of Keynes. . . . It is admittedly modern and somewhat to the left.”

Deciding to take no action, Adams sought to placate the trustees, assuring them, a bit disingenuously, that “no member of the economics department shares Tarshis’s viewpoint,” but allowing himself to add that “the young men and women who are now studying economics will some day be confronted with versions of this doctrine [Keynesianism]. . . . It would be doing them a disservice to withhold ideas which are a part of current economic thought and to fail to train them in the ability to form and defend their own judgments.”

The trustees tried a different tack as well. Endorsing John Collyer’s proposal for a required course on “the American way of life,” Frank Gannett claimed it “would impress on our students the great benefits that we have derived from our system of government and the opportunities it has made possible.” President Day agreed, writing to Devereux Josephs, president of the Carnegie Foundation, “That we need such a program of indoctrination seems to me incontrovertible. . . . We are faced with an enemy who is engaged in an all-out mass indoctrination by authoritarian means . . . [and] I doubt very much whether we can relax and assume that in a free society no counter propaganda need be undertaken.”

Day also sent the proposal to Dean Murdock, who appointed a faculty committee; they did not like the idea of “a program of indoctrination”—and refused to make the course an undergraduate requirement. Scrambling, perhaps to save face, the University sponsored a series of lectures and conferences entitled, suitably enough, “America’s Freedom and Responsibility in the Contemporary Crisis,” funded with a \$10,000 Carnegie grant for speakers.

**C**learly, President Day worked hard—and repeatedly—to respond to the trustees without compromising academic freedom. An especially thorny challenge came when Nicholas Noyes informed him that Marshall Stearns, who had just been hired by Cornell’s English department, had been engaged in “subversive activities” at his former institution, Indiana University. After checking with Indiana’s president, Herman Wells, who verified that the allegations were true, Day (for the first and only time, as far as we know) applied a political test for the retention of a faculty member. “Fortunately he is on a limited-term appointment for three years,” Day wrote to Noyes. “He was already hooked up with us before I had my first report from you . . . and

I do not see that anything more can be done at the present time.” But he wanted Noyes to know that, as president, he had “put the dean of the college and the chairman of the department on notice with respect to the record the man made at Indiana . . . if and when the question of Dr. Stearns’s retention or possible promotion comes up for forward action.” Stearns soon left Cornell for what became a distinguished career as an expert on American jazz.

As the Cold War shattered Day’s hopes for Soviet-American cooperation and intensified attacks on academic freedom, he told the Board of Trustees that “a member of the Communist Party cannot be free or honest, and therefore has no place on the university faculty.” He believed, however, that students should see all points of view, so communists would be allowed to speak on campus—but only if questions were allowed. After the Marxist Discussion Group brought a speaker who explained the latest trends in Soviet genetics, he pointed out proudly, “A competent group of animal and plant majors matched minds with him after his lecture and were able to win out very substantially.”

Day went along with a federal mandate that applicants for Atomic Energy Commission fellowships sign a loyalty affidavit, but he opposed congressional investigations of the curriculum. When Congressman John S. Wood of HUAC asked for a list of all texts used in the social sciences, Day responded that compliance would be difficult and expensive. “More important, what does the committee intend to infer from such a list? Suppose in some courses Karl Marx’s *Das Kapital* is on the list of reading, or sections of the *Communist Manifesto*. . . . These young people ought to have some acquaintance with these documents. It does not follow because they are cited or used that communism is being taught.”

Day knew that Cornell’s Board of Trustees was not immune to the anti-communist hysteria sweeping the country. But he told Frank Gannett that when Franklin Olin argued that “our college campuses were riddled with communism,” or “calls a New Dealer a communist,” or “looked for a red under every bed, even at Cornell,” he “just does not know what he is talking about.” Nonetheless, “in view of Mr. Olin’s great wealth” and the prospect that “he might reasonably give us money,” Day held his tongue to Olin himself.

In contrast, Day tried to persuade Nicholas Noyes about the values of academic freedom. After reassuring Noyes that he, too, abhorred communism and thought communist faculty should be fired, Day illustrated the central role of free discussion in “our American way of life” with the story of a student who had recently “confounded a radical speaker and brought an end to a meeting with a simple question to which he wanted a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer. If there were a communist government in the United States, would that government permit a meeting such as this?”

In 1949, two months before his deteriorating heart condition forced him to resign his presidency, Day was interviewed by Mutual Radio News. He defended ejecting communists from teaching positions, “where their fettered minds have no legitimate place.” But, he warned, this must not “give rise to a sort of hysteria, in which independent and essentially forward-looking thinkers are scrapped along with real members of the fifth column.” Day concluded with a plea that Americans develop an explicit definition of “the essential ingredients of the American way of life.” Echoing the Cornell historian Carl Becker, Day challenged his radio audience to do what their “founding fathers did not do . . . to spell out the responsibilities, individual and collective, which go along with the rights they established . . . responsibilities without which our rights today cannot be permanently retained.” ■



The thirteenth Cornellian in his family,  
Corey Earle '07 has become a one-man  
repository of University history.  
Here, he offers a taste of his traveling  
slideshow of Big Red lore.

# Living History

By Beth Saulnier

**W**hen Corey Earle '07 was accepted early decision, his parents gave him a signed, first-edition copy of Morris Bishop's *A History of Cornell*. The son and grandson of alumni who spent their careers on the faculty, Earle read the book the summer before he matriculated—the thirteenth member of his family to attend. In short, when it comes to Cornell lore, he may well have been the most prepared freshman *ever*.

Earle kept up the Cornell history habit as a CALS student majoring in communication—the department where his father, Brian Earle '68, MPS '71, taught for four decades and still maintains a presence in semi-retirement. As an undergrad, his trove of some 200 Cornell-related volumes won the University Library's annual book collecting contest (it has since grown to more than 300), and the *Daily Sun* tapped him for a biweekly column on University history. When the library digitized the *Cornell Alumni News* back to its inception in 1899, he read every issue. "I was amazed at the crucial role that Cornell played in the development of higher education in the U.S.," Earle says. "I don't think a lot of students, or even faculty and staff, are aware

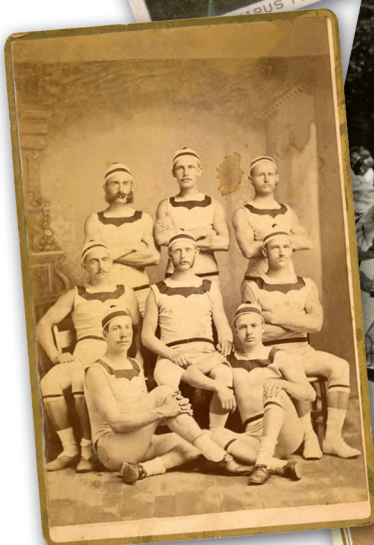
of that. So I made it my crusade to raise awareness of Cornell's history and try to spread the Cornell gospel."

Three guesses where Earle—following in the footsteps of his brother, Evan '02—went to work after graduation. He first served as a reference specialist in Kroch Library before moving over to Alumni Affairs and Development—where, as associate director of student programs, his duties include running the senior class campaign. "We're training students to be good alumni," he says. "We want them to feel like they're part of the Cornell community, to create a culture of philanthropy and gratitude."

But he has also carved out a niche as a one-man repository of University history, building Big Red spirit by giving talks on campus and beyond. His traveling slideshow covers not only the familiar genesis tale (how the lowly born, self-taught Ezra Cornell made a fortune in the telegraph business and teamed up with cultured blue-blood Andrew Dickson White to found the school on the Hill) but many assorted gems of Cornelliana—from the Brain Collection to the live bear mascot to the infamous pumpkin atop McGraw Tower. In addition to a general round-up of Cornell facts both well known and obscure, he has created trivia quizzes, talks geared to special occasions such as Halloween, and presentations using University history to spark discussion about topics like ethics. "The best part," says Earle, "is that I learn so much each time I do it, especially when speaking to alumni. They lived through history."

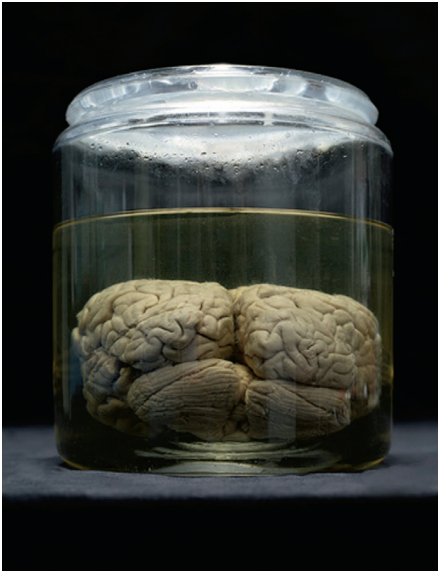


LISA BANLAKI FRANK



Big Red memories: As Earle tells his audiences, Cornell is often called “the first American university”—combining the practicality of Midwestern schools with the classicism of the Ivy League. Clockwise from top: A 1913 postcard of the Arts Quad; cows on Libe Slope; a 1920s Dragon Day; an ad for the 1907 *Cornellian*; a portrait of Ezra Cornell from the 1860s; and the 1876 men’s varsity crew.





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## BRAIN POWER

"I love the Brain Collection," Earle says. "It's a quintessential part of Cornelliana." Still on display in Uris Hall, the collection was founded in 1889 by zoology professor Burt Green Wilder, a member of the original faculty. "He kept a menagerie of animals, including a bear, in the basement of McGraw Hall," Earle says. "One story is that when they painted the ceiling of Sage Chapel, he was so disgusted at the musculature of the angels—that it was anatomically incorrect, because it would make it physically impossible for them to have wings—that he refused to enter." Wilder donated his own brain to the collection, which at its peak comprised some 1,600 samples. "Goldwin Smith donated his brain," Earle says, "but it got stuck in Canadian customs and rotted at the border."

## STRAIGHT SCOOP

As an undergrad, Willard Straight 1901 felt that the Architecture college didn't have enough spirit—so he founded Dragon Day. He went on to a career as a diplomat; when he died of pneumonia after World War I, he left his estate to the University, "to make Cornell a more human place." Willard Straight Hall became one of the nation's first student unions; when it was built in 1925, Earle notes, "it was unusual to have a building with no academic purpose."

## WHITHER 'BIG RED'?

The name "Big Red" traces its roots to a song. In 1905, the football team had a contest to write a football song, Earle says, "because they were jealous of the crew team." The winner was celebrated humorist Rym Berry 1904 with a ditty called "The Big Red Team."

## BEANIE BABIES

"Back in the day, all freshmen, male and female, were required to wear the freshman beanie," Earle says. "If you were caught on campus without it, you'd be in trouble." A "sophomore vigilance committee" was in charge of enforcing the rules, which also banned smoking, walking on the grass, or entering certain bars, such as Zinck's. "A lot of these rules vanished after World War II, when hundreds of veterans came to campus," Earle points out. "You had freshmen who were five years older than the seniors, so having a sophomore tell a grizzled veteran of World War II that he had to keep his cap on didn't go over so well."



Touchdown I and friends

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## BEAR FACTS

In 1915, some alumni decided that Cornell needed a mascot—so they donated a bear cub, who was dubbed Touchdown. "The manager of the football team suddenly became bear caretaker," Earle says. "They'd take the bear with them to away games. They'd bring it on the train and it would stay in hotels with them. There are a lot of good stories of the bear getting loose in hotel lobbies or at bars and terrorizing people. None of the bears lasted longer than a season, because by the end it was a little larger than it started out." Earle notes that Touchdown's inaugural year corresponds with Cornell's first national football championship—and that the last time the Big Red had a live mascot (Touchdown IV, in 1939), it won its last national title. "So if you ask me," Earle says, "it's not a new coach that we need, it's a bear cub."

## A DEADLY PRANK

Traditionally, the sophomores would try to sabotage the annual freshman banquet, generally by kidnapping the class president to make him miss the party. But in 1894, class rivalry hit a new high—or, rather, low—when some sophomores pumped chlorine gas into the banquet room of a downtown hotel via holes drilled in the floor. "Whether they had failed chemistry is not known," Earle says. Freshmen started collapsing, rushing out of the building, and pulling each other to safety. In the end, the single casualty was the cook, whose death prompted a criminal investigation and strained town-gown relations. "No one in the sophomore class would come forward," Earle says. "The ingredients were traced back to two class members; they refused to testify and were jailed for contempt, but successfully appealed on Fifth Amendment grounds." The judgment became part of case law on "pleading the Fifth."

## LIFE BEFORE LYNAH

Once upon a time, the hockey team played on Beebe Lake—which probably sounds more romantic than it actually was. “This meant that away teams could spend a whole day on a train, and when they got here the ice would have melted and the game would have to be called off,” Earle says. “So it wasn’t the most convenient setup. Some years the season would be twelve games long, some years two, depending on the weather.” The Big Red stopped using the lake in the Forties—so, as unthinkable as it may be today, Cornell went a decade without a hockey program until Lynah Rink opened in 1957.

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Skating on Beebe Lake



## SOUP TO NUTS

If Campbell's Soup cans inspire Big Red spirit, it's because the design is actually based on Cornell's signature colors. As Earle tells it, a Campbell's executive went to the Cornell-Penn game on Thanksgiving 1898—and “he was so impressed with the colors, he said, ‘We should make our cans red and white.’” Cornell lost that day, but its colors have graced Campbell's labels for more than a century.

## THE ‘EZRA LETTER’

When Sage Hall was built in 1873, Ezra wrote a letter that was sealed into the cornerstone; should the University fail, he told his contemporaries, the letter would explain why. Since Sage was built as a women's residence, it was assumed that the letter addressed issues of coeducation. But when the cornerstone was opened during Sage's gut renovation in the Nineties, the long-awaited missive proved to be about something else: religion. “Ezra was concerned that the non-sectarian nature of the University would be its downfall,” Earle says, “that pressure from religious critics might prevent the ‘any person’ ideal from holding true.”



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## THAT'S OUR MOTTO

Cornell is the only Ivy League school with an English motto: *I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study*. In his talks, Earle deconstructs how the motto offered inclusion on five fronts—noting that, “in 1865, these were radical concepts.”

**Any gender**—“It didn’t say ‘any man’; it said ‘any person,’” Earle points out. “This was the close of the Civil War, and there were no major coeducational institutions in the U.S. Cornell was the first to admit women alongside men.” In the Twenties, when the League of Women Voters published a list of the twelve greatest women in the country, three were Cornellians: naturalist Anna Botsford Comstock, Cornell's first female professor; home economics pioneer and Cornell dean Martha Van Rensselaer; and Martha Carey Thomas 1877, second president of Bryn Mawr College.

**Any ethnicity**—From the outset, the University was open to people of any race. Alpha Phi Alpha, the first African American, intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity in the U.S., was founded at Cornell in 1906.

**Any nationality**—At a time when few universities had international students, Cornell's first class included people from Russia and Brazil.

**Any religion**—“The other institutions of the time were pretty much of one faith or sect; it would be a Presbyterian school or a Methodist school,” Earle notes. In his talks, he displays a page from an early yearbook listing class statistics that included religious affiliation, with responses ranging “from Hebrew to heathen.” “At any other school you’d get kicked out if you said you were a heathen, but at Cornell that was just fine,” Earle says. “Cornell got a lot of negative press for this—we were called ‘the godless institution.’ As a joke, a group of students once formed the Infidels Association.”

**Any socioeconomic class**—As a self-taught man raised in modest circumstances, Ezra wanted his university to welcome people from all walks of life. Says Earle: “Cornell had an early version of the work-study system, where the students built McGraw Hall to pay their tuition.”



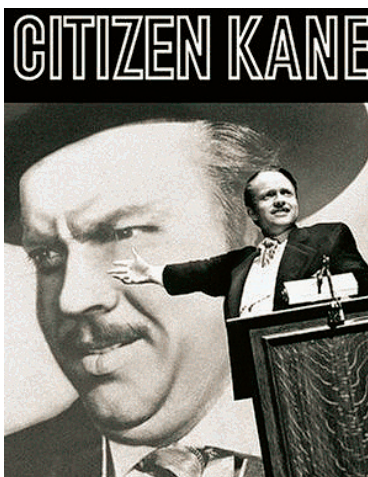
## STUCK IN THE MUD (RUSH)

Class rivalry used to be much more intense than it is now, Earle says. Among the quaint traditions of yesteryear: the Mud Rush, “which was basically the freshman and sophomore classes beating the crap out of each other.” Another popular tradition, known as the cane rush, involved trying to steal a stick that served as the class symbol. “It would turn into an all-out brawl—people would break arms and legs, clothes would be torn off,” Earle says. “Today, I think Risk Management would have a problem with it.”



Mud Rush, Spring 1925

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## STAR POWER

Actors who have attended Cornell include the late Christopher Reeve '74 of *Superman* fame; “L.A. Law” and “West Wing” star Jimmy Smits, MFA '82; Ellen Albertini Dow '35, MA '38, who has played a spunky senior citizen in films like *The Wedding Singer* and *Wedding Crashers*; and Jane Lynch, MFA '84, currently cast as the abrasive cheerleading coach on “Glee.” Peter Ostrum, who was Charlie Bucket in the original 1971 *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, earned a DVM from Cornell in 1984; Frank Morgan 1909, immortalized in the title role of *The Wizard of Oz*, dropped out after freshman year. Famous fictional Cornellians include Charles Foster Kane of *Citizen Kane*, unrelenting Big Red booster Andy Bernard of “The Office,” and animated sidekick Sideshow Mel of “The Simpsons.” Cornell has also figured in a number of recent films, including *Up in the Air* (as the alma mater of George Clooney’s ambitious protégé) and *The Informant*, about the escapades of ADM whistleblower (and multi-million-dollar embezzler) Mark Whitacre, PhD '83. At the end of the film, Whitacre is seen leaving federal prison wearing a Cornell sweatshirt.

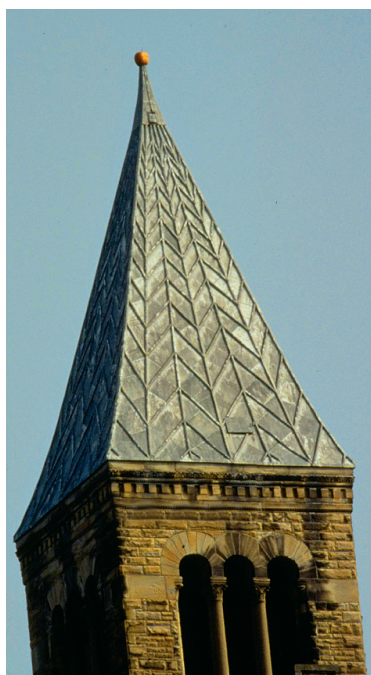
## OUT OF OUR GOURD

When Earle gives presentations to students, the question he’s asked most often is, “What’s the story with the clocktower pumpkin?” So his lecture includes a detailed account of the day in late October 1997 when the campus woke to find a gourd mysteriously speared atop McGraw Tower. The story immediately caught on with national media; as Earle jokes, “The *New York Times* basically had a beat writer assigned to it.”

The University cordoned off the grass around the tower with police tape, lest the vegetable fall and kill somebody, and set up a “Pumpkin Cam” with live video streaming on the Web. East Hill was agog with pumpkin mania. Engineers tried to design a device to go up and take samples; the Glee Club sang a pumpkin-themed parody of the Alma Mater on the national news; when the pumpkin failed to rot with the advent of spring, plant science students debated whether it was real.

Ultimately, the administration decided to play it safe and take it down, bringing in a crane and planning a gala ceremony—but during a preliminary run, a gust of wind knocked the crane into the spire and the pumpkin fell off. Ultimately, it was determined to be a genuine, hollowed-out gourd that had been freeze-dried by the Ithaca winter.

So how did it get up there? Years later, a plausible story emerged: skilled rock climbers had attended a chimes concert and hidden in the tower until everyone left, then put tape over a door lock on their way out. They retrieved their equipment and returned to the tower, where they took the stairs to the top, cut open a locked hatch in the roof, and scrambled up to deposit the pumpkin by cover of night. “No one ever took responsibility,” Earle says, “but it has been said the local climbing community is very aware of who the perpetrators are.”

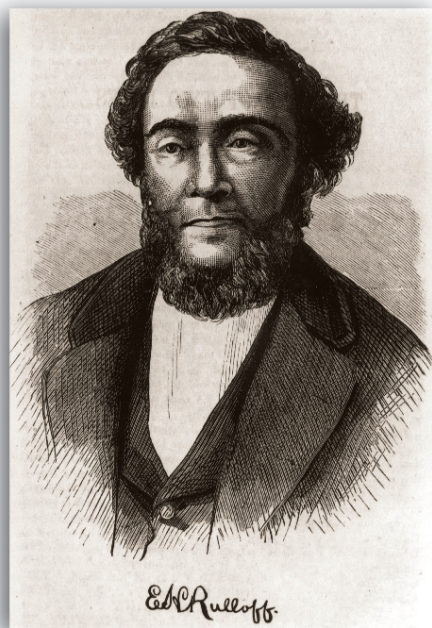


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## CORNELL'S FAVORITE KILLER

"Probably the best spooky story about Cornell is Ruloff," Earle says. "He's Ithaca's most famous criminal." In the mid-nineteenth century, Edward Ruloff was a schoolteacher in nearby Dryden when his wife and infant vanished; around the same time, a neighbor was asked to help Ruloff carry a large trunk to his carriage. He was assumed to have murdered them in a rage and tossed them in the lake—but since their bodies were never found, he was prosecuted for kidnapping. He escaped from custody after befriendng the son of the jailkeeper and continued his life of crime. A sociopath who fancied himself an unsung genius in the field of philology, he was eventually arrested for the murder of a Binghamton shopkeeper. After being convicted in 1870 in what Earle calls "the O. J. Simpson trial of the mid-1800s," he became the last person publicly hanged in New York State. A jailhouse interview shortly before his death cemented his legend. "He said, 'You cannot kill an unquiet spirit, and I know that my impending death will not mean the end of Ruloff. In the dead of night, walking along Cayuga Street, you will sense my presence. When you wake to a sudden chill, I will be in the room. And when you find yourself alone at the lake shore, gazing at gray Cayuga, know that I was cut short and your ancestors killed me . . .' He gave this really spooky statement, and afterward there were sightings of Ruloff's ghost along Cayuga Lake." While not strictly a Cornellian, Ruloff lives on as the namesake of a popular Collegetown eatery. His brain, which is on view in Cornell's collection in Uris Hall, is among the largest on record.



## FAMOUS FALSEHOODS

What are Earle's favorite Cornell "facts" that prove to be way off base? The main one that audiences often ask him about is the University's supposedly astronomical suicide rate—which, despite the gorge deaths last spring, is actually in line with that of other schools. Also, Earle says, "There's a story that says the Dairy Bar ice cream isn't FDA-approved or legal to sell off campus, because the fat content is too high. That's actually not true; they just have chosen to keep the operation on a smaller scale since its focus is on education, not making money." Another bit of dairy-related apocrypha: "It was never a requirement to milk a cow before you graduate—though it is on the list of '161 Things to Do,' so most students do try to get some milking in."

Yet another common falsehood is that the University's infamous swim test was initiated by a wealthy alum whose child drowned, inspiring a donation to Cornell—with the stipulation that all students learn to swim. "That isn't true," Earle says. "It started in the Nineteen-Teens as a Red Cross program for women. Then, as part of military preparedness, men began taking it. For years, men had to do fifty yards and women had to do a hundred. It wasn't until the Seventies that they equalized it to seventy-five yards for everybody."



## PIGSKIN'S POP

Among the Cornellians who had the most influence on the wider world of sports was Glenn "Pop" Warner 1894, who not only coached the Big Red football team but invented the tackling dummy and pioneered such now-standard practices as putting numbers on uniform jerseys. "He credited himself with more rule changes than anyone else—and that's because they had to create the rules because of things he was doing," Earle says. "He had creative strategies like sewing a fake football on everyone's jersey, so it looked like they all had footballs. They also had to make a rule saying, 'You can't hide the football under your jersey,' because he would instruct his players to do that." ■



## MOTHER OF INVENTION

Cornell educated the inventors of SuperGlue (Harry Coover, PhD '44), the Heimlich Maneuver (Harry Heimlich '41, MD '43), air conditioning (Willis Carrier 1901), and chicken nuggets (Robert Baker '43). The latter was a Cornell food science professor who made it his mission to design new uses for poultry. Says Earle: "He was sort of the George Washington Carver of chicken."



Dana Beyer '74 aims to be the first transgendered American elected to statewide office

# Identity Politics

By Brad Herzog

**W**hat surprised Dana Beyer '74 as she ran for a seat in Maryland's House of Delegates in 2006 was that almost no one pointed out the elephant in the room. Pitted against seven other Democrats running for three seats representing District 18, Beyer worked tirelessly for four and a half months. She built a website, crafted position papers, participated in candidate forums, and campaigned relentlessly, knocking on some 7,200 doors. But only one prospective constituent, a former town official, even mentioned the issue that had drawn widespread attention to Beyer's campaign.

"Oh, I know all about you," the man said, likely having read profiles of Beyer in the *Washington Post* and the *Baltimore Sun*. Standing in his doorway, he began ticking off the reasons why he was impressed with her. "You're a retired eye surgeon. You graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell. You got your medical degree from Penn." Then he added, "On top of that, you changed your gender."

Yes, there's that.

By running for election to the state legislature, Beyer essentially outed herself to the 60,000 potential voters in the traditionally liberal district (where the race is generally decided during the Democratic primary). Her male-to-female transition had occurred only three years earlier, but she knew she had to tell her story in full. "When I decided I was going to deal with this, part of it was about acting with integrity and not being afraid to tell anybody," says the fifty-eight-year-old, who lives in suburban Chevy Chase. "As a politician, I really have no choice. And part of the reason I'm a politician, I think, is I really didn't *want* to have a choice."

Beyer was unafraid to go public about her personal history, sometimes using humor to diffuse the tension. Like the time the talk at a candidate forum turned to same-sex marriage, and Beyer said, "I think I'm the only person on the dais who has actually *been* in one." But her platform went beyond gender and equality issues (she remains a vocal proponent of extensive health-care reform), and Beyer was endorsed by groups ranging from the Montgomery County Public School Retiree Association



Dana Beyer '74

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to the Fraternal Order of Police. In the end, however, two incumbents won reelection, and Beyer fell about 1,000 votes short of the third seat. But she is running again this year—setting her sights on the September 14 primary—and this time around she says she is better prepared.

It is difficult to assess the transgender population in the U.S.; the Census Bureau doesn’t ask about gender identity beyond male or female. In 1994, the American Psychiatric Association estimated that as few as one male in 30,000 seeks gender reassignment surgery (and only one in 100,000 females). But two years later, a study examining four decades of data in the Netherlands suggested the procedure might be nearly three times as prevalent for each gender. University of Michigan professor Lynn Conway (who underwent a male-to-female transition in 1968) reckons that roughly 1,500 to 2,000 U.S. residents undergo male-to-female reassignment surgery annually.

What is certain is that there have been only a handful of transgender politicians around the world, the best known being a woman (coincidentally named Georgina Beyer) who was elected to New Zealand’s Parliament in 1999 and served until 2007. There have been a few others—a former member of the Italian parliament; a state legislator in India; a mayor of Cambridge, England; local politicians in Japan, Germany, and Spain.

In January, President Obama made headlines by appointing Amanda Simpson to be a senior technical adviser at the Commerce Department. Simpson, who won a Democratic primary (but lost the general election) for state representative in Arizona, is the first transgender person appointed to federal office. But the list of elected transgender politicians in the U.S. is a short one. While the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund counts some 450 openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual officials serving at the local, state, and federal levels, the number of transgender politicians can be counted on one hand. There was a councilwoman in Georgia, an alderperson in Missouri, a small-town mayor in Oregon, a school board member in Hawaii. And that’s it.

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**W**ayne Beyer mumbled the prayer every day, confused and alarmed. Growing up in Queens, Beyer was raised by Conservative Jewish parents who opted to send their oldest child to a yeshiva, an Orthodox day school. There, Beyer stood with the rest of the boys and recited a morning blessing: “Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, who has not made me a woman.” It was, Beyer recalls, “like swallowing

crushed glass.” Wayne’s earliest memory, starting around the age of six, was simply this: “I am not a boy.” Forget wanting to be Mickey Mantle; he wanted to look like the Breck girl on TV.

While Beyer’s mother, Selma, was pregnant in 1951, she had been prescribed DES, a synthetic form of estrogen widely used to prevent miscarriages. The drug was banned in 1971, largely because it was linked to vaginal cancer, but

Beyer is certain that it also caused intersex conditions. DES, she says, was “the worst drug disaster in American history.”

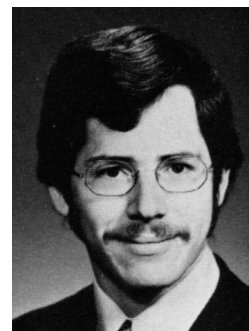
Most news accounts describe Beyer as being born with “conflicting genitalia.” The reality is that Beyer had fully functioning male genitalia and elements of a female reproductive system—specifically, an enlarged prostatic utricle, which is the male version of the uterus. But Beyer’s “brain sex” was nowhere near as ambiguous. “People ask me, ‘What was it like being a man, and what is it like now being a woman?’ And I say, ‘I don’t know. I never felt like a man. I had a female brain. I could tell you what it was like pretending to be a man,’” she says. “Transitioning is a choice, but who you are is not a choice.”

As a pre-teen, Beyer would occasionally try on his mother’s clothing, even leaving it scattered around the house in an attempt to evoke questions; at age eleven, he had the courage to declare, “I’m a girl.” Milton Beyer stood stone-faced. Selma Beyer threatened to have him institutionalized. It was never mentioned again. “They were scared to death,” says Beyer. “It was not an issue of my sexuality. It was more an issue of a psychiatric problem that the neighbors might find out. So they shut it down completely.”

But then puberty arrived, sparking a terrifying hormonal conflict. That enlarged utricle started bleeding, which Beyer describes as “menstruating from my residual uterine tissue.” Wayne kept it a secret for four months, thinking: Maybe God is finally turning me into a girl. Finally, the pain grew too intense to hide. The Beyers took Wayne to a urologist, whose draconian solution was to inject silver nitrate—a chemical cautery agent to stop blood flow—into the urethra. The burning, says Beyer, was “the most horrendous pain imaginable.” The doctor couldn’t tell where the bleeding was coming from, but the injections continued. Years later, when Beyer told a therapist what had happened, he was horrified. “My god,” he said, “you were raped and tortured for four months.”

Eventually, the nitrate caused an obstruction that backed up the urine flow into the bladder and then into the kidneys, leading to acute renal failure. During surgery, thirteen-year-old Wayne coded and had to be resuscitated, spending three weeks in the hospital. Doctors never did discover the original problem, although the bleeding did cease.

In the years that followed, Beyer was an academic overachiever—commuting four hours daily to attend the prestigious Bronx High School of Science, then earning degrees from Cornell and Penn. But there was always emotional distance: Keep friends at arm’s length. Don’t drink or do drugs, for fear of low-



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ering inhibitions. Live on the periphery. At Cornell, Beyer lived at the Young Israel House for two years and spent a junior year abroad in Israel. Mostly, she recalls her college experience as being dominated by lots of science labs and few intimates. “I don’t think anyone would remember that I existed,” Beyer says. “I was on this knife’s edge, this fear that somehow I would be outed and people would know. I lived with a mask on, feeling I was defrauding my closest friends.”

The only exception was a girlfriend, Shula. They had met in high school, and Beyer got close to her just before heading to Cornell. Shula remained a best friend and intimate, eventually becoming Beyer’s wife during medical school and bearing the couple’s two sons.

Regarding the issue of sexual orientation, Beyer has described herself as bisexual. Despite erotic feelings toward men, Beyer says she never felt like a gay man; how would such a thing be possible if you’re really a woman? Nor is she now specifically attracted to one gender or the other. “It’s who you are, not who you love,” she says. “People ask me what I am now, and I say, ‘I don’t really care. I’m just looking for love.’”

The burden of not being able to express her true identity led to a peripatetic existence. Beyer worked as a physician and surgeon in northwestern Kenya, completed a residency at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, then traveled to the foothills of the Nepalese Himalayas, serving as an eye surgeon for the World Health Organization’s Prevention of Blindness Program. Years earlier, while recovering in the hospital at thirteen, Beyer had announced a desire to become a doctor “so nobody would ever have to suffer like me.” Originally, the plan was to focus on pediatrics—but because it was a predominantly female specialty, Beyer was afraid people might start asking questions about gender identity. The decision to turn to ophthalmology was telling, Beyer says. “There’s really nothing in any eye disease that’s gender specific, other than congenital diseases,” she notes. “I’ve thought about that. Why did I end up in a subspecialty that had nothing to do with who I was?”

Beyer thrived during a seven-year stint as a glaucoma and retina specialist in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, providing care for a large population of underserved (and underinsured) African American and Cajun patients. But by 1990, the weight of living as a man had become almost too much to bear. “I was chronically suicidal,” says Beyer, who retired from clinical practice, separated from Shula, and embarked on what was essentially a decade of stops and starts along the road to gender transition.

A big moment occurred in 1992 with a simple act—shaving off a mustache. “That was my camouflage,” says Beyer, who had sported one for more than two decades. “I couldn’t go out as a woman with a mustache. It was forcing me to live as a man.” Slowly, cautiously, Beyer began to transition—taking estrogen and undergoing painful electrolysis, as well as scalp revision surgery to counter the onset of male pattern baldness. But severe depression and a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder—as well as a relationship with the woman, Cathy, who became his second wife in 1997—put the process on hold.

The September 11 terrorist attacks restarted the transition. Beyer attended a good friend’s wedding in Manhattan nine days later, and a confluence of events crystallized into an epiphany. Beyer was approaching fifty. The friend had waited until that age



The campaign trail: Beyer kicks off her first bid for Maryland’s House of Delegates in May 2006. Opposite: Beyer’s senior portrait in the 1974 *Cornellian*.

to get married, a lesson that it’s never too late to find happiness. The smoke rising from Ground Zero was still visible, a reminder that life is short. At the wedding, surrounded by a handful of childhood classmates, Beyer understood that crippling fear had been preventing a full-on transition—fear of the response from his yeshiva friends, from medical colleagues, from parents who had resisted even contemplating their child’s gender issues, from a younger brother who is a professor at the U.S. Naval Academy. That day, Beyer says, “I realized I no longer cared what people thought. That was the critical leap.”

In January 2003, Beyer traveled to San Francisco for facial feminization surgery—an eleven-hour procedure involving reconstruction of the forehead, nose, jawline, and chin. That July she underwent four hours of genital surgery consisting of a penectomy, vaginoplasty, and labioplasty. A few months later, Beyer underwent breast augmentation. The “M” was changed to “F” on her driver’s license, her passport, and even her birth certificate. “It’s like I was reborn,” she says.

When it came time to choose a new name, her sons got involved. Beyer’s younger son, Jonathan, was thirteen at the time of the surgeries and had known about his father’s inner turmoil for nearly a decade, once even looking into a store window and saying, “That’s a pretty dress. I’m going to buy you that for your birthday.” David, then sixteen and away at prep school, didn’t have the cushion of experiencing the transition incrementally, as his younger brother did; the first time he saw his father as a woman, in fact, was at his graduation. Although he admits it was



difficult for a while, eventually he discovered that the biggest change in his life was simply that his father seemed happier.

But the name—that was important to the boys. Choose a female name that won't embarrass us on our college applications, they told her. Pick a gender-neutral name. So she officially became Dana Beyer, and her sons usually call her by her first name. Now when she hears the name Wayne, Beyer says, "It's not me anymore. There's a bit of a cringe factor. But it always had a cringe factor, even when I was little."

Conventional wisdom in the transgender community suggests that half of one's friends and family might be lost in the wake of a transition. But in the end, "I have lost no one, with the exception of my wife as a wife," says Beyer, who remains good friends with Cathy. "I have regained all of these friendships, but in a far deeper sense." But what about her parents, from whom Beyer had been emotionally estranged for half a century? "We had never talked about anything of significance," she says, "because the most significant thing in my life was unspeakable."

Even after the facial surgery, when Beyer had been living as Dana for a couple of months, her mother insisted on calling her by her male name. Her father had been characteristically silent. So Beyer decided to fly down to Delray Beach, Florida, and confront the situation head-on. It began awkwardly—especially with her mother, who had long harbored guilt about her use of DES and how it might have affected her child. But within a few hours, the three of them were leafing through photo albums as her parents tried to decide whether she looked more like Aunt Becky or Aunt Frances. Says Beyer: "I have a relationship with my parents for the first time in my life."

Once introverted, Beyer found new life as a community activist with an unyielding set of opinions, particularly about progressive causes like universal health care. "There aren't enough people who are truly willing to stand up for what they believe, so I'm trying to change that," says Beyer. "Because of my transition, I'm fearless. After what I've gone through, dealing with conservative Democrats or fundamentalist Christians is a piece of cake."

The day after the 2006 election, Montgomery County councilwoman Duchy Trachtenberg offered Beyer a paid position as her senior policy adviser. Beyer worked nearly sixty hours per week—her responsibilities included health and human services, education, civil rights, and intergovernmental relations—until taking unpaid leave to return to the campaign trail. Beyer also serves as vice president of Equality Maryland, sits on the board of directors of the National Center for Transgender Equality, and is a founding director of Teach the Facts, a group that has waged a legal battle with conservatives over curriculum changes that included discussion of transgender issues. Her increased public profile has turned her into a bit of a lightning rod in the county. "Some of my political adversaries here are going around saying, 'She thinks she's the tenth councilmember. She's not acting like a staff member,'" she says. "Well, this is who I am. I'm making a difference."

Some of her opponents, however, have done more than grumble. Beyer has received hate mail and the occasional death



All in the family: Beyer with sons Jonathan (left) and David

threat. Her son David has even tried to convince her to wear a bulletproof vest. "He's afraid I'm going to end up like Harvey Milk," says Beyer, who dismisses the notion with a shrug. "My whole goal is to normalize my community and myself."

Beyer has occasionally found herself embroiled in ugly confrontations, one of which resulted in her suing the county under a 2007 law—prohibiting discrimination based on "gender identity and expression"—that she and Trachtenberg helped craft. After Beyer was accused of intimidating petition gatherers representing a group formed to oppose the law, the county ethics commission launched an investigation. When Beyer learned that the investigation had included having a technician secretly scour her office computer, she filed a complaint with the county human rights commission. Then, contending her complaint was ignored, she sued Montgomery County for \$5 million; the case is pending. "If you sue for an apology," she explains, "nobody pays much attention to you."

Meanwhile, Beyer continues to aim for a seat as a state delegate, so she has worked to enhance her credentials. In July 2008, she completed a three-week program for senior executives in state and local government at Harvard's Kennedy School. During the 2008 presidential race, she attended the Democratic National Convention and served on the Obama campaign's LGBT steering committee. Last June, she found herself in the East Room of the White House as part of a group observing the fortieth anniversary of the Stonewall riots, the Greenwich Village confrontation considered the modern genesis of the gay rights movement. After Obama spoke he worked the room, finally arriving at Beyer.

"Mr. President, I'm Dana Beyer. I'm a retired eye surgeon," she told him. "And when I'm elected next year, I'm going to be the first transgender state legislator in American history."

"That's great," the President said with a wide smile. "Go for it." ■

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## Big Red Madness Cornell Goes to the Dance, and Alumni Celebrate

By Scott Pesner '87

In March, as the Big Red men's basketball team began its journey in the NCAA "Big Dance" for the third year in a row, alumni groups around the world held the usual first-round celebrations. "We've been through this the past two years, so we figured we'd have a couple of viewing parties at local bars and at the Cornell Club-New York and that's all we needed to do," says Ashley Barry '07, sports chair of NYC Cornellians Young Alumni. "But when we were overwhelmed by the turnout for the first game against Temple, we knew something special was in the air."

That "something special" was the national spotlight thrown on the men's team, as it defeated Temple in the first round and the University of Wisconsin in the second, earning a trip to Syracuse to take on the University of Kentucky in the Sweet Sixteen—the first time in thirty-one years that an Ivy League team made it that far.

Cornell alumni were now not only boasting about their school's academic reputation but its athletic prowess as well. The Alumni Association's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cornellalumniassociation](http://www.facebook.com/cornellalumniassociation)) was inundated with postings from around the world about how proud Cornellians were of their alma mater. Said one: "My undergraduate degree is from Ohio State, but

my PhD is from Cornell. That Ohio State is in the Sweet Sixteen is no big news; Ohio State is a super power in both football and basketball, but, wow, Cornell! Awesome!" (For some other postings, see sidebar.)

As the team continued its march, some alumni headed to Syracuse for the Sweet Sixteen. Alison Torrillo French '95 and her husband, Matt French '95, ME '96, made the trip from Washington, D.C. "Matt is a huge NCAA basketball fan—he and his dad always get tickets when the tournament is in D.C.—so how could we pass up this chance when Syracuse is driving distance away?" French says. "We momentarily considered doing the 'responsible' thing and not taking the days off work, but realized this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that we'd very much regret if we didn't go. It was a great feeling to share such a special evening with so many other Cornellians." Her favorite part? The run on Cornell merchandise at the Carrier Dome. "Everything sold out," she says. "At one point, I walked by a vendor who



**Show your colors:** The coast-to-coast gatherings included festive viewing parties at two locations in Seattle.

was opening a new box and a ton of people raced over—only for him to say, 'Sorry, there's no Cornell T-shirts in here.' How often does *that* happen?"

Of course, most people couldn't make it to Syracuse, so alumni groups around the world planned viewings in their areas. For Robert Mandelbaum '81 of the Cornell Club of Atlanta, putting together gatherings to watch Big Red sports events was fairly common—but this was different. "We usually get fifteen people for games, but for the Sweet Sixteen we had seventy-five," Mandelbaum marvels. "People came just to be there. We had alumni who had no interest in basketball say they had to dig out their old Cornell

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T-shirts and sweatshirts because they wanted to share in the experience." The excitement was comparable on the other side of the country. "We had to offer viewing at two locations in Seattle because we had so much interest," says Blakely Lord '97, president of the Cornell Club of Western Washington. "We had a great cross-section of alumni, with all ages and colleges represented."

In New York City, alumni interest grew as the tournament continued. "By the second game we had six locations, including two owned by Cornellians, and they were all packed," says Barry. "The excitement was incredible." Eventually, viewing parties were held in thirteen locations, including Brooklyn and Queens. The Cornell Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association drew a huge crowd at a bar in Chelsea, and the Cornell Black Alumni Association invited its members to gather at a viewing party at Tonic, a large three-level bar in Times Square. That's where Warren Kurtzman '87, visiting New York on business from Raleigh, North Carolina, found himself for the Cornell-Kentucky game. Kurtzman was amazed to be surrounded by some 400 alumni who had taken over the entire location. "The size and enthusiasm of the crowd was overwhelming," he says. "Perhaps the best part was that I brought along a business associate who had no connection to Cornell, and he



**Big Red spirit:** Hundreds of alumni and friends watched the game at Tonic, a large bar in Times Square.

was converted into a Big Red fan within minutes."

Of all the viewing parties, perhaps the most interesting was the one Mike McMahon '93 organized deep in University of Kentucky country. "We're in the heart of enemy territory," he says, "but there are a lot of Cornell alumni on the Kentucky faculty." The gathering was held at an upscale Lexington bar, which was also occupied by Kentucky fans. "We were fortunate that it was a night game, because our alumni had to hide the fact that they were Cornell fans," he says. "They wore University of Kentucky turtle-necks—but when they took off their jackets, they were wearing Cornell sweatshirts over them. I think people were nervous, but we escaped without any bloodshed."

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## Big Red Pride, Facebook Style

*The Cornell Alumni Association's Facebook page was hopping as men's basketball, as well as wrestling and men's and women's hockey, advanced in their respective NCAA tournaments. The site continues to post information of interest to alumni. For those not on Facebook, the discussion is available through the Cornell alumni website, [alumni.cornell.edu](http://alumni.cornell.edu). Here's a condensed sampling of the March postings:*

"I spent half of my morning in Bangkok, Thailand, on the NCAA website. I have never in 30 years watched a live game before . . . found myself cheering like mad for the team."

"I have never watched a basketball game on TV. So to sit on pins and needles waiting for Thursday night to roll around to watch those amazing young men face Kentucky was a new experience for me. I'm so proud of my school."

"How exciting it has been to actually have conversations with non-Cornellians about Cornell athletics! More than one Big Red team in the news in a single week! I was so proud to watch the men's basketball team on the court."

"I live in Seoul, South Korea. The past few weeks have been an amazing ride—nonetheless so as I was up in the wee hours and canceling morning meetings to catch the game."

"The entire ride—and the way the team and the Cornell community responded, balancing the education we value with the sports we played—is a testament to the University. A proud day for Cornellians everywhere."

"Can we challenge Kentucky to a spelling bee now?"

## Rhodes Award Winners Announced

**E**ight distinguished Cornellians have been honored with the 2010 Frank H. T. Rhodes Award for Exemplary Alumni Service. The highest alumni honor, the award recognizes graduates who have given long-term volunteer service to Cornell throughout the broad spectrum of alumni organizations. This year's recipients are Carol Bagdasarian Aslanian '63; John Foote '74 and Kristen Rupert '74; Keith Kennedy, MS '41, PhD '47; Nancy Radick Lynk '52 and Robert Lynk '54, DVM '61; Nelson Schaenen '50, MBA '51; and Jay Waks '68, JD '71. The awards will be presented at a formal dinner during Homecoming Weekend.

## Alumni Website Gets a Makeover

After many months of work by Alumni Affairs and University Communications, the alumni website—[alumni.cornell.edu](http://alumni.cornell.edu)—got a new look and expanded content. The revamped site divides information into four areas: Participate, Volunteer, Remember, and Give. Its main feature is a "Find Alumni Events & Groups" function, allowing users easy access to events in their area and to groups in which they can participate. In addition, it will serve as a gateway to CornellConnect, Cornell's online community. The site also features connections to social media platforms. Visitors without Facebook accounts can still participate in the Cornell Alumni Association Facebook feed and also get updates on Twitter postings about Cornell.

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## Website Profiles Distinguished '79 Grads

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By Tom Cummings '75

**I**nspired by *The 100 Most Notable Cornellians* by Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, Isaac Kramnick, and R. Laurence Moore, the Class of 1979 sought to identify its most notable members. The result is a new website that showcases the accomplishments of an ever-growing number of classmates.

Class officers Jeff Berg, ME '80, MBA '81, Mary Maxon Grainger, MPS '87, Jordan Schell-Lambert, ME '80, and Cindy Williams solicited nominations from the class. They also consulted with staff in Alumni Affairs and Development and conducted extensive Web research. They defined a distinguished classmate as "a person who has made a meaningful, recognizable, and lasting contribution to their profession, community, business, or constituency."

Former class president Jeff Berg said, "We knew via anecdotes and the Class Notes column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine* that since graduation a number of our classmates had done

amazing things in business, public service, education, and their communities. We wanted to compile a list of the most notable classmates and share their accomplishments as we approached our 25th Reunion."

In honor of that reunion in 2004, the class published a brochure that highlighted twenty-five distinguished individuals. For their 30th in 2009, they added another thirty to the list and updated the profiles of the initial group. Recently, with the help of a grant from the Cornell Alumni Association, the class produced a website (<http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu/Classmates/index.html>) that serves as a highly accessible archive that can be easily updated.

The fifty-five honorees to date include individuals in eight broadly defined fields: arts/media, education, entrepreneurship, health care/medicine, product businesses, public service, service businesses, and service to Cornell. Representing all seven undergraduate

colleges, they hail from around the globe. Each profile includes a photo and links to the honoree's organizations and achievements. "What we found, and continue to find through nominations and research, is truly heartwarming, as the honorees are very humble," says Mary Maxon Grainger, former vice president for communications and current reunion chair. "We encourage classmates to share their accomplishments and those of others they know, so we can continue to expand our list of classmates at upcoming reunions."

A downloadable nomination form for the thirty-five distinguished classmates to be honored at the 35th Reunion in 2014 is now available on the site. By adding corresponding numbers of classmates at their 40th, 45th, and 50th reunions, the Class of '79 will have recognized 225 individuals by its 50th Reunion in 2029.

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## Asian Alumni Honor Annie Wong '77

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**M**ore than 250 alumni and friends came together in February to ring in the Year of the Tiger at the Cornell Asian Alumni Association's annual banquet at the Golden Unicorn, a restaurant in New York City's Chinatown. The event, which featured a ten-course traditional Chinese meal, also included entertainment by a Taiko drumming troupe. Annie Wong '77 was this year's honoree—recognized for her professional achievements, support for CAAA, and leadership as an alumna.

Wong, who chairs the University Council's Committee on Student and Academic Services, received the award from Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, vice president for student and academic services. In accepting it, she spoke about growing up as a first-generation American in San Francisco and going to the public library in the spring of her

junior year of high school to research colleges. She decided that she would ask for information from all eight Ivy League schools, but would apply to only one—since the fact that the elite institutions were located on the other side of the country made attending one seem a distant dream. She said when she received a beautiful white viewbook with red lettering, she knew that Cornell was the place for her, and her love affair with the University has never stopped.

Proceeds from this year's banquet benefited the CAAA Scholarship Program, which recognizes outstanding



**Gala night: Annie Wong '77 (center) with Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94 (left), and CAAA President Monica Gelinis '99**

students who demonstrate a commitment to hard work, academic achievement, and community service. Since 1992, CAAA has raised nearly \$150,000 for scholarships benefiting two dozen Cornell students.



**39** **Bill '42 and Betty "Luxie" Luxford Webster** (Hamburg, NY) forwarded news from former class president **Sally Steinman** Harms (Amherst, MA). Sally reports that she was diagnosed with a blood clot on her lung that resulted in her being denied a knee replacement; she now relies on a wheelchair to get around. For Christmas, she traveled to Boston with daughter Tekla, a geology professor at Amherst, to visit daughter Christy, a children's court judge. "My grandson Charlie was there and we went to visit his swish apartment in the middle of Boston, because he now has an amazingly good job," she writes. "Maddie, my granddaughter, is in her second year at Boston College and simply loves it. She was on the dean's list her first year, loves to get high marks, and loves being surrounded by handsome men." Sally has discovered books on tape, and while she hasn't found any bridge partners, she plays poker every week.

The Websters keep in touch with Babe Lynch, widow of our classmate **Bill Lynch**. "Lynch and I were reunion 'chairs' from the 20th Reunion of the Class of '39 until his death," writes Betty. "He was the greatest of reunion chairs and I have greatly missed his presence at the last reunions. Bill and I still do sing-a-longs, using the collection of old songs started by Babe and Bill at reunions from way back; we have since added 100 or more songs. We have a dinner and sing-a-long monthly at Romanello's South Restaurant in Hamburg. Recently, 150 folks showed up for the meal and 'sing.' " Bill is the piano player and also provides tunes for several senior day care centers and retirement homes.

**Jean Pettit** Lentz (Willoughby, OH) reports that her youngest daughter drove her to our 70th Reunion in June 2009. "Appreciate lots of work by both Luxie and Bill Webster and so many others to give us a great time! Wonderful to see **Dawn Rochow-Balden** Seymour and some of her family." Jean lunches with Lake County retired teachers and with the 100-year-old Willoughby Woman's Club. She also participates in myriad church activities and swims at Bally's ("But pool water cold; enjoyed the hot tub!"). This winter's abundant snow in Ohio brought Cornell days often to her thoughts: "Reminds me of borrowing metal trays from the KAT kitchen to slide down the toboggan run onto frozen Beebe Lake!"

Wintry weather also features prominently in the favorite campus memories of **Annette Newman** Gordon (Santa Cruz, CA), who recalls tromping across campus in the snow. She had a visit from her sister **Dorothy Newman** Seligman '41 and nephew **John Seligman** '68, during which the three had fun basking in the California sunshine and sharing memories of Cornell. Annie attends all the cultural activities at her assisted living facility, Sunshine Villa, and particularly enjoys concerts, poetry readings by her son-in-law, and word games. Beebe Lake ice skating aficionado **Faith Edgerton** Riesen, SK '40 (Reno, NV) reports that she uses special low-vision cards to compensate for her macular degeneration and still enjoys playing bridge with friends.

Hotie **Robert Brown** writes in his blog, *One World Peacemaker*: "I am very concerned about the

status of governments today and believe that in order to have peace, changes must be made, principally because communications are instantly available for anyone, anywhere on our planet. Science has progressed far beyond the horse and buggy days so that today, race and gender are common and equal; however, birth control is needed for mankind to survive or space exploration must find another planet similar to our Earth." Bob credits **Leigh Alvin Brown 1912**, **Jim White '39**, PhD '44, and Carl Sagan among his teachers.

News of **John Tallman**, BS Chem E '40, comes courtesy of his daughter, Carolyn Tallman Weymouth. "My father suffered a stroke in October 2009 and now resides in an assisted living wing of his retirement home," she writes. "He has happy memories of Cornell, having grown up in Ithaca, but sadly, his short-term memory is lost." Thank you, Carolyn, for sending news. Author and painter **Rawley Apfelbaum** Silver maintains the website [www.rawleysilver.com](http://www.rawleysilver.com), which details her many accomplishments. She has been writing about therapeutic art for children since 1962, has five books in print, and has reported her findings in dozens of journal articles. Her research has been supported by grants from the US Dept. of Education and the National Inst. of Education, among others. Her 18th one-person exhibition appeared in January 2008, and in 2009 she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Teachers College at Columbia U.

The family of **Jane Davison** Fast (Lawton, MI) authored a holiday greeting in December 2009, making a final installment in a longtime tradition cut short by Jane's death in November. Jane died at home with family at her side. They wrote: "Her last year was filled with monthly outings with the widows' group at church, lunch with friends every other Friday, a 90th birthday celebration with family and friends, church services, and daily visits from her two great-grandchildren, Nickolaus and Emily Jane. We know that she enjoyed and cherished the friendship and communication that each one of you provided through the years." □

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**40** The 70th Reunion of the Class of 1940 took place on June 10-13 in Ithaca, unfortunately too late to be covered in this issue's class column. Please check back to this space in the Sept/Oct issue for a full Reunion Report. In the meantime, many '40ers continue to send news.

**Miriam "Mimi" Civic** Kerpen ([mimikerpen@yahoo.com](mailto:mimikerpen@yahoo.com)) and husband Fred reside in the vicinity of New York U., in lower Manhattan. Since 2002, she has been a member of the Inst. for Retired Professionals, a peer teaching and learning organization, at the New School. "The drama group consumed most of my time and I am reminded of it this year in the course I am taking on the Group Theatre and its loyal member and supporter **Franchot Tone '27**," she writes. "Practicing English with newcomers to the US is my chief volunteer job—and I love it." She keeps in

touch with **John Weiner** (White Plains, NY) and saw **Ruth Lebrecht** Duke (Williamsville, NY) at the 60th Reunion.

**George Mueden**, BS Chem '43 (New York, NY; [gfmueden@verizon.net](mailto:gfmueden@verizon.net)) lives on the Upper West Side. He writes, "My eyes are going, half gone." While he can read only headlines in the print newspaper, he uses his computer to read the rest of the story online. "With one eye I have lost depth perception, important for how high the curb is and pouring into a glass. My stick tells me about the curb and geometry does the second." Using Google and the Internet, he has learned about assistive technology (AT) and the legibility of printing and on screen. "Google Alerts for low vision, legibility, and assistive technology help me keep up to date. Another for Venice, Venezia, and Il Gazzettino's website tell me what is going on in my favorite vacation spot. Another for 'geriatric care managers' reminds me that I ought to have one." George also has a blog, "Mixed Pickles," which, he explains, "examines things that disturb me and ought to be fixed, and once in a while it says something nice." Read more about George's autumn 2009 trip to Venice and his life in Manhattan at: <http://gfmueden.wordpress.com>. "Quiet, undemanding life? Nix," he concludes. "I checked my e-mail at bedtime and found 14 waiting to be read. I have stopped investing because I am too old to live through a recovery. Bad things can happen and I might need a lot for end-of-life expenses."

**Margaret Tammen** Perry (Orange City, FL) wrote in mid-November 2009, a week after celebrating her 90th birthday. Her extended family—including husband Everett's daughter, plus four granddaughters and their 12 children—sent a "gigantic basket of gorgeous flowers." A retired church strategy consultant, she still volunteers for her DeLand, FL, church. She would like to hear from her old friend **Betty Russell** Owings. **Clarence Padgham** (Sun City Center, FL) writes, "A severe stroke in April laid me low and in the hospital twice, plus five weeks in the nursing home, but now I have recovered almost 100 percent. Next week I am thinking about 18 holes of golf." Although he is feeling better, he reports that he no longer volunteers. "After the stroke, they needed a *working* treasurer in the woodshop and on the resident scholarship committee that benefits employees." Clarence lost his wife, **Rose (Brodbeck) '39**, in February 2006.

On the West Coast, **John Kramp** (Valencia, CA) still walks laps every day. "I moved into an assisted living community to be closer to my son and his wife when my wife passed away last year," he writes. John is still involved with the Panther Veterans Organization, a group that served in the Army's 66th Infantry Division during WWII. **Francis Greenspan**, MD '43 (San Francisco; [fgreenspan@gmail.com](mailto:fgreenspan@gmail.com)) reports that he continues to work part-time at UC San Francisco Medical Center, teaching and seeing patients. His business card reveals a specialty in thyroidology and general endocrinology. He'd be happy to hear from **Leon Enken** and **Sig Kriegsman**. □ **Class of 1940**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**41** I have now joined my cohort **Warner Lansing**, PhD '49, as an official "Class of '41 Fall Victim," which landed me in the hospital with a broken pelvis for three days in February. My recovery was progressing nicely when something happened to my sciatic nerve, which has been a source of pain since. I relate this tale of woe because my cohort **Kenneth** is still recovering from a bad fall in January that broke a neck vertebra. Our nearby children and our church family have provided much needed support—Ken is out of his stiff neck collar and into a softer one and we are both hopeful that physical therapy will get us back to health this spring.

With the encouragement of both our doctors and our children we are now considering a move to one-floor accommodations from this home that we have enjoyed. Many of you have already done this so you know the first task of throwing away old records, sorting family photographs, measuring furniture for possible apartment use and just "downsizing" in general. For the first time in our lives we may have to consider a garage sale or radio program on every weekend to list items family members do not want. The only good thing is that we don't have an emergency making a move mandatory! Any suggestions you have will be gratefully considered.

I had a delightful call from **Jane Frier** Bertrand telling of her successful battle with Guillain-Barre syndrome. From my old medical dictionary I gather that this is an "uncommon, acute form of peripheral neuropathy, which has unknown causes." In Jane's case she woke up with almost complete paralysis requiring hospital care, followed by physical and occupational therapy with good results, thank goodness. Jane has continued to enjoy traveling—especially a Caribbean cruise recently.

"March Madness" with the NCAA tournament was especially exciting this year because of the brilliant playing of the Cornell team, which made it to the "Sweet Sixteen," much to everyone's surprise. The whole tournament has been fun to watch with surprise endings for highly ranked teams.

I shall look forward to a deluge of News Forms to use for the next issue when I start beating the drums for our 70th Reunion! Stay well—and don't fall! ☐ **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, Kid12054@aol.com.

Having read earlier **Shirley's** account (see above) of the very serious falls that she and husband **Ken** experienced this past winter, I feel rather sheepish. She was able to submit her usual superb column for the alumni magazine through it all, while I missed the deadline last time because of a miserable cold! Shame on me! As for their falls and the worrisome aftermaths, I'm sure we all hope physical therapy does the trick for them.

Regarding **Shirley** and **Ken's** contemplated move to one-floor living, for the sake of retaining their mobility I couldn't agree with them more. I've often complimented the people who designed the CCRC where I live in Boca Raton for their farsightedness. The apartments are on the first, second, or third floors and are served by elevators. All of the activities are on a level first floor, as are all the walks around the spacious grounds outside. As a consequence, a person need never take a step up or down. This makes it possible, at least, for 90-year oldsters like us to continue to get around. And like our classmate **Johnny**

**Ayer** exhorted us all to do as a necessity at our last reunion—"Keep moving!"

I have a letter from **Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon, Cohoes, NY, in which she asks me to relay the information that Cornell classmate **Fred Riggs**, Woodstock, NY, has died. Attached to her letter was an obituary. It tells that **Fred** served in WWII as a Marine in the Pacific theater, receiving a Purple Heart for wounds sustained on Guadalcanal. He was later a branch manager at Northeast Utilities, was active in community affairs, and had a nice family. **Gretchen** had interesting comments to add: "Fred established contact with me in May 1998 after a 57-year hiatus. We shared many similar interests, along with entomology, and maintained a letter exchange until he was almost blind, and then continued by phone. I miss hearing from him—his wit, his compassion, his outlook on life. We never met again although he and his wife lived in Connecticut when I first heard from him—not a long trip from Cohoes." She ends her letter with, "I'm looking forward to our 70th—are you?" I'm afraid to answer her affirmatively for fear of jinxing my chances of being there! ☐ **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; email, wlansing@bellsouth.net.

**42** I always enjoy reading the alumni magazine and really was tickled when the March/April issue included a compliment in the column I like to read the most—**Miller Harris's** Class of '43—for which I thank him and **Alan Gould '43**. I like to see if I recall any of the folks mentioned and usually I do—but this time it was me! (Need I say: should have been "ex"-wife.)

On St. Patrick's Day, the program "Pardon the Interruption" stated that Cornell could make the Final Four in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. An exciting prediction. I hope you all followed the tournament and heard all the fine compliments from sports commentators about our team, the first Ivy League team to make it to the Sweet 16 since Penn made it to the Final Four—31 years ago! Unfortunately, their magic left them in the third game, against Kentucky. But it was fun while it lasted. Some interesting info garnered from NCAA columns in my local paper include the fact that Cornell boasts 41 Nobel Prize-winners and had two players make the NBA, the last in 1951. And, of course, Cornell grants no athletic scholarships.

**Lynn Timmerman** (Boynton Beach, FL) reports the recent passing of his 20-year neighbor, **Joan Blaikie** Horwath '45, sister of **Priscilla Blaikie Hines**, BS '41 (Darien, CT). **Priscilla** is the widow of our classmate **Gordie**. Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (NYC) experienced a recent hospital visit and is now continuing her activities. She reminds us all that our class scholarship is especially for our grands and great-grands. So be sure to have them apply if they are interested. Info from **Ed Markham** (Bainbridge Island, WA) tells of his being a tenor in the Sage Chapel choir for three years and how he has enjoyed meeting President Skorton at Cornell gatherings. He writes, "As spring approaches it's time to plant veggies that will help sustain the Class of '42ers to look forward to the 2012 Reunion!" Good advice is always welcome.

**Robert Wright** (Whitetower, WI; Wright80 plus@charter.net) keeps fit by golfing three or four times a week, but no more sailing. He enjoys the sports at the U. of Wisconsin as well as

his condo in Naples, FL. **Bob** belongs to an art alliance and is still painting watercolors and participating in local art shows. He says he likes reading the *Alumni News*. **Evelyn Kassman** Greenspan (Ft. Myers, FL) says we all have more challenges than ever. She had cataracts removed, calling it a "rocky feeling." Also, she is working out with a personal trainer at her son's studio in Columbus, OH, in the summer, and in winter at a local gym. Sometimes she works in a studio as an office assistant, answering the phone, taking out the trash, and occasionally waiting on a customer. She misses hearing from **Berle Neuwirth** Gerone-mus, and thinks it's great to be alive.

**Charles Poskanzer** (Albany, NY) loves listening to his collection of '30s and '40s music and likes to find old records. **Henry Jones** (Wallingford, CT) tells of the sad passing of his wife, **Ruth (Goodyer)**. She is so badly missed by her family and friends. **Henry**, who is legally blind, sings in the Ashlar Village Concert Chorus. He became a Mason and is now a Master Mason in the local lodge where he lives. **Bill Webster** (Cammack Village, AR) participates in sing-a-longs for seniors at several senior daycare centers using **Willard '39** and **Babe Lynch** songbooks. **Bill** and **Babe** started us, he states. **Jim Kiernan** (Morristown, NJ) won the low gross for any age group in the Seniors Golf Tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club. And he also plays bridge once or twice a week with other seniors at the Canon Brook Country Club.

For the first time, **Jane Smiley** Hart (Washington, DC) spent all of August in D.C., and the temperature never got over 100. She tells us that her nearby granddaughter bicycled with 28 others around the country from Portsmouth, NH, to the Pacific. **Jane** recently stopped working for the Smithsonian Museum's Int'l Student House and Textile Museum, although she says she will always love them all. Her energy now goes to her garden and the piano, and she looks forward to a recital in October. **Henry** and **Audrey Jones Smithers '44** (Stuart, FL) traveled to San Francisco to their granddaughter's wedding. They still await great-grandchildren. They also volunteer at Habitat for Humanity of Marin County, the Council on Aging, and Meals on Wheels.

Thanks to all for sending such interesting accounts of your past and present. Just keep it going. Do contact friends also. If you're not included here, there's more news to come next issue. Please write or print carefully, so I can transcribe your words. ☐ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; email, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

**43** **Bud Bradt's** war story: "Spent two months in North Africa and 19 in Italy, including three at Anzio, and being in Rome the day it was taken. What a celebration! I'm told there is a newsreel, which I've never seen, with the Pope blessing the crowds in St. Peter's Square that day and me in the middle of it. In a jeep. My post-war career was as a management consultant, my final affiliation being with Stone & Webster, where I was in charge of their industrial/transportation consulting services. The only classmate I've kept up with is **Dexter Kohn**, who is a successful lawyer in Washington, DC. I'm retired now, spending winters in Vero Beach, FL, and summers on the east end of Long Island." This from the unconquerable **Edy Newman** Weinberger (Longboat Key, FL): "I'm feeling fine after the second heart incident. In fact, tomorrow



I'm taking a tennis lesson. Another on Saturday, and hope to start tennis next week. **Ruth Ohringer** Frank and I will definitely be at our 70th Reunion. My dad graduated 100 years ago! Unreal! Newmans are made of sturdy stuff." As is any '43 now reading this page, Edy.

**Ace Bean** (Kansas City, MO) writes: "I regret that I'll not be attending the upcoming Leadership Conference. Let me add that my non-attendance—now and in the foreseeable future—is due to two broken and replaced hips, November '08 and May '09. Traveling is not possible. Age is also a factor. Even so, five generations of Cornell in the family history nourishes my interest in Cornell." Don't imagine, Ace, that we haven't noticed. And we're certain we speak for the entire Cornell community when we say thank you. **Joe, BS Ag '47**, wanted to make darn sure we paid our class dues," writes **Eleanor Slack Randles '41, MS '78** (Argyle, NY). "He has Parkinson's disease, and though his mobility is limited, his mind is as sharp as ever. We both enjoy and appreciate the entering-students-required-reading-books and your class notes." **Charles Harris** (Island Heights, NJ) writes: "Miller, when I went to my 50th med school reunion, they didn't call our class. So I went up and said, 'You missed '46.' They were astounded: 'We thought you were all gone.'"

Alzheimer's and for several months had not known me or any of the family, but the afternoon before he died he was lucid and recognized us all. We felt blessed to be able to say goodbye." As do we. Bless you all, and goodbye until September. **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

**44** As I write, the cherry blossoms are drawing crowds at the Tidal Basin, but the whole D.C. area is a fairyland abloom with many kinds of flowers. News does drop into my mailbox—not a lot, but here is the latest.

**Milton Stolaroff** writes from Hawaii that he and Ursula are very happy there with many friends and activities—filled with the spirit of "aloha." They had their annual major offshore trip this year to Honolulu by ship, stopping at many Pacific Islands "made notable by the WWII invasion and battles." It brought back a lot of memories of the history of those times. **Priscilla Young Waltz** went to Maine in mid-2009 as usual. "Wore boots and winter clothing the whole time as we watched the flooding of our docks." She showed watercolors in two separate events and had the privilege of editing a book by Albert

**45** First, reports of reunion festivities will appear in the next issue. Of course, I assume that most of my readers were there. On a sad note, we received word that **Mort Eydenberg's** wife, Judy, passed away in February, and we send our sincere condolences to Mort, their daughter Susan, who informed us, and to other family members. Judy and Mort were married in June 1946, and one month later, having just returned from their honeymoon in Niagara Falls, were already chaperoning a Phi Sigma Delta dance at Cornell. Our condolences also to **Marian Tellier Gilbert '48**, who informed us of the death of her husband, **Wilson**.

Taking care of her old house and farm occupies **Joan Hall** Walter (Hunker, PA). She keeps in shape with track and workouts. She remembers most vividly the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, which she says changed everything for everybody; she finally graduated in 1948. She'd like to hear from former roommate **Gloria Piccione** La Barbera. **Ann Lynch** Pape, BS HE '44 (Garden City, NY) says, "I'm busy caring for me! My right hand was crippled several years ago, and these [news forms] demands are hard!" Ann, when I was in fourth grade, several of my classmates had a broken arm (always the right one!), and because I liked to climb trees and race with neighborhood boys on my roller skates or bike, I worried that I would also suffer the same injury and be unable to write, so I spent what turned out to be useless hours practicing writing with my left hand. Maybe you could try doing that; if you do, please let us know. Ann recalls her time at Cornell with affection because of all of her classmates, the beautiful campus, and the ringing of the chimes. She'd like to hear from and see **Marcia Hutchins** Pimentel, MS '50. By coincidence, Marcia writes from Ithaca that she is editing a scientific paper and working on the seventh edition of her book, *Dimensions of Food*.

**Walter Keenan**, MEE '49 (Seattle, WA) is retired, except for working out in a gym six days a week. He is using the Rosetta Stone computer program to update his ability to speak Spanish. He is getting ready to fly to Amsterdam for a river cruise on the Rhine and Danube rivers. He fondly remembers his experience at teaching when he was studying for his master's degree in Electrical Engineering. **Daniel Hartley**, BME '44, MME '47 (Maplewood, NJ) is retired and enjoys skiing, tennis, charity work, and travel. He took a trip to Cabo San Lucas in Mexico. Now he'd like to be taking a trip to St. Maarten. Swimming in the gorge is what he remembers from his Cornell days. He'd like to hear from **Ed Cranch**, PhD '51, **Roy Hughes**, BME '44, and **Bill Hoffman**, BCE '44.

**Gloria Urban** (New York, NY) moved to an apartment next door to her niece in the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Unfortunately, she won't be able to attend reunion. We'll miss you, Gloria. **Carolyn Jean Hendrickson** Cummings (Binghamton, NY) is enjoying life at a retirement home. She sings in the choir and sends cards to hospitalized residents. She remembers well the Kappa Sigma fraternity parties! [Yes, that's an exclamation mark.] **Doris Klein** Lelchook (Newton, MA) is chairperson of the Na'amat chapter and L'Chaim group for seniors at Temple Emanuel. She plays bridge, does muscle conditioning exercises and chair yoga, watches her grandson playing basketball in the Special Olympics, and shares in her grandchildren's activities in college, grad school, sports, and work. She'd like to play tennis, be able to drive the car, and travel to some of the

‘After 51 years, I decided 14 rooms for the cat and me was too much.’

Barbara Kelsey Martin '46

Last evening (we're writing this on April 2) we were joined Chez Harris by Ella Torrey, world traveler and former aide to Eleanor Roosevelt, and friend **Leon Sunstein**, one-time Big Red tennis ace and current doubles player, who delights in sailing his Piper on the Chesapeake spring and fall, with summers on the Sound. Great evening! I enjoy planning meals. I enjoy the prepping, peeling, chopping, mincing. I enjoy the cooking. I enjoy the tasting and the eating, and I enjoy watching ML wash the dishes. We fed them beyond what they deserved: sorrel soup à la Keren (Mrs. **Gene**) **Saks**, broiled shad, roast baby red potatoes, haricots verts sauteed in browned butter, 1982 Bordeaux, tarte tatin, and Neal's Yard cheeses. Tear your gizzards out, Hotelies.

In our news form slot "What you've been doing lately," **Art Eddy** (Albion, NY) pencils in: "Church, Rotary, gin rummy" and adds that he'd like to hear from **Jarl Swanson**. "Just a word to share our Golden Years status—now slightly tarnished," wrote **Phil Weisman** last December. "Five years ago we moved into Bethany Village, a lovely facility overlooking a lake near Dayton, OH. **Charna (Slonim) '45**, BA '44, is in the nursing unit after a hip operation, and I am in rehab after a below-the-knee amputation (arterial sclerosis). We are grateful for so many friends and fond memories, and we cherish what we have left."

"**Joseph '45** and I" (this from **Doris Fenton Klockner**) "moved into an apartment at a lifecare retirement home in Denville, NJ." This correspondent had asked and Doris replied that Obama's success so far has been in winning the election. **Mary Jo Borntreger** Ray (Dallas, TX): "I lost my husband Jim after 65 years of marriage. He had

Young called *Rooster Tail* concerning the P.T. boats in the South Pacific during WWII.

**Betty Scheidelman** Droz writes that she recently enjoyed a trip to New York City with her son Martin. They attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, ice skated on the Rockefeller Rink (briefly), saw *The Miracle Worker* on Broadway (about Helen Keller), ate at L'Ecole, the French culinary institute, etc. Then they flew to Vegas, rented a motor home, and visited another son, Philippe. Betty is spending long summers in the Adirondacks, where she is active lecturing at her church, involved in local activities, and swimming five days a week. **Joyce Tamres** Brenner still lives in New York, across the avenue from Central Park on one side and from Lincoln Center on the other. She frequents both. Her "four grown-up kids and two grands are grand!"

**Carol Brach** Hyman, BA '43, MD '47, writes from Beverly Hills, CA, about fond memories of Cornell, especially her early morning Ornithology class, "which prepared me and enabled me to be accepted into the Medical College—and have a very long and exciting career in academic medicine (pediatric hematology/oncology)." She is now fully retired after 61 years, enjoying family, friends, travel, and bird watching! **Eleanor Broomfield** Scholl's son **Dwight '86** wrote about her fracturing her left leg below the hip last May. Recovering, she joined the family, including son **Brooks '70** and daughter Deborah, on Cape Cod. They enjoyed seeing the mansions at Newport, RI, and a Broadway show and had backstage passes to see Tony Bennett for her 86th birthday last August 10. **Nancy Tortlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

national and international spots she hasn't seen. She remembers walking down the gorge at Cornell with her husband-to-be for recreation or volunteer activities. She'd like to hear from **Erna Fox Kaplan**, BS HE '44, **Marjorie Marks** Levins, and **Betty Reiner** Kurman.

**Dwight Brede** (Los Altos, CA) is retired and serves on the condo complex architecture committee. He'd rather be traveling. He remembers many things at Cornell—the ambience, the instruction staff, the gorges, and fellow students. He'd like to hear from **Jim Falk**. **Sonja Kramarsky** Binkhorst (New York, NY) is retired, but advises the female medical students going to overseas countries and helps Haitian and Burmese refugees. She remembers most fondly from her Cornell days the friends she made, and says, "We are still in touch—including their/my children and grandchildren."

In response to visiting Cornellians who admired the Maryland/Cornell license plates on my car and wished there were New York/Cornell plates, your co-correspondent asked **Mike McGowan '86**; he recommended that they contact the Dept. of Motor Vehicles in New York. If organizational plates are permitted, they will be informed about the procedure. We love hearing from our classmates. Do send us news. **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; **Robert Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbofb@aol.com.

**46** This year's dues returns began arriving at the alumni office last October and included news from the following classmates. **Ruth Knapp** Gieschen (Lee's Summit, MO) wrote from her retirement community that she'd been on the advisory board of an inner city charter school for more than ten years. This school deals with low income African-American students, kindergarten through 8th grade, in Kansas City. She also volunteers at the local soup kitchen. **Marjorie Krausmann** Moyer, BS HE '45 (Central Square, NY) is active in bridge and enjoys all the social groups in her complex. She wrote, "I'd like to hear from **Sue Cassedy** Hutton, **Ellen Vidal** Hollmeyer, **Ruth Whitney** Weick, BA '45, and **Sue Jameson** Van Arsdale, BS HE '45." **Barbara Kelsey** Martin (Tinton Falls, NJ) sent belated Christmas greetings from 2006 on. "After 51 years, I decided 14 rooms for the cat and me was too much, so I decided to move." In the meantime, son Kenny married Erica from Peru, and Kenneth Paul Martin was born on June 29, 2009. In August, Barbara moved to Seabrook Village, a retirement community near Asbury Park. She and Thai, the cat, invite you to call and visit, or e-mail BEKMartin11@verizon.net.

**Gerard, SP Ag '44-45**, and **Ginny Dondoro Pfundstein** (Winter Park, FL) sent ginnyandgerry@aol.com as their e-mail address. Ginny is a docent at Leu Gardens Museum and is active in her church. **Alma Cook** (Syracuse, NY) wrote that she enjoys the local Cornell Club. "Despite coping with heart and lung problems, at age 87 I'm still hanging in there." Other e-mail addresses include one from **Ellen DeGraff** Teller (Ann Arbor, MI), who can be reached at elletelle@aol.com. She is active in church activities, where she leads a humanist group on Israel/Palestine issues. Plus, **Cecily Bishop** Carman (Pittsford, NY) sent this address: ecarman@rochester.rr.com; and John and **Pat Peck** Tiebout (Princeton, NJ) sent jptiebout@aol.com.

I would like to hear from Dick and **Nancy Mynott** Davis (Avon, CT) with their e-mail address. Nancy is a freelance writer for the local biweekly newspaper. **Lola Krisel** Finkelstein (NYC) can be reached at e-mail L01a@aol.com. "I enjoy visiting my eight great-grandchildren and the challenge of getting up after sitting on the floor. My roommate, **Yvette Korenberg** Cole '47, is presently my bridge and theatre partner. I am president of the Bellevue Assoc., which makes possible the best practice care for Bellevue Hospital." **Dorothy Hotchkiss Haberl** (Golden, CO) told us of the death of her husband, **Frank '47**. "The biggest challenges are keeping up with a growing family, managing the family business, mastering the computer, and keeping fit to enjoy skiing. I got my love of skiing at Cornell, where I was on the first women's ski team." Wayne and **Ginny Miller** Walkup (Baxter Springs, KS) care for their son who has MS. Ginny also volunteers at the local hospital. She'd like to hear from **Mary Shaheen** Maroun.

On a sad note, Judith DiGabriele wrote of the death of her mother, **Elaine Schmidt** DiGabriele (Westbury, NY) on Oct. 10, 2009. Elaine was a past president of Kappa Delta and taught school until she was 75. She has two daughters and five grandchildren. Two sons preceded her in death.

It was difficult, in my old age, to read some of your e-mail addresses, so if you find yours wrong, please e-mail me as soon as possible at mopsyk@comcast.net. My son gave me an e-mail address for my 85th birthday, so I'm still new at this. **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., #302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

Flash! Your correspondent is fallible. He royally screwed up the January write-up of **Sandy Klion**'s Cornellian progeny, making cousins out of sisters. After carefully checking with Sandy, a correction and addition follow: Son **Seth Klion '78** is the father of daughters **Jodi '06**, **Dana '09**, and **Rachel '11**, and the brother of **Jill Klion** Dodswoth '74 and **Scott Klion**, JD '82.

Now, we'll try hard to get the story straight for **Richard E. Turner Sr.** (Lakewood, NY; dickturner1@gmail.com). Dick lost his beloved wife, Autumn, last September after a ten-year bout with Parkinson's. Together they had four children and 13 grandchildren. Two sons and one grandson have graduated Cornell. Granddaughter **Lauren '13** won the Women's 420s North American Sailing Regatta. She is the daughter of **Richard E. "Rick" Turner Jr. '77**, ME '78, MBA '79, and **Terry Havens-Turner '79**, both ORIE. Dick is skiing Holimont again. It's the largest ski/snowboard area in the Northeast. He volunteers locally for Rotary, the hospital, etc., and as '46's Cornell Alumni Fund Representative. He thanks all classmates who supported our 2006 Reunion Fund. We raised a record \$600,000—outstanding for a class so small. Dick and Rick annually support the Turner Family Fellowship for Engineering graduate students.

On June 28, 2009 **Joseph J. Andersen**, BEE '52 (Destin, FL; jjandersen4@cox.net) flew from Destin to Rochester, NY, for a granddaughter's high school graduation. On the 29th, Joe and granddaughter **Erika Hoppner '13** drove to Ithaca to tour the Cornell campus. Erika enrolled as a freshman in Engineering. Part of Cornell's allure for Erika is her aspiration to pitch for the Big Red softball team. Her matriculation gives Joe an extra incentive to return for our 65th Reunion in 2011. Joe moved from Bristol, CT, several years ago. Now, "in concert with the green movement" he is replacing his windows with efficient ones. **Varick Schwartz**

(Palm Beach Gardens, FL) came to Cornell with the US Navy. He's had minimal contact with Cornell since an early job at Carrier Corp. in Syracuse. Most of his career was with Pratt Whitney, first in Connecticut, then starting 40 years ago in Florida. There, he worked on jet engines. Later he worked on nuclear submarines. He hopes to return to the Hill for reunion in 2011. The classmate he'd most like to hear from is **Frank Rom**, MS '48.

Sadly, we have lost another key '46er. **William Farrell** (Johnson City, NY) died on March 20, 2010 after an extended illness. He was a longtime, dedicated class officer and deserves our gratitude for creating the Class of '46 Web page and maintaining it for as long as he was able. Bill wasn't flashy, but exuded a wonderful warmth when welcoming irregular attendees to class reunions. We extend our condolences to his survivors.

TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail me. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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It is good to be back. I miss being in touch when on hiatus.

Good news of our class: President **Peter Schwarz** has been honored by the university with the **William "Bill" Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award for his contributions to our class: three times as reunion co-chairman, a former class correspondent, head of our class for two terms, creator of our website, and webmaster. He is, and has been for many years, a lifetime member of the Cornell University Council. Pete was honored in January at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference held in Washington, DC. A Big Honor! Pete gave a thank-you talk, telling of his fondness of Cornell even before he enrolled. Pete's wife Elaine was there and many of his friends and family including **Suzu Schwarz** Quiles '76 and **Mary Schwarz '81**, MAT '95, who also works at the Ag college. Pete's former roommate **Jay Milner** and his wife also attended. Because of this honor, Pete was also congratulated with special recognition at the annual Founder's Day luncheon here in Rochester. Great!

I presume you heard about the success of the Cornell men's basketball team this year. The Big Red won its third straight Ivy League championship, winning an Ivy League-record 29 times. Cornell went to the NCAA tournament for the third straight time, won its first-ever NCAA tournament game, and then went right back and won its second-ever NCAA tournament game. In addition, **Ryan Wittman '10** was named an All-American, **Louis Dale '10** was named Mid-Major MVP, and Coach Steve Donahue was named Coach of the Year. Unfortunately, Donahue has since accepted a position as head coach at Boston College. Cornell has named Bill Courtney from Virginia Tech as his replacement.

Perhaps you hadn't heard, however, that Cornell's athletic success over the winter was even broader. The men's hockey team won the ECAC title and went on to play in the NCAA tournament. The women's hockey team went all the way to the NCAA title game, losing a heartbreaker with 33 seconds left in triple overtime. Coach Derraugh was named Coach of the Year. The wrestling team also finished second in the NCAA tournament, with freshman **Kyle Dake '13** winning the NCAA championship at 141 pounds. Wrestling coach Rob



Koll was the third Big Red coach to win Coach of the Year honors this winter. The gymnastics team won its third straight Ivy title, and the fencing team placed 14th in the NCAA championships. My son **Roger '78** contributed these sports paragraphs and I greatly appreciate his help.

My daughter **Beth Anderson '80** sent me a book review from the *New York Times* about a new novel (*The Irresistible Henry House* by Lisa Grunwald) set in a Home Economics program in 1948 at a fictional Pennsylvania college. The book tells the story of "a practice house" in which the Home Ec students take turns mothering a baby. Surely this reminds many of you Child Development students of our program at Cornell, long before 1948, where you lived with and cared for babies. In fact, the author says her inspiration for her novel comes from a photo she saw of a Cornell "practice baby."

At our 50th Reunion, we voted to create a Class of '47 fund for the Tradition Fellowship Fund, a scholarship program. One of our classmates kicked it off with a single large contribution in 1997 and thirteen years later, we have raised more than \$202,000. This year, five students benefited from the fund. Each of them has thanked us. With additional contributions, we could support even more students next year.

**Joan Dall** Patton wrote a note saying she's moved from Sonoma, CA, to Chico, CA. As of this writing (in mid-April), I have not received your news forms, but Pete tells me that the annual News and Dues mailing was to go out soon. If you haven't done so yet, please send them back, sharing your news. There are often anniversaries of different events of WWII. I know some of you have experiences and memories you might want to share. If so, I would be honored to receive them. I wish you all a happy, healthy summer. **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3752; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

**48** **Charlie Elbert**, West Paterson, NJ: "Travel, read, decorate apartment, walk. Things are deteriorating. Present Administration is pushing hard to obtain a socialist economy and society. Use every opportunity to explain probable results to anyone willing to listen. Favorite course was Prof. Emmet Strong in EE-1 and Illumination Engineering. Toughest was EE-3 and 4 with Prof. **A. Berry Credle '30**, PhD '39. I drive an '07 Toyota and an '01 Mercury. Comfortable, quiet cars with reasonable highway mileage of 33 and 27 mpg. Would like a comfortable, quiet 45 mpg car (answer: Prius). I wish I was judging a belly dancing contest. Took a river cruise from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland. My most important event was enlisting in the US Navy in 1942. The least of my worries (finally!) is finances. Most recent discovery is excellent German wines." [Note to Charlie from Curmudgeon Bob: "Stopped in Curaçao on Caribbean cruise. Saw native dance exhibition. You didn't miss anything. No Egyptian belly dancers."]

**Anne Colm** Repaske, Star Tannery, VA: "I'm running my farm of 40 cashmere goats and four bucks. Am president of Star Tannery Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary and am also in an ensemble. Situation improving. Our world image received a great boost for trying to tackle environmental problems. The 'I hope Obama fails' syndrome is unpatriotic. My favorite course was with 'the Sergeant' and 'the

Major,' US Army horses in Reserves at Cornell. Someone was thinking WWI. Toughest course was Chemistry 101. Can't remember the professor's name, but he was fearful. Tomorrow is lunch at 'Christine's' with a mix of locals and retired transplants. About 20 women attend. Some have lived in this 'Mountain Man' place all their lives, and the rest of us came here to retire. I drive a VW Passat 4 Motion and also have a pick-up truck with a cap for carrying goats and feed. I'm on the board of directors of the Eastern Cashmere Assn. and VP; also editor of the ECA magazine. Afghanistan . . . Do we go forward or hold back? Most important events were my marriage and the birth of three children. Recently lost my husband of 57 years. My least worry is whether Cornell will win the next football game. I've found I can run this farm and my life without my husband at my side. I'm even beginning to enjoy it. The spirit of God is in all of us and we must love one another."

**Lester Wise**, Old Westbury, NY: "Building a Japanese garden on a quarter-acre. Lots of bamboo trees. Things are static. Congress is fondering, fighting their own political wars. We should do whatever Paul Krugman suggests. I play bridge every Monday. I drive a BMW. The back seats fold down for lots of storage space. There's no big problems here. The meaning of life is it's better than the alternative." **Claire Girard** Peterson, Sunnyside, CA: "Lunch with friends every day. Economy is deteriorating. Went on a Caribbean trip in October and saw shows in Branson, MO, in November. Also went on a two-week tour of the national parks and had four days in Las Vegas—saw Cher, Terry Fator, and *Phantom of the Opera*. I drive a 2008 Prius—great mileage! Health is a problem. Can't walk far."

**Dick Rundell**, Hudson, OH: "Visiting four kids and seven grandkids in Colorado, Chicago, and Boston. We're well on the road to full socialism. Favorite course was Surveying with Prof. Shaw. The entire family was here last Christmas—15 total. I drive a 2004 Buick Park Ave. and a '92 Volvo wagon. The Buick is comfortable and relaxing; the grandkids love the fold-down seats of the Volvo. Would like any car that gets better gas mileage. Today's problem is staying on top of life's details. Marriage was the highlight of my life. My least worry is how to get the lawn mowed. Recently read *The Power of Now*—an excellent book by Eckhart Tolle. Do the best you can in all circumstances."

**Jerry Frost**, Dearborn, MI: "Art Behrer had it right (Mar/Apr issue) when he said that Hydraulics was his toughest course. I agree that my time spent with Prof. Schroeder (name and spelling are questionable) was not a walk in the park. Art, however, did bring to mind my later encounter with the good professor, who lived around the corner from the Sigma Nu house on Willard Way. Driving a 28-ft. motor home, I brought my family East to visit Cornell. Willard Way is rather confined, and as I turned our motor home around, I managed to back into, and destroy, a section of the stone wall surrounding the professor's property. (Was it payback for poor grades? We'll never know.) I left a note detailing my guilt and remorse. In reply I received a kind note and a bill for the necessary repairs. I mailed him a check and thus we were even. However, the grade for the subject remains on my transcript. Although tennis was eliminated from my life when 'Mr. Arthur' took up residence in my wrist, life is still very good. I continue to build 'fine furniture' in my beloved shop. And I have just

completed an autobiography that will supplement the 200 years of family letters, diaries, and photographs I have consolidated in a single book."

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**49** A great thing about your class column in the *Alumni News* is that it can put '49ers in touch with one another! **Carleton Terwillegar** (East Rochester, NY) tells us that he's retired and keeping doctors in business. He's been resting recently, but would prefer to be fishing. The many friends he met is the thing he most fondly remembers from his days on the Hill. Carleton recalls that **Peter Tudda**, SP Ag '47-49, took many photos of him and his wife, the late Martha Terwillegar, when they were newlyweds.

**Frances Lown** Crandall (Princeton, NJ; flcrandall@verizon.net) is the proprietor of f. l. crandall interiors and tells us that she is always happy to see the logo (leaning tower) from the '49 *Cornellian* cover, which she designed. Frances designs show houses and enjoys painting when time allows. She'd rather be traveling to the South Pacific. Friends are what she remembers most fondly from her time at Cornell, and she would most like to hear from **Brett Crowley** Capshaw (Newington, CT). Frances is active in the Junior League of Greater Princeton and Watercolorists Unlimited and is a signature member of the Philadelphia Watercolor Society.

**Arno Nash** (Munich, Germany; arnonash@compuserve.com) is married to Doris and chairman of the Advisory Board of David Diebold & Associates (HK) Ltd. He is working as advisor to D.D. Associates in Beijing on a "China-Yanda Int'l Health City" project. He writes that what he'd rather be doing now is "really enjoying Munich." **Dick Dietz** (Chadds Ford, PA; caucomgomac@hotmail.com) is married to Claire and doing freelance writing on outdoor subjects. He's active in competitive skeet shooting, hiking, fishing, and hunting. Recently, he's been throwing parties to celebrate milestone birthdays and wedding anniversaries "like all you other octogenarians!" Asked what he'd rather be doing now, Dick writes, "Excuse me if I smile and keep this to myself." From his days at Cornell, Dick remembers most fondly walking up the Hill on crisp winter mornings. He tells us that he hears from all the remaining closest Cornell friends; the rest have passed on.

**Gordon R. Nesbitt** (Groton, NY) is married to **Margaret (DeRycke) '50** and retired from the Soil Conservation service, but still raises corn and other things on their farm. He is traveling and seeing children and grandchildren and recently has been enjoying New Mexico. His fondest memories of Cornell are the football games at Schoellkopf Field. **Janice Steele Regulski** (Clearwater, FL; cwgrands@yahoo.com) writes that for her and **Lee** (l.regulski@att.net), "it's our playtime of life—walking miles each morning, church, library, volunteer service on the library advisory board." After hours they enjoy dining out with friends, attending Florida Orchestra concerts, and keeping in touch with old friends. Recently they have been traveling. "Lee drives us on an adventure almost every year," says Jan. She adds that Lee's joy "is seeing the USA in a convertible with the top down. Life is great!" Jan's fond memory is that Cornell was a world of new ideas and new friends. She notes that, sadly, health reasons have

made it impossible for an old friend to come to visit and “alas, some have left us.”

**Arthur Wood** (Pompton Plains, NJ; artwood12@aol.com) writes that he and Barbara live in an Erickson Continuing Care Retirement Community. Art serves on the finance, assisted living/nursing home, and energy/conservation committees. “Life is good!” he reports. He notes that they have an exercise room that he uses three times a week; Barbara uses the pool adjoining the wellness center for water exercise twice a week. Recently, he’s been having occasional medical care and dental work. Arthur notes that they have doctors and dentists on staff. He’s also been working on income taxes, and until recently, he’s been a Medicare counselor. He says that he’d prefer to be a bit healthier and notes that after retiring, he worked for Habitat for Humanity, doing renovation and building. Arthur’s fondest memories of Cornell are the football games at Schoellkopf during the season and extracurricular sports with buddies. He’d really like to get in touch with **Edward Kinbacher** and **Gerard “Red” Maynard**.

**Bernice Gray Whitney** (Southlake, TX; yukon92311.aol.com) lives with her son Scott. He and his wife are adopting three young boys from Russia, and Bernice is having a great time helping with them. **Joyce Graham Jordan** (Wyoming, NY; gjordan@frontiernet.net) writes that her “day job” is “Dogs in—dogs out!” She and husband Gilbert have two Bernese mountain dogs and one West Highland terrier. Since 1962, they have had two Gordon setters, seven Bernese mountain dogs, and one terrier. Her extracurricular activities are being a Presbyterian elder, a historical society trustee, a member of the local book club, and gardening. Last July, she opened her garden for a fundraising tour for the historical society. Joyce tells us that there is nothing that she would rather be doing now. She and Gilbert have had their traveling days—in the US, the British Isles, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Ireland, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. An incident she remembers most fondly from her days at Cornell occurred when she was “struck dumb in Prof. Donald English’s accounting class when called on—but managed to give a correct answer. His comment was, ‘That wasn’t so alarming, was it, Miss Graham?’”

Please keep in touch, everyone, and keep your news coming! ☐ **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 1625 Lilac Lane, Crescent, PA 15046; tel., (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** If you visited the Plantations during Reunion, you probably noticed the new Nevin Welcome Center, now under construction, which is named after the late **Brian Nevin**. Due to be completed in October, the Center will feature a two-story atrium and lobby with exhibits, a cafe, and a gift shop. An Aggie, Brian as a student was on the staff of the *Cornell Countryman* and the board of governors of the Independent Council. Subsequently, Brian and his partner, C. Sherwood Southwick, jointly owned and ran the Brianwood Antiques store on State Street in Ithaca for 32 years. The Welcome Center is named after Brian at the request of Sherwood Southwick, who donated the bulk of the money for the building.

A full report about our gala 60th Reunion in Ithaca in June will appear in the September/October issue of this magazine.

The Cornell basketball team’s triumphant record this year—29 wins and five losses and reaching the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA tournament—prompted **Jack Rose**, MD ’54 (Danville, PA; lilliasrose@aol.com), captain of the basketball team our senior year, to reminisce. “Our 1949-50 team had a record of 20-7, and 1950-51 had 20-5. But the Ivy League Championship didn’t start until 1956, and neither team went to the NCAA. When we would play the Big Ten

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**Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow ’49**

schools, such as Ohio State, Illinois, and Michigan, we were really roughed up by their more physical play! Great memories.” At the age of 80, **Bill Brockway** (Hagerstown, MD; BillB51949@aol.com) finally gave up playing baseball, a game he has enjoyed since high school. Bill did chemical engineering work for DuPont; he holds four patents for explosive devices.

**George Casler**, MS ’59 (Ithaca, NY; glc4@cornell.edu) earned his PhD from Purdue in 1966 and was a professor of Agricultural Economics at Cornell for 30 years. George was the lead author of *Capital Investment Analysis: Using Discounted Cash Flows* (John Wiley & Sons, 1984). He has also written about Northeast dairy farms, crop insurance, and farm income tax management. “What better way,” George asks, “could one spend his or her life?” After 45 years in Pasadena, CA, **Austin “Wes” Weston** (Ruclwa@aol.com) and wife Mary Ellen have moved to Medford, OR. “This area is just over the California border and is sometimes called ‘California without the people and Oregon without the rain.’ Amazingly, there are six Cornellians living here: **Carla Small Javna** ’44, **Jim** ’51 and **Pat Gunderson Stocker** ’53, and **Don** ’52, MBA ’55, and **Lynda Taves Ogren**.” Wes earned an MBA from Harvard and was a partner in an engineering consulting firm and an adjunct professor at the U. of Southern California. Photographs of **Marjorie Leigh Hart** (New York, NY; marj.hart@verizon.net) with husband Gurnee—looking very elegant in evening clothes—have appeared twice in the “Evening Hours” section of the Sunday *New York Times*: once attending a Cambridge U. celebration, and the second time at a New York Historical Society dinner. Marjorie, a chemical engineer, had a 30-plus-year career as an engineer and executive at Exxon Corp.

Our classmates remain intrepid travelers. **Walt and Ruth “Midge” Downey Crone** (Longmont, CO; rdcrone@comcast.net) recently cruised the Black Sea. **Jim and Nancy Hubbard Brandt** (Chicago; jabrandt8@sbcglobal.net) visited archaeological sites in the eastern Mediterranean. But the prize may go to **Mari Lund Wright** (Oslo, Norway; mawright@frisurf.no), who hates to fly. She spent six weeks traveling across North America via five trains and eight buses. To visit us in Philadelphia, she took three buses and a train from Ithaca. From here, she took an eight-hour train ride to Pittsburgh, waited four hours, and at midnight boarded an overnight train to Chicago. On another leg of her trip, she spent 28 hours on a train from Columbus, WI, to Whitefish, MT. There,

her daughter **Astri Wright** ’78, PhD ’91, finally rescued her and drove her to British Columbia, where Astri is a professor of Asian art at the U. of Victoria. I couldn’t have survived such a journey even when we were young!

Last September, **Dick Pearce** (East Greenbush, NY) revisited places in Europe—Metz in northwestern France and Bastogne in nearby Belgium—where, as a member of the 347th Regiment of the 87th Infantry, he had fought during

WWII. Dick was seriously wounded and also earned a Silver Star. A civil engineer, he worked for the NYS Dept. of Transportation for 36 years. Dick now volunteers for Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Master Gardener Program, answering queries about horticulture problems.

**Albert Rivoire** ’45 has notified us of the death of his wife, **Betty (Hyland)**, of Fort Collins, CO. In the 1950s, Betty worked for Eastman Chemical Products in Kingsport, TN, testing food-preservative chemicals. She and her husband raised two boys and a girl. Betty earned an MEd from Syracuse and from 1970 to 1986 taught elementary school for the Central School District in Central Square, NY, north of Syracuse. ☐ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoier@ix.netcom.com; **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

**51** **Bill Phillips** celebrated his 80th birthday with wife Barbara and 80 friends—skiers, climbers, tennis players, fellow advertising competitors, and his mates at Ogilvy & Mather, where he still works in the Big Apple. He continues as a director of the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, CT, and continues to support Cornell Outdoor Education and the Cornell Society that he founded. He also supports the Johnson Museum, the New York Cornell Club, and the Sapsucker Woods Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Bill was founding co-chair of New York City Outward Bound and served as international chairman of Outward Bound. He is also a member of the Explorers Club in New York City and is active in environmental causes, particularly in the lower Connecticut River Valley near his home in Old Saybrook, CT. He remembers with gratitude the great education he received in the ILR school at Cornell and the Navy days that followed, where he served at sea in Korea and the Mediterranean.

**Bob Gatje** (New York, NY) is the author of *Great Public Squares*, published April 5 by W. W. Norton. Robert A. M. Stern, dean of the Yale School of Architecture writes, “If we but pay attention, Bob Gatje’s beautiful drawings and intelligent text will take us a long way toward reviving the lost art of designing coherent public spaces, the most urgent architectural issue of our time.” A former partner of AIA gold medalists Marcel Breuer and **Richard Meier** ’56, BArch ’57, Bob retired from active architectural practice in



1995. He has written a memoir of Marcel Breuer (2002) and spoken widely about his 22 years with Breuer while serving as an active arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and officer and committee chair for the AIA, and working on *Great Public Squares*, a project of more than a dozen years' duration. He was architect of the Broward County (FL) Library constructed in 1980-84 and, with Breuer, the IBM Research Center in La Gaude, Provence, France, in 1960-69.

Bob and **Nancy Belcher** First (Northampton, MA) are active participants in their local Quaker meeting, Quaker Earthcare Witness, and Friends Committee on National Legislation, as well as active gardening in the local community garden. Nancy sees **Peg Healy** McNulty almost every year. Beautiful natural surroundings and art classes are her fondest memories of Cornell. She participates in Sapsucker Woods' citizen science programs. **Erik '49** and **Phyllis Meyer Simons** (Spring Valley, NY) will have a granddaughter, Leah Simons, in Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine this fall. Her twin sister, Ariel, is serving with the Peace Corps in South Africa. They remember the friends they made at Cornell with whom they are still connected.

**Robert and Jane Johnson McCombs '47** (Lehigh, PA) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March. They have three married daughters and eight grandchildren—six of them college graduates (unfortunately, none from Cornell) and two still in college. Bob was honored for 30 years of service as a district director of the Carbon County Soil Conservation District, and has been

to a two-bedroom apartment in Preston Place Retirement Community in Plano, "minutes from great medical facilities, shopping, restaurants, and our middle daughter." Don had a craniotomy to relieve a subdural hematoma in 2009 and went deer hunting in Pearsall, TX, last December. He harvested a six-point buck and three feral hogs. "Heard from **Steve Jellinek**, who has lived in Germany the past 36 years. We are Alpha Chi Epsilon brothers." Walking from the AXE house in College-town "across the gorge and up to Olin Hall on bright, snowy days" is Don's fondest memory of Cornell. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** This time let's begin with **Claire Schehr** Ryan (Northport, NY; [chatwithcsryan@optonline.net](mailto:chatwithcsryan@optonline.net)), who in February was busy playing bridge and visiting grandchildren. As with many of us, then snowbound, she would rather have been visiting a warmer climate. **Edward Greenstein**, DVM '52 (Alexandria, VA) was spending time with work and photography. Looking back, he would have done "nothing" differently at Cornell. The Veterinary faculty had the greatest impact on him. **Deran Hanesian**, PhD '61 (Newark, NJ; [hanesian@njit.edu](mailto:hanesian@njit.edu)) is at the New Jersey Inst. of Technology. He writes, "I am still actively working. I love the classroom and I try to teach my students everything it took me 63 years to learn." He continues, "I am doing

and Elliot were in London and Krakow, from whence Elliot came in 1939. At Cornell, she thinks she spread herself a bit thin by trying "to take every course that sounded interesting." She feels the greatest impact came from the variety of places other students came from, which broadened her view, and the people in the College of Architecture. "Professors, advisors, and fellow architecture students helped me turn an interest in buildings into a satisfying profession."

**Fred Eyd** (South Pomfret, VT) plays golf and tennis, does chores around the farm, and travels to visit friends and family. Indoors, he reads and watches sports on TV. The Eyds "attended a surprise important birthday party of **Charlie Moore '51** at the Cornell Club in New York. Charlie has been an outstanding athlete, corporate executive, and director of athletics at Cornell, and currently is in corporate philanthropy." At Cornell, Fred would have "studied more." Lots of impact at Cornell: "Several professors, a couple of fraternity brothers, teammates on basketball team, and about ten classmates I knew well." **Judith Winter Burger** (New York, NY; [judyburger@verizon.net](mailto:judyburger@verizon.net)) is "enjoying all that NYC has to offer, plus wonderful travel." She is very happy with all that she is able to do. Strongest Cornell influences: Uri Bronfenbrenner and **Clint Rossiter '39**.

**Hazel Lowe** von Rosenvinge (Gloucester, MA; [hvonr3@comcast.net](mailto:hvonr3@comcast.net)), widowed in 2008, is a museum docent and busy with "civic endeavors." She traveled to Lapland, Norway, and the Arctic Circle. **William Morrissey** (Advance, NC; [bmorr@yadfel.net](mailto:bmorr@yadfel.net)) spends his time dog training and woodcarving, and with genealogy and chores—most recently, chores. At Cornell, he'd have done "nothing different." His professors in Mechanical Engineering had the greatest impact. **Robert Bitz** (Plainville, NY; [rwbitz@mac.com](mailto:rwbitz@mac.com)) writes, "I always enjoyed my work on the farm, but with writing, traveling, golf, and volunteering, retirement is almost as much fun. I love agriculture and have recently written and published a book, *Four Hundred Years of Agricultural Change in the Empire State*. A book of New York agricultural history was written by Ulysses Hedrich in 1933, so I decided to bring my 21st century approach to the topic. It has been a very enjoyable activity."

**Dorothea Crozier Warren** writes that she and **Terry**, JD '56 ([rivburch@windstream.net](mailto:rivburch@windstream.net)) divide their time between Austinburg, OH, and Tucson, AZ. Dori is busy with home and travel management, continued reading about librarianship, and letter writing. She joins Terry at meetings and events: "We share goals and membership." (Note: They also chair our 2012 Reunion!) At Cornell, Dori would have "taken easier classes my freshman year, played more tennis, worked with some children in Ithaca." David Daiches had the greatest impact. **Warren and Sally Hotchkiss Rockwell** (Brackney, PA) have one son who is a Cornellian, **David Rockwell '73**. Sally takes an aerobic swim class. She belongs to the DAR, a book club, and a bridge group. The Rockwells spent four years on a memoir, *Moments Foreign*, about their 40 years living overseas. At Cornell, what would Sally have done differently? "Nothing—the best thing for me was meeting and marrying my husband of 57 years." Dr. Smart had the greatest impact.

*Corrections Dept.:* Our apologies to **Norman Mack**, whose home city was listed incorrectly in the May/June issue. Norman lives in Peterborough, NH. In addition, due to some overzealous editing, it may not have been clear that it was **Dick** and **Margie Bailey Redmond** who were "still farming

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reappointed to the same position for the next four years. He is also active in the Lehigh Rotary Club, where he is past president and a Paul Harris Fellow. **Frank Petruilis** (Binghamton, NY) retired five years ago from his third career as president of EURAMCO associates (A/E design firm). He and Carol took an extensive Mediterranean Sea cruise of the great ancient empires—Egypt, Greece, Italy, and Turkey. Previous trips include India, South America, Malaysia, and Australia. They look forward to the short trip to Ithaca for the 60th Reunion.

**Wendell and Virginia Deuell Chamberlain** (Belfast, NY) have four sons and two daughters, including **Carl Chamberlain '76**, **Sharon Chamberlain** Hartzold '77, and **Gerald Chamberlain '79**, MEd '87. Wendell is a past master of the New York State Grange, 1975-77, and president of the New York Association of Conservation Districts. **Dorothy DeAngelis** Dharmi (Durham, NC) reports that her fondest memories of Cornell are "getting a diploma!" and her room at Balch Hall IV. **Orv Beyea** (Valentine, NE) has published his life story, *Against the Current*, available for \$24.95 (see [www.herefordamerica.com/wishbone.html](http://www.herefordamerica.com/wishbone.html)). It's "a rancher's story starting from scratch; people, jobs, managing ranches, an outdoor life, putting my degree to work, starting in the fringe of Appalachia." He remembers working a job all four years at Cornell to put himself through to a degree.

After 25 years, **Don** and **Marjorie Victorin** have sold their house in Horseshoe Bay, TX, and moved

what I like and what needs to be done by me." At Cornell he would have done nothing differently and writes, "I had a busy time in ChemE, both undergraduate and graduate. I also had fun. I owe everything to my professors (1947-61), my teachers under the leadership of **Dusty Rhodes**, PhD '14. Dusty worked us real hard. I appreciated what they taught me as I entered the practice of chemical engineering."

**Dick '50** and **Connee Honig Bandes** (Marlborough, MA; [conneebandes@msn.com](mailto:conneebandes@msn.com)) relocated from New York for family. In addition to family, Connee is busy with book club, movie club, other cultural events, and "going steady" with her chiropractor. The Bandeses spend time at another home in the Berkshires "because there is no better place for beauty and culture." At Cornell, Connie would not have been in a rush to graduate in 3-1/2 years. Greatest impact? "**Uri Bronfenbrenner '38**, who persuaded me to switch from Food and Nutrition to Child Development. He knew me better than I knew myself at age 17." **Elliot**, MS '59, and **Corinne Freidner Austein**, BArch '54 (Levittown, PA; [basmom@hactrn.net](mailto:basmom@hactrn.net)) visit family and friends around the country, and go to concerts and museums in New York, Princeton, Philadelphia, and wherever they find themselves, "where something interesting is going on." Corinne is a member of CAAAN, "still meeting with local high school seniors who are applying to Cornell (helps me to keep up with how today's kids think.)" In 2009, she

and espousing deep and profound values"; **Abby Weitman** Karp lives in the Bronx—not prime farm land. Lastly, some charming quotation marks were removed from **Betty Ann Jacque** Browne's reference to her "children," nine of whom live nearby. I suspect those marks were important. Remind me never again to downsize and write a column at the same time. As a matter of fact, I've often written here of those who downsized from big houses to smaller quarters, but I never thought much about it. We did it earlier this year, and while the result will be just fine—when we find everything—the process is to be avoided. ✉ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**53** That stunning March Madness of Spring Break '10 captivated a huge part of the nation, including senior editors of the *Wall Street Journal*. The Big Red basketball team shot to heights of the NCAA tournament where Ivies rarely climb. It was the first nationally ranked Cornell hoops group since the lads of winter 1950-51—**Fred Eydt '52**, **Walt Ashbaugh '51**, **MBA '55**, **Spike Gerwin '51**, **MBA '52**, **Red Chadwick '52**, **Sam MacNeil '51**, **Larry Goldsborough '52**, **John Werner '52**, **Ray Handlan '53**, **Paul Blanchard '52**, **Al Longley '50**, and **Al Rose '52**. Those gentlemen beat Stanford and embarrassed NYU, 69-56, in a 20-5 season. (It turned out some months later that the cads and rebounders of the Big City powerhouse hadn't been really trying.) Previously reliable sources indicate the presence of a vast traffic jam sadly southbound on Route 81 after top-ranked Kentucky burst the bubble in the late late Sweet 16 showdown at Syracuse.

**Al** and **Betsey Harris** entertained 81 Cornellians and fellow travelers at their 13th annual winter Presidential Dinner in their Naples, FL, home. Snow grounded President David Skorton in Ithaca, but Frank H.T. Rhodes filled in at speech time. Over the years, presidents Rhodes, Skorton, Hunter R. Rawlings III, and **Jeffrey Lehman '77** have been honored guests. **Lilyan Affinito**, **Bill**, **MBA '58**, **JD '59**, and **Nancy Bellamy**, **Bob** and **Louise Schaefer Dailey '54**, **Dick** and **Peg Jones Halberstadt '56**, and **Dave** and **Sandy Rossin** were among this year's 81.

**Sam Cassell** and other health care pros have opened the Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative in Hackensack, one of scores of VIM (Volunteers in Medicine) clinics across the nation. It provides free primary care for working people who earn near the federal poverty levels but "too much" for Medicaid. They can't afford insurance, private care, or the sliding scale some hospital and Medicaid clinics offer. Reached shortly after Obamacare was signed into law, Sam notes that "it's a joy . . . not to have to worry about bills and paperwork" and that, among other things, if uncovered people carry contagions, "the public health factor can be significant . . . The decrease in the use of emergency rooms for primary care frees up ERs for actual emergencies." Besides, "it's simply the right thing to do." (For more information on BVMI, see [BVMI.org](http://BVMI.org).) Sam still races his boat on Long Island Sound, but "my new hip has forced me to give up the Charleston."

**Marian Van Valkenburgh** Goodrich (Livermore, CO), who's accustomed to living remotely in the high, dry, and windy Rockies desert, enjoyed an introduction to the high, rainy, green hills of northern England a while back. She and husband

James were accompanying their daughter, a breeder of canines, who was delivering a Welsh springer spaniel to a couple in Appleby, England. It's not far from the Scottish border and the Lake District. The pup's new family was friendly so the Goodriches stayed awhile to hike the countryside and see the museums and ancient castles. It was Penny's first return to the UK since she and sorority sisters made a trip there in the Fifties. This time, they had to share London with President Obama and the spring break crowd. Back home, she volunteers with the Human-Animal Bond in Colorado, special ed children in a Fort Collins elementary school, and the local 4H Club. Two of her kids live nearby in Colorado, another in Florida, yet another in California. The youngest studies tigers in Asia. "We have nine grandchildren. Life is good."

Plastics tycoon **Gordon Lankton's** Museum of Russian Icons is flourishing just a few yards from his Clinton, MA, factory. His collection, described as North America's largest in a *Yankee Magazine* article forwarded by **Jane Little Hardy**, displays centuries-old visual aids to the teachings of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Spouse **Janet (Kilby)** inspired the founding of the museum. "Left to my own devices, I'd probably still have them on the walls of my house," Gordon told *Yankee*, "but Janet was pretty adamant that she'd had enough, and I was pretty adamant that I wanted more, so this was the result." **Harlowe Hardinge**, **MBA '54** (Mercer Island, WA) ventured beyond the Mississippi last fall to look in on his old hometown of York, PA. He also made it to Gettysburg College for the inauguration of president Janet Morgan Riggs. While there, he saw the collection of American Revolution books that he had donated shelved in Gettysburg's rare book stacks. Cork's books on Western Americana went to Idaho State U., Pocatello.

Georgetown Law prof **Martin Ginsburg** submits a brief report of a "grand" 100th birthday party for **Bern West**, **JD '55's** mother, Lillian, at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach on a weekend when Washington was deeply buried in snow. Familiar faces ("at least to me," says he) included Bern's wife, **Joyce**, **Bob Abrams**, and "my spouse **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, who had been giving papers in England and flew in from London. There were lots of speeches, most not bad. At the close of dinner, Lil West made a short speech. She was wonderful." ✉ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

**54** Ah, the silence of an empty mailbox. I have suggested in the past that finding no class news, I would write a monograph on Giant Panda eating habits, but I have found two other intriguing residents at the National Zoo that could possibly pique your interest—both endangered, both being successfully bred with your help. One is the rare (and slowly being reintroduced into the wild) P-horse, aka Takhi, *Przewalski*, or if you prefer the Chinese name: Yehmeh. It is the only true wild horse left on earth. The second would be the kiwi, the symbol of New Zealand—an amazing, flightless, chicken-sized bird that lays an egg weighing in at one-quarter of its own weight. Both can be seen at the National Zoo. In fact, you can get closer to a brown kiwi at the National Zoo than you can in New Zealand. As a volunteer activity, nothing beats something where you learn and do research every day in an ever-changing, ever-challenging worldwide environment.

In their news notes, **Elinor Yavelow** Yuter and **Elaine Harrison Cohen** both mentioned Vladimir Nabokov's courses in Russian and European literature as having a lasting effect on their reading and travels. You may remember Elinor wrote a book *Around the World in a Wheelchair* recounting a trip that she and Sy took. Sy quips that his book would be "Pushing Elinor Around the World in 93 Days." Her MS is stable and would appear not to have slowed her down as their travel itineraries include the Caribbean, California, Illinois, and occasional ski and body surfing trips (for Sy, of course). One of the items on Elinor's bucket list is to become computer literate—good exercise for the grey cells and one's patience. Elaine and husband **Ernest**, **BA '53**, **MA '55**, volunteer as members of the regional citizens committee of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and also have their own action project. Spending time with their grands allows them to witness their own values being handed down to that generation.

I've had a delightful bit of correspondence with **Alden Reed West** (née Willa Alden Reed). Alden wrote that she had done a Doritos commercial in competition to be shown during the Superbowl. I followed through hoping to find it on YouTube, but came up short. Alden said they did not make the final cut, thus did not end up on YouTube. She reads to first graders via the Screen Actors Guild's Book Pals program and sent me a picture of herself dressed in a *Cat in the Hat* costume when they read on the good doctor's birthday. She played Lady Bracknell in *Wilde People*, having played a young girl in *The Importance of Being Earnest* as a freshman. (I missed my column deadline as I have been working night and day on the set of *Lady Windermere's Fan*.) April must be a Wilde month.

A **Daniel Nadler** show should be running when you receive this issue. "Global Patterns" closed at the Morris Museum on April 18, but "Portable Treasures: Silver Jewelry from the Nadler Collection" will be on view until August 8 at the Museum of Arts and Design on Columbus Circle in the Tiffany Gallery. Should you choose, you could view Dan's work from the comfort of your computer chair at: [NadlerPhotography.com](http://NadlerPhotography.com). I suggest that you treat yourself and discover Dan's unerring eye. As to the question of what in the past 55 years has been of value in preparing for the fourth quarter, **Stanley Wilkinson** suggests the importance of discipline in one's life. A very worthy suggestion to pass on to the generations following. Church work, volunteering in soup kitchens, and participating in the lives of his eight grands are ongoing activities. As to the contents of the bucket list, Stan aspires to grow better roses, create a more luxurious garden, help more people, and enjoy "a cabin on the pond."

**Betty Wagler** Striso writes notes that I would love to publish verbatim. She credits Cornell with teaching her to concentrate, so reading becomes not only enjoyable but understandable and recallable. Working taught the value of time as a commodity, and lack of time enabled her to appreciate every second with the family. She is grateful that she can enjoy watching the grandchildren grow and reach for new horizons. What's next? More travel to far-off places and our own beautiful national parks. **Alice Hoffman** would like to teach, and toward that goal plans on returning to college to obtain the necessary credits.

Takhi horses and kiwis coming up in September. ✉ **Les Papenfus** Reed, [ljreed@speakeasy.net](mailto:ljreed@speakeasy.net). Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.



**55** Hi, classmates! This feels like being in limbo. Why, you ask?

Well, Reunion will have come and gone by the time you get this issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, but our write-up about reunion weekend won't reach you until the September/October issue. In the meantime, let's celebrate the great winter season for Cornell's athletic teams! For the first time ever, the men's basketball team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA tournament and showed they could play with the big boys, such as Temple and Wisconsin, before losing to number one seeded Kentucky. The Big Red's achievement attracted national media attention and engendered a great sense of pride and excitement among alumni near and far. Women's hockey took their first trip to a national championship game, winning the Ivy title and the ECAC conference tournament. Men's wrestling finished second in the country at the NCAA tournament in Omaha, achieving the greatest outcome in Cornell wrestling history. **Kyle Dake '13**, a true freshman, was named EIWA Freshman of the Year following his championship performance. Congratulations to all!

**Joe Simon** enjoyed a recent chat with Michael Johnson, dean of the Hotel school. Dean Johnson came to Cornell three years ago from the U. of Michigan, and hopes to catch up with Joe and his fellow Hotelies during the Reunion festivities. I bet **Norm Nedde** has his bags packed. He's never missed a reunion: "This will be my 11th straight!" **Ann Busch** Githler leads a busy life. She plays folk/medieval/renaissance/baroque music on a variety of instruments (banjo, mountain dulcimer, viola da gamba, and pennywhistle). She's also designing jewelry, writing a memoir, and traveling in the US and other countries to hear opera, eat good food, and see her children. **M. David Hyman** writes that Tau Delta Phi brother **Mike Sena** and his wife, Ilona, traveled up from Asheville, NC, to visit the Hymans at their summer home in Bolton Landing, NY, on Lake George. **Marty**, MD '58 (also a Tau Delta Phi brother) and **Phyllis Shames Korn '57** came over from Schroon Lake to join the group for dinner. David ran into **Barbara Ann Ramsey** Adsit, back in Bolton Landing from visiting her son in Bali, and had dinner with **Paul** and **Helen Hyman** in Florida. "They both look great!" said David. He continues, "I achieved my long-term ambition of joining 183 choristers and the Palm Beach Opera Chorus and Orchestra in singing Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*." He calls it his "biggest thrill" since he and **Len Hittner** were permitted to join the Glee Club in their concert at our 50th Reunion.

**Sue Spooner** Olsen is justifiably proud of son Greg, who was awarded a post-doctoral Fulbright research fellowship for advanced chemistry studies in nuclear magnetic resonance. Greg, whose award is for up to two years, will be at the Weizmann Inst. of Science in Israel. **Mal Whyte** writes that he and his wife, Karen, gave each other a 50th anniversary gift of a trip to Antarctica. "Fabulous marine, mammal, and bird life in awe-inspiring surroundings," enhanced by the "stunning learning and lore" provided by excellent naturalists. Mal devotes his volunteer hours to marketing chores and chairing the development committee for the Book Club of California. He also bought a new ukulele to revisit his favorite uke-song: "The Princess Papuli has Plenty of Papaya," which he learned so long ago at the Beta house. I bet many of us could still sing along! **Dick Kurtz** and his wife, Perry Ann, celebrated their 50th anniversary, with **Tad Slocum** and **Jack Miller**, MBA '56, in

attendance. Dick says he's restoring a 1960 Cushman Motor Scooter—"just like in high school!"

News and Dues forms were received from **Joan Mischka Doerr**, **Ron Mulliken**, **Robert Tischler**, **Don Jacobs**, **Frank Hano**, **Ned Arps**, MBA '57, **Norm Harvey**, **Nancy Fraser** Leddy, and **Sandra Klivans** Hess. **Janet Senderowitz** Loengard comments, "I like supporting the library. Libraries are the heart of a university, in my opinion." **Erik Landberg** missed reunion, as he was traveling to England and Ireland at that time. We were extremely sorry to hear from **Gil Schlerf** that his wife, **Bobby (Haglund) '57**, had a cerebral hemorrhage and has been in the ICU and then in rehab for several months. Gil explains, "She always enjoys our '55 reunions, as many of her classmates have spouses in our class." Gil and Bobby hope to be back for her next reunion (2012) and ours (2015). Good luck to you both, and we'll see you then!

**Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza will be in Alaska, not in Ithaca, over Reunion Weekend. She went to Pennsylvania for Christmas and promptly came down with pneumonia and bronchitis. "I definitely will remain in Florida," she's decided. Ruth has friends who are raising 15 kids from Haiti without any government assistance. They range in age from 4 to 19, and many have health or learning issues. "I love to cook," Ruth says, "so I have become quite good at preparing food for 20 people." What a worthwhile commitment, Ruth. **Barbara Burg** Gilman wrote that she and Michael were planning on reunion. They continue dancing and attending dance weekends and festivals. "With three horses and a big veggie garden, we are currently consumed with spring chores," Barbara adds. **Grace Fox** Parsons's days are filled with bridge, knitting, band, and church choir. She also volunteers at a nursing home, the American Red Cross, and the Office of the Aging, and feels blessed to have "survived another year in relatively good health." **Liz Rothermel** Hopwood says, "I love where I am (Fort Lauderdale, FL), although it has been the coldest winter ever." Liz was honored for her volunteer work for the Florida Grand Opera, and she keeps in shape with "lots of exercise—cardio, Pilates, gyrotonic, and strength training." In fact, her personal trainer worked for Barnum & Bailey and Cirque de Soleil. Could he pull a few strings and find you a job riding horses bareback and backwards?

We send good thoughts to **Terry Stokes** McConaughy, who is currently a caregiver for her husband in a continuing care facility in Newbury, CT, "overlooking the beautiful Sudbury River." **Barbara Brott** Myers and her husband, Jerry, sold their home in Englewood, FL, and are renting there instead, for four months of the year. "Less headache!" she notes. Barb had a nice visit with **Sandy Wiltse** Leininger in Buffalo. **Bill**, BS '57, and **Sara Smith Ellison** enjoy traveling with their grandchildren. They've been to Washington, DC, and Sacramento, CA; this year they'll head for Canada. Sara volunteers as a school librarian, putting to practical use a master's in library science, which she received after Cornell and while raising three sons. New Yorker **Peter Haje** has had five short stories published—"in two obscure journals!" **Phyllis Birnholtz** Melnick is grateful for the 53 years she shared with her husband, Herb, who died last August. "Although it will be strange being in Ithaca without him, I'm planning to attend reunion, and look forward to seeing dear old friends," she wrote. **Bill Moyer** says he's enjoying retirement, "except for one problem, unique to me, of being unable to stop aging." Bill was

anticipating rotator cuff surgery, which he hopes will permit him to play the piano again. He's been reading some old favorites such as *Moby Dick* and D.H. Lawrence ("all those books I set aside while working"). He adds, "**Sue (Sutton) '57** and I have been married for 55 years, and I have Cornell to thank for discovering the love of my life!" **Daniel Phelan**, known as Capt. Dan, writes from his home in British Columbia, "Life is OK at 80 years. I can still do everything." Whatta guy! ■ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net.

**56** Phyllis and I have called upon our dear friend and classmate **Ed Berkowitz** to write this month's column. We think you will find it amusing. Ed was editor of the *Widow*, the Cornell humor magazine held in such high esteem on campus. Ed and his wife, **Lois (Ullman) '59**, live in Washington, DC, where he has retired from the law but is involved in many activities. He recently returned from a Cornell Outdoor Activities trip in Asia. We thank him for this wonderful piece.

#### **55 Things to Do Long After You Leave Cornell and Before Your 55th Reunion**

In February 2005 the *Cornell Daily Sun* published a now-famous list of "161 Things Every Cornellian Should Do" (presumably before they graduated). Some of the items on the list are truly timeless and would likely apply to all Cornellians of all ages (#12: "Order ice cream at the Dairy Bar"; or #39: "Kiss on the suspension bridge at midnight"). Others seem peculiar to their own time (#80: "Go to karaoke night at Ruloff's on Mondays"). Still others might get you arrested (#92: "Go skinny-dipping in a gorge") or tossed out of school (#78: "Hook up with your T.A."). There have been a few variations of the theme and even lame efforts at other schools to pick up on the same idea using their own local landmarks and traditions. Having said all that, there is still little guidance for Cornell alumni for what to do after they have graduated, married, spawned, had careers, and finally retired. With apologies to the writers and producers of the recent Jack Nicholson movie *The Bucket List*, the following list is offered for members of the Super Class of 1956 to consider doing before, during, and after their 55th Reunion—not necessarily in this order:

1. Climb a mountain. If you live near Washington, DC, Old Rag is a good one; Capitol Hill isn't.
2. Help teach a kid to read.
3. Work at a museum. You may wonder if you cross the line between being a docent and being an exhibit, but the people you meet will be worth it . . . and you may even learn something.
4. Get involved in local theatre. You'll soon learn that whether "the show must go on" depends on if there is money available to pay the rent.
5. Join a local Cornell Club . . . or start one. You may meet some fun people.
6. Do your own tax return without an accountant. Try to relive prepping for your toughest prelim.
7. List all your pills. Decide whether you really need that many.
8. Go to your high school reunion. Find your old prom date. Wonder why he/she was interesting back then.
9. Go to a ball game. Sit in the bleachers with other old guys, drink beer, and talk about the Real Ballplayers—before steroids were invented.
10. See 9 above. Do the same thing, but with your grandkid(s) and without the beer.

11. Take the grandkids to an ethnic restaurant that serves stuff from a country where our soldiers are fighting. The conversation will take care of itself.
  12. Get on an athletic team playing a sport you never tried at Cornell. Anybody for curling?
  13. Talk to an applicant to Cornell. Marvel at how accomplished these kids are and wonder whether you, or even anyone you knew at Cornell, would have qualified for admission today.
  14. Join a gym. Use it.
  15. Get better at using a computer. You'll need it to communicate with your kids . . . and their kids.
  16. Learn to play a musical instrument, or find the one you used to play in high school and learn to play it again.
  17. Try to understand Rap music . . . or is it Wrap music?
  18. Visit with someone who is Really Older than you. You might learn something . . . or they might. Either way, it may help at least one of you.
  19. Have your own bar/bat mitzvah, even if you aren't Jewish. See 23 below.
  20. Travel to a strange country. Don't stay in a four-star hotel.
  21. Get eight hours sleep regularly. Even in the afternoon.
  22. Own a low maintenance pet. You never know when you'll need someone to talk to.
  23. Go to a church, even if you are Jewish. See 19 above. Figure it out. You'll need to know soon enough.
  24. Be kind to your spouse/partner.
  25. Plant a tree. It may be years before it provides shade . . . which is why you should do it as soon as you can.
  26. Take Italian cooking classes.
  27. Hide the channel changer; take a long walk. Try to remember where you left the changer.
  28. "Front load" your life. Figure out what that means.
  29. Camp on a beach.
  30. Go back up to Ithaca. See if you can find your way around campus; locate your favorite hangout; walk up Libe Slope; get a parking space and then find it later. See 47 below.
  31. Return to a country you really enjoyed. Stay in a four-star hotel.
  32. Spend a week on campus at Cornell's Adult University. You may learn something—or at least discover that dorms can be air-conditioned and that Ithaca has spectacular summers.
  33. See Mt. Rushmore. Imagine you're Cary Grant running around on Washington's nose.
  34. Go skinny-dipping in a gorge . . . not that anyone would care.
  35. Hook up with your caretaker.
  36. Climb the Lindseth Wall in Bartels Hall. It's named after a classmate. Give Cornell a bigger wall and they'll name the new one after you.
  37. Learn to kayak.
  38. Try yoga. Try yogurt. There's a difference.
  39. Run for office. Any office. Even a class office.
  40. Do a good deed that *will* go unpunished. See 46 below.
  41. Try a different wine each month.
  42. Try a different beer each week.
  43. Resist looking back. Satchel Paige wasn't quite right: it's not true that someone *may* be gaining on you, someone *is*!
  44. Look back . . . it's been a long ride. Some of it was probably fun. Check out the good parts.
  45. Embarrass your children regularly. They did it to you; you do it to them. Turnabout is fair play.
  46. Support an international service organization such as Earthwatch or Habitat for Humanity or, better yet, join them on one of their service trips to help people who are really in need.
  47. While you are in Ithaca, climb up Libe Tower to admire the view and see the bells. Notify your cardiologist before you start. Listen to his/her advice.
  48. Check your old *Cornellian* yearbook and find a classmate who was a friend and who you haven't seen since 1956. Then try to find them on the Internet, call them, and renew the friendship—maybe even plan to see them at reunion.
  49. Watch a sunrise . . . as often as you can. Seeing one assures you that you're there and can continue with the day.
  50. Write your congressperson about something that's important to you. If you get a real response, as opposed to a robo-letter or a form written by some staffer, answer it and start a dialogue.
  51. Sue somebody. Lawyers have to live too.
  52. Nap. It is widely believed that some of the greatest decisions in the world have been made by people who have just taken a nap.
  53. Push back. You've come too far to put up with bull from others who haven't.
  54. If you've done all this stuff, make another list. Do that stuff too.
  55. Attend the 55th Reunion of the Super Class of 1956!
- ✉ **Ed Berkowitz**, edberko@aol.com; **Stephen Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com; **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** This is the year when many of us will be having, or already have had, our 75th birthday. To mark the occasion, **Mabel Klisch** Deal celebrated with a family gathering on Hilton Head Island, SC, where everyone enjoyed various activities. When she's back in the Rochester, NY, area Mabel keeps up her Cornell connection by participating in a sorority alumni group. **Sue Davidson** Braun is a regular contributor of news for the column, and her latest e-mail indicates that she's busier than ever. She's working for better preschool education in the San Diego area and helping the League of Women Voters to promote the program. Her big project has been redoing the library at her synagogue, with many hours being spent in learning how to arrange and catalog books, among other things. Her fused

**‘Dick Kurtz says he’s restoring a 1960 Cushman Motor Scooter—“just like in high school!”’**

**Nancy Savage Petrie ’55**

spine is working well enough to keep her moving in a line-dancing group twice a week.

And what have you been doing this summer? Making one of those bucket lists? Working on your golf/tennis/bowling game? Downsizing your house? Getting those annoying cataracts removed? Send news—my computer works fine. ✉ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCRauss@aol.com.

**Ralph Deeds** is a busy man in tough times. He maintains an active website with information and advice for applicants for unemployment compensation. He also publishes short articles and “deedsphotos” on the Internet. For these purposes, he uses software developed by his son and other big hitters in the Internet publishing business. He still longs to sit in the ILR courses involving organizational behavior and collective bargaining.

Last Christmas season, **Phil McIndoo** spent three weeks cruising through the Panama Canal and down the west coast of South America to Valparaiso, Chile. He had worked in Chile some 40 years ago and enjoyed reminiscing with his former boss concerning that time. Next stop: Santiago, where he joined a group for three weeks touring Patagonia and Easter Island. He was especially impressed with the dramatic rock formations (great towers of rock thrusting thousands of feet into the sky) in Chile’s Torres del Paine National Park.

**Paul Rockman** claims to be retired, but he recently taught an eight-week course at the Princeton Senior Resource Center entitled *The Incomplete Ice Age*. It covered ice ages past and present. One of his students was the senior South American explorer Phil McIndoo, who forwarded some of the course content to me. The words are too complicated for an ancient correspondent, but to learn more, I’m sure Phil is on top of them all.

For the third straight year, **Stu MacKay** has been kind enough to ask me to join him to tour the biggest truck show in the US and possibly the world, which takes place in Louisville, KY, each spring. Once again, a hitch in my schedule precluded the tour. As they used to say in Brooklyn, “Wait’ll next year.” While visiting my son and his family in Albany, NY, **Tony Cashen**, MBA ’58, and I took in the NCAA hockey tournament game between the Big Red and the U. of New Hampshire, a tough ending to an otherwise outstanding year. The Cornell contingent was sizeable, with many enthusiasts having come from the NCAA basketball game vs. Kentucky in Syracuse the night before. ✉ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** **Steve Bank** writes: “It has been more than nine years since I retired as a dentist practicing in NYC and almost nine years that I’ve been working as a part-time librarian in Cary, NC. My wife, Judi (Syracuse ’60), still works full-time as a senior software engineer for IBM and I guess we will

keep going a while longer. I still have time for tennis, softball, and running, but I especially get a kick out of continuing to do interviews for Cornell applicants from the Golden Triangle.” Steve’s delighted to send students to Cornell from his area, which is steeped in Duke and UNC tradition: “It makes my day.”

Your correspondent is impelled to recommend a book just finished: the tome by **Andrew Sorkin**



'99 on the Wall Street meltdown of 2008. If you want a description (I can't say understanding) of the actions and characters behind the economic fall that reads like a novel, read *Too Big to Fail* (Viking). **Lynn Clark** Gioiella (egioiella@aol.com) returned to the southern hemisphere last year, to Chile, Patagonia, Pacific fjords, glacier climbing, then to Buenos Aires to warm up. She much enjoyed the 50th Reunion of her Nursing class, and last fall visited the polar bears of Churchill, Canada. Lynn's now fully back into her NYC activities. **Ken Keoughan** celebrated the fifth anniversary of his woodturning school in Damariscotta, ME (kkeoughan@yahoo.com). Retired and still playing golf and tennis, **Carlton Baker** (cbaker72@tampa-bay.rr.com) moved permanently to Florida, where he and Betty had been snowbirds for the last ten years. He's busy with various volunteer jobs, along with his sports.

I'm sorry to report what came in a note from **Ron Demer '59: Phillip Marriott**, BME '59, MBA '60 (Vero Beach, FL) died peacefully in March. Phil was a Mechanical Engineering major, co-captain of the Big Red basketball team for our last two undergrad years, and a member of Tau Beta Pi, Quill and Dagger, and Sigma Nu. After his Army years in Europe, Phil had assignments with Mobil Oil Corp. on four continents as he worked his way up to executive VP of Mobil Europe. We extend the class's sympathies to Phil's wife, Beatriz, and her sons, and to Phil's two children, his brother and sister, and their families.

**Sonja Kischner** Wilkin (asonkim@aol.com) has finished her CERT training and is part of the Clayton, CA, emergency response team. She is also active with sports and Diablo Women's Chorale, in which she's been a member for 14 years. **Frances Browne** Caspar helps others in a related field as a hospice volunteer, extending her former profession as a nurse. **Jon Howell** and Mary Ann plan to keep close to home in Weston, CT, since their granddaughter, 5, lives nearby. Jon says he thought he retired six years ago, but the economic meltdown made the last two years as hectic as ever for him as a financial and retirement advisor. He enjoys the social contact and local efforts of his Kiwanis Club. **Fred Sherman**—our retired DDS-now-broker—escaped work to cruise the East Mediterranean last fall and plans to round Cape Horn this year. Also managing money are **Jack Kelly** and his sons John (Lafayette '87) and **Rob '90**, at the Kelly Group on Park Ave., NYC. Jack also enjoys his work on the board of St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ, and having reveled in our 50th so much, has plans to attend our 55th Reunion. **Robert Mayer** (bobmay13@aol.com) says he's "planning for life after last January's retirement," with Florida in February, first grandchild in March, and a Baltic trip in summer. When home, he helps cook for MANNA, an organization that provides meals for people with AIDS.

**Robert Hunter**, LLB '62 (homhunter1@aol.com) is challenged these days selling real estate and travel. He reports taking a wonderful writing class at Summer CAU and also works on programs benefiting kids in his home area of Phoenix, AZ. Dr. **Betty Fong** Zuzolo (zuzolor@verizon.net) and her husband, Ralph, just retired from the City U. of New York, where Ralph taught for more than 44 years. She says that the Chambers Lab for microsurgery is in limbo, awaiting space to set up again, but she has many alumni from that lab whom she continually monitors and assists as necessary. She's impressed by the successes and accomplishments of her former students. Betty

Ann had lunch with **Muriel King** Taylor, MD '62, last fall and keeps in touch with many classmates.

I'll sign off with a reminder to check our class website on occasion; Pres. **Bill Standen** has been working with the cyber-folks on the Hill to get it brought into shape. As of this writing (April), they're still working on it. Cheers for now. **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net.

**59** **Linda Rogers** Cohen (Great Neck, NY) was honored in March at the annual May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor Breakfast for her contributions to the community—service that has included co-president of the Reform Democratic Association, president of her civic association, and positions on the boards of directors of the Great Neck Library and Historical Society. Linda was in Ithaca for several days this spring, caring for grandson Alex while daughter **Carrie Cohen '89** lectured in a trial techniques program at the Law School. On one day, Linda and Alex ran into **Dave Dunlop**, who agreed that it is "never too early" to give a youngster a campus tour.

Also being instilled with the Cornell spirit are the young grandchildren of Leslie and **Barbara Hirsch** Kaplan (Gladwyne, PA). "I waited a long time for grandchildren," says Barbara, "but in just short of five years we have had two weddings (**Doug '88** married Lauren Hyman, and **Emily '91** married Greg Dodge) and four grandchildren. All of the kids sing or respond to 'Give My Regards to Davy!' " Barbara is stepping down after six years as chair of MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance), a Philadelphia-area organization that prepares and home-delivers more than 80,000 nutritious meals each month to individuals and families living with life-threatening illnesses. In April she and Leslie were on campus to present the seventh annual Kaplan Awards for Public Service to faculty members. "It's amazing how many courses there are, across all the colleges, that teach public service and civic involvement, and I hope that someday the university has a public service major," says Barbara. The recipients of the 2010 awards were **Mary Jo Dudley**, MRP '96, director of the Cornell Farmworker Program, and **Rebecca Stoltzfus**, PhD '92, director of the program in International Nutrition.

"At age 71, I have found my calling," writes **Fred Harwood** (Bedford, NH; fharwood@comcast.net). "I joined the board of the Inti Soccer Academy of Manchester (intisoccer.org) last year and was since elected vice president and general manager. We serve inner-city children with soccer, an after-school academic program, nutrition and healthy living guidance, mentoring, and field trips. Most of our kids are refugees from Africa and Nepal/Bhutan or immigrants from Hispanic countries. Their passion is soccer. We provide them world-class soccer training and competition. Our co-founder was a member of the Bolivian national team. We have some of the best coaches in New England. Soccer is our connection with the kids, but our crown jewel is the academic program. Since we are less than a year old as an organization, funding and building a non-profit infrastructure is an enormous challenge. That

is now my responsibility. Most of the families live below the poverty level. Through the support and love we offer, we have already become an extended family for 60 kids. Our summer soccer camp will attract more than 200. There is no limit to what we can achieve. I hope my great '59 classmates will help support me in this vital and most worthy cause." Fred is a member of CAAAN and an officer in the Cornell Club of New Hampshire. "I meet the best and brightest kids who attend Cornell each year from New Hampshire. And I deal with the heartbreak of the 90 percent of the well-qualified applicants who are rejected. I also have been proud to serve Cornell and the Class of '59 during its past two reunions and by working with the Greek system as past president of the AIFC (**Ron Demer** is now the main man from our class engaged with Greek affairs on campus). I am still active in my own fraternity, Delta Upsilon. It doesn't feel like age 71!"

Farmer **Joan Harris** Riebel (Schuylerville, NY) took a Caribbean cruise. CPA and financial planner **Ken Rand** (Savannah, GA) spent February on Maui. **Stuart Alexander** (Sarasota, FL), retired from R&D for the paper industry, has traveled in recent years to Eastern Europe, France, and South America—and to Pittsburgh, PA, and Scottsdale, AZ, to visit four wonderful grandchildren (and their parents). He and wife Cecile spend three months of each year administering tests in area schools for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (aka the Nation's Report Card). They also are election poll workers. **Ken Riskind** (Tucson, AZ; kjrjhr@gmail.com) is on the boards of the Center for Creative Photography at the U. of Arizona and the Friends of Western Art. He'd love to hear from any of his friends at Cornell.

Eye surgeon **Gerald Schultz** (Rancho Mirage, CA) was in Kolkata, India, this spring, organizing a course on ophthalmic genetics that featured researchers and clinical investigators from the US, Britain, and India. "Afterwards my wife and I joined an Indian friend for an elephant safari in India's Kaziranga National Park, which is noted for its one-horned rhinoceroses." **Sue Rollins** Fried (NYC) retired from a career in market research and is enjoying traveling to Bulgaria, Turkey, Morocco, and other countries. She takes continuing ed classes at New York U. and admits to spending hours playing bridge in her community senior center—"just like I did in the Ivy Room between classes." **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** You're reading this in July, but the column went to press in April, so the report on our mega-reunion will appear in the next issue. I just received my registration materials in the mail and the June weekend promises to be/have been a lively and exciting time for all who attended. Hope to have seen you there! Look for full details of who, what, and when in the Sept/Oct *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

**Martin Bobrowsky** sent word from California that he is "retired after practicing cardiology in Los Angeles for 34 years with the Kaiser-Permanente Group. I visited Cornell a year ago and had the same feelings of awe at the scope of the campus,

‘At age 71, I have found my calling.’  
Fred Harwood '59

the everlasting beauty, and the challenge of the hills." I also learned, via a brief e-mail from **Allan Salzberg** (Boise, ID) that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination in the 1st Congressional District of Idaho. He says, "My website, [www.allan.salzberg.com](http://www.allan.salzberg.com), covers my interest in this election, which I think is critical to America's future." Allan, who held government positions both before and after he received his medical degree, lost his wife **Carol Wachtel '59** to lung and heart disease in 2004 and remarried in 2007. He has two children.

**Elizabeth Heazlett** Kury (Harrisburg, PA) reports that she had a private law practice for 25 years and served as a state civil service commissioner for five years. She says her experience at Cornell was valuable in two ways: "It helped my self-esteem to know I had gone to a great university, and friendships made there are important to me." **Brian Will** (South Dartmouth, MA) credits Cornell with having given him "a great education and preparation for a professional life." Brian served as an Army intelligence officer and worked on advanced energy systems and fuel cells for 34 years. Along the way, he found time to serve as chairman of the Vernon, CT, Conservation Commission for 18 years. Now, he says, "I'm a full-time professional grandfather and part-time sailor." **Davi-Linda Katzin** Friedman and husband David have a new summer home in Laconia, NH, where they now spend the months of May through November. The rest of the year they can be found in Bedford, MA, when not visiting with their seven grandchildren. Davi-Linda says, "Cornell is never far from my thoughts," and among her fondest memories of the Ithaca years are "hiking in the beautiful unforgettable scenery," and "warm personal friendships with several professors and their families."

**Cynthia Golomb Dettelbach** writes from Ohio: "After 29 years as editor of the *Cleveland Jewish News*, I retired in June 2009. Now I'm enjoying being a student again as well as teaching advocacy journalism to high school juniors. My husband, **John '58**, and I also celebrated our 50th anniversary in July 2009. We're the parents of three, including **Anne '91**, and grandparents of seven." **Robert Haeger** (Verona, NY) describes himself as a "retired agricultural teacher" in Oneida County. "I spent 19 years in Cooperative Extension 4H and am still active in the Oneida and Boonville fairs. I'm starting a new hobby in amateur radio (KC2LMR)." **Robert McAfoos**, MS '66 (Pittsburgh, PA) also spent his career as a teacher, dispensing knowledge of physics and computer science to high school students. Robert says, "I developed application software for the school district and am now teaching digital photography and Photo Shop."

**Maxine Ertag** Schwartz (Hollywood, FL) still works at the Miller Center for Judaic Studies at the U. of Miami and is a life member of the board of directors of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. She says, "I still brag that I was a Cornellian." Maxine and husband Kenneth have six children and seven grandchildren. "After a wonderful and rewarding career as an elementary school teacher, mainly in Lexington, MA," says **Renee Sack**, "I retired five years ago. Now I'm as busy as ever, but in different ways. I'm enjoying expanding my hobby of photography, doing volunteer work, and traveling. Some of my fantastic destinations include China, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa." **Elaine Gruenberg** Azcarate (Boulder, CO) also reports "enjoying retirement. I'm doing yoga, tai chi, and other exercise classes and play bridge. I also enjoy spending time with my young grandchildren, Giselle and Gael."

**Douglas Conti** (Yankton, SD) writes, "I am still actively working as a commodity broker." He says that his time at Cornell gave him "the tools to evaluate and make decisions, along with a broader view of the world." His fondest memory is of "the quality and devotion of the professors that we had throughout all the colleges at Cornell. They were not only exceptionally knowledgeable, but took a sincere interest in their students both in and out of the classroom." **Thomas Wheatley** (Middletown, MA) credits Cornell with giving him a "sound base" for his career as a healthcare executive. He says his years on the Hill were "a time of growth and maturity," where he enjoyed sports and fraternity life and made lifelong friends. **Donald Milsten** reports from Baltimore, "I'm happy to announce our second grandson and ninth grandchild. What could be better! I'm looking forward to our 50th Reunion on the Hill." **Nancy Mason** Munson (Huntsville, AL) says, "I'm very sorry to miss the reunion, but it conflicts with a long-ago planned trip."

**John '58** and **Judy Eyles Male** sold their home of 32 years on Hickory Hills Lake in Lunenburg, MA, and bought a two-bedroom condominium in town. According to Judy, "We love it and look forward to leaving the yard work behind when we want to see more of the US and Canada in our motor home." Send your news to: **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** Many of us at Cornell have interesting occupations and interests. **Jane Sessler** (Manhasset, NY) owns racehorses. Heavenly Blaze gave her the first win at Saratoga on August 15, 2009. His mother, Halfway to Heaven, won ten races at New York tracks. She bred Blaze and was overjoyed that he brought her a win at Saratoga. You can put your \$\$ on Heavenly Blaze when you see him race at a New York track. **Mary Ann Tower** Rolland (Youngstown, NY) of the Rolland Development Corp. specializes in renovating historic houses. The large Sanford White shingle-style 1895 house in Niagara Falls should be complete by this fall. The home was saved from demolition and is Mary Ann's contribution to urban preservation. Congratulations for your efforts, Mary Ann. She feels that the courses she took in HE's Design and Environmental Analysis were a help in her career. She would like to hear from Chi Gamma classmates.

Former dorm-mate **Marlene Alpert** Tein (Boca Raton, FL) has been gathering her chicks around her. Daughter **Naomi '90** moved her family ten minutes from Marlene, and Marlene's son moved his family an hour away. As Marlene puts it, "What a pleasure!" Another dorm-mate, **Dale Abrams** Rakusin, lives in Boca and visits with Marlene frequently. Marlene's private tax practice also allows her to do pro bono tax preparation for those in need. Good for you, Marlene. By the way, to you non-Spanish speakers, Boca Raton translates to: the mouth of the mouse or the mouse's mouth. **Lola Cohen** Green (Rancho Santa Fe, CA) returned from Kenya. Lola and husband Walter helped to build a medical clinic for kids in a Kenyan village. After completion of the clinic, they toured all over Kenya on safari. In Lola's words: "Amazing trip!" The Greens are also involved in an after-school program in the field of science for underserved San Diego teenagers. The program is called the Elementary Institute of Science (EIS), and Lola calls EIS "a fabulous educational program."

As I read the many submissions sent by our classmates, I am pleased to see how many of you contribute to local, national, and international causes. You should be very proud of yourself, Class of '61.

**George Malti**, JD '63 (Sedona, AZ) writes to tell us about his travels with wife Johannah. They visited Greece and Turkey and enjoyed a safari in Tanzania. **Marco Minasso** (Yonkers, NY) enjoys traveling to see grandchildren and relatives. His challenge: "To stay out of the hospital." He stays active with the Vinivo Wine Co. Inc., an importer and distributor of fine wines. The Hotel School Alumni Association and the Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity Alumni are two of his other interests. As president of the Home Crest Civic Association, his neighborhood group, he strives to increase local and social awareness. Marco would like to hear from **John Strahorn**.

**Carol Moore** Hershey (Worthington, OH) manages a community nonprofit art gallery, High Road Gallery. It's in an 1818 historic building, which Carol renovated and, in 2000, donated for the use of High Road Inc. Carol and husband John had a great trip along the Croatian Coast (John's homeland): "Not to be missed." Skiing at Breckenridge was excellent for older skiers. Carol still plays tennis and mentors a group of "at risk" middle schoolers. If you are in Breckenridge, look for the St. Bernard Inn, which Joanna founded in 1970. It's on Main Street. Never did learn to ski, but the restaurant was a hit. Breckenridge has many memories for me, including the birth of son number two in Fairplay, the next town over from Hoover Pass. It had a 24-bed hospital (three beds in the maternity ward), and the doctor wore cowboy boots.

**Stuart Carter**, BArch '62 (Arlington, MA) is phasing into retirement after completing several major architectural projects. He is assisting sculptor Elizabeth Archer in her major show in Boston, and he plans to continue painting and sculpting. His daughter Michelle Carter is also a painter. **Frances Shapiro** Ivker (Hoover, AL) still practices medicine in New Orleans two to four days a month. "Hurricane Katrina destroyed my home, office, and practice, and the hospital is still closed. We moved to Birmingham and go to all life functions that we are invited to (weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and bar mitzvahs)." Frances is a member of the Ritual Burial Society for the Birmingham Jewish community. It's an ancient, honored, much-needed service to the community.

We hope you will continue to send us your news. It makes writing this column a joy! Be sure to check out our website, <http://www.cornell61.org>. **Larry Wheeler** makes us proud as our webmaster. **Joanna McCully**, [joannacelticclady@aol.com](mailto:joannacelticclady@aol.com); **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net).

**62** After a four-year battle against cancer, my husband, **Bob Crites '59**, succumbed on April 3. We had 50 years together and enjoyed world travel, gardening, sailing, and myriad other activities in the Northwest. Our three adult children were there. Both boys and their families live in Seattle, and Foreign Service Officer Valerie was here from Sri Lanka. She is deputy chief of mission at our embassy in Colombo. As this is written, I still feel as if I'm on the outside looking in and cherish the notes received from many longtime friends.

**Bruce Rogers** (Piermont, NY; [brogers@barpc.com](mailto:brogers@barpc.com)) let us know that he's still practicing law at Rogers McCarron & Habas in Orangeburg. After-hours



activities include downhill skiing in the winter; tennis, golf, and biking in the summer; and “as much traveling as I can. Also, coaching the grandkids in sports, as well as an old man can. And still working on my golf and tennis games, although I don’t know if there are enough years left for me to improve.” Bruce’s Cornell memories include friends in his fraternity, on the track team, and in classes. “They were, and are, a terrific group of people.” **Don Juran** (donaldjuran@gmail.com) is at it again. Several years ago he ran into **Andy Duymovic** at a senior softball game. This time it was table tennis. **Steve Schmal**, his wife Debbie, and Don take lessons from the same coach, in adjacent time slots. “Steve and I didn’t recognize one another—we discovered the ‘62 connection only after several weeks of brief conversation between lessons.”

**Judy London** (judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) sent news of the passing of **Judith Mushabak** Layzer on January 8 in New York City. A three-decade survivor of ovarian cancer, Judith outlived the odds by her late husband Arthur’s innovative and well-researched treatment recommendations that physicians then followed. Judith worked for the City of New York as an administrator in contract compliance and the Dept. of Transportation. She also co-founded the nonprofit Committee for Women in Non-traditional Jobs, pioneering the hiring of women in the trades for work on city contracts. Today, her work is archived at NYU’s Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives. A lifelong New Yorker, Judith remained a tireless activist for local and national causes through clubs on the Upper West Side when she retired. She expressed her passion and energy for politics—and the arts—every day, inspiring those around her until the very end. Judy London, a PhD, is a licensed psychologist and author of *Connecting the Dots: Breakthroughs in Communication as Alzheimer’s Advances*.

**Bob Slagle**, MBA ‘64 (rfslagle@aol.com), who divides his time between Pittsburgh and Florida, sent the link to an April column entitled “The Pain of Losing a Spouse Is Singular,” written by **Jane Brody**: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/06/health/06cases.html>. Class prez **Alex Vollmer**, MS ‘64, sent the same link.

**Phil**, MArch ‘65, and **Maddy Gell Handler** ‘65 (phil@flyonwall.com) live in West Hartford, CT. Phil writes, “Though I have been a recovering architect since starting my business in the early 1990s, I am far from retired! My firm, Fly on the Wall Productions, keeps me very busy with paying jobs documenting construction and construction processes, especially in New Haven at Yale; the volunteer end of the business started ten years ago with my wife. We have been creating and producing videos of a documentary nature about the Cornell experiences of alumni, primarily graduates of AAP. These productions have been screened at Cornell reunions since 2000 and reside in the Cornell Archives. Since our first video vignettes in the earlier years, we have amassed a large body of work. The last eight, now full-length productions, are being supported online at the Cornell Library e-commons website, where they can be viewed on the Internet (<http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/>).” Phil and Maddy are producing a documentary for screening for our 50th Reunion. Over the next two years, they will visit and interview classmates of different genders and schools about their experiences on the Hill. “In addition to my work, my time is happily filled with four out-of-town grandchildren between the ages of 4 and 6: a boy and a girl with our son Michael (Wharton ‘90) and his wife in Seattle, and the other two

with our daughter **Alyssa ‘92** and her husband, **Amato Bocchino**, in Beverly, MA.”

Your classmates are waiting to hear from you—and so is your correspondent. Use the News Form in our latest class mailing, or write me directly anytime! Check our class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu/>, for up-to-date planning information for our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2012. ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, [jmc50@cornell.edu](mailto:jmc50@cornell.edu).

**63** Cornellians around the country celebrated in March with the success of the Cornell men’s basketball team. Our local Cornell Club of Southern Arizona had viewing parties to watch Cornell play Wisconsin and Kentucky. Each was a lot of fun and gave everyone such a sense of pride. I had lunch the other day with **Virginia “Ginny” Hoffman** Morthland and **Christine Newton** Dauber. We are all going different ways at the end of the spring, as many Tucsonans do.

Congratulations go out to our class president, **Carol Bagdasarjian** Aslanian. She has received the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, which honors alumni who have given long-term volunteer service to Cornell through the broad spectrum of alumni organizations. We are proud of Carol for all she does for Cornell and our class. There will be an awards dinner in Ithaca on September 24, during Homecoming. Carol and eight other classmates attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. There were sessions on activities relevant to the university, overall, and to our class programming. Those in attendance were **Joe Stregack**, PhD ‘70, **Vivian Grilli** DeSanto, **Dick Lynham**, **Paula Trested** LaHolt-Oeste, **Ed Butler**, MS ‘65, **Richard Clark**, **Pat Kelly** Poggi, and **Donna Forsman**, BFA ‘64. They discussed regional events aimed at bringing together members of the Class of 1963 and ways in which we can use social media to help our classmates connect. They also discussed our forthcoming 50th Reunion in 2013.

**Donna Forsman** (Annandale, VA) will finally become a grandmother in November. Donna was the sightseeing guide for Vivian and Paula. **Whin Melville**, ME ‘68, and wife Joan are still in Pittsford, NY. Their son **Jeffrey ‘09** graduated from the Engineering college, then returned to Cornell in the fall of 2009 for a master’s in Electrical Engineering. Whin enjoyed the June 2009 Centennial Celebration for his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi. He saw **Cliff Argue**, ME ‘66, and **Nick Scott**. A great time was had by all. He also attended the special reception that Cornell had for **Ratan Tata**, ‘59, BArch ‘62, and ran into more Alpha Sigs whom he had not seen since graduation.

**Keith** and **Penny Harris** Block (Evanston, IL) have four children, two of whom are married. There are five grandchildren. Their youngest daughter is a senior at Cornell. They took a long trip through Bhutan recently. Keith is an MD and Penny has her PhD. Together, they run the Block Center for Integrative Cancer Care in Evanston. They recently published their breast cancer study (*Breast Journal*) showing substantial survival over compatible groups with an integrative treatment program. **Nan Rick** has moved back to the US after living for ten years in New Zealand. She now has a “Nana House” near her daughter’s family in northern Idaho. She winters in Boise, ID. For twelve years, Nan was the owner of a wholesale gift business. She has also raised sheep, had a restaurant (Shepherds),

owned two bookstores, and started an art education program in Idaho. She used to do pottery, but now paints, writes, and satisfies her own curiosity. Her travel has included Ethiopia, South Africa, Madagascar, Europe, South America, the Middle East, India, Australia, New Caledonia, Canada, and Hawaii, to name a few. She has grown children Jordan and Gina. Gina is married with three children, ages 7 years to 4 months.

**Steve** and **Marjorie Walker** Sayer, BFA ‘63, spent the month of March exploring the art and culture of Sicily. After the first week, their children joined them for a week at a small villa west of Palermo. Marjorie’s painting is going well. She will be in a program at the Vermont Studio School for the last week of April. She will show at the Strolling with the Heifers weekend in Brattleboro, VT. **Jim Billings**, MBA ‘64, and wife Karin spend the winter in Sarasota, FL, and their summers in Hamburg, Germany. Jim continues to do a little consulting and Karin is an active artist. She and two friends are having a painting exhibition in Hamburg in mid-June. Jim’s son **Jay ‘98** and his wife, Kelly, live in Boulder, CO. They have four children under the age of 6. His daughter Betsy and husband Nathan live in Tiburon, CA, and have three children. Jim also reported the sad news that **Dave Costine**’s wife, Carol, died rather suddenly from brain cancer. A memorial service was held on April 11 at their home in Newport Beach, CA. Our condolences to Dave and his family.

That’s all for now, but please send me an e-mail whenever you want to tell me what you’re doing these days. That’s the easiest way to see your name in the column! ☐ **Nancy Bierds** Icke 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, [icke63@gmail.com](mailto:icke63@gmail.com).

**64** Quite a variety (and quite a bit) of news this month, which should make for some good mid-summer’s reading.

**Jack Litman**, who graduated first academically in our class, died in January from lymphoma. He was a world-renowned defense attorney, famous for successfully defending notorious killers. Jack majored in mathematics and French literature at Cornell, which he and others had cited as instrumental in his uniquely successful defenses: mathematics for his cool, detached analytical precision, and French literature for his passionate courtroom arguments. **Don Zuckerman** didn’t know Jack at Cornell, but they did cross paths when Jack was deputy chief of the New York County District Attorney’s homicide bureau and Don was a supervisor in the Legal Aid Society’s criminal appeals bureau. Their friendship grew when both were active members of the executive committee of the State Bar Association’s committee on criminal justice. Don writes, “We would plan to attend class reunions together and to take part in many of the wide range of activities offered during those events.” Don also writes that he and wife Donna now live in Northampton, MA, just two blocks from Smith College, where they audit, on average, one course apiece each semester. He quips, “When people ask me how long we’ve lived here, I say ‘ten semesters,’ rather than five years.” The Zuckermans moved to Northampton to be near their two grown children and their families, which now include their first grandchild, “and to pretend that it’s 50 years ago and we’re in college once again.”

Congrats to **Ed Bittle** on being awarded the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award by the National

School Board Association's Council of School Attorneys, for his longtime work as an attorney for the school board; he was honored at a reception in Chicago in April. He and wife Barbara still live in West Des Moines, IA. **Edward Huber**, who lives in Naples, FL, with wife Martha, is appearing in this column for the very first time! Ed retired in March 2009 as president of NYC's Ketch Restaurant. **Edward Goodman**, MD '68 (Dallas, TX), last here 16 years ago, still works as an infectious disease physician and medical educator at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and Texas Health Resources. Ed received a letter of appreciation from the director of Mossad for his service to Israel, principally for his annual visits to Western Galilee Hospital. He also has received a humanitarian award from B'nai Zion Foundation and an outstanding service award from Bonds for Israel. He and wife Rona enjoy music, golf, and more travel. They make frequent trips to New Jersey and Connecticut to see their grown son and daughter and six grandchildren.

**Rick '65** and **Linda Cohen Meltzer** and **Steve, JD '64**, and **Sue Mair Holden** last March journeyed together to Provence where, Linda reports, they "stayed in some charming little hotels, ate 'til we almost exploded, drank copious quantities of cheap but yummy French wine, shopped a bit, and visited numerous delightful towns and sights." They even had a personal cooking lesson at a chef's chateau, then dined on their handiwork. Unfortunately, Sue broke her leg on the next-to-last day while they were hiking in the Mont St. Victoire hills, but remained "incredibly upbeat." **Leonard Berman** (Huntington, NY) still works as a scientist at Pall Life Sciences and enjoys sailing and tennis. Len and wife Charlotte have two grown children and four grandchildren. Their recent travel includes Shanghai last December and our reunion last June. **Ihor Evanick** (Valatie, NY) has retired after 40 years practicing law—and is now a full-time college student majoring in physics! Ihor writes that it's "interesting competing with jocks 50 years younger in soccer, lacrosse, racquetball, softball, and badminton—you get the picture!"

Retiree **Phil Green** (Punta Gorda, FL) is deep into boating. This summer he is cruising from Plattsburgh, NY, through the Great Lakes to Chicago, and this autumn he plans to spend two weeks sailing in the Greek Isles. **James Reyelt** is also retired, especially enjoying summering in Ireland with a "wonderful gal" golf and tennis partner, and touring the UK and nearby continental cities. Jim spends his winters in Palm Beach, FL, where he paints and draws (and is achieving recognition as an artist), participates in outdoor sports, and otherwise enjoys leisure activities. Jim says he will soon have a third grandchild. He's looking forward to our 50th Reunion, having had a great time at the 40th seeing old Hotelie friends.

That's it for this issue. Please respond to our News and Dues appeal if you haven't done so yet. Watch for updates on our 50th Reunion, in addition to news from classmates. Also, be sure to visit our class website to see pictures from our 45th (<http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>), and to send me news. ☐ **Bev Johns** Lamont 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** As this column is being written in April, please look for our full Reunion Report in the Sept/Oct issue! **Richard Gildersleeve** (Stamford, CT) writes that he is very involved with a new "go green"

company called Shop to Earth. **Sogba Bosu** (Anaheim, CA) reports that he is semi-retired but still working part-time as a neonatologist/pediatrician. **Alexander Mastoris**, MS '67 (New Hope, PA) owns and operates Mastoris Restaurant and All Stars Sports Pub in Bordentown, NJ. **Mark Friedman** is retired and instructs soccer referees in San Diego, CA. He also spends time body-boarding, SUP boarding, kayaking, skiing, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, and sculling. **Elva Seegmiller Storrs** is also enjoying retirement. She has been traveling and trying to spend time with grandchildren in Utah. She attended a Cornell Glee Club concert at the Kennedy Center in January and enjoyed it very much. She and husband **Larry**, PhD '73, live in Rockville, MD. I recently ran into **Paul Seidel** here in Rochester, NY, where he is retired, enjoying bridge, and participating in a number of book clubs.

included Helsinki and Stockholm (where they got together with **Dave** and **Sharon Mooney Franklin '66** and **Al**, ME '66, and **Ingrid Berlin Center '66** last August), a cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg, London in the summer of 2009, and the west coast of Florida in January 2010. They have also gotten together with **Bill Allaway**, **Dave Alspach**, **Rik Von Bergen**, MBA '67, **Jim Dempsey**, and **Paul Bower** and their spouses.

**Jon Michael Schwarting**, MArch '68, is in Port Jefferson, NY, where he has an architectural practice, Campani and Schwarting Architects. He also directs and teaches in a graduate program in urban and regional design at the New York Inst. of Technology in NYC. He adds that two projects from his practice were shown in the exhibit *Arcadia/Suburbia: Architecture on Long Island, 1930-2010* at the Heckscher Museum in Huntington, NY, which ran from January to April. He was scheduled

## ‘Mark Friedman instructs soccer referees in San Diego, CA.’

Terry Kohleriter Schwartz '65

**Michael Gimbrone** (Jamaica Plain, MA) is one of many classmates who are enjoying the wonders of grandparenting. **Henry Nave**, ME '67, is too. Henry is operations manager for Flatiron Construction-Intermountain Division, the company that did the I-35 bridge repair in Minneapolis. **Suellen Safir** Rubin is retired and living in Carmel, CA. She enjoys gardening, fitness, and spending time with her four grandchildren who live nearby. **Marilyn Kaplan** Eisenberg sends news from Florida. Marilyn is still teaching math at Santa Fe College in Gainesville and playing tennis in her spare time. Her daughter Anna has married a Frenchman and lives outside of Paris. Their son, Jerome Bernard, Marilyn's first grandchild, was born in Feb. 2009. **David Reese** retired from the food distribution business in 2000 and opened an antique and classic car store in 2001. He and wife Marge live in Greensburg, PA, and are enjoying their five grandchildren.

**Glenn Billington** (Cleveland Heights, OH) practices law full-time and enjoys his children and grandchildren. He was recently elected president of the board of trustees of the Cleveland Heights/University Heights Public Library, and also serves as the Cornell representative to "Summer on the Cuyahoga," an innovative summer internship program for recruiting Cornell undergrads to Cleveland area businesses. **Wayne Phillips** retired from 26 years of solo practice of internal medicine in Hanover, PA, and recently moved to Charleston, SC. Wayne says he was not able to make the 45th Reunion but will be at the 50th.

**Loren Meyer** Stephens (Los Angeles, CA) sent the following: "I'm writing memoirs for my clients, teaching a course called Writing Memoir, and completing my first full-length nonfiction book about my two Japanese mothers-in-law. Son Josh (Princeton '97) will complete studies at the Kennedy School of Public Policy at Harvard in May and is the editor of the California Planning Report." Loren added that she and husband Dana were planning on spending a month in Santa Fe, NM. **Maurice** and **Courtenay Klug Hoag** are retired and living in Cockeysville, MD. Recent travels have

to lecture in Milan in March and June. His daughter, **Jessica Schwarting** Good '96, has given Jon Michael and wife Frances two grandchildren.

**Susan Frank Weitz** (Midland, MI) is doing freelance writing and traveling. She went to Paris and London in 2009 and hoped to go to Vienna, Prague, and Budapest this year. Her first grandchild was born in January. **John Gerich** writes that he is "set to go into semi-retirement" and that he and wife Carol are moving to Wayne, PA. **Marilyn Blum** Brodsky is "retired in Boca Raton, FL, tutoring students of all ages, relaxing with mah-jongg and canasta, and traveling. Husband Sandy is an academic advisor at Palm Beach State College and an active volunteer for the county sheriff. The kids are doing fine. Marilyn hoped to see "anyone and everyone" at reunion: "A great chance to reminisce, catch up, and party!" Keep the news coming. We love to hear from you. ☐ **Terry Kohleriter** Schwartz, [Terryks7@aol.com](mailto:Terryks7@aol.com); **Joan Elstein** Rogow, [psurutsc@aol.com](mailto:psurutsc@aol.com); **Ronald Harris**, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu).

**66** As we sweat through another hot summer, can you remember back to January and February, when we in the East had those huge snowstorms? Never spent a summer in Ithaca, but understand they were pretty wonderful.

Talking about last winter, several in our class participated in the first annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held in January in Washington, DC. The three-day conference included 774 alumni leaders, faculty, staff, and students. They attended 75-plus seminars, board meetings, student presentations, class dinners/meetings, campus updates, meals, tours, networking receptions, and faculty panels. The panels included, "Is Charisma Enough? Faculty Research on Leadership," presented by Prof. Samuel Bacharach; "Cool Tools: Yes, There's a Technology for That," presented by a member of the Cornell IT staff; and "Obama from the Inside Out: Grading the Obama Administration," presented by Prof. Glenn



**Altschuler, PhD '76.** The tours included many of D.C.'s famous sites and museums, including a tour of the Office of the Speaker of the House. Class participants were **Rolf Frantz, ME '67, Herb Fontecilla, ME '67, Sue Rockford Bittker, Sue Maldon Stregack, Bob Dona, and Pete Salinger, MBA '68.** The good news is that CALC, which had much higher attendance and positive feedback than previous winter meetings, will also be held in D.C. next winter. "Leaders" were defined broadly, spanning dozens of clubs, classes, associations, positions, and geographies. The assembled came together for communications, collaborative brainstorming, networking, and sharing. Do plan on joining us next winter.

I spoke with **Tony Radice, JD '69,** who attended CAU last summer and took a course relating to the geology of the gorges, while wife Patricia Crown took another course. He also hit the golf course. Tony said they loved their week and the whole atmosphere, including opportunities to take tours, attend lectures, and talk with faculty members. He said he "highly recommended" CAU. Tony is a litigation attorney in NYC at Morrison & Foerster, an adjunct professor at Cornell, and father of **Julia Radice '09** (Arts and Sciences).

**Nathan Wong** writes from Honolulu: "Retired on December 2, 2009 after 33 years with Kaiser Permanente as a family physician—two weeks later, assumed the position of medical director, Kamehameha schools. Learning continues." **Cindy Sommer** announces the birth of grandson Rowan Jacob, born in August 2008 to daughter **Jacqueline Schulman Dobranski '92, DVM '97.** **Norman Stern** and his wife just returned from a trip to Thailand and Vietnam. He wrote, "We had a great time and recommend it to all." **Joel Edelstein** (Elkins Park, PA) is associate medical director of the Devereux Foundation in Beneto Center, PA. **Charlie Rappaport** wrote that he is enjoying retirement: "Still breathing, eating, and ambulating."

**Nancy Kurtz** sent a note saying that her family gathered in Moab, UT, for the holidays, meaning they didn't have to travel. She wrote that most of her traveling is related to work, but that she lives in a beautiful desert paradise, where others come to vacation. "So, in essence, we vacation at home." **Ronni Barrett** Lacroute filled us in as follows: "This past year has been filled with Cornell activities such as birding with the Laboratory of Ornithology, visiting campus and making a presentation to students and faculty of Cornell Viticulture and Enology, meeting with Cornell faculty and staff during Trustee/Council weekend," and other related activities. Ronni wrote that her winery, Willakenzie Estate Winery, in Yamhill, OR, has gained a lot of positive attention in the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*. She ended her note with: "Please come visit! Classmates get the VIP tour!"

Pete Salinger and his wife, **Ruth (Dritch) '67,** had dinner with **Art Slesinger, ME '67,** and his wife, Lynda, and another dinner with **Mike Singer,** in from Davis, CA, to help the USDA with evaluations of soil research project applications. **Ralph Schwartz** wrote of his retirement, saying that he

is enjoying his time: reading, training for cross-country ski racing, and "attempting to play golf."

We are now less than a year away from our 45th Reunion, to be held June 9-12, 2011. These weekends are terrific, whether your interests are academic, visiting Ithaca, or hanging out with classmates. Do consider joining us. Please send your news or reunion suggestions to any of our class correspondents: **Pete Salinger, pete.sal@verizon.net;** **Susan Rockford Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com;** **Deanne Gebell Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu.**

**67** Prof. **Robert L. Thompson,** who holds the Gardner Endowed Chair in Agricultural Policy at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, retired in May. He and wife Karen plan to split their time in retirement between Washington, DC, and Bethany Beach, DE. This year, Bob was honored by the U. of Illinois with its Global Service Award and by the USDA Economists Group with its Bruce Gardner Award "for an academic who has made outstanding contributions to the economics of USDA policies and programs while serving in some capacity at USDA [as Assistant Secretary for Economics]." Fellow academic **Kim Howell** (Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania; kmhowell@uds.ac.tz) writes: "I am a duespaying class member with a somewhat unusual background. I grew up in the US and am a US citizen, but two weeks after graduating from Cornell (CALS, Zoology) found myself teaching school to political refugees in Zambia. I moved to Tanzania and took my PhD at the U. of Dar es Salaam and have lived and taught at this university in the Dept. of Zoology for the past 40 years. Unfortunately, I have not been able to

attend any of the class reunions, but I enjoy reading the alumni magazine and still maintain contacts by e-mail with a few Class of '67 members."

In September 2009, **Jane Capellupo** (West Henrietta, NY; jcapellupo@rochester.rr.com) visited **Betsy Tyler-Bee** in Charlbury, England, where she has lived for the past five years. "We had wonderful weather and took trips to London and Oxford, where Betsy worked at the university before her retirement last year," writes Jane. **Sally Nellis Kuehl** (Rochester, NY; bksk74@frontiernet.net) seeks fellow bicycle tourists. "Bob and I enjoy bike tours, alone or with groups," she writes. "Some of our favorite trips were in Nova Scotia, Kentucky, and Iowa. I've biked in Vietnam and Cambodia; last summer, I drove our pickup truck while Bob biked from Virginia to San Francisco. I biked from San Diego to St. Augustine four years ago."

**Carol Farber Wolf** (Point Pleasant, NJ; wolfsea@verizon.net) reports that she is charting a new course: "After XX years being a marketing exec in educational publishing for all the major companies and a couple of start-ups, I've decided to set up my own business—SeaWolf Associates: strategic marketing and communications for educational publishing and technology, the arts, and public service organizations." She adds: "I've been taking Spanish classes—at Princeton, not Cornell—and have been spending a few months

on both the east and west coasts of Florida to explore relocation. I need ocean and warm weather and hate wearing shoes! I am working with Merlin's Kids, an organization that uses service animals (dogs and horses) to work with autistic children." She asks: "Where are you, **Connie Blaser Rubin?**"

**Robert Greig** is with the Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP law firm in Paris, France (rgreig@cgsh.com). You can reach **Terry McGlashan** (Orlando, FL) at canadian1@bellsouth.net.

I managed somehow to slip into the Penn Quarter Tavern in downtown Washington, DC (it's named after Pennsylvania Ave., not a certain rival university) to join scads of Big Red basketball fans who emerged to watch the first of two great upsets—against Temple—that the Red five pulled off in March Madness. A *New York Post* interview with **Gregg Morris '68, MPA '73,** recalled our victories in '66 on the road against, of all teams, Kentucky and Butler! **Richard B. Hoffman, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008;** e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** **Chet Stein** (cmsddspc@aol.com) and his wife, Rita, live in Rockville, MD. Their son, Jonathan, is an environmental lawyer. In 2008, Chet sold his Washington, DC, periodontal practice, and although he still practices part-time, the sale has provided him with more time to do many other enjoyable things. He is an avid bird photographer, and he and Rita have traveled a great deal for this purpose, sometimes to remote areas. Chet chaired a Jewish National Fund mission to Israel; the trip had a bird watching and photography theme and captured the amazing spring migration of 500 million birds through Israel. On that trip he spent time with an Israeli professor who had conducted field research at Cornell's Lab of Ornithology. Chet's next birding trip will be to Peru, later this year. He regularly sees Rabbi **Jim Michaels** and **Michael Schrier '90.** Rabbi Michaels (rabbi.m@comcast.net), director of pastoral care at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, has co-edited a book on long-term pastoral care, which was published in April 2009. In his free time, he travels to see his grandchildren.

At the end of March, my husband and I attended the wedding of Tica Lema to Dr. Brian Coan, elder son of **Ruth Chittlik Coan** and her husband, **Mark '65,** from Atlanta. The wedding took place at Duke U. The groom's brother, **Seth Coan '00,** was his best man. We enjoyed the festivities very much and it was delightful seeing our friends Mark and Ruth again in Durham. Congratulations to **Jay Waks, JD '71,** a litigation partner and chair of the labor and employment law department at Kaye Scholer LLP in NYC, on his receipt of the Cornell Law School's 2010 Exemplary Public Service Award on February 5, 2010.

**Diane DeGeorge Nichols** (diane\_nichols@urmc.rochester.edu) is the data manager and senior health project coordinator for the U. of Rochester Medical Center Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, as well as the clinical research study coordinator. She lives in Rochester with her husband, David. Her hobbies include watching Yankees' games, walking, and other forms of exercise. Diane also enjoys playing with her grandchildren. **Jeff Donahue** (jeffrey.h.donahue@gmail.com) retired last year as president and CEO of an investment company in Columbia, MD. He now serves on four corporate boards and that of one nonprofit. Jeff and wife Anne have two grown

children living in Southern California, so they have purchased a home in Santa Barbara.

**Elizabeth Drake Lowe** (Elizabeth.Lowe@qc.cuny.edu) is an assistant professor of textiles and apparel and chair of the Dept. of Family, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences at Queens College-City U. of New York in Flushing, NY. She was co-curator of an exhibit, "Fabric of Cultures: Fashion, Identity, Globalization," and the catalogue of the same name published by Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys singing and bell choirs. She and husband **John** live in Demarest, NJ. Thanks for your news. I look forward to hearing from all of you. ■ **Mary Hartman Schmidt**, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

**69** Congratulations to our bracket-busting men's basketball team and coaching staff! You were a class act on and off the court. Thank you!

**Michael Sinclair** (Sinclair@acadia.net) has led an interesting and peripatetic life, having worked in New York City, Boston, Russia, Ukraine, South Africa, Indonesia, Montenegro, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Serbia, Egypt, West Bank/Gaza, and Iraq. Most of his work has been in international development for private consulting firms, and he now chooses to work in places he hasn't seen yet. His travels read like an international guidebook; he has recently visited Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and many parts of Indonesia, Slovenia, and Romania. He is now based in Central Asia and looks forward to visiting Finland to visit Alvar Aalto's buildings. Aalto was of great interest to Michael while he was studying architecture at Cornell. Michael owns property on the coast of Maine and hopes to build a house there in the not-too-distant future.

**David Shannon** (daveshan@quicksilver.net.nz) has also been circling the globe. After spending two years in the Army, headquartered in Germany and traveling throughout Europe, he graduated from Montana State with a master's in American history, then joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to Iran. From there he traveled throughout the Middle East, India, Nepal, and Western Europe. Liking the international work, he went to graduate school at the School for Int'l Training in Brattleboro, VT, for a master's in international administration. After an internship in Niger, West Africa, a stint with Foster Parents Plan in Jacmel, Haiti, and two-and-a-half years in Kathmandu, he wound up in New Zealand in 1984. He is now a remuneration consultant and travels extensively. He would love to organize a local alumni chapter in New Zealand. Anyone interested can e-mail him.

**Jeff Borer, MD '69**, is busy as professor and chairman of the Dept. of Medicine and chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, where he grew up. In addition, he has secondary appointments as professor of radiology and professor of cell biology and director of the Howard Gilman Inst. for Heart Valve Diseases and the Cardiovascular Translational Research Inst., all at Downstate. In 2009, he received, together with **Tony Fauci, MD '66**, SUNY Downstate's Transforming Lives Through Research Award. He is president of the Heart Valve Society of America, an adviser to the USFDA, and editor-in-chief of the journal *Cardiology*. He has also produced 400 full-length scientific publications and four books and has received several national and international recognitions.

**Cathy Harlan Conover** writes from Big Sky Country, Bozeman, MT, where she is vice president of communications and public affairs at Montana State U. She is also the lobbyist for MSU with the state legislature. Husband **Richard, JD '69**, still has an active law practice in intellectual property and is busy with the patents for all the inventors who now have time on their hands to "invent." Son Ted is an architect overseeing the construction of the new visitors' center at Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park. Son Bill and wife Jean will move back to Bozeman soon with their son Cody, 1; Jean will be marketing director for the Museum of the Rockies. Enjoy your grandson, Cathy.

**Pete Kline, MS '71** (PETE.KLINE@childrens.com), appropriately celebrating his 40th year out of Cornell, has launched his fourth career as president of the Children's Medical Center Foundation in Dallas. He writes, "I am having a great time raising money for one of the top ten pediatric hospitals in the US. Miracles happen here every day, and the science is truly incredible." **Paul Giannini** is practicing real estate and consumer law in Beverly Hills and is enjoying his beautiful grandchildren, Ben and Zoey. He got into sailing five years ago and really enjoys it. Paul sees **James Wright, DVM '72**, who lives in Malibu, from time to time. **Phil Callahan** ran in the second annual Pasadena half-marathon and finished third in his age group with a 1:55:20. He is planning to run the 2,500th anniversary marathon (the real thing) in Athens in October. Always looking for news. Please send it to: ■ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl@optonline.net.

**70** Reunion 2010 is over and our class celebrated the 40th anniversary of our graduation from Cornell at a party weekend in Ithaca in early June. A full report will be forthcoming in the September/October 2010 issue. The column will have been written right after reunion was completed, but publication has a bit of a lag time!

**Steven and Shirley Beckwith Jalso, MS '64**, live in Ithaca and may be reached at sjalso1@tcwcy.ny.com. Steven is a retired business owner and volunteers in the schools. Shirley is a volunteer at many organizations such as the Salvation Army, Foodnet, and their church. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. One daughter has her PhD from the U. of Massachusetts Medical School and is a college instructor. The other works in a bank in the legal division. One son-in-law is a professor of astrophysics at the Ohio State U. The other is a technician in an office machine company. **Dick Bertrand** (Grand Rapids, MI; ribertr@attg.net) put his education and hockey coaching days at Cornell to work by founding a small sales and marketing firm called Hockey College Ltd., which he has since disbanded. Dick has now transitioned into consulting with Pondera Advisors LLC. It is a Web-based psychological assessment firm consulting with individuals, teams, and businesses on leadership and change. Dick writes that Cornell is forever imprinted on his mind, and he especially misses his hockey coaching days at Cornell and Lynah Rink, jam-packed with the Lynah Faithful. He fondly reminisces with his fellow players and other Cornellians about our 1970 NCAA undefeated National Championship team.

**Michael Busch** (buschmichael1@gmail.com) and wife Diane live in San Diego, CA. He is senior VP for the western region and major claims counsel for Fidelity National Title Group in Irvine, CA. **Rick Pirret** (rpierret@verizon.net) retired in

October 2009 after ten years at Bell Labs and 30 years at Fluke Corp., a subsidiary of Danaher. He is consulting in marketing management and building diagnostics at his own firm, Richard M. Pirret Consulting, located in Kirkland, WA, where he lives with wife Joanne. Rick is stepping back from instructing for the Puget Sound BMW Club and spending more time at Mount Rainier. They enjoyed dropping off their youngest daughter, Andrea, in Florence, Italy, for culinary summer school as part of her Washington State U. hotel degree. **Bernie Neenan, PhD '81** (bneenan@epri.com) lives in Knoxville, TN, with wife **Theresa Flaim, PhD '77**. He is with EPRI (Electric Power Research Inst.) as a technical executive in the energy utilization group.

**Calista Hunter** Nicholson (San Ramon, CA; calistanic@aol.com) is retired from the practice of medicine and enjoying nurturing her creative side. She is writing poetry, painting (especially her favorite, Japanese brush painting), making films, gardening, making jewelry, and cooking! A far cry from her previous lifestyle, she says. Calista and her husband, John, have four daughters between them: a social worker, a nurse, a teacher, and an aspiring actress. Life is good. **Steven Meyerson** (Miami, FL; smeyerson@gmail.com) closed his internal medicine practice in 2003 and now works as a medical director for care management at Baptist Hospital of Miami. He does expert witness work and also volunteers at a free clinic. His wife, Linda, has a tutoring business. Steven is into digital photography and plays tennis socially. His son Eric works for Google in San Francisco and his daughter-in-law works for Yahoo; they recently had their second child. Steven's daughter, Anna, is a breast radiologist, also in San Francisco, but with plans to move to Atlanta in 2011. No children yet. Linda's son, also Eric, has twin daughters.

**Mina Dulcan** (m-dulcan@northwestern.edu) continues as professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and pediatrics at Northwestern U.'s Feinberg School of Medicine and as head of child and adolescent psychiatry at Children's Memorial Hospital. Her comprehensive book for mental health students, trainees, and professionals, *Dulcan's Textbook of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, was published in November 2009 by American Psychiatric Publishing Inc. Mina has begun a six-year term on the psychiatry residency review committee of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education. This group makes the standards for post-graduate training in psychiatry and all of its subspecialties and also accredits the individual programs. She and her husband, Richard Wendel, celebrated their 11th anniversary in December 2009. They enjoyed their travels in the past year, most of which combined professional meetings with vacation. Mina and Richard had a quick trip to Washington, DC, to lobby Congress on issues important to child mental health. They love living in Chicago, in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. During the past year, they totaled more than 700 miles on their bikes, a new record for them. ■ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

**71** If you are reading this column, we hope you are planning to attend our 40th Reunion in Ithaca, June 9-12, 2011. It will be here before you know it! If you have any questions about it, please contact our reunion co-chairs **Gilda Klein** Linden (gk4@cornell.edu) or **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu) for details.



We received news from **Diana Simkin** (dsimkin@aol.com), who divides her time between an apartment in Manhattan and a house in Norfolk, CT, in the Berkshires. "It is hard to believe that, along with everyone else, I will turn 61 this year. My husband and I will celebrate our 34th anniversary this spring. What amazing numbers! I am a personal trainer during the day, working with clients who range from pregnant 30-somethings to men and women in their 70s. I focus on strength, flexibility, proper form, and alignment. I have some time for new clients, so if you know anybody who lives on the Upper East or Upper West sides who could use my services, have them give me a call!" Diana reports that she also teaches Lamaze prepared childbirth, and her book *Preparation for Birth: The Complete Guide to the Lamaze Technique*, which was published in 1990, is still in print. She had a wonderful lunch last year with **Steve Messinger '70**, whom she located through *Cornell Alumni Magazine* after almost 40 years.

**Bill McGrath** (wfm3@cornell.edu) has some interesting news to share. He writes, "After years of working independently as a database application developer, I connected with Art Tenner at an alumni function and started working with him on a training project for Exxon Mobil. The really cool thing is that I can work from home, with periodic trips to Houston to meet with team members. Here's where the story gets interesting: about a year ago, my significant other, Anna Johnston, retired from her job as a prosecutor for the City of Scottsdale. We bought a 39-foot fifth-wheel RV and a truck, and decided to live in it full-time. Last spring, we headed out of the Phoenix area, where we had been living, and worked our way north through as many national parks as we could. I used the trip as an excuse to exercise my predilection for landscape photography. All this while I'm working on the Exxon Mobil project (by the hour)! The terminus of our journey was Missoula, MT, where we spent the summer." While he was traveling, Bill got together with **Huey Lewis '72**, his college roommate, and on the return trip he toured the wine country of Washington and Oregon. At the time of his note to us, he was in Tucson, where Anna went to law school.

My husband, **Joe Miller '69**, and I recently had the pleasure of attending the wedding of **Jeff '69** and **Sandi Taylor Eisenstein's** son Michael in Seattle. Guests included **Leslie Jennis Obus**, **Diane Brenner**, **Beth Shapiro Stroul**, **Arlene Rosenfeld Schenker** and husband **Howie**, and **Laurie Eisenstein Gottlieb '72** and husband Bob, who are aunt and uncle of the groom. What a wonderful Cornell reunion for all of us! Sandi and Jeff live in the Washington, DC, area.

**Rich Stevenson** (Concord, MA; rich@concord.ma.com) writes, "I waited until 2003 to get married to my first and only wife, Deborah Bier (Brandeis '81). I'm a carpenter in my hometown while Debbie works at multiple jobs and volunteer activities including managing a startup homecare business called Caring Companion Connections. So far, I'm in good shape and have no plans to retire—ever! For excitement we work on trying to plant something delicious on every square foot of our half-acre lot, which includes a 21' x 48' plastic covered greenhouse that's slightly larger than our house! A few years ago we had a nice visit from **Barbara Powers** Covey, who was on her way or way back from Cornell, where her daughter was a freshman." Rich says he was the guest of **Naomi Katz** Mintz and her husband, Rabbi Lewis Mintz, as part of a pre-reunion

gathering. He would love to locate **John Schmitt** and **Terry Dash**.

Sadly, we have received news that several of our classmates have passed away. **Jonathan Palewicz** died in March 2009 after a long battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Jon was an influential San Francisco union activist who worked to expand worker rights and fight union corruption. He had a law degree and practiced for a few years, but found it unfulfilling and returned to his work as a union activist. **Pamela Ann Morgan** passed away on November 17, 2008 of pancreatic cancer. Her family writes that she lived a full and happy life and died with no regrets; she was a loving and caring wife, mother, and friend throughout her illness. We send our condolences to the families of our late classmates. Please send us your news and keep in touch. **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

**72 Louise Shelley** is director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at George Mason U. and a professor of public policy at GMU. Her book *Human Trafficking: A Global Perspective* will be published by Cambridge U. Press in August. Last February, Louise hosted a conference where speakers explained "WMD smuggling" and "how the crime-terror link works" to 150 attendees from all over the government. "If you had ever told me at Cornell that this is what I would be doing in middle age, I think I would not have believed it," she says. "I remember when I was begging to study crime, and the Arts college said it was not a field of study. I said it was much more than just a crime problem. In 30 years it has grown into a full-blown national and international security problem. That is part of what I study." **Raisa Scriabine**, MA '74, writes: "After more than two decades working in international development, I've switched gears to producing an environmental news magazine television show called Earth Focus for LinkTV (www.linktv.org). My husband, Miles Benson, and I live on a farm in Potomac, MD. My son Alexander Smith is getting his master's degree from Wolfson College, Oxford U., UK, in Tibetan studies this summer. Regards to Class of '72ers."

**Logan Robinson** is distinguished visiting professor at the U. of Detroit Mercy School of Law, teaching corporate governance. He previously had a 30-year career as an international and automotive lawyer and completed post-doctoral work at the universities of Leningrad and Moscow in Russia and Leiden in the Netherlands. Among other things, Logan served as vice president and general counsel of Delphi, then the world's largest automotive supplier. He was also general counsel of Chrysler Int'l Corp., managing director of Chrysler Austria, and Chrysler's head international and commercial lawyer. He is active in international organizations and serves as president and chairman of the Michigan Chapter of the German American Chamber of Commerce. He is past chairman of the Corporate Counsel Forum of the Int'l Bar Association and an emeritus member of the Association of General Counsel. He has published *An American in Leningrad*, about his experiences on the law faculty at the U. of Leningrad, and *Evil Star*, a spy thriller. He speaks internationally on corporate governance, international business transactions, and problems of the US automotive industry. A contributor to *Forbes* and other business publications, he appears regularly on national TV

and radio. To celebrate his 60th birthday, Logan climbed halfway to the top of Aconcagua, the highest mountain in South America and the highest in the world outside the Himalayas; son Landon, 21, who accompanied him, went all the way to the top of the mountain. Daughter **Lindy '09** graduated from the Hotel school and works in the hospitality industry in Miami.

Our former class president **Kathleen Waits** writes: "After two years of commuting between Tulsa, OK, and Akron, OH, I have joined my partner, Marty Belsky, in Akron. We have downsized to a small, modest condo and just love it. We recently celebrated our 25th anniversary. Marty keeps busy as the dean of the U. of Akron law school. He's in the middle of a capital campaign for a new building for the law school. Luckily, he's one of those rare people who actually enjoys fundraising. With my retirement, I'm able to join him as he travels to various alumni functions and law-related events. I don't expect to return to law teaching, and perhaps will not again be a part of the paid labor force. But I know I will keep busy with my many interests. These include fighting against domestic violence, fighting for reproductive choice and GLBT rights and many other liberal causes, doing (and teaching) knit and crochet, and chanting Torah and Haftarah, to say nothing of traveling and keeping up with many friends. Our son, Allen, remains in Tulsa and works as a technical service rep. Daughter Marcia is a sophomore at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR, and has a budding career as a stand-up comic. If you're in Portland, perhaps you can find her in one of the many comedy clubs. She's only been doing stand-up for six months, but has already had several featured performances at local clubs. (I'm trying hard not to be a Comedy Stage Mom. I think I'm failing.)"

**Mary Ose**, BA '74 (Sacramento, CA) enjoys hiking, gardening, Red Cross, teaching sustainable lifestyle practices, travel, and writing. She recently defined, and then walked, a new route across California, 356 miles from north of Santa Cruz to north Lake Tahoe, and is writing a book about the route. She is also developing architectural designs involving "sea glass" that is broken and then tumbled until smooth. **Mitchell Sudolsky** lives with his family in Austin, TX, and is the director of Jewish Family Service of Austin. Mitch is also on the faculty of the Graduate School of Social Work at the U. of Texas, Austin and planned to run in the "Capitol 10,000" on April 11, "along with about 15,000 people." After eight years with MW Industries, **Paul Stupinski** is now vice president for sales and marketing at Barry Controls in Hopkinton, MA, and lives in Rhode Island. Paul's son **Jack '10** was set to graduate this spring from the College of Arts and Sciences. **Telly Hoimes** is a private equity investor living in San Francisco and has been "taking a year off and traveling."

**William Toffey** has retired from Philadelphia city government after 34 years and is setting up a consulting practice focused on organic waste recycling. His hobbies include barbershop harmony singing, marathon training, gardening, and church choir. **Nancy Kollisch** is an infectious disease physician in San Diego and has been taking a Shakespeare course at a local community college. **William McCord** (Hopewell, NJ) is a veterinarian and "turtle researcher" in his spare time. **Lee McDaniel** manages his family's 860-acre Indian Spring Farm in Darlington, MD, and finished his second term as president of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts. He was elected to the executive board of the National Association

of Conservation Districts (NACD), representing 12 Northeastern states and Washington, DC. **John Fetzner** (Cantonment, FL) is a hospitalist psychiatrist and charter boat captain/owner, and spends after-hours on a 35-acre horse ranch with 40 quarter horses. **Irwin Rosenfeld** continues to practice psychiatry in Laguna Hills, CA, and is having excellent success with his "Neurostar Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation" machine, used for treatment-resistant depression. He has been progressing in bridge and reached the rank of sectional master this year. His first grandson, Caleb, was born earlier this year, joining cousin Siena, Irwin's first grandchild, who was born in August 2009.

**David Long** died unexpectedly on Feb. 13, 2010 due to a perforated gastrointestinal stromal tumor. His wife, **Barbara (Phillips) '73**, says she and David had no idea that he had the tumor until shortly before his death. David was a tuba player in the Big Red Marching Band and made a point of visiting the band room when he was able to attend reunions. He also worked for Student Agencies, first at the College Avenue Laundromat and then at the copy center and laundromat business at Sheldon Court. David played French horn in community bands and a brass ensemble after graduation. David and Barbara were married while they were still at Cornell and stayed in Ithaca until 1989, when David was transferred from Morse Chain in Ithaca to Browning Manufacturing in Maysville, KY. Barbara requests that memorial gifts be made to the Big Red Marching Band by designating gifts in honor of David W. Long for Fund #113601 and sending them to Cornell University, c/o Stephen Caraher, Box 223623, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-2623. **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

**73** The Class of '73 has supported a scholarship at Cornell for almost 20 years. Although many of us have contributed during that time, few know who has received the support and how they have made use of their opportunities at Cornell. Over the coming months you will meet some of our scholarship recipients and learn their stories. **Maxine Howard** (maxine.howard@verizon.net) kindly has written the first of these:

**Juan Castellanos '10** is our current scholarship recipient. He was born in Colombia, but spent most of his youth in South Florida. Juan is in his fourth year at Cornell, pursuing a joint degree in Urban Regional Studies and Landscape Architecture. As he explains it, he started out as an Urban Studies major in AAP, but as he studied the sociology of cities, he increasingly became interested in the design aspects of city planning, and wanted to further explore not just the economic and social problems of urban communities, but the relationships between those issues and the aesthetics of the cities. He convinced the university to let him combine his original major with Landscape Architecture in CALS. He will stay on for a fifth year to finish the double major. While at Cornell, Juan has had a positive impact on both the university community and the greater Ithaca community. He works at the Durland Alternatives Library, a not-for-profit endeavor housed in Anabel Taylor Hall that provides library services for people outside of Cornell, as well as prisoners around the country. As a Tradition Fellow, he also volunteers in the Beverly J. Martin Vegetable and Fruit Program, providing vegetable and fruit snacks for

elementary school children to improve their diets and awareness of healthy eating alternatives.

In response to the question, "What did you like best about Cornell?" Juan said that the variety of courses and cultural events, as well as the social diversity on campus, have given him extensive opportunities that might not have been available elsewhere. He sees its location in Ithaca as a feature, not a flaw, saying that the location encourages the development of a tight-knit community that might not exist in a big city. Juan hopes to join an urban planning or architecture firm when he graduates. He wants to work on large-scale projects to have a significant impact on the urban landscape. Based upon her conversation with this serious-minded, articulate young man, Maxine has no doubt he will diligently pursue this goal and make his mark in his chosen field.

On a very sad note, **Barbara Phillips Long** (bplong205@verizon.net) writes that her husband, **David '72**, died unexpectedly February 13 as a result of a spindle cell GIST that perforated. They had no idea he had the tumor until shortly before his death. David was a tuba player in the

CO, finishing his PhD in physics. **Norman Lange** (North Olmsted, OH; N621517@yahoo.com) writes that his most recent challenge is training a saddled stallion, a distant cousin of the '50s TV star Fury, for trail riding.

Farewell from Cincinnati, from which we will fly in one week for our third cruise—Venice to Barcelona—completing our westward trek across the Mediterranean, one benefit of our new life with self-supporting children and no more tuition payments. **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** On February 8, 2010 our own trustee, **Eileen McManus** Walker, MBA '98, and Cornell Development's Carol True-Palmer came for dinner chez nous (**Helen Bendix** and **John Kronstadt '73**) in Pacific Palisades, CA. The Arts and Sciences college was well represented by **Jeff Konvitz '66**, **Bruce Mansdorf '66**, **Christopher Fillo '86**, and **Ellen Perlmutter**. **Lonnie Steinberg** Wittenberg bore the standard for the School of Human Ecology. Eileen described the Reimagining Cornell

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Louise Shelley '72

Big Red Marching Band and made a point of stopping in at the band room when they were able to attend reunions. Barbara asks that memorial gifts be made to the band; designate a gift in honor of David W. Long for fund 113601 and send it to Cornell University, c/o Stephen Caraher, Box 223623, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-2623. Barbara lives in Shiremanstown across the river from Harrisburg, PA, and she and David have two children—Alison, 30, and Owen, 25.

**Andy Schatz** (andy@andrewschatz.com) writes that he retired in April 2008 after 32 years of law practice (first in Chicago and then Hartford), largely representing plaintiffs in class actions. He has continued his community activities, including boards of the local community access television stations, the American Civil Liberties Union and its Connecticut affiliate, Jewish organizations, and his local youth baseball league, in which he also coaches. In November 2008, he and a friend launched a small, classic hedge fund, which has been fun (and done well). He and wife Barbara spend more time throughout the year at the house they built at the beach on the Connecticut shore. Son **Jeff '08** is now at Columbia Law School, and daughter Laura is in her first year at Northwestern, majoring in classical vocal performance.

**Michael Dempster**, a corporate and commercial transactions attorney, has been elected one of three attorneys on the executive committee responsible for the management of the Pittsburgh law firm Houston Harbaugh. **Mark Patterson**, an intellectual property attorney with Nashville's Waddey & Patterson PC, has been listed among Tennessee's Best 150 Lawyers on the annual list compiled by *BusinessTN* magazine. **Sheila Kojm**, MILR '75's son **Benjamin Stuhl '05** is in Boulder,

campaign and Jeff Konvitz regaled us with tales of his quantum physics lab partners **Paul Wolfowitz '65** and Nobel Prize-winner **Robert Engle, PhD '69**. Maybe that's why Jeff became a movie producer instead of a physicist. We also reveled in the success of the men's basketball team. Little did we know then how storied would be its path to greatness. In short, it was a lively night.

**Randee Mia Berman** reports from New York City that when she's not working at the New York Liquidation Bureau, she's working on a screenplay about Italian silent film actress Tina Modotti and a humorous book about the "sisterhood." Her fondest memory of Cornell is the beautiful scenery whenever she walked to class. Randee would still like to hear from **Gretchen Haas**, whom she describes as her good luck charm in encouraging her comedy. She recalls hosting a Renaissance music program on WHCU-FM in her freshman year. She also recalls being asked by professors Mike Abrams (of *Norton Anthology* fame) and Jerry Meinwald (Physics) to join them in their homes for chamber music. She describes this access to "classic professors" as crucial to her world at Cornell. She writes that the experience drove home the feeling early in her college years that "these professors were people too—not just looming intellects." Randee suggests that Cornell make a video of alumni reminiscing about their favorite classes and Cornell locations, most romantic date, and most nostalgic memory. She has offered to serve as reporter for these interviews. Randee remembers fondly Clara Dickson's banana bread (and Cornell's generosity in sending a recipe that feeds 1,000) and her parents driving her to Cornell in the summers before her freshman year to acquaint her with the beauty of the campus. She recalls bringing 30



sweaters to Cornell and using all of them; she still has half of the sweaters in her wardrobe.

**Mitchell Rubin** reports his appointment as vice president and medical director for quality health care management at Fidelis Care, the largest government programs-based health insurance company in New York. He is also a professor of preventive medicine and pediatrics at Stony Brook U. School of Medicine, an adjunct professor of health policy at NYU Wagner, and a senior lecturer at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia U. **Jeffrey Diamond** lives in Scarsdale with his wife of more than 26 years. Jeffrey is a partner in the New York City real estate firm of Marcus, Rosenberg & Diamond LLP, where he has worked for 21 years. Two of his children are at home; his oldest is starting graduate school in sports journalism and currently working as an intern at the *Virginian Pilot* in Norfolk. In Jeffrey's spare time, he plays guitar, writes songs, and plays basketball and softball. **Linda Mariani** practices law in New London, CT. Her prowess as a lawyer is reflected in her inclusion in the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* and Best Lawyers in the New York area, as well as her designation as a Super Lawyer in 2010 in New England and Connecticut. She has been married for 25 years and has

**75** I know you are all opening the magazine to this column to get all the news from reunion. Hopefully, all who attended had a terrific time and those of you who weren't there plan to attend our 40th (!) in 2015. However, these columns are written a couple of months in advance, so you will have to wait until the September/October issue to get the full reunion report.

In preparing for reunion, we tried to get as many affinity groups to return to campus as possible. It took work from a cast of characters who volunteered to contact their friends and encourage them to return. I want to thank some of the volunteers who helped to bring these groups back: **Elaine Johnson** Ayres, **Amy Cohen** Banker, **Bruce Batkin**, **Louise Belevich**, MBA '76, **Lynn Arrison** Harrison, **Joel Helmrich**, MBA '76, **Bill Hoffman**, **Bill Hopple**, **Jill Lerner**, BArch '76, **Deborah Reading** Mace, **Chip McClure**, **Rich Marin**, MBA '76, **Rick Miller**, **Tom Patterson**, **Joan Pease**, **Art Taft**, ME '76, **Charlie Temel**, **Vickie Thaler** Vac-lavik, and **Eileen Weingarten**. I also want to give a huge shout out to our reunion chairs **Susan Fulton** (sfulton@teamwash.com), her husband, **Alan Burrows** '76, and **Jeanne Fattori** Smith (jmf37@cornell.edu). I personally know how

husband, **Jim** '74, and **Fran Melton**-Levine and husband **Mark Levine** '74, DVM '78. They all had a great time. Also on Long Island are **Michael Dourmashkin** (mdourmas@optonline.net), his wife, Louise Kaufmann, and three high school-aged children. Michael is chief of urology at North Shore U. Hospital at Syosset. In 2006, he started a large practice, Integrated Medical Professionals, which includes urologists from Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Bronx, Westchester, and Rockland counties. It is now the largest urology practice in the US. Michael met his wife at medical school in Israel.

**Fran DeBardelaben** Booth (mbmatters@yahoo.com) maintains a psychotherapy practice in Andover, MA. She assists in teaching a relatively new model of therapy, Internal Family Systems, and teaches meditation at a cancer center. For fun, she can be found swimming and sailing in Newport, RI. Her third and youngest child, **Jackie** '11 (Engineering), is captain of the Cornell Roses, the ultimate Frisbee team. **Gary** '74 and **Shelli Weiner Bettman** (mwb1230@aol.com) were in Ithaca in May to celebrate the graduation of daughter **Brittany** '10. Joining them were son **Jordan** '06, daughter **Lauren Bettman Gershengorn** '01 and son-in-law **Brian** '00, as well as their future Cornellians Matthew, 3, and Zoey, 1. Also there were **Michael Delikat** '74, wife Alice, and daughter **Stacey** '04, celebrating the graduation of son **Jonathan** '10. **Todd Teitell** (Dallas, TX; txttdal@aol.com) planned to attend his daughter's graduation from the U. of Georgia at the time of our 35th Reunion. We will be sorry not to see Todd, but congratulate him on his daughter's success.

**Loretta Graziano** Breuning (lbreuning@comcast.net) took early retirement from her career as a college professor five years ago. Since then she has been studying the mammalian brain and its neurochemical effect on our daily lives and has a book out this year called *I, Mammal: Why Your Brain Links Status and Happiness*. Loretta notes, "We humans repeat certain behavior patterns in every culture and every time period because of the neurochemicals we've inherited from earlier mammals." Check out her website: [www.I-Mammal.info](http://www.I-Mammal.info). Loretta gives back to alma mater as a Cornell Ambassador, interviewing high school students applying to Cornell. She notes that the kids are so self-motivated that it's very uplifting to talk to them. She is also in a training program to be a docent at the Oakland Zoo. After spending a lot of time watching apes at zoos around the world and listening to zoo docents tell her fascinating things, she decided to become one of them.

**Alberto Andrade** (alberto.andrade@me.com) writes from Mexico, where he, his brother Alex, and several colleagues are undertaking rental and management of underperforming properties, all hotel and resort related. They focus on marketing, standards, efficiencies of operation, and—most importantly—service. **Michél Ducamp**, MPS '79, (mducamp@jumbybaycompany.com) writes from Antigua, where he has "found the job of a lifetime" as the asset manager for the Rosewood Resort on Jumby Bay, as well as managing the entire island for the homeowners. It is a 300-acre, private reserve a few miles off the coast of Antigua featuring the 40-room resort (rebuilt from the ground up and just opened in December), 18 private villas, and 34 luxurious estate homes. Michel was somewhat disappointed to leave Scottsdale, AZ, but is keeping his house there as a vacation and retirement home so he can continue to enjoy the desert/tropical lifestyle. His daughter, Brie, is still teaching the highly gifted third

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Helen Bendix '74

three children; two are in college and one is in medical school. She reports that she had a "great time" at our 35th Reunion and wishes that she did not have to wait five years for the next one!

**Steve Kubisen** hopes to connect with classmates in the "life science entrepreneur space." After seven years of helping universities like Johns Hopkins and Utah State commercialize their technologies, Steve has rejoined the private entrepreneurial world as partner in FirstStage Bioventures, where he also was CEO of FirstStage's first venture, Seguro Surgical in Columbia, MD. **Michael Delikat** sent news of the family Cornell grads: "Daughter **Stacey** '04, a Communication major and now an on-air news reporter with Channel 3 in Phoenix, AZ, won her first Emmy Award on April 18 from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in the category of social interest news stories, for the series 'Child Abuse: Breaking the Cycle.' Son **Jonathan** '10, a China Asia Pacific Studies major ('CAPS'), is graduating in May. He was awarded a Princeton-in-Asia fellowship for 2010-11 and will be teaching, studying, and traveling in mainland China." Michael reports that he still practices law as the head of the global employment law practice group at Orrick in New York, which has moved into new office space at 51 West 52nd St. in the iconic "Blackrock" building across from the MoMA.

My daughter, Nicola Eva Kronstadt, just sent in her acceptance to Cornell Arts and Sciences, Class of '14. We are so thrilled! Please keep sending us your e-mails. ☐ **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Jay Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com.

much work they put into providing us a successful reunion, rain or shine, hot or cold, whatever elements came our way!

On to the news! **Randi Kanuk** Dauler (randi@dauler.com) serves on the boards of the Pittsburgh Public Theater and the Pittsburgh Glass Center (past president). She started blowing glass eight years ago as a hobby and is now represented by two galleries. Randi and her husband, Van, will be following the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on their European tour in May. In an interesting intersection of lives, Randi reconnected with Joel Helmrich 17 years ago when Joel joined the board of the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, where Van is board president. Joel is an attorney at Dinsmore & Shohl, specializing in bankruptcy, and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Last year, Joel and wife Barbara celebrated the Yale graduation of their son, Josh, who now works in NYC with the NFL.

**Lisa Grapek** Drillich (jacknlis@aol.com) lives in Hewlett, NY, with husband Richard, a professional chef. She is an attorney, currently in-house for New York Community Bancorp, in the corporate risk department. These have been very interesting times for Lisa, to say the least. Her son, **Jack** '13, is a freshman in Arts and Sciences, studying hard and playing sprint football. Lisa noted that Jack took Psych 101 with **James Maas**, PhD '66, and when she looked at the syllabus, she realized it was not that different from when she took Prof. Maas's course many moons ago. Seems like the more some things change, the more they stay the same. In January, they had dinner with fellow Hum Ec HDFS classmates **Barbara Koenig Kahn** and her

graders of Winston-Salem, NC. Son Alex lives in Scottsdale and works as a massage therapist at the FireSky resort.

A press release noted that **Elizabeth Moore**, general counsel of Con Edison, has been named to a business magazine's list of "25 Influential Black Women in Business." Moore is a former partner in the firm of Nixon Peabody LLP, where she specialized in public finance, employment law, procurement policy, and government compliance and regulatory issues. She also served for 12 years in the administration of former New York Governor Mario Cuomo. She was counsel to the governor from 1991 to 1994.

I hope that you all had a great time at reunion reconnecting and seeing the changes to the Ithaca campus. If you did not get a chance to fill out the News request that was handed out, please e-mail one of your correspondents. This column is only as good as the news provided! ■ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** News has been sparse as we await the returns on the annual News and Dues mailing, so an e-mail plea was sent out to some of you asking for a bit of an update. Thank you for responding. It makes the life of your class correspondents so much easier. When you receive your Class Dues forms, please update your e-mail address and send us a few lines of news.

A press release from Farrell Fritz PC, Attorneys at Law, announced that **Ilene Sherwyn** Cooper received a special award from the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Fund for her extraordinary efforts in promoting women's health issues. In 2009, Ilene, on behalf of the Suffolk County Bar Association and in conjunction with the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association and North Shore-LIJ Health System/Katz Women's Hospital, founded a Women's Health Symposium. This symposium addressed important health issues including hypertension, diabetes, UV radiation and skin cancer, a migraine update, and aging parents. She will again spearhead the symposium, which this year will address topics such as anorexia and bulimia nervosa, depression, Parkinson's disease, and lupus.

**Alice Mims** Payne has retired as of January 1, 2010 from the position of associate dean of graduate admissions at Shippensburg U. in Pennsylvania after 19 years of service. Prior to that she worked for the Penn State Extension Service for 11 years and Penn State Harrisburg for two years. Alice took a three-week trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji to mark her retirement. She had a fantastic time! **Mark S. Smith** is in his 14th year covering the White House for the Associated Press, which—amazingly—he has worked for since graduating Cornell (Comm. Arts). He and wife Mina, an artist, have two daughters: Larissa, who is in law school at McGill U. in Montreal, and Talia, who is an undergrad in Middle Eastern studies and international development, also at McGill. Larissa was married in the summer of 2009 to Vladimir Eremin of St. Petersburg, a former McGill student. She will be working in the summer of 2010 at Ropes and Gray's New York office.

Being a resident of a host city—Syracuse—for the Sweet 16 NCAA Basketball Tournament meant that **Jim Sollecito** was instantly in touch with a lot of old classmates looking for tickets once Cornell knocked off Wisconsin. **Mark Sellew '78**

(Horticulture) made it in from Connecticut and they enjoyed the first-class effort by our classy basketball team. Jim's daughter **Hannah '11** joined them for the game, as Cornell was on Spring Break, and the entire Dome was awash in Red. The local alumni association held a pep rally the night before the game at the Sheraton, and the pep band, cheerleaders, entire team, and coach were very gracious and optimistic. They stayed around for anyone to speak to them, autographed a variety of things—including some alive and moving—and were honest about their chances. They thanked the alumni for coming out and made them feel special for showing support. It was one of those special runs that will be remembered for decades to come. Jim is certain that the lessons learned from the course of this season will last a lifetime. Knowing that this group put Cornell on the basketball map across the country gave reason for a lot of Big Red Pride and will for a long time to come.

**Sue Gebo** took a one-week trip to Singapore last summer for her nephew's wedding to a Singaporean woman. It was an amazing trip. Singapore is an easy Asian country for Americans to negotiate because one of the official languages is English. It is a clean, safe city with great public transportation. The wedding was a traditional Chinese occasion with many interesting, age-old customs and a wonderful Chinese feast. In the days that followed, they visited Little India, Chinatown, the Botanical Garden, Jurong Bird Park, and a Buddhist temple and ate fabulous food. Sue recommends this trip to all classmate travelers. **Shelly Gehshan** wrote that she took a two-week trip visiting relatives whom she had never met in Beirut, with a two-day jaunt to Old Damascus. She recommends the trip because Beirut is the Paris of the Middle East. There is incomprehensible politics and awful traffic, but the food and views of the Mediterranean and wonderful people make up for both. Shelly's second and last child will graduate from Wesleyan. It's a milestone! **David Pas-to** presented a paper entitled "Translating and Directing Plays by Three Female Playwrights from the Spanish Golden Age" for a symposium at Oxford U. He is currently directing *King Lear* for the Oklahoma City Theater Co.

My daughter, Julia, graduated from Mitchell College in Connecticut and was chosen as the baccalaureate speaker at the ceremony in May. My husband, **Morris Diamant '74**, and I, along with relatives and friends including **Ira '79** and **Chari Smith Diamant '81**, were so proud of her. ■ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net.

**77** **Stephani Wilson** Humrickhouse (Raleigh, NC; stephani\_humrickhouse@nceb.uscourts.gov) has been appointed as a US bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. She was sworn in on Jan. 6, 2010 in a private ceremony, followed by a formal investiture on Feb. 12, 2010. Congratulations, Stephani! **Lori Jalens** Sternheim (Boca Raton, FL; drlori1234@aol.com) still works part-time as a diagnostic radiologist in a hospital-based practice. "My adult son is a sophomore at Washington U. in St. Louis, where my middle daughter, a high school senior, was just accepted." Lori's youngest daughter is a sophomore in high school. **Ross Lanzafame**, MPS '79 (Rochester, NY; rlanzafame@hselaw.com) has been elected speaker-elect of the American Lung Association's

nationwide assembly and re-elected chair of the American Lung Association of New York. "Saving lives through promoting lung health and preventing lung disease is my volunteer passion," he writes. **Maxine Borsuk Siegel** (Scarsdale, NY) sent a new e-mail address: siegel.maxine@gmail.com.

**Vally Kovary** (Ithaca, NY) runs Int'l Planning Associates, a consulting firm that advises non-profit organizations, from her home just a few blocks from the North Campus residence halls. Her clients include Cornell's Engineering college as well as local, regional, and national organizations. "I love the work, my clients, their successes, and the transformation of their operations." Vally often sees Cornellian friends and adds, "I would love to hear from those who read this and knew me then." **Steve Kranish** (Beverly, MA; skranish@verizon.net) took his kids on a tour of the Cornell campus in August 2009. "They are currently in 9th and 11th grade at Cheshire Academy, and they found the whole experience very exciting. For me it was great to be back, although I discovered that the last professor I remembered had moved on to 'emeritus!'" Steve serves as chief engineer of embedded systems design and development for gsf Engineering.

Callie D'Ambrisi, daughter of **Marie Darienzo** and **J. Gary D'Ambrisi**, also made it to campus in the summer of 2009 as a student in the Cornell University Summer College Program. **John Nichols** (Fairfax Station, VA; john@potadv.com), a partner at the D.C.-based Potomac Advocates, reports that daughter Rachel has been accepted to the Class of 2014. "She will attend the Arts college and play for the Cornell women's soccer team."

Cornell trustee **Lubna Olayan**, CEO of the Olayan Financing Company—a business founded by her father and the holding entity for the Olayan Group's operations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Middle East—returned to campus in mid-April to accept the 2010 Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year award and present the Entrepreneurship@Cornell keynote lecture in Bailey Hall. Olayan has been recognized as a leading woman executive by *Fortune*, *Forbes*, and *Time* magazines and is active in promoting opportunities for women in the Middle East and Saudi Arabia, her homeland. "Within Saudi Arabia, one of the biggest challenges is training," she said. Through "Onward," a program she helped pioneer, she has helped women gain education and employment through nontraditional jobs.

**Chuck Samul** (Gladwyne, PA; csamul@dasny.org) serves as director of client outreach for the Office of Executive Initiatives at the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. "Trying to find creative ways to finance green construction for colleges, universities, and healthcare institutions," he writes. "This is a difficult time in finance and construction, but things are starting to look up." Also in the education sector, **Lynn Mandelbaum** (Atlanta, GA; l.mandelbaum@gallowayschool.org) is assistant principal and counselor at the Galloway School, a progressive, independent school for ages 3-18. Her extracurriculars include running, reading, enjoying foreign films, and raising two mutts. **Stephen Pietropaoli** (stephen.pietropaoli@ndu.edu) sent his business card. He serves as senior director for the six-week Capstone program at the National Defense U. in Washington, DC. According to the NDU website, "the Capstone curriculum examines major issues affecting national security decision-making, military strategy, joint/combined doctrine, interoperability, and key allied nation issues." The course is mandatory training for all newly selected general and flag officers.



**Peter Halamek**, ME '79 (Bellevue, WA; peter.halamek@comcast.net) reports that his employer, Boeing SEA Launch, entered Chapter 11 in June 2009 and five months later he was laid off. He's been networking with Cornell alumni, looking for work, and maintaining hopes of remaining in the Seattle area. He plans to travel to campus in 2012 for our 35th Reunion. Peter's Cornell courses in math and Russian language and membership in Telluride house remain vital influences. In his spare time, he helps others with genealogy research. **Ragnhild Melzi**, MBA '80, and **H. Monroe Lovelady**: Peter would enjoy hearing from you. Also in Seattle, **Kim Gould**, ME '79 (kinggould@mindspring.com) has been introducing his 8-year-old to the joys of the Pacific Northwest outdoors: skiing, canoeing, hiking, camping. Three factors informed Kim's move from California back to his hometown: extended family, a strong urban environment, and connections. At work, he is a system engineering program manager for Tectura, and off-hours he serves as treasurer for Communities and Parents for Public Education of Seattle, volunteers at elementary school events, participates in work parties in urban forests, and serves meals to the homeless. A lifelong proponent of radio, Kim participates in the WVBR alumni group and also skis regularly with classmates. **George Moreno**, Kim would like to hear from you. Send news anytime to: [Annette Mulee](mailto:AnnetteMulee@anette.com), anette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

**78** I begin with a great story that was shared at this year's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference during a session on alumni engagement. An officer of another class discovered an amusing coincidence while making fundraising calls for his class. When he posed his donation request to one classmate, the reply was: "I'll give you \$1,000 if you can find my college buddy." The search was a quick one; it turns out the long-lost buddy worked right across the street on Wall Street!

You don't have to donate \$1,000 (although contributions are always welcome) to reconnect with old friends, develop strong, lifelong relationships with the school and other alumni, or give back to your alma mater. Social networking activity on our class Facebook and LinkedIn pages is growing (be sure to join the groups and invite other classmates, too), numerous alumni volunteer opportunities are available, and our 35th Reunion (YIKES!) is a mere three years away. You can even pay class dues on LinkedIn or the class website (<http://classof78.alumni.cornell.edu/>).

Several of our classmates have been working and/or traveling abroad. **Sheila Mapes** and husband **Leigh English** '76 have lived in Bangalore, India, for two years—a fascinating experience for Sheila, a sociologist. She invites classmates to read her blog and website on the experience: <http://sheilaindia.com/> and to visit. They have plenty of room for guests. **Stephanie Mitchell**, JD '80, would be happy to hear from fellow Cornellians passing through Brussels, where she is an official at the newly renamed DG Industry and Enterprise of the European Commission. She is working to expand her pet project ([www.china-iprhelpdesk.eu](http://www.china-iprhelpdesk.eu)), which helps European small business owners concerned about their intellectual property rights in China take the proper measures to avoid risk and protect their business interests. In her free time, Stephanie weaves, travels, and dances with the group Flamenco Fusion. **Jeff Lefkowitz**

journeyed to Sevilla, Spain, where his son **Matt** '11 was doing a semester abroad. He's also elated to report that his daughter Jaclyn will be a member of the Class of '14, also in Arts. Jeff is living vicariously through his kids, enjoying frequent trips back to Ithaca to visit.

Other classmates on the move include **Brian Murdock**, who moved from Greenwich, CT, to Toronto, ON, to become chairman and CEO of TD Asset Management, the largest investment management firm in Canada. Despite the immigration officers standing between him and the border, Brian feels logistically closer to Ithaca, and has taken the opportunity to get more involved with Cornell, specifically with his fraternity, Chi Phi. After 25 years of living in Nashua, NH, **Nathaniel Mishkin** moved to Arlington, MA, closer to work and a less automobile-dependent lifestyle. His wife, **Judy (Levie)**, who grew up on a farm and graduated from the Ag school, maintains a beautiful farm . . . in Farmville on Facebook! Their son, Geoff, graduated from BU in 2008 with a degree in computer science (just like Dad), and now works as a software engineer in lower Manhattan. Their daughter, Libby, graduated from Tufts this year with a degree in quantitative economics, after having spent her junior year at Oxford. She now works at an economics consulting firm in Boston. **Stephen Kesselman**, JD '81, moved from New York to Boston, where he is a litigation partner and where wife Alison Schecter has a senior position with Novartis. Their children are entering 4th, 5th, and 7th grades. Stephen communicates regularly with **Amy Gordon**, **Judy Kunreuther Beneroff**, **Bill and Ellen Haas Sternberg**, **Ron Frier**, and **Brian Ochs**.

**John and Robin Feiner Keller** made their final drive to Ithaca for the graduation of daughter **Allie** '10 in May. While they won't miss the freak April snowstorms, they will miss all the ghosts seen while driving down State St. past Goldenrod, the stately old Victorian they and their friends once called home. (**Scott Campbell**, please phone home.) John is a partner at Imai Keller Moore Architects in Watertown, MA, and Robin is a special education advocate focusing on autism spectrum issues. Their son will be a junior at Tufts. **Carla Rawcliffe** Lafayette and husband Danny celebrated the graduation of their daughter **Annaliese** '10. Their visits over the last four years provided Carla with opportunities to do things she never had time for as an undergraduate. Additional cause for celebration came with the graduation from Harvard of their son Ramsey, who, after being diagnosed with Stage 3 melanoma at age 18, has been cancer-free for five years. Carla says his illness opened their eyes to the incredible need for more research for cures; the family has made significant donations to the Lafayette Family Cancer Center, the Maine Inst. for Human Genetics and Health, and the Foundation to Cure Melanoma. Meanwhile, son Daniel, who took a break from school for a few years to be in a rock band, is still in college, and their youngest, Logan, soon to be a high school sophomore, has his eyes on Cornell in the not-too-distant future.

Thanks to all who sent in their news and updates. If you didn't see your information, it's because I ran out of space, but check out the next issue. Everyone else, keep in touch with us at: [Ilene Shub Lefland](mailto:IleneShubLefland@snet.net), ilenel@ileneleland.com; or **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com.

**79** Greetings and happy summer to all! We have heard from a couple of members of Kappa Sigma.

**Jim Watson**, DVM '85, and wife Shari live in Aberdeen, NC, where Jim runs the Pinetree Animal Hospital, which focuses on the care of dogs, cats, birds, and other small pets. Jim also serves on the County Board of Health and volunteers as an investigator for the County Animal Cruelty division. Jim and Shari have a new house and are trying to slow down a bit, but always find plenty of things pulling at their attention. **Gregg and Joan Discepolo Popkin** live in Chappaqua, NY. Gregg would like to hear from other Kappa Sigs and **Ed McGowan**. Gregg is the COO for a private real estate company in NYC called RFR Holding. He and Joan go back and forth between their apartment in the city and their home in Westchester.

**Chris and Patricia Weckesser Eldredge** '74 live in Winsted, CT, where Chris is director of sales for A.W. Hastings, a building supply company. Chris writes that the past year's economy has posed a true challenge to the building industry and he has been engaged in a lot of strategic planning activities. He remains involved in musical activities and enjoys volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, through which he served as the project manager on a house that his company sponsored. **Marc Schwartz** has also served as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. Marc has his own company, Marc Realty Investments LLC, in Millington, NJ. He is very optimistic, despite the tough economic times in 2009. Marc and wife Jean have done extensive remodeling to their home and are thinking about North Carolina as a good place to retire. In his spare time, Marc practices ballroom and Latin dancing (about six hours per week). He would really like to hear from **Bob Massey** '78.

**Terry Calarese Baker** moved from Rochester, NY, to Stillwater, OK, two years ago and now serves as the dining services director for Oklahoma State U. **Jane Lowell** Evans, MEE '80, wrote to let us know that fellow Engineering buddy **Ralph Sacco** was named president of the American Heart Association during the summer of 2009. Ralph is a stroke neurologist at the Miller School of Medicine, U. of Miami, FL. **Richard Stearns** is a founding partner of Partners Trust, a brand new Los Angeles-based residential real estate brokerage firm. The agency, which opened its doors on Sept. 1, '09, places a heavy emphasis on technology and social media-based networking and focuses on properties located on the west side of L.A. (Santa Monica, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Bel-Air, and Beverly Hills).

**Irwin** '78 and **Sue Zellner Dunietz** live in Highland Park, NJ. Their youngest, Ruthie, 12, has Down syndrome and autism. Sue devotes her time to Ruthie's care, using on a regular basis the skills she learned in her early childhood and human development classes at Cornell, and has become active in Ruthie's PTO. Some of the people she met at Young Israel of Cornell are still among her dearest friends (including her husband!). **Cindy Hahn** has a solo practice, Microneurosurgery and Spine, located in Spokane, WA. She keeps four horses, competes in hunter/jumper events, and also enjoys hiking and cross-country skiing. Cindy's mom celebrated her 90th birthday in Chicago; **Heidi Hutter** and **Sally Weir Fundakowski** participated in the celebration. Cindy would love to hear from **Ellen Cohen**, **Jeannine Camerer** '80, and **William Schweizer** '77.

**Julie Pareles** (Hewlett, NY) is now the educational director of Creative Arts Workshops for Kids, an organization that offers arts programs for at-risk youth. **Jeffrey Hirsch** is an attorney at Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP, in Boston. **Gianne**

**Conard**, BArch '79, has moved to Boston to serve as regional recovery executive for the US General Services Administration. The move to Boston brings her closer to her childhood home in Belfast, ME. We are very sorry to hear that her husband died of lymphoma in 2008.

In my own news, I (**Cindy Ahlgren** Shea) have lived in East Hampton for nearly 25 years and have been a real estate broker at Sotheby's Int'l Realty for the past nine. If classmates are visiting the Hamptons, call and say hi or send an e-mail. That's all the news for this issue. Please keep us up-to-date on what is happening in your lives. Have a great summer! ☐ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

**80** Hot sun, cool breezes, good friends, and a cold beer. What a reunion! Cornell all over again, 30 years later. [Since I am writing this in April, please indulge the fantasy and anticipation if it was really rainy and miserable.] If you were there, I hope you have recovered from the exhausting laughter and excellent adventure. If you missed it, fear not—there is always Homecoming, September 24-26! A good time for all, and the football team promises to win!

While the official class Reunion Report will not be available until the September/October issue due to the need for memory stimulation treatments and extensive editing (censorship?) to protect the guilty, a few highlights are in order. Our own co-chief party officer, **Jodi Diehl** Nestle, won the gold in the first annual Swim Test Make Up Swim across Beebe Lake by being one of the few to swim instead of wade across. Spectators expressed disappointment that the official university swim tests were no longer conducted in the absence of performance-enhancing swim wear.

At a special dedication and announcement on Libe Slope concerning our own **Dik Saalfeld**, the last discoverer of Libe Slope (see par. 1 of Dik's Jan/Feb 2006 column)—who is, in fact, still recovering from that blinding glimpse of the obvious—President Skorton was thanked for his commitment to adding the explanation for why Libe Slope is called Libe Slope to all the freshman orientation programs. With Libe Slope being partially returned to field and pasture, those Aggies among the mass of attendees were looking forward to the return of cows and sheep to the slope.

Finally, in this Reunion recap, thanks to the uncensored nature of the Internet, incriminating and other pictures of our wild and crazy weekend are all over Facebook—and in particular on the class page, Cornell University Class of 1980. That will continue to be a venue for connecting and communicating between classmates.

Here are some of the highlights of news and press releases received at our desks that have not yet been posted on Facebook. **Shauna Sullivan** is now VP of legal and corporate secretary for Cox Enterprises down in Atlanta. For those of you in the Cox network markets, this could be your chance for a deal on cable; hopefully you got one of the coupons at Reunion. **Myra Boenke** (Williston, VT) works at IBM in microelectronics as manager of the worldwide Foundry Technical Solutions team. She enjoys volleyball, cycling, aerobics, and gardening in the short Vermont season. She reports that the newest activity up in the Green Mountain State among a group of mushroom gatherers is herding

beaver who have taken over many streams, rivers, and stormwater systems. Lacking Internet access with which to disrupt world order, these pesky and persistent rodentia are attacking the system from the bottom up by flooding our sewers. Old Cornell friends she would like to give a shout out to include **Alan Corcoran**, **Jeremy Wolf**, **Joey Green**, **Chris Spear**, **Bob Goodwin**, and **Ann Waldhauer**.

**Paul Ney**, an attorney down in Nashville, TN, has moved from the public sector to join the Nashville law firm Waddey & Patterson PC. Paul was director of the mayor's office of economic and community development for Nashville and Davidson counties and before that had a distinguished turn as deputy general counsel for the Dept. of Defense. Out of Providence, RI, comes news that **Keith Stokes** is taking a one-year leave of absence from his role as executive director of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce to lead the state's Economic Development Corp. In the midst

look forward to spending some downtime with my children this summer. In the fall, son James is headed to Bentley U., a small business college here in the Boston area. He will play football for the Bentley Falcons, a Division II Northeast Conference team. Daughter MaryAnn will be a junior in high school. The whole process of SAT prep, college tours, and common applications will soon start again. Oh joy . . .

It's always nice to hear from **Chris Crehan**, who lives near me in Franklin, MA. Chris's older daughter just graduated from Wellesley, and his younger daughter will be a sophomore there. He works at Mass Mutual Financial Group, where he has expanded his practice from mortgages to financial/retirement services. Chris still plays in Over-40 soccer leagues, or, as he says, "OVER THE HILL" leagues. Up in Arlington, VT, **Leslie Goldsmith** Carroll loves her career as an author. *Notorious Royal Marriages*, her 13th book, was published

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Ilene Shub Lefland '78

of this recession and with Rhode Island having high unemployment, we offer our sincere best wishes to Keith in this adventure.

We heard from **David Sprague** (Batavia, NY), a self-employed psychologist who is automating his office practice between racket sports and hiking. **Victor Todisco** (Ramsey, NJ) has a day job as a pediatric radiologist in Orange County, NY. In his spare time, he is extending his time running after his five kids to run in his 11th NYC Marathon this fall. We will be cheering you on, Victor! He hopes that **Al Kaynard**, **Mark Boehm '82**, and **Barry Raskin '81** will catch up sometime (running?). Also from the Garden State, **Linda Goodman** Shapiro (Ridgewood, NJ) has taken up Reiki, hopefully for the benefit of classmates at reunion—check out the pictures and stories on Facebook. Linda hopes to hear from **Gwen Korovin** and her Kappa Delta sisters.

**Ira** and **Ellen Kaplan Halfond** live in Craryville, NY, where Ira is an attorney and Ellen works in media and direct marketing. Ira works with the board of the local Columbia County Cornell Cooperative Extension and on the Hillsdale Town Board for parks and recreation. They spend time in the Adirondacks at their camp in White Lake with son Matthew, a sophomore at SUNY Geneseo, and daughter Paula, in 8th grade, who had her bat mitzvah last year. Ira is planning for a career change; he started online classes to be a history teacher, with hopes of becoming one by our 35th Reunion! He says he would like to hear from "Emma," the cook at Phi Sig Ep! ☐ **Tim O'Connor**, tvo2@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu.

by NAL in January. Her 14th title, *Royal Pains*, will be published in March. She is already hard at work on a historical fiction trilogy about Marie Antoinette for Random House. One of Leslie's favorite Cornell memories is ordering gingerbread waffles from the Pancake House across the street from Risley. Is the Pancake House still there?

**Howard Worman** is a professor of medicine at Columbia U. and lives in New York with his wife and young children Max and Naomi. They all recently vacationed in Disney World. **Susan Berko-Conde** owns a gallery/archive in Chelsea, NY. Children Daniel, Isabel, and Elena keep her busy with all their activities. Susan would love to hear from any classmates—fellow NROTC or Balch friends or the Day Hall Information Center "club." Also in NYC, **Susan Kurz** Snyder is a founding partner of Green-Levin-Snyder, a legal recruiting firm. Her son Jeremy completed his freshman year at Wesleyan, and daughter Becky had her bat mitzvah in Sag Harbor, NY. **Fran Hoffinger** is a partner in a NYC law firm specializing in criminal law. Last year, she celebrated her 50th with **Jamie Lustberg** and **Jane Feldman** Kenyon. Fran's older daughter, Rebecca, will be a senior at Johns Hopkins, while younger daughter Alice is starting her senior year in high school. Fran also stays in touch with **Ed Baum**, **Jeff Lindy '80**, and **Paula Fuchsberg '79**.

**Lindsay Boyajian '13**, daughter of retired attorney **Lynn Ciolino** Boyajian (New Vernon, NY), has completed her freshman year at Cornell. She is in ILR and joined DG sorority. Lynn writes, "I am reliving Cornell vicariously through her." **Ruthann Hickman** Daino is busy working on her third career as a high school teaching assistant, after working as a landscape architect for 11 years and a substitute teacher for 14 years. She also serves as the chair of the town planning board in Hagsman, NY. She loves gardening, running, swimming, kayaking, and skiing. Ruthann has just recovered from a fractured humerus due to a downhill skiing accident. When she sent her news update, she

**81** How is your 2010 summer going? Believe it or not, we will attend our 30th Reunion in less than a year. I



attached a business card with a beautiful pen and ink drawing. She does drawings of family pets, homesteads, farms, and landscape design master plans. Ruthann would love to hear from **Sue Draves**. From her Cornell days, she remembers all-nighters in the Landscape Architecture design studio and "Flat Rock" in the summer. **Donna Turco** Bugliari works as an HR manager at Cornell. Her son Nick married in July 2008 and is in the Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. Her daughter Bridget is headed to college next year as a freshman.

**Rick VanVranken**, MS '83, married **Sheila Kanaley** '80, whom he met on his first day at Cornell. How romantic is that? They now live in southern New Jersey, where Rick is a county agricultural agent for Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The couple has three children: a daughter who graduated from Rutgers, a son who completed Air Force Guard basic training, and a younger daughter who is home-schooled and who travels the world competing in the little-known sport of equestrian vaulting. **Anne Gozonsky** Zaccardo teaches piano and plays keyboard in an all-female rock band called the Mood Swings. The group performs at venues in northern New Jersey about once a month and has a loyal fan base of friends and family. Her son, a junior at Johns Hopkins, is a budding actor/comedian; her daughter is a junior in high school and is a talented guitarist.

**Michelle Goldstein** Dresner, MD '85, is an anesthesiologist in Boca Raton, FL, and the mom of two teenagers. She toured Cornell with her son and had forgotten the beauty of the campus and surrounding area. Michelle would like to reconnect with her roommate from freshman year, **Susan Giusti** Bristol '81, DVM '84. **Steve Ward** works in the construction business in Florida, but hopes

to relocate to Columbia, SC, once he and his wife sell their house, which is a difficult task given the troubled housing market. Steve misses the beauty of Upstate New York. Enjoying the Colorado blue sky is **Donna MacLauchlan** (Fort Collins, CO). She is a special education teacher with students who have autism and is working toward her doctorate in special education. Also in Colorado are **Glenn Russo** and **Mark Hopkins**. Glenn is a telecommunications specialist at Zayo Group, and Mark keeps busy at Crescendo Capital Partners. Mark writes: "We stay forever young (at least in our own minds) and bore our spouses and kids with highly repetitive stories starring the cast of characters from our days on the Hill." Glenn and Mark each have daughters turning 20 this year, and both girls are juniors in college, one at Franklin & Marshall and one at Yale. Farther West, **Daniel Fenton** (San Jose, CA) was named chairman of the board of the Destination Marketing Association Int'l. **Adam Becker** recently visited California and met up with **Mike Spolan**, **Dave Cohn**, and **Richard "Chard" Berger**. **Gary Blackburn** and **Regina Robinson** '82 have been doing college tours with their son Nicholas. To make the tours sweeter, they have also stopped along the way to golf. Older son Benjamin is happy at UCLA.

**Steve Fisher** still lives in Russia, but plans to move back to the States soon. Last summer, he threw a 50th bash in Chicago. Attending were **Andrew Ritwo**, **Doug Uyeno**, and **Sharon Fisher** Taylor. The birthday crowd made a sailing excursion on Lake Michigan and took in an evening White Sox game. Steve's older daughter has graduated from Vassar. After spending almost 24 years in Asia, **Duncan Scott** has relocated to São Paulo, Brazil, as VP of sourcing for Latin America for the Adidas

Group. He and his family look forward to the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics to be hosted by Brazil. Duncan stays in touch with **Jim Gast**, BArch '82, and **Ken Johnson**. Please drop us a quick note to let us know what you're planning for summer vacation. ☐ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

**82** **Christine Netski** and **Jeff Rhodin** '80 report that daughter **Erica Rhodin** '12 is a sophomore in Arts and Sciences, majoring in Government. Erica is having an incredible experience, both academically and through her various extracurricular activities. For mom and dad, it's a great excuse to travel to Ithaca, one which they've taken advantage of several times to visit Erica and reconnect with the Cornell community. **Olson Okada**, MCE '85, risking a tsunami of faux pity, told me that he's been living a pretty boring life in Hawaii. He moved there ten years ago, after working overseas, to work as a civil engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers. He occasionally sees **Jon Poe** during Jon's trips back to Hawaii to visit family.

**Kathryne "Keo" Opton** wrote from unseasonably cold Gainesville, FL. She's transitioned from being a surf and turf personal trainer to a surf and turf massage therapist, aquatic bodybuilder, and Watsu (water Shiatsu) practitioner. Anticipating my next question, she elaborates, telling me that this means she floats patients in a warm saline pool, which reduces pain while increasing flexibility and decreasing stress. Soon Keo, who chairs a 12-person board for the Florida Massage Therapy Association, will begin piloting a research project with cancer survivors and the elderly. She will be looking at quality of life and range of motion. Watsu has been shown to effectively assist in recovery from chronic pain and trauma. Keo also offers continuing education to licensed massage therapists. **Mark Liggett** e-mailed me from Afghanistan, where he's public affairs officer with Task Force Dark Knight, working directly with Polish and French units as well as non-combat soldiers from New Zealand. This task force is a military intelligence unit based in the eastern region of the country under the 82nd Airborne Division, which he proudly notes was also his father's unit during WWII. Mark hinted at some interesting anecdotes to pass on, then, disappointingly, backed off, commenting that in intelligence they often must avoid too much publicity. Maybe I can get him to spill the beans later.

**Sheryl Lechner** apologized for not having sent any news earlier, and then provided a nice, efficient life update. After graduating, she meandered into journalism, working as a staff reporter/writer/editor for a couple of weeklies (the *Tab* in Newton, MA, and the *Register*, on Cape Cod), before beginning a long and fascinating stint in freelance writing. In 1985, she married Frank Lowenstein, an ecologist with the Nature Conservancy, with whom she has three teenage sons. In 1999 she

## The Sweet Life

Mary Cusano Amsterdam '81

I used to be a lawyer, and everyone hates lawyers; now I make chocolate, and everybody loves chocolate," says Mary Cusano Amsterdam. "It's karmic balance." The former history major is the founder of Amsterdam Chocolates, a boutique candy business in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey. She retired from intellectual property law ten years ago after the birth of her daughter and started making chocolate as a hobby. After getting rave reviews from friends and former co-workers, she began selling her treats full-time.

Amsterdam's business is a one-woman show: she does everything from production to marketing to packaging. She runs the company out of her home, selling a few hundred boxes a year to local customers as well as through her website, amsterdamchocolates.com. All of her products—including Belgian chocolate truffles, holiday-themed lollipops, peppermint bark, coconut crisps, chocolate-covered graham crackers, and chocolate-dipped pretzel rods—are nut-free, in honor of her two nut-allergic children. (She even sells "nut" bark made with soy beans.) Her bonbons (priced at \$15 for a twelve-piece box) come in such flavors as mango and habanero pepper, cinnamon spice, and Grand Marnier. "For me, it is truly a labor of love," Amsterdam declares on her website, "because the only thing I enjoy more than making the chocolate is seeing how much people enjoy eating it."



— Erica Southerland '10

and Frank wrote *Bugs: Insects, Spiders, Centipedes, Millipedes, and Other Closely Related Arthropods*, a coffee table-type book. In 2007 they followed this up with *Voices of Protest!: Documents of Courage and Dissent*, an anthology of documents, poems, song lyrics, and more about protest throughout history and around the world. Both of these, she notes, are available on Amazon. Since 1993, they've lived in the Berkshires where, this year, she started a new job as outreach coordinator for a local foods and farms advocacy group called Berkshire Grown ([berkshiregrown.org](http://berkshiregrown.org)).

**Elliot Jaffee** responded to my plea for news by telling us that he's still in Minneapolis with US Bank, now the fifth largest bank in the US. As an executive vice president, he has responsibility for the Twin Cities market and the company's National Small Business Administration business. Elliot is proud to note that while the banking industry has, in general, seen better days, their bank has been one of the truly bright spots. He and wife Judy are new empty-nesters. Daughter Katie was married last August and is now a graduate student in education at the U. of St. Thomas. Their sons, Steven and Billy, are both undergraduates: Steven is at Holy Cross College in South Bend, IN, and Billy is at St. John's U. in Collegeville, MN. For the Jaffees, life is good!

Like most of us, **Beth Kolodny** McKinney is going to reach the big "50" this year so she and several classmate friends had a great idea to celebrate it. She got together with freshman year U-Hall dorm-mates **Karyn Sandelman** Dobbs, **Roberta Harkavy** Probbler, **Janet Hilbert** Howard-Flanders, and **Gina Beebe** Nichol for a weekend in March at her house on Seneca Lake, just over the hill from Cornell. They had a great time catching up and stalking fellow classmates on Facebook. Speaking of Facebook, **Jennifer Gardiner** Liguori, one of our class officers, wrote to make sure that I put in a plug to join our Facebook page. This is a thriving meeting ground for our class, so don't miss the chance to reconnect with old friends from Cornell. Jennifer always has something fun to report on from her home in Arkansas and promised some personal updates after tax season ends. As director of the Northwest Arkansas Tax Center, April is a busy time of year for her.

**Claudette Gabriel** Karabey wrote to say that her daughter **Lara '12**, transferred this past year from Arts and Sciences to the Hotel school. This spring, Claudette had the pleasure of hosting several of Lara's sorority sisters, one of whom was taking a class with one of Claudette's old professors, Ted Lowi. There's nothing like Cornell to bring the generations together. Claudette's son, Hakan, is a high school junior just starting to look at colleges, including, of course, Cornell. We received news that **Caroline Kapusta** Black was honored with the 2009 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award by the Florida Supreme Court, in recognition of her hundreds of hours of donated legal services as well as her long-standing commitment to developing the legal service programs for low income Florida residents. To all of our classmates out there, please keep the news coming. ■ **Steven Crump**, [spc25@cornell.edu](mailto:spc25@cornell.edu); **Douglas Skalka**, [dskalka@npmlaw.com](mailto:dskalka@npmlaw.com); and **Mark Fernau**, [mef29@cornell.edu](mailto:mef29@cornell.edu).

**Nat Bowditch** ([nat1058@yahoo.com](mailto:nat1058@yahoo.com)) and his daughter flew from California to Jacksonville, FL, to watch Cornell play in the first two rounds of the NCAA basketball tournament. At halftime of the second-round game, in which Cornell was easily beating Wisconsin, he was waiting in line for food. One Duke fan, in line ahead of him, said to his friend, "I'm glad Cornell is not in our bracket." To quote Nat: "Words I never thought I would hear from a Duke grad. What a great run!" Certainly a proud season for all Cornellians.

On to the news: **Armando Armas** ([aarmas0426@aol.com](mailto:aarmas0426@aol.com)) is a physician/owner of the Palm Beach Inst. of Hematology and Oncology in Boynton Beach. He has also established the Collaborative Research Group there. He lives in Boca Raton, FL, with wife Shelly and sons Ben, Daniel, and Jeremy. **Mary Milmo** Rogers ([Mary.Milmo@carrier.utc.com](mailto:Mary.Milmo@carrier.utc.com)) has accepted a global position as director of environmental marketing for Carrier Corp., a United Technologies company. Mary and husband Andrew will relocate to Connecticut, which will put them closer to sons Nicholas (Boston U. '12) and Christopher (Sacred Heart U. '14).

Authors and educators are prevalent in this month's news. **Mary Jane Curry** ([mjcurry@Warner.Rochester.edu](mailto:mjcurry@Warner.Rochester.edu)) was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of language education last July at the U. of Rochester. She directs the language education program in the Warner School of Education and supervises doctoral students researching language and literacy. She has co-authored a book about to be published by Routledge entitled *Academic Writing in a Global Context: The Politics and Practices of Publishing in English*. We'll be looking for it. **Beth Bay** (New York, NY; [bayvisions@aol.com](mailto:bayvisions@aol.com)) works as a publisher and marketing consultant. In her spare time she is a court reporter and writer, and has published the book *Hey, You Never Know*.

**Tom Catibone** ([tcaticabone@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tcaticabone@nycap.rr.com)) is putting his "excellent education" to use as a teacher in the Schenectady, NY, area. Tom and wife Erin are busy renovating a home, but he makes time for golf and exercise. **Jacqueline Ricotta** ([jacqueline.ricotta@delval.edu](mailto:jacqueline.ricotta@delval.edu)) and husband **Randall White '84** live in Newtown, PA, where Jackie is a professor of horticulture at nearby Delaware Valley College. She teaches courses in organic crop production, sustainable agriculture, and vegetable production. Two of her fondest memories of Cornell are traying down Libe Slope and facetime at Mann Library. From the Pittsburgh side of Pennsylvania, **Tracy Gruay** Brailey is putting her 25 years of hospitality and event experience to use as the newly named sales manager for the Pittsburgh Transportation Group. She will promote all of PTG's transportation services to businesses and the public. In her spare time Tracy volunteers with the Ronald McDonald House, United Way, Project Bundle-Up, and other charitable organizations.

**Paul Sloate** ([psloate@greendrakepartners.com](mailto:psloate@greendrakepartners.com)) took a moment from his duties as president and chief investment officer of Green Drake Partners in Wayne, PA, to say hello to the class. Finally, Frank and Rosa Rhodes were the guests of honor at a Sarasota Cornell Club Luncheon in February. They look fabulous and all in attendance agreed that we could have listened to Frank speak for much longer. He is as eloquent as ever. I really enjoyed the event—well worth the time off from work.

Your class officers are working to keep the lines of communication open as we look ahead to our 30th Reunion. Please look for us on our class

website, <http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>, and on Facebook and LinkedIn, and reach out to fellow classmates at local Cornell events. Keep the news coming by e-mailing your class correspondents! Enjoy your summer! ■ **Alyssa Bickler**, [cousinalyssa@yahoo.com](mailto:cousinalyssa@yahoo.com); **Lynn Buffamante**, [LB325@cornell.edu](mailto:LB325@cornell.edu).

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**Barbara George** Johnson has been appointed executive director of the John S. Watson Inst. for Public Policy. She had been serving as the acting deputy director. Barbara joined Thomas Edison State College after serving as managing principal of GOVCONNECTIONS LLC and as a senior associate for MBI-GluckShaw, where she represented a diverse client base that ranged from the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals to municipal governments including the city of Trenton, NJ. She was also the first legislative director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey. Barbara is the fourth executive director of the Watson Inst. and the first woman to serve in this post.

**Jim Perkins** (Avon, NY) was promoted to full professor in the medical illustration program at the Rochester Inst. of Technology. **Bob Dolan** and wife Lori Hoffer live in Leverett, MA, where Bob is a senior research scientist at Pearson Education, providing assessment and information. After hours, he has been involved in the Mankind Project and the group Boys to Men. He has also been playing with his kids, hiking (he says he'd like to hear from his old friend "Chris the rock climber"), and gardening, and enjoys metal sculpture and being a drummer. **Judy Fried** Siegel is a urologist specializing in pelvic and bladder health in women and children with an emphasis on non-surgical neuromodulation. She and husband John have three sons, a dog, and a cat, and are planning a trip to the Galápagos in June 2010. They are also busy composting and are members of the local farmer's market committee. Judy's favorite memories from Cornell are friendships, spring, and freedom. I agree!

**Anne Hoskins** works at the Public Service Enterprise Group in Newark, NJ, as senior VP for public affairs and sustainability. "I'm working on a number of challenging energy and environmental issues." She serves on several boards, including the Nature Conservancy in New Jersey, the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, and the Second Floor Advisory Committee, a teen crisis service. Anne and husband Robert are "raising a wonderful boy, 12, and attending many sports events with him." **Terri Port** McClellan and son Harry watched the Cornell men's lacrosse team at the New England Lacrosse Classic at Gillette Stadium. Terri and Harry attended the event with **Debby Neyman** Silverman '85 and her son Max. While there Terri also bumped into **Jill Hai** Rubenstein '85 and **Ruth Durkin** Mallett at the event. This past February, Terri made her annual pilgrimage to Fort Myers to watch her beloved Red Sox during Spring Training.

**Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell** and husband **Kevin McCormick** have a freshman son at Cornell! She writes, "Nicholas '13 was initiated into Seal and Serpent, just like his Dad." Kitty and Kevin are heading down to the Keys for spring break with three of their five children. Their other two, Meg and Kate, will spend their spring break in Lake Placid at running camp. "We'll think of them when we're on the beach!" My husband, Don McManus, and I went on a ski trip to Lake Tahoe last spring with our kids Collin, 14, and Hannah, 10. It was

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Hello, everyone. It is summer as you read this, but this issue's Class Notes is the first since Cornell's unprecedented men's basketball season.



so much fun that even the teenage boy enjoyed it! I also started working full-time in January for the air resources division at the New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services, where I had been working in the wetlands bureau as a part-time employee for 13 years. It's an adjustment, but the kids seem happy to have more independence. ■ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** Although I am writing this as spring arrives in NYC, with the flowers blooming in Central Park, you will be reading this during the summer. We will have already enjoyed a fun weekend in Ithaca celebrating our 25th Reunion. It is still difficult to believe that it has been more than 25 years since we graduated, and I know that I am not alone with that thought. The next column, in the September/October issue, will include all of the details of that great reunion weekend—who was there, the fun we had, and news about all of you.

Before I share the news I have, I want to remind you of the ways you can connect to our class. You can visit our class website at: <http://classof85.alumni.cornell.edu>. You can also join our groups on LinkedIn.com and Facebook by looking for Cornell University Class of 1985. These are great ways for you to network and (re)connect with your fellow classmates. Please join us. We really want to connect and reconnect with you!

I received a news release announcing that **Whitney Clark** has passed the California Bar exam and is an associate at Hanson Bridgett LLP, based in their San Francisco office. Congratulations, Whitney! Prior to earning his JD from the U. of California and his MBA from Golden Gate U., Whitney held several positions in operations and production, most recently as director of materials with Materials Sciences Corp. **Benjamin Rodefer** (Corrales, NM; benrodefer@gmail.com) is a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives. He is also CEO of Rio Grande Solar. If that doesn't keep him busy enough, he is still a recording jazz and blues musician. He is proud to share that former Mexican President Vicente Fox just joined his renewable energy company and they are pursuing significant industrial and commercial installations in North America. With all that, Benjamin would rather be in Paris visiting his father, or perhaps in NYC wandering around MoMA and Sotheby's to see the new art exhibitions and auctions. When asked what he most remembers about Cornell, he said: "The gorgeous campus, running along the old railroad tracks, and good friends." He would love to hear from **Diana Lands** Nathanson.

**Nigel Ziyad** (Saint Charles, IL; nziyad\_1985.Cornell@ztrc.net) is CEO of a startup business, being developed to provide technology services. Visit [www.ztrc.net](http://www.ztrc.net) to learn more! Nigel writes that he loved his experience at Cornell and would love to hear from his friends from Ujamaa. **Jonathan Hass** is the human resources manager at United Planet Corp. in Boston. He lives in Arlington; after hours, he is involved with Temple Isaiah in Lexington. Recently, he has been busy recruiting international volunteers and exploring colleges with family. When thinking about Cornell, he most remembers broadcasting the news at WVBR.

We expect that news of reunion will fill a few of the upcoming columns. Meanwhile, look for the class's annual News and Dues mailing from the spring, and send it in if you haven't

done so yet. Don't forget to join us on LinkedIn.com or on Facebook. We look forward to hearing from you soon! ■ **Leslie Nydick**, LNydyck@aol.com; **Joyce Zolkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

**86** Cornellians didn't pocket the big prize in the office pool this year, but, hey, we way exceeded expectations! My husband, **Clarkson Hine '85**, went to Syracuse to watch what turned out to be the Big Red's final game in the NCAA tourney, against Kentucky. While there he saw **Mark Katz**, who reports that **Steve Wells**, **Evan Blum**, and **Amy Weiss** Land were also at the game. "Steve lives in Syracuse and we watched the game from the luxury box and courtside seats his company has. The accommodations were a marked improvement from the nights spent sleeping outside Lynah Rink." Amy, who was the manager for the basketball team from '84 to '86, told us she saw a lot of former hoops players from the classes of 1955-85. Amy lives in southern Westchester County and is home with her children, ages 12, 10, and 5. **Steven Kirson** didn't jump on the bandwagon at Syracuse. He was there for the first game (and win), then went to Jacksonville with **Frank Goldman '87**, **JD '94**, and **Robert Mandelbaum '81** for the second-round win over Wisconsin that put Cornell in the Sweet 16. At the arena in Jacksonville he visited with ILR classmate **Mike Kraskow**, who drove from Tampa to see both games. Back in Atlanta, Steven is a lawyer. He and wife Amy have a "baseball-playing 8th grade son" and two rescue Labrador retrievers.

Basketball wasn't the only winter sport of interest to Cornellians. Hockey was the other big reason to cheer. **Maureen Laffey Bills** went to the Boston U. hockey game with husband **Steve '84**, her son, and daughter **Katherine '10**. Katherine is the first Class of '86 legacy to graduate (we think, let us know if we're wrong!). Maureen also attended many games at Lynah Rink this year, and watched Cornell beat Harvard to win the ECAC title. She spotted **Melinda (Czerwinski)** and **Lloyd Kinnear** at that game.

Moving off our sports reporting, **Melissa Tsai** lives with husband Joshua Kraus in New York City. Melissa is a neonatologist at Maimonides Medical Center. Fellow New Yorker **Merrill Rudin** works as a chiropractor. She and husband Michael Katz enjoy being parents, walking in Central Park, and hanging out with friends. **Louise Alterman** Spergel (Westfield, NJ) works at Bell Labs Cable Research on innovative technologies for the cable industry. She reports, "I love to travel with my family (husband Jonathan and sons Zachary, 8, and Benjamin, 6). We've introduced them to skiing and snowboarding, a passion they now share with their parents. In my 'spare' time, my new hobby is doing triathlons."

From Wayland, MA, **Daniel Jones '86**, MD '90, is a professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and chief of minimally invasive surgical services at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He is married to **Stephanie (Brickner) '88**. Although we suspect he doesn't have a lot of free time, he does report that he enjoyed watching the Cornell basketball and hockey teams this winter. **Leesa Storfer** (Wakefield, MA) and **Scott Sidman '84** were married this past summer in Provincetown, MA. The wedding was attended by many in the classes of '84 and '86. Leesa works as a commercial and residential interior designer when she's

not hiking or working with her new Briard puppy, Dolce, on agility training.

Although we were pretty East Coast-dominated in this column, I do have one report from my neck of the woods. **Emily Sawers** Berlinghof works as a team member with the Chicago Green Homes Program, which is run through the city's Dept. of Environment. It is a LEED-type program, specific to Chicago, which certifies homes that are either built or renovated in an environmentally friendly, sustainable way. But she doesn't just work; the week we talked, she was headed to Florida to meet fellow Kappas **Elyse Harney Morris '87**, **Lisa More** Bienstock '87, and **Liz Kallenbach** Bell '87 for a girls' weekend.

So, all you Class of '86ers in California, Oregon, and points West: send us your news. Something's happening where you are and we want to hear about it. Find us on Facebook (Cornell University Class of '86) or e-mail either of us. ■ **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net; **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susancornell86@comcast.net.

**87** **Charlie Muller** (Summit, NJ) writes, "The company founded by my wife **Debbie (Kranz)**—HR Acuity—won the 2009 Top HR Product of the Year award from *Human Resource Executive Magazine*. HR Acuity On-Demand is an online solution for documenting employee relations issues and conducting comprehensive workplace investigations." Charlie says he is "looking forward to Debbie's continued success so he can retire early."

On the Cornell Class of 1987 Facebook page, **Tom Tseng**, ME '94, sent reports of classmates at various sporting events, including **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Tom met up with **Heidi Claus** Perry in February at Harvard's Bright Arena where Cornell proceeded to defeat Harvard's basketball team on their way to the Ivy League Championship and their thrilling appearances at the NCAA semifinals. If you attended any of the Cornell games at the NCAA tournament, or had the opportunity to see any of our other athletic teams in action, we would love to hear about any Cornellians that you saw. Tom had exciting career news to report as well. He will be returning to Stanford U.'s Office of Development as their new Director, Int'l Division, in May of this year. Tom left Stanford four years ago for a position at the U. of Chicago, "where he established the western/Asia-Pacific regional office for alumni relations and development." While Tom will undoubtedly continue to maintain a busy international travel schedule, at least his home base and his employer will again be in the same time zone!

Some other career news comes in from **Kathleen Bliss** Callow. She is an engineer in Philadelphia at Greeley and Hansen, a leader in developing innovative engineering solutions for a wide array of water, wastewater, water reuse, and solid waste challenges. Kathleen's after-hours activities include coaching a high school FIRST robotics team. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) hopes to inspire young people to be leaders in science and technology. Founded in 1989, FIRST engages young people in programs that help build science, technology, and engineering skills. Kathleen is also involved with volunteer fundraising for Good Counsel Homes, an organization that helps pregnant women and their children.

**Karin Ann Lewis** and husband Mike Sosnowski reside in Lexington, KY. Karin enjoys her day job

as director of academic enhancement at the U. of Kentucky. In her free time, she is a nationally certified interpreter for the deaf. She also spends time on home improvement projects and working on her garden and “keeping up with what my daughters are doing in Washington, DC, and NYC.” Karin has been moonlighting part-time with Sorenson Communication as a video relay interpreter and doing some freelance interpreting, but admits she would rather be walking on the beach on Cape Cod, deep sea fishing, and enjoying friends. Some of her best memories from Cornell are of “good friends, Risley Hall days, DG days—on the roof!” Karin would love to hear from: Suz, Ellen, Betsy, Kim, Pam, Vaneeta, and John. Another update comes in from **Frank Goldman**, JD '94, and **Lynne Wurzburg**. They hail from Atlanta, GA, where Frank is the owner of a small law firm, Goldman Associates. His firm specializes in assisting small and medium-sized businesses and their owners with their legal needs. Frank reports that he has been “plugging away at expanding the law practice in this brutal economy.” After hours, he enjoys cycling, tennis, and “endless projects on our 100-year-old house.” He hopes to find time to hike the Rockies and to travel the world at some point in the future.

Via a press release, we learned that **Louisa Coan** Greve was named a vice president, programs (Middle East/North Africa, East Asia, and South/South East Asia) at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), a private, nonprofit, grant-making foundation with a mission to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. Louisa has worked at the NED since 1993. From the news release: “Greve has overseen the tremendous growth of NED’s Asia programs, including the development of substantial grant portfolios for both China and North Korea. She has testified before several congressional committees and commissions on human rights in China and democracy promotion in Asia.”

We would love to include your news, comments, or Cornell memories in future columns. There are many ways to get them to us: via e-mail to either of us at the addresses below, through the link at [cornell.edu](http://cornell.edu) (<http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), by an update at the Cornell Class of '87 Facebook page, or via a Cornell Class of 1987 News Form (which do make their way to our physical desktops!). ☐ **Brenna Frazer McGowan**, [bfn26@cornell.edu](mailto:bfn26@cornell.edu); or **Heidi Heasley Ford**, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu).

**88** Greetings and wishes for a happy summer to fellow members of the Class of 1988. I am writing in April and spring has come to Connecticut. The flowers are blooming and we have had a ton of rain, but thankfully no April snow! We had a great winter cheering on Cornell. We took our kids to a Cornell women’s hockey game against Yale, and three men’s hockey games—one against Yale, one against Boston U. at Madison Square Garden, and the other against Quinnipiac. We also jumped on the basketball bandwagon and saw the Big Red play Yale. It was amazing to be around so many Cornellians. The one thing we did not get to do was return to campus to see **Joe Nieuwendyk** have his number retired at Lynah Rink!

**Curtis Gross** was appointed director of investment research at Financial Advantage in Columbia, MD. He has been working in securities research and portfolio management for the past 22 years. **Jon May** has been appointed president

of the board of trustees for Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC. In the press release it states that Mr. May is proud that his children understand the importance of helping others who may not have the same opportunities that they enjoy. Jon and wife **Juliana (Kelly) '89** live in New York City with his two children. For more information on this great organization visit [www.BigsNYC.org](http://www.BigsNYC.org). Artist and animation professor **Lynn Tomlinson** (Orlando, FL) has spent her spare time creating a mural featuring the animal and plant life of the region with her son’s school, Trinity Prep.

On the other side of the country, **France Nick Coleman** wrote in from Seattle. He is a US Postal Service manager in charge of major markets for the western sales region. He likes spending time with his family (wife Elena and daughter Sofie), enjoys movies and books, and would love to be traveling! The things he remembers most about Cornell are rushing his fraternity and playing football. Also

**Nunan Stemme**, [sen28@cornell.edu](mailto:sen28@cornell.edu); **Steve Tomaselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu); **Brad Mehl**, [ykbam@comcast.net](mailto:ykbam@comcast.net).

**89** Hello, everyone! I write this during the conclusion of a remarkable winter sports season for Cornell! Watching the women’s hockey team in triple overtime was really a treat and my kids were so excited to watch the men’s Sweet Sixteen game with the children of **Chris '90** and **Sheila Richmond Hasser '90**, who live near us. I spent quite a bit of time trying to convince them to take their kids to reunion this summer. Ours sure had a great time at our 20th! **Judy Prutzman** Osgood writes that she threw together a trip to Syracuse to watch the Sweet Sixteen game in person with her younger son. That was some feat as she traveled all the way from Reno, NV, at the last minute. Her

## ‘Tom Tseng’s home and employer will again be in the same time zone!’

Brenna Frazer McGowan '87

in Seattle are **Charles Frischer** and his wife, Abigail. He works in the investment management industry. He spends his non-work hours helping with the care of two boys under 3. He had spent the last 20 years on the East Coast and now looks forward to exploring the Pacific Northwest. Charles found a nice home in the Capitol Hill area. When asked what he would rather be doing, he wrote, “Everything is good. Everything I want to do right now I am doing.” His best memories of Cornell are Frisbee on the Arts Quad and “dimies” at the Dugout. (Note: Even though the Dugout closed, there is a Facebook page for it! Just the other day **Joelle Slegal** Strona e-mailed me a link about how you can buy the Dugout T-shirts!)

We read about **Alison Minton** and her blog in the previous issue, and we received some additional news about the company she founded in 2002, Maplemint Enterprises Inc. After working in the hospitality industry for more than a decade, planning events and fundraising at four exclusive private clubs and a premier private school in Manhattan, Alison launched Maplemint to offer event planning, fundraising, and hospitality services to corporations, organizations, private clubs, and individuals. Alison spends her free time attending charity events and working out, including boxing. She would rather be lying on the beach in the Caribbean and would love to hear from **Chi Kim '87**.

Joelle Slegal Strona, **Gabbie Genaro**, **Stacy Saidel** Koenig, **Janis Erickson** Raguin, **Lisa Diminich** Monard, and I had a mini-reunion in Connecticut in January. We also got to see **Deirdre Glynn** Pew '89, who flew in all the way from Seattle just for the weekend. We had a great time reminiscing and catching up on each other’s lives.

That’s all the news for this month. We have more space in our column and would love to hear from all of you, so please fill out the news forms from one of our class mailings or e-mail any of your class correspondents. We love to hear from you and your classmates love to read about what you’ve been doing. Enjoy the summer! ☐ **Sharon**

son reported that he had never heard a crowd cheer as loudly as the sea of red cheered in the Dome during the game against Kentucky. Furthermore, Judy has never felt prouder than when she participated in singing the Alma Mater during halftime. Her older son will bring Judy back to Ithaca this summer when he attends a Cornell sports camp. Judy has been living in Reno for the last 13 years, clerking part-time for a federal judge and working full-time raising her two teenage sons. As a class council member, she also attended the first Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, this past January.

Also in the legal world, **Mark Burden** has been listed among the top attorneys in Illinois for 2010 by *Illinois Super Lawyers* magazine. Mark is a partner at Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth. He focuses on professional negligence and product liability defense. **Elliot Sokoloff** sends news of his law practice, Sokoloff & Weinstein, in Florida. He is sorry that he and his family missed Reunion, but did share a Cornell story. Recently he and his sister attended a family reunion on their father’s side. While speaking with his cousin **Ron-di Sokoloff-Frieder '78**, they discovered that they had both lived at 105 Dryden Court (the old Post-Master’s home) ten years apart. **Garrett Stackman** moved to Maryland with his wife, **Lisa (Friedman) '91**, and left the practice of law to co-found Greenavise, a sustainability consulting firm based in D.C. They focus on business and property owners and help their clients analyze operations, save on utility bills, increase property values, and go green in the process. Anyone interested can see their website at [www.greenavise.com](http://www.greenavise.com). And one more lawyer: **Dave Scher** ([dscher@employmentlawgroup.net](mailto:dscher@employmentlawgroup.net)) is a principal with the Employment Law Group. The firm is now in California, so Dave will be working from both coasts. His firm focuses on civil rights and employment, but also handles other litigation and legal matters. He would love to connect with Cornell alums in California.

On the international front, **Marne Platt** (Penn Vet '93, along with yours truly) still lives in



Switzerland as head of global regulatory affairs for Novartis Animal Health. She loves her job and her quality of life, which includes the advantages of being able to walk most anywhere and easily travel to anyplace too far to walk! Anyone passing through Switzerland: please contact her at [marne.platt@novartis.com](mailto:marne.platt@novartis.com). **Siew Wei Ngiam**, ME '90, MBA '91, writes from Singapore that she has been promoted to global fuels marketing manager for Shell Aviation. After previously selling fuel for motorcars and ships, she is often asked if selling fuel for spacecraft is now in her job description.

**Paul Ryan** (Sopron, Hungary) and his wife, Ibi, moved with their children to Europe four years ago. They did this to sate Paul's long-standing desire to spend serious time in Europe (and perfect his German), and more importantly to afford their kids a tri-lingual and tri-cultural experience. He writes that Timea, 8, and Aidan and Adam, 6, have maintained their native tongues of English and Hungarian (from their mother) and have now layered on German by being schooled in the welcoming and quaint village of Klingenbach, just across the border in Austria. (An interesting side note: Klingenbach, like many villages in the area, is populated by historically invited ethnic Croats, and Croatian is fostered in the schools as well!) They plan a return to the US for the upcoming high school years. **Dan Travers** lives in Seattle, where he restores old houses ([www.recraftllc.com](http://www.recraftllc.com)). He also pursues adventures in the Amazon and elsewhere in the world (Burma, Iran), and still plays lacrosse regularly. **Carlyse Marshall** Evans returned stateside permanently last summer after years of living abroad. Not one to stay too long in one place, she is already leaving Chicago, where she was director of global emerging markets for the law firm of Baker & McKenzie. She is moving to D.C. to become the executive director/COO of their Washington, DC, office. **Mark Leone** is taking an R&D position in New Zealand at Weta Digital, the visual effects studio behind *Lord of the Rings* and *Avatar*. He'll be accompanied by his wife, **Heather (Leick)**, and sons Hudson and Austin.

Pastor **Richard Wright**, PhD '98, also travels quite a bit. After staying at Cornell for his MA and PhD in Near Eastern Studies, Richard married and earned his MDiv at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. He and his wife and two girls then headed for Baton Rouge, LA, where he is pastor of a small church for internationals. He has been to India and Macedonia and has plans to go to China soon. He has published two articles and one book and enjoys reading, computers, and gardening. **Ilir Zherka** has been fighting for Washington, DC, representation in Congress as executive director of DC Vote since 2002. He is also writing a book on advocacy strategies for nonprofits. He, wife Linda, and kids Alek, 13, and Hana, 10, will travel to Albania soon. They are excited to take their first family trip to their ancestral homeland. **Karen Dahlby** Tallentire is enjoying motherhood and her children. Karen has boys, 4 and 2, and started beekeeping last year. They have both a Langstroth and a top bar hive. Karen writes that she is definitely appreciating Cornell's contributions to bee science. **Mindy Schechter** Tashlik and husband Scott welcomed a fourth daughter, Ella Reese, in July 2008. All the girls are Big Red sports fans, especially Ella, who proudly wore her "I may be little but I'm a BIG RED FAN" Cornell-wear during March Madness.

**Ellen Toporoff** Noteware writes that she just had a mini-reunion with a bunch of '89ers. Having been through many weddings, they searched

for a new reason to get everyone together from far and wide, and found the occasion in her daughter Laura's bat mitzvah on March 6 in Philly. **Heather Long**, **Susan Bergesen** Bannon, **Randi Rimerman** Serota, **Laura Landauer** Fritz, **Shelley Vanneman** Yoder, **Marlowe Scheyer** Bechmann, and **Jude Ahern** came to help her family celebrate, and **Nancy Beck** Begier came from nearby Wayne, PA, to see everyone. **Ellie Kreiger** '88, **Chuck Bechmann** '87, and **Jim** and **Christine Arnoso Meckley** '93 were there, too. She reports it was a great occasion. They all hope to do it again in Bend, OR, in August for Laura and **Ron Fritz's** son CJ's bar mitzvah. ✉ **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, [cu89\\_news@comcast.net](mailto:cu89_news@comcast.net); **Kimberly Levine** Graham, [KAL20@cornell.edu](mailto:KAL20@cornell.edu); **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com); **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu).

**90** Did you make it to our 20th Reunion? If you did, you may have bumped into your class correspondent **Kelly Roberson**. She will have a full report on reunion, but not until the Sept/Oct issue of this magazine, due to its production deadlines. If you didn't catch up with her, feel free to send your own reunion report to Kelly or me. Our e-mail addresses are at the end of this column. In the meantime, here's a virtual reunion for those of us who, like your other class correspondent, couldn't get to Ithaca this time (fingers crossed for our 25th!).

**Rich Dreitzer** was elected a shareholder of Bullivant Houser Bailey, a West Coast business and complex litigation law firm, effective Jan. 1. Rich is based in Las Vegas, practicing employment law with an emphasis on defending corporate entities. He is also a Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore-Justice Court, Las Vegas Township (wonder if he's ever gotten to officiate at a wedding like the one featuring "Cornellian" Andy from "The Office" in "The Hangover"). Rich earned his JD from Washington U. School of Law. From Boston comes news that **David Liu** has joined the Cardiovascular Inst. at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as a cardiac surgeon. He had been at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, MA. David earned his MD from Tufts U. and did his internship and residency at Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. He also completed a research fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston.

Count **Jennifer Dilworth** (Tacoma, WA) among the classmates who've suffered in this recession. She reports that she was laid off from her job at an assisted-living facility. Since then she's been walking, reading, and praying. She'd rather be working as an administrator of a nonprofit. Here's hoping Jennifer gets her wish! In the meantime, we can fulfill another of her wishes, to reconnect with **Carolyn De Wilde** Casswell: Carolyn is our class president ([cdd22@cornell.edu](mailto:cdd22@cornell.edu)).

On occasion we get a little backed up on our news, so I'm just now sharing an e-mail we received in April 2009. **Stephen Swanson** decided to get an early start on spring by moving the family (including new baby Sander) to Abu Dhabi, where he now serves as chief legal officer to the Abu Dhabi Investment Co. He adds, "I look forward to sharing my tales from the Emirates at our 20th Reunion!" Here's hoping he made it to Ithaca. **Sara Rosen** Melendy wrote in at about the same time to report that after earning her PhD in accounting

from SUNY Buffalo, she became an assistant professor of accounting at Gonzaga U.'s School of Business Administration in Spokane, WA.

Last summer, **Bonnie Gould** Rothberg sent a News Form from Guilford, CT, to say that she was a postdoctoral associate at Yale in the Dept. of Pathology, after graduating from Yale in May with a PhD in epidemiology and public health. "My dissertation looked at molecular predictors of melanoma recurrence and metastasis," Bonnie wrote. She also had just welcomed a fourth child with husband Jonathan. Gabriella Phoebe was born on May 10, 2009. And just to keep herself from looking like a slacker, Bonnie was also playing ice hockey for the Greater New Haven Hockey Club Lady Blades along with **Miriam Cohen** Jennings. Whew! Excuse me while I go lie down for a minute! **Duncan Murrell** has relocated to Pittsboro, NC, where he is a writer/professor (but didn't say at which institution). He has been named a contributing editor at *Harper's Magazine*. His favorite Cornell memories include "sitting in the A.D. White reading room looking out the tall windows at the snow falling." **John Gauch** has left IBM to become general manager of the Boston office of Axiom Law, whose website bills the firm as "the first real alternative to the traditional law firm for complex legal work." Boston.com calls it "a professional services firm for the legal market." You decide!

In Palm Beach Gardens, FL, **David Herold** is president of Advanced Radiation Oncology and, in his words, is "adapting to the role of a newly single parent of two adorable boys, Adam, 8, and Jordan, 5." David has also been completing even more schooling, with an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern U. He'd like to reconnect with **Denise Lauwens** and **Melanie Fine** '87, perhaps to reminisce about his favorite Cornell memories: "The beauty of the Arts Quad, the green color of the grass in the spring, the snow" (spoken like a true Floridian!). In Portland, OR, I've had the pleasure of reconnecting with **Allison Duncan** due to her move here with husband **Jeff Hoppert**, MS '99, so Allison could pursue graduate studies at Portland State. Having moved up from Arizona, they are having a lot of fun exploring their new state, from wine tasting to cross-country skiing. And they got to see the Oregon version of the Cornell spirit firsthand when the men's basketball team played Kentucky in the NCAA Sweet 16. Portland's hippest sports bar was packed with Big Red fans!

Keep your Big Red spirit alive by staying in touch—send us your news. Hope you're having a wonderful summer! ✉ **Amy Wang** Manning, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu); **Kelly Roberson**, [kroberson@lightswitch.net](mailto:kroberson@lightswitch.net).

**91** Summer is finally here and it's time to get outdoors and experience the beautiful weather! Our classmates continue to keep busy with a variety of exciting and impressive careers, activities, and life choices. Without ado, here's the latest.

We've got lots of athletic achievements to celebrate this summer. First, an update from our last column: **Kathy Kraus** Bolks brought us news of **Doug Derraugh**, who has been building a great women's ice hockey team on the Hill over the last few years. I'm thrilled to report that his success is continuing in a big way! A big congratulations to Doug for leading the Cornell Women's Ice Hockey Team to an ECAC regular season title and tournament championship. The team also won two

rounds of National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship games before losing the title game to the U. of Minnesota, Duluth in the last minute of the third overtime period. For his outstanding success this year, Doug was named the 2010 Division I Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. In other sports news, Doug Derraugh, **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, and **Joe DeLuca** all attended the "Sweet 16" in Syracuse, NY, to cheer on the Big Red against the U. of Kentucky in the school's first appearance in that round of tournament play.

Congratulations to **Kathy Mary Dean-Bradley**, who passed all four portions of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam and has received her CPA designation. Kathy is a senior accountant at Belfint, Lyons and Shuman PA, located in Wilmington, DE. **Andy Peters** works as an administrator at Long Island Crisis Center, a not-for-profit youth services organization, while writing and submitting fiction for publication. His short story "The Vain Prince" was published in the gay literary journal *Ganymede*. Andy launched <http://andrewjpeterswrites.com> to promote his creative projects. **Chris Reynolds** (Cold Spring Harbor, NY) and wife Ginette have been keeping busy running after their children, ages 8, 5, 2, and a newborn. Chris works as a bond broker while enjoying paddle tennis, hockey, and golf in his free time.

In baby news, **Stephen Schwartz** (Naples, FL) and wife **Melanie (Rebak) '90** welcomed a new addition to their family. Oliver Mason was born on March 5, 2010. Big sister Jessica, 8, and brother Reid, 5, are thrilled to have a new buddy to play with. Stephen is the associate professor of clinical ophthalmology at the U. of Miami, Bascom Palmer Eye Inst. **Matthew Price** is an interventional cardiologist at the Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, CA. He is the proud father of Alexander, 5, and Gabriella, 6 months. Despite his oceanside locale, Matthew reports that he is still not a surfer!

**Patrick Moore** reported that he traveled to New Orleans with Delta Upsilon alumni **Rob Ryder**, **Jay Bloedorn**, **Doug Gamble**, **Kevin Marcus '92**, **Pete Vogel '92**, **Geoff Hill '92**, **Pete Reynolds '92**, **Matt Moscati '94**, **Mike Trimarco '92**, **Ron Conte '92**, and **Brennan Doyle '92** for a community outreach project. They donated their time and money to help restore historic pubs and provide clothing to young mothers in need. The group also found some time to attend the Florida vs. LSU football game and visited the local DU chapter to speak to the young men there about drinking responsibly. **Dorothy Patton** and her family plan to return to the Washington, DC, area this summer after an embassy posting in London, England. Dorothy and her husband have taken advantage of every opportunity to travel with their two sons to Europe, Africa, and Asia over the past three years. They look forward to a Cornell Forensics reunion and returning to friends and family this summer.

Last September, **Deanna Conoscenti** (Chicago, IL) was married; she and husband Kevin spent their honeymoon in Italy, cycling through

Tuscany and then to Cinque Terre to hike and relax. The couple had a wonderful time on their trip and spent the dreary Chicago winter longing to return. Deanna could certainly use another vacation as she is now busy keeping up with her husband's two boys! **David Warner** (Boston, MA) is president of Warner Larson Landscape Architects, which relocated to Boston in 2008. The firm managed to survive 2009 and is experiencing growth defying the odds in 2010. David says he is starting to see the rewards of many years of hard work! Most recently, he has been working on an innovative outdoor classroom design in a Boston schoolyard.

Please continue to share your news with us via e-mail, through the link on our class website (<http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>), or on the news form in our most recent class mailing. We love to hear from you! **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, [sheslam@berkshirepartners.com](mailto:sheslam@berkshirepartners.com); **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, [ams14@cornell.edu](mailto:ams14@cornell.edu); **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, [klk22@cornell.edu](mailto:klk22@cornell.edu).

**92** It's never too early to start planning—our 20th Reunion is just two years away! Start contacting your friends, lining up your travel arrangements, and preparing your children. Of course, do let your faithful class correspondents know your plans—it would be great to see you there, and your e-mails could give us some news to report

in the meantime. By the time you read this, my husband **John Torrance '90** and I will have attended Reunion 2010 for his 20th and I promise a full report upon our return.

In the meantime, I have news from the MITen State (that's Michigan). First, a quirky geography lesson. Look at the palm of your right hand, keeping it flat with your fingers together. Now tuck your thumb in toward your index finger—that's what Michigan's Lower Peninsula looks like. Kind of like a mitten, right? We really do use that "handy little map" to tell folks where we live. I live near Ann Arbor, about a half inch up from the bottom of your palm, where the muscles of your lower thumb end. Still looking at your right palm? Under the space where your pinky and ring finger come together is Grand Rapids. That's where **Jennifer Grindle** Clemens lives. Soon she and husband David will move to Denver, CO, where the sun shines more than 300 days a year. Jennifer and David have children Michael, 11, Kathryn, 9, and Ryan, 6. They're avid skiers and love the outdoors. She's eager to connect up with the Cornell Club in Colorado.

Now head north up the crease between your pinky and ring finger. Right at the edge you'll find Traverse City, MI, home of **Tania Arens**. She's one tough cookie. Case in point: Tania's been working toward her black belt in Tae Kwon Do for the last three years, and she's about halfway there. She says, "I highly recommend martial arts for good health in every aspect of life. It builds confidence and clarity and gives you a fantastic physical

## Talk of a Nation

Reasey Poch '92

**E**very workday, Reasey Poch wakes up at 4 a.m. and drives from his home in Virginia to his office in Washington, D.C., to broadcast a radio show halfway around the world. Poch produces an evening news program for Voice of America, which airs in his native country of Cambodia in the Khmer language. As a writer, translator, producer, and interviewer, Poch has a hectic few hours to prepare for each broadcast. "At VOA we have a double mission, to look at the world news and the news in Cambodia," he says. "Because our show is only sixty minutes long, we have to pick and choose stories and there are a lot of last-minute changes."

A survivor of the Khmer Rouge regime—which claimed the lives of several of his family members in the Seventies—Poch moved to the U.S. to attend Cornell's Asian American studies program and began working at Voice of America right after graduation. The network, which originally aired anti-Nazi propaganda during World War II, now broadcasts news in more than forty languages to nations around the world. Poch's interest in Voice of America goes back to early childhood, when he listened to its programming with his father and grandfather.

Poch's show is broadcast via satellite and is available for listening online at [voanews.com](http://voanews.com). In addition to his work in Washington, he has covered stories all over the world and interviewed celebrities such as Robert Redford and Angelina Jolie. But

he says the best part of his job is hearing from everyday listeners. "People tell us they rely on us," he says. "That makes you aware your work is important."

— Erica Southerland '10





workout, too." Tania's also involved in a local theater group and was part of a local production of *Cats* last fall. A childhood dream come true! In 2010, she'll work on *Rent* and *White Christmas*.

OK, you can put your hand down now. We'll continue the martial arts theme, but move on to a new state. **Sean Harap** is a physician in Hawaii. He's a CAAAN volunteer in Honolulu, on the board of the Cornell Club of Hawaii, and practices Aikido. All that's when he's not spending time with his new twin girls, Amélie and Maya: "The two most beautiful things I have ever laid eyes on." More baby girls to report: **Josh Block** and wife Allison have had their third child, Lily Elizabeth Georgia. She joins siblings Charlie, 5, and Isabel, 3. The Blocks live in Scarsdale, NY; Josh works at Goldman Sachs. During basketball season, Josh met up with **Danny Stein** and **Joe Samberg** in Syracuse to cheer on the Big Red. And, oh, what a season it was!

A few of our classmates have been enjoying professional achievements. **Buena Vista Watford** Lyons was named a partner in the Dallas office of Ford & Harrison LLP, a national labor and employment law firm. **Tony Martin** will lead a newly opened office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, the nation's third largest labor and employment law firm. **Justin Sacks** performs plastic and reconstructive surgery at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. He is on the faculty as an assistant professor in the plastic surgery department. **Tamar Dolgen** wrote to say that she now runs PR and online marketing for YummyEarth organic candy, which her husband, Sergio Bicas, started with Rob Wunder, the husband of her Cornell housemate **Larisa Shlahet** (the creative director). Tamar recently got together with a group of Los Angeles Cornell '93 friends including **Alisa Vradenberg**, **Chris Fenton**, and **Ross Novie**, all of

offering timely health and wellness advice through videos, podcasts, and blogs."

Future Cornellians continue to join our ranks. **Tatiana Rosak** Birkelund, MBA '98, e-mailed that she and her husband had a baby girl, Eve Lorelei, on January 17. It was a special birthday gift for Tatiana, as that is her birthday, too. She is still with Polo Ralph Lauren, working on the American Living brand. **Jennifer Evans** Allard and husband Fred welcomed their first child, Maggie, on March 30. Jennifer writes, "She was born a little early, so she is tiny but just perfect! We still live in the D.C. suburbs, where I am the math-computer science department chair at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology." **Yvette Politis** and husband Dan welcomed their second child, Ashleigh Isabella. "Big brother Matthew is a great helper and he is very sweet with his baby sister. I am still working as in-house counsel to the Reed Elsevier Co. I've recently been in touch with **Rochelle Spring Flint**, **Vikki Parker**, DVM '97, **Stacy Mariconda Ying**, **Jodi Krause**, and **Carolyn Weaver** '94. All are doing well."

**Claudia Humphrey** Curtis and husband Rashid also welcomed a new girl—their third daughter, Sophia Grace—on May 29, 2009. She joined her excited big sisters Kaela, 8, and Arielle, 6. As if welcoming a new baby weren't enough, in July Claudia opened Triangle Vitamins, a local store with an online presence offering premium vitamins, nutrients, and organic products in Durham, NC, and at [www.trianglevitamins.net](http://www.trianglevitamins.net). To top it off, she still works full-time as senior employment counsel at Becton, Dickinson and Co. With all that going on she says that "life is busy but happy." **Scott Jackson** submitted news via the class website. He had a busy 2009. It started with the birth of his second son, Eli, in December 2008, continued with buying a new house in August 2009, and culminated in November 2009 when he was elected the youngest mayor in his hometown's history. Thanks for the news and enjoy the summer! ☑ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, [ygb1@cornell.edu](mailto:ygb1@cornell.edu); **Melissa Hart** Moss, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); **Melissa Carver** Sottile, [mtcsottile@yahoo.com](mailto:mtcsottile@yahoo.com).

## 'Our three children enjoyed going to school on the beach for a year.'

Ryan Crim '93

And even more babies: **Rachael Perkins** Arenstein, also in the NYC area, managed to have a third child while still in her 30s! She and husband Moshe welcomed Dafna Perkins Arenstein into the world in September 2009. Little Dafna is much beloved by her twin older brothers, Micah and Noam. **Beth Kornblatt** also had a son, Samuel, in the summer of 2009, so the moms are looking forward to getting together with the babies soon!

I received some e-mails with job news and family updates. **Brian Blaufeux** is now the medical director of the emergency department at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY. He lives in Westchester with his wife, son, 5, and daughter, 2. **Peter Agliardo** (Ridgefield, CT) works in Manhattan, NY, as a creative director for an ad agency. Peter and wife Bethany have sons Brendan, 11, Tyler, 9, Nicholas, 7, and Justin, 3. That's a lot of boys! **David Chang** (Boston, MA) joined a startup called WHERE. That's his fifth startup since he graduated from business school, in case you are counting. He's having a great time, especially since his wife's startup company is just two blocks away from his. That seems rather convenient, if you ask me.

Keep the news coming! Especially if you're from a place other than Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, or Hawaii. Oh, heck, go ahead—send us your news anyway! Check us out on the Cornell alumni website (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), send us e-mail, or go old-school and fill out the slip of paper in your class dues mailing. ☑ **Megan Fee** Torrance, [mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:mtorrance@torrancelearning.com); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu); **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu).

**93** Hello, everyone! I hope you all had as much fun as I did following the Big Red in the NCAA tournament this spring. I had fun bragging about their Sweet Sixteen appearance at work—especially to the Princeton alum who sits nearby. It was a great ride and a treat to watch! Now on to the news.

whom work in the entertainment industry. She suggests that if you haven't seen it yet, you check out Ross's show "Secret Girlfriend" on Comedy Central.

**Rob Liubicic** sent an update with professional and personal good news. He writes, "In late 2009, I was elected partner at Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP, where I practice complex commercial litigation. In February 2010, I married Julie Riccardi in a small ceremony in the Florida Keys. In attendance were groomsmen **Felix Gorrio** and **Vadim Rubinstein** '92, as well as **Jay Drezner** and **Jon Abe** '95. I will relocate to Milbank's Los Angeles office in late 2010." **Greg Devine** is now "living and working in New Jersey, as in-house counsel at Sanofi-Aventis US. Enjoying each day with my wife, Gail, and son Griffin, 3, along with my twin sons Grayson and Gibson, 10 months. Enjoyed watching the Cornell basketball team do so well, in addition to following my nephew **Steven Soprano** '10, who attends Cornell and is on the cross-country squad."

**Nicholas Bumstead** e-mailed, "I just spent an amazing weekend up at Cornell and saw **Bryce Harvey**. I'm still enjoying life in New York City and recently founded a company called Find. Eat. Drink. ([www.findeatdrink.com](http://www.findeatdrink.com)), which is the insider guide for food and drink." **Ryan Crim** has had an interesting year: "It is approaching a year since my family and I returned from New Zealand. My wife and I spent a year working abroad as physicians. It was a fantastic experience to be immersed in another culture. I worked with a Maori organization and gained an appreciation for their struggles and successes. We have three children, who enjoyed going to school on the beach for a year. We did tons of tramping (hiking) along with many other adventures. A unique experience indeed. The kids went just about everywhere sans shoes, a very Kiwi thing. Feel free to check out the website of our travels at: <http://web.mac.com/crimfamily1/Site/Welcome.html>." **Nihal ElRayess** sent news about a business she and husband Brian Colbert founded in San Francisco: "SavantMD.com is a health and wellness company whose Internet site features a team of local medical professionals

**94** Our class has been very busy in the year since our 15th Reunion. Keep sending those notes and letters; we love to hear from you!

**Amy Chiang** has a new mailing address in Hong Kong. She's assistant general counsel and compliance officer at EVO Capital Management Asia Limited in Hong Kong. **Ingrid Kist-Leader** Lutz has been traveling in Cambodia this past year and looks forward to traveling our own continent this summer as she explores remote parts of Canada. Also a photographer, she has been showing and selling prints of her travels.

On the West Coast, ironworker **Tan Murphy** works for American Bridge on the San Francisco Bay Bridge. He still loves and uses all he learned as a Bio major at Cornell; he volunteers for the Physician's Access Committee, which tries to get physicians together to insist on standards of care for patients. **Bryan Schwartz** is a civil rights attorney in Oakland with his own practice. He is married and has a daughter, 2. When not practicing law, he works as president of Scattered Among the Nations, a nonprofit dedicated to educating people about Jewish diversity, and is vice president of Oakland's Temple Beth Abraham. On top of all of that, he is also a photojournalist with two traveling exhibitions currently featuring photos from around the world.

Moving slowly eastward, **Dana Johnson** Moulton works as an ob/gyn in the Columbus, OH, area. She and husband Maurice enjoy spending time with their children Gabrielle, 5, and Christian, 3. **Michele Khim** is an engineer and works on balancing work with a new child in the household. She and husband Amos live in Mt. Prospect, IL. **Samantha Turnbole** Meier is the dean of students/vice principal at Revere High School in Revere, MA. She and husband Matthew have children ages 4-1/2 and 18 months, and enjoy hiking and traveling.

**Matthew Hiltzik** proudly announces that he's a father yet again. He and wife Dana welcomed son Noah James last June. Noah joined big sisters Ella and Molly. When not busy with fatherhood, Matthew is busy running his consulting firm, Hiltzik Strategies LLC, in NYC. **Katherine Kwei** Wong also works in New York, where she designs and sells beautiful handbags under the Katherine Kwei name. Her signature Chinese "eternity" knit-inspired weave results in beautiful, high-end bags. Check out her pieces at [katherinekwei.com](http://katherinekwei.com). There are also links there to her social media presence, and she does updates, news, giveaways, and special offers via Facebook: [facebook.com/pages/Katherine-Kwei-Handbags](https://facebook.com/pages/Katherine-Kwei-Handbags). **Carrie Leffler** Wofsy works full-time in a day treatment program in NYC, treating women with eating disorders. She describes it as an "incredibly challenging, meaningful job." She also puts in a lot of time training; she ran the Long Island Half Marathon in May 2009 and the NYC Half Marathon last August. Keeping it Red, she was joined on the Long Island run by **Lori DiLorenzo** Busziewicz, who was her roommate at Cornell. She reports that the best job ever, though, is as mom to pre-schooler Rebecca. She and husband Matt have moved with Rebecca to Scotch Plains, NJ, the big "move to the suburbs" to have more space for their family.

On the sports accomplishment front, I ran into **J. Allison Archbold** at the expo for the Walt Disney World Marathon in January 2010. She took on the Goofy Challenge—that is, she ran the half marathon race on Saturday, and then turned around and ran the full 26.2-mile marathon on Sunday. Folks, that's 39.3 miles in two days. What an accomplishment! I was there for moral support for my husband's first marathon and in May 2010 I returned to Disney World to compete in the Danskin Women's Triathlon, along with **Mary Sue Page** Youn and **J. Allison Hertel** Bignault. Mary Sue and Allison—both of whom already have a few sprint triathlons under their belts—graciously agreed to join me in Orlando for my very first attempt to complete a triathlon. The promise of a girls' weekend and post-race massages didn't hurt, either. It's been an amazing journey to go from total non-exerciser to ready for a triathlon, even a sprint one. Through the power of Facebook and my inability to stop yammering on about figuring out the whole exercise thing, I managed to convince **Jennifer Parsons** Yellak to take up running as well, and she's since completed two 5K races. In my next column, I hope to be able to report that we did a race together in the fall.

Don't forget, send us your news! ☐ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [Jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com](mailto:Jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com).

of updates and that our next column will be filled with accounts of joyous unions. This time around, the majority of the news concerns career updates.

**Christine Franzese** passed the written and oral portions of the allergy fellow examination and is now a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. She joined the otolaryngology department at the U. of Mississippi Medical Center in 2004 and is now the residency program director and an associate professor. Christine and her husband, Dr. Michael Shoemaker-Moyle live in Madison, MS. In more classmate doctor news, **Lynn Leitner** Hickey practices internal medicine and pediatrics in Burnt Hills, NY, with Community Care Physicians. Lynn writes, "My husband, Kevin, and I enjoy taking our kids Danny, 7, and Tara, 5, to Cornell hockey games. Our son is playing hockey this year and I have become a hockey mom." In Oceanside, NY, **Thomas Zimmerman** is director of osteopathic medical education at South Nassau Community Hospital. He also recently founded e-Med Consultants LLC, a health information technology and EMR consulting firm located in nearby Massapequa, NY.

**Aaron Maass** had plenty of news to share in a long overdue update. Aaron writes, "After moving to Philadelphia in 2005 to work at DuPont and Comcast as director of e-commerce, I launched an e-marketing analytics firm. Business is booming and I'm hiring!" For employment information, check out Aaron's company website at [www.maassmedia.com](http://www.maassmedia.com). Aaron is still sailing competitively and plans to race in his fifth Newport-to-Bermuda race in June. Outside of work and sailing, Aaron volunteers with the Philadelphia Free Library and supports the Rosenback Museum and Philadelphia Museum of Art. Go Philly! In another long awaited update, **David Fenster** sends word that he is an actuary and assistant vice president at AON Consulting in New York City. In 2005, he became an FSA and for 14 years has been with the same firm, where he manages the retiree healthcare work for multiple clients. About a year ago, David, wife Jennifer, and son Max, 4, moved locally to an apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side for more family space. In his spare time, David plays weekly tennis and volunteers as an actuarial exam proctor for his company and the Society of Actuaries.

**Lisa Michelli** clearly enjoys her job, which she describes as "teaching Spanish to wonderful students at a progressive private school in Connecticut." For the past ten years, Lisa has volunteered for the children's ministry of the church she attends and especially likes working with 4- and 5-year-olds because they are "so full of awe and joy!" In nearby Summit, NJ, **Bill Faxon** is a senior manager of sales training at Celgene Corp. Completing the Tri-State area update, **Jahae Koo**, BArch '95, was promoted to senior associate at Helpm Architects in New York City. We received a fun post from **Vivian Keh**. She e-mails, "My full length play, *Per Simmons in Winter*, was produced in February 2010 at Arclight Repertory Theater and directed by a fellow Yale School of Drama alum; my one-act play, *Prodigal Daughter*, was produced at the Korean Cultural Center in L.A. in March. Splitting my time between teaching and writing has kept me extremely busy, but collaborating on these projects has been very satisfying. Major challenge—finding time to do it all!" Although she relocated to Irvine, CA, for a job opportunity at UC Irvine, **Tiffany Willoughby-Herard** has been spending time in Johannesburg, South Africa, giving academic presentations and invited talks at the U. of Witwatersrand. Back in Irvine, she enjoys working with the Cornell

Alumni Mentor program, being a faculty advisor for UC Irvine's black student union, and spending time with her two recently adopted little boys.

The end of 2009 was filled with lots of big changes and crazy luck for **Abra Benson** Perrie, MBA '04. In October, she left her job ("I was laid off while proofreading my letter of resignation!") and sold her house (in 48 hours!). In November, she moved from Philadelphia to Northern Virginia for her husband Chris's new position at an oral surgery practice. And at 6:09 PM on December 30, she and Chris welcomed baby Leah Madeline. Abra is no longer scared of babies and writes, "Leah is awesome. I totally hit the baby jackpot with her!" In more baby news, Bental and **Becky Turner** Wong had their first child, Erik, in early October. Becky writes, "I'm staying home at this point to take care of my son and I am the property manager for an apartment building my husband and I own." The Wongs moved to Portland, OR, two years ago to be closer to family. **Juvenal Marchisio** is enjoying fatherhood twice over. His son Christian is almost 3 and his wife gave birth to their daughter, Brooke, on October 7.

Thanks for sending your updates—please keep them coming. Stay tuned to this space for a full report on Reunion 2010 in the Sept/Oct issue. ☐ **Abra Benson** Perrie, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu); **Alison Torrillo** French, [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Hello, '96ers! I hope you enjoyed a newfound rush of school spirit this spring as our beloved Big Red made it to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA basketball tournament. Special thanks to those who filled out the news forms in the annual class dues mailing with lots of good news.

I get hungry when I think of the job that **Mark Tilton** ([fluff44fooch@aol.com](mailto:fluff44fooch@aol.com)) has in Winter Garden, FL. He is the general manager of Ruth's Chris Steak House in Orlando and enjoying life with his kids. While he wishes he were playing beach volleyball (can't he do that somewhere in Florida?), he fondly remembers studying at Stella's Café during his time at Cornell. He'd like to hear from **Daniel Jutt**. **Robert Przynosch** (Biltmore Lake, NC; [rprzynosch@hotmail.com](mailto:rprzynosch@hotmail.com)) is a podiatrist who enjoys cycling, hiking, soccer, and his kids. He has been finding the perfect balance between work, family, and the outdoors. He most fondly remembers summer and the gorges while at Cornell. He'd like to hear from **Greg Lorenz**, DVM '00. **Katy Ehmman** (West River, MD; [K\\_Ehmman@hotmail.com](mailto:K_Ehmman@hotmail.com)) is an associate dentist at a private practice in Annapolis, MD. She has been doing lots of gardening and running around with her daughter Lyla, 3, and son Charlie, 1. She fondly remembers walking all over campus in summer and would like to hear from **Nuala McDermott**.

**Dan and Tiffany Foster Rech**, MBA '08 (Arlington, MA) proudly welcome their first child, Talia Gabrielle, born Feb. 5, 2010. **Keri Salzillo** Santos ([kerisalzillo@hotmail.com](mailto:kerisalzillo@hotmail.com)) and husband Joe welcomed Katherine Rose on Feb. 23, 2010. Also on the baby front, **Lukas Neckermann** ([lrn1@cornell.edu](mailto:lrn1@cornell.edu)) is proud to announce the birth of his second son, Levi. Lukas is head of the Allianz Management Inst.

**Becca Schader** (New York City; [rs14@cornell.edu](mailto:rs14@cornell.edu)) has been promoted to creative director of HBO's on-air promotion. Recent campaigns include "True Blood," "Real Time with Bill Maher ['78]," and "Funny or Die Presents." She's been traveling a lot,

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Greetings, Class of 1995! It's a first for our Class Notes column: no one has sent in news about weddings. I assume this is due to the randomness



including to Prague, Budapest, and Israel. Luckily, Facebook keeps her connected with old friends from Cornell. Also in the Big Apple, **Erica Gantner Brandler** (erica@barefootwine.com) is the brand development manager for Barefoot Wine, managing the company's sales and marketing activities on the East Coast. She led a case study about her company for AEM 448: Food Merchandising on campus in March. Also working in the wine industry, **Laurie Woolever** (lauriewoolever@gmail.com) lives in Jackson Heights and is a contributing editor for *Wine Spectator* magazine and winespectator.com. Laurie is married to Joshua Monesson and busy taking care of their son Max, born in December 2008.

**Nadine Weiss** (nhweiss@gmail.com) works part-time as a development officer for Heart of Los Angeles, a nonprofit that provides underserved youth with exceptional academic, art, and athletic programming. Otherwise, she is out and about with her two girls, 21 months, around Manhattan Beach. **Jennifer Paige** Pongratz (docpaige@yahoo.com), DVM '99, is married with children: Matthew, 7, Liberty, 4, Ivy, 2, and Cora, 4 months. Her husband is attempting to start his own business and Jennifer works part-time as a veterinarian at a local animal hospital (thank you, Cornell degrees!). Fellow veterinarian **Eve Varon** Ryan '96 (efrvet@verizon.net), DVM '01, is in her ninth year in private practice in Central New York, and is active in the CNY Veterinary Medical Association. She and her husband have a son, 3.

**Michael Rantilla** (rantmann@aol.com), BArch '96, has married and moved into a home that he designed and built. "The wedding was in Chapel Hill, the reception in Durham, and the pig pickin' BBQ was in Raleigh." In attendance were **Alan Cross**, BArch '96, **Matt Gagnon**, BArch '96, **Rob Mank**, **Alison Schroer** '93, and **Karin Abell** '93. Michael works at the Freelon Group Architects and is completing the design and construction of two public libraries in Washington, DC. Dentist **Lisa Rangel** (rangelmdm@optonline.net) has returned from her third dental mission trip with Healing the Children, Northeast. This time they went to Punta Gorda, Belize, "where in five days eight dentists and two hygienists treated 641 children."

In September 2009, **Alexander Sapundshiev**, MBA '99 (ass7\_99@yahoo.com) moved from Dubai to Watford, UK, to work in the real estate risk management group at Hilton Worldwide. He writes, "Both kids are growing and learning by the minute. Alex is now into his first year at a French nursery school and as such is the only one who speaks French in the family. Emma enjoys the company of grandmas, cousins, and aunts while I am away on business." Al would love to hear from Cornellians living in his part of the world.

On a personal front, **Josh Silverman** and I recently enjoyed (aka survived) our first trip to Disney World with our 3- and 6-year-olds and four grandparents. Special thanks to **Jeanine Schoen** for coming to visit us in Chicago to help us celebrate our 6-year-old's birthday—Pump-It-Up party and all. ☐ **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** We've had hints of summer already in Chicago as I write, but by the time you read this, it should be in full bloom. Here's hoping the summer brings you seasonally appropriate weather to enjoy your favorite summer activities!

Cornell's Adult University (CAU) provides excellent programs on campus every summer that alumni can participate in, as well as programs throughout the world year-round. Last summer, **Joy Grefrath** Kuebler participated in the Wild Women class. Maybe there is something offered this summer that you are participating in—let us know! While we get a listing of participants, classmates would love to hear more about what really happens on campus and in the classes, as well as your opinions of the programs not to miss.

Promotion news! The law firm of Jenner & Block announced their new partners for 2010, including **Sandi Toll**. Sandi graduated from Loyola U. School of Law in 2002, where she was articles editor for the *Loyola U. Chicago Law Journal*. She is now a partner in the litigation department and the complex commercial litigation and health care litigation practices, based out of the Chicago office. Congrats, Sandi! Also moving up the legal ranks in Chicago is **Matthew Organ**. Matthew was named a principal in the law firm of Goldberg Kohn's litigation and labor and employment practice groups. He earned his JD from the U. of Wisconsin in 2002 and worked representing school board associations on employment matters prior to law school. Matthew, like Sandi, focuses on complex commercial litigation as part of his new position within the firm. Congrats to Matthew as well!

Making a (slight) change in her career path is new mom **Meghan Thompson**. Meghan gave birth to son Connall Nicholas Turner in October 2009. She and husband Nick Turner live just outside of London, where Meghan is busy writing. Having temporarily shelved her efforts to get her novel published, she is penning (or is it typing?) columns for the website Rebelmom ([www.rebelmom.com](http://www.rebelmom.com)). The site is for moms and focuses on anything but kids. Check out some of her columns, including working out with a Wii Fit to lose that baby weight! Also joining the ranks of future Cornellians is Lila Sophie Skolnick. Mom **Heather Brill** Skolnick welcomed her in November 2009. Visitors to Westchester to meet the little one included **Stephanie Shaps** and daughter Loden, **Angie Datta** Kamath and daughter Soraya, **Jill Akst** Sheflin and sons Ryan and Brandon, and **Sandy Loeb** Salsberg, MD '01, and daughter Evie. What a welcoming party! The January earthquake tragedy in Haiti brought a blessing to **Tracy D'Aversa** Bonoffski, husband Mike, and their sons Caden, 8, and Preston, 5. The family was in the process of adopting from Haiti when the earthquake hit Port-au-Prince. They were able to bring home their daughter Avery, 2-1/2, much sooner than would have been possible otherwise, due to damage sustained by the orphanage caring for Avery and the expediting of adoptions already in process. Avery is doing well and adjusting to life in the US. Congrats to all three families on their additions!

Send us your news! What is your favorite summertime activity? What do you plan to do on campus at our 15th Reunion? It will be here before we know it. You can find our class on Facebook or on the class website (<http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>), or email us directly. ☐ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** Go Big Red! Cheering on our amazing winter sports teams during their post-season play made me not only long to see a game at Lynah, but also for a personal cheering squad of my own.

Not to be—though many of our classmates have news worth cheering about!

**Chris Pernoud** writes that he left Merrill Lynch/Bank of America and became the director of natural gas trading at Texon LP in Houston, TX. **Raghu Gopalan** is thinking about a move to the East Coast from Berkeley, CA, where he is the associate director of commercial development for XOMA. He is busy "trying to balance the joys of a growing family with the pressure of a career—all in this economy." **Eden Rauch** is a new mother and clinical fellow in reproductive medicine at Cornell. She and husband Howard Fine are looking to move their family to New Jersey. **George** and **Alexandra Goldman Morrill** (Sherborn, MA) have daughters Isabella, 2, and Olivia, 11 months. After finishing his MBA from Babson College in 2008, George was inspired to give entrepreneurship a try and purchased a custom embroidery and silkscreening business in January 2010. We can all check it out at [www.leisureline.com](http://www.leisureline.com). Alexandra is also exploring the startup world and preparing to launch [www.laughinggiraffebooks.com](http://www.laughinggiraffebooks.com), a children's book basket and book-of-the-month club business, this summer. Great news!

**Cristian Solorza** is traveling to Rwanda this summer to work at a bilingual school. How exciting! At the end of 2009 **Anuwat Jongpairat** ventured to New Zealand for some rest and relaxation. Stateside, **Syeda Ali** is enjoying her new home in Hartsdale, NY. She and her husband are busy baby-proofing the house since their son is becoming more mobile. **Uthica Jinvit** Utano and husband Al are in love with their son, Evan, who will turn 1 over the summer. Uthica writes, "We are truly blessed to have Evan. He is a happy child and has a lot of fun at his Gymboree classes. I can't wait to bring him to visit the Cornell campus for the first time!"

Please send your news. We would love to share more about your lives! ☐ **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mollybracken@social.rr.com; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, karenkipnes@gmail.com.

**99** Last June, the Class of '99 was celebrating its 10th Reunion on the Cornell campus. While the 11th year that we've been out of school may not be considered a milestone (although maybe it should be?), that's OK because our classmates have plenty of other things to celebrate, such as marriage, new babies, great jobs, master's degrees, and exciting travels.

**Rachel Plasky**, MILR '02, was married September 6 in Philadelphia to Scott Steele. Her maid of honor was **Lauren Geer**, MILR '02. **Sarah Hultquist Roby** was a bridesmaid. Sarah's husband, **Scott**, read a blessing, and their daughters (Grace, Natalie, and Bryn) were flower girls. Also in attendance were **Matt Hutchinson** '98 and **Hilary (Himes)** '98, MILR '02. After a fantastic honeymoon in Greece, the Steeles returned home to Milwaukee, where Rachel is an HR manager at GE Healthcare. **Armando Rosquete** married Michelle De Diego in October 2009. The happy couple sealed the deal on their first home and their engagement all in the same day. Armando, who graduated from Harvard Law School in 2003, was hired as an assistant US attorney in the Southern District of Florida in 2006; he has worked in the major crimes section, as well as the narcotics section. He is presently assigned to the economic crimes section as part of the mortgage fraud strike force.

In January 2009, **Sara Lynch** Gilbert graduated from Harvard with a master's in architecture and then relocated with her then-boyfriend Luke Gilbert to Auckland as part of an IT consulting project he was working on. After his assignment was finished, they traveled throughout New Zealand before moving indefinitely to London. "We got engaged not long after the move and had our US wedding ceremony in Geneva, NY, on September 12 at my family home on Seneca Lake, followed by a mini-moon in the Adirondacks that was equal parts rock climbing and happy hour. I joined Luke in London the day after my visa was granted—all very romantic. On March 6, Luke and I celebrated our marriage with our UK family and friends. Afterward we enjoyed a longer honeymoon in northern Italy—road tripping from Milan to Venice, enjoying good food and wine along the way, and seeing Venice covered in snow, which is a rare sight!" Sara works at Harrods, managing the design and construction of new projects within the store.

**Rachel Sterling** is an account executive at Google, where she helps small businesses buy television advertising. She lives in Boston's South End with her husband, Jeremy Sharff, a business development manager at Staples. Rachel and Jeremy met at the wedding of **Rob Lewin** and **Melissa (Loewenstern) '00** in July 2005 in Ithaca. **Ali Pulver** also works at Google. She began her job as a creative specialist in April, after completing her master's degree in industrial design at Pratt Inst. (you can see some of her design work at Popup lunch.com). She and her husband, **John Bassett '98**, an architect at Thomas Phifer & Partners, live in Brooklyn Heights. **Jeff Bercovici** is a business journalist covering the media and related industries for AOL's DailyFinance.com. He's also a columnist for the *New York Observer*. When he wrote to us in April, **Prasanna Dhungel** was looking forward to receiving his MBA in June from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management and "looking at promising roles that I can take on in the next phase of my life." After graduating from Cornell, Prasanna earned a master's at Princeton. He then worked in the technology entrepreneurial sector for seven years before returning to school.

On December 8, **Marla Greco** Decker gave birth to Sam Preston. After enjoying her maternity leave, Marla returned to her position as a litigation associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. Marla, Sam, and husband Erik live in Hoboken, NJ, overlooking the Hudson River. Marla met Erik at her first job out of college at the software consultancy firm Winmill, where Erik is now the director of risk management practice. **Jessica Gunter** received her MBA from Dartmouth's Tuck School last June and then spent the summer traveling in Peru, Guatemala, and Belize. She now lives in San Francisco and works in corporate strategy and development for Pacific Gas and Electric. She writes: "I'm enjoying once again being in the same place as two of my roommates from senior year, **Stephanie Preuss** Terry and **Kristen Hardy** Gall. It's like 317 Dryden all over again—only with babies and jobs."

As for me, **Liz Borod** Wright, I launched my travel blog, Travelogged.com, in January 2009. In addition to taking some fantastic trips with my husband, Brian, a senior analyst at Collins Stewart, to Costa Rica, Turkey, and Italy, I've also been invited on behalf of my blog on press trips to Wales, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Nottingham, and Alaska. When I'm not jet-setting, I'm a copywriter at Gilt.com and a reporter for the *Cornell Chronicle*, covering New York City events. Send your news to: [Liz Borod Wright, lizborod@gmail.com](mailto:Liz Borod Wright, lizborod@gmail.com);

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Last winter, I enjoyed a day at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. There were lots of interesting discussions throughout the day, but I had the most fun at a session on the history of Cornell. I learned a bunch of tidbits that I thought I'd share with you, sprinkled throughout the column. For instance, there used to be a toboggan slide on campus. That must have been a good time during those long Ithaca winters!

What do chicken nuggets, air conditioning, the Heimlich maneuver, and Crazy Glue have in common? They were all invented by enterprising Cornellians. Equally inventive are **Olalekan Jeyifous**, BArch '01, **Anaelechi Owunwanne**, BArch '03, **Efrain Perez '99**, BArch '08, and **Emmanuel Pratt**, BArch '02, who founded Freeform + Deform with two other partners. Located in the Brooklyn Navy Yards, Freeform + Deform is a creative

strengthening. She plans to spend a few months in Boston working at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and then it's off to Africa. Also in the medical world, **Alfredo Rabines** is completing his third year of an emergency medicine residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx. He was elected the chief ER resident for his fourth year and looks forward to the challenging responsibilities that the position entails. Alfredo lives in Manhattan and plans to practice in the tri-state area.

Turning our attention to athletics, did you know that hockey was played on Beebe Lake until the 1940s? **Amanda Waack** Kempf keeps busy not with hockey but with rugby. She is part of a new women's rugby team in Ithaca, the Avengers (check out [www.ithacarugby.com](http://www.ithacarugby.com)). From 1915 to 1939, there was an actual bear living on campus named Touchdown. Those years corresponded with Cornell's first and last national championship. Perhaps we should bring Touchdown back and enjoy national prominence once again? A stuffed version of Touchdown will suffice for the new babies born to our classmates. Theodore Michael Thomas was born on January 26 sporting a full head of long

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collective that engages in a broad spectrum of architectural projects, visual media, and design. Check them out at <http://freeformdeform.com>. In addition to his work at Freeform + Deform, Emmanuel Pratt has been working with 2008 MacArthur Fellow Will Allen on evolving Growing Power into a national agenda. Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe, and affordable food for people in all communities. Emmanuel is also completing a PhD at the Columbia U. Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

Also in the Big Apple, **Candace Davies**, MBA '06, has been promoted to vice president at Goldman Sachs & Co., in the private wealth management division. She joined Goldman's Bike MS team (which raised more than \$200,000 for the National MS Society) in ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 7, 2010. She also keeps busy training for the Paris marathon with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. **Sarah Cupp** has a new book coming out, her second, called *Losing Our Religion: The Liberal Media's Attack on Christianity* (Simon & Schuster). She is a political analyst on Fox and CNN and a columnist for the *NY Daily News* and the *Daily Caller*.

At one time, freshmen were required to wear beanies, were prohibited from walking on the grass, and were not allowed to go to certain bars—like Zinck's.

**Alexandra Vinograd** is finishing her residency in June in medicine and pediatrics from the Harvard Associated Medicine and Pediatrics Residency Program ("That's probably one of the few things I've encountered in medicine that doesn't come with an acronym," she writes.) Alex took a position with Partners in Health to work in Rwanda next year and will focus on clinical education and health system

golden hair. Parents Guillaume and **Jessica Thornton** Thomas are enjoying the experience of parenthood and say that Theo will make his Cornell debut at Reunion in June. Andrew William Bier arrived in March and joins big sister Emma, report proud parents **Brian** and **Aisling Bier**. In a few years, Andrew will be meeting up with Derek Reis Johnsen, born April 9 in NYC, on the baseball diamond. Derek is the first child for **David** and **Janna Reis Johnsen '01**. **Rebecca Schaefer** Cypess earned a PhD in music history from Yale U. and is now a member of the musicology faculty at the New England Conservatory. She lives in the Boston area with her husband and children Benjamin, 5, Joseph, 3, and Sarah, nearly a year old.

Look for the Reunion Report in the September/October issue! [Christine Jensen Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu](mailto:Christine Jensen Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu); and **Andrea Chan**, [amc32@cornell.edu](mailto:amc32@cornell.edu).

**01** How is your summer going? Have you gotten the chance to reconnect with classmates and friends? It's hard to believe that in less than a year it will be time for our 10th Reunion, June 9-12, 2011. I am already looking forward to eating shrimp and grits at Maxie's Supper Club, visiting old haunts, and hanging out with friends.

**Emily Russell** and **Philip Fibiger** have had a busy year. Emily is an assistant professor of English at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL, and recently had her book manuscript accepted for publication as part of the Mellon Foundation's American Literatures Initiative with Rutgers U. Press. Phil is working as a software engineering manager at Canonical Ltd., corporate sponsor of Ubuntu Linux. On February 8, 2010 they welcomed their first child, William Peck, to the family. Classmate **Michael Morse** and wife Bethany are busy with raising their three children under



the age of 4: James, 3, Julia, 2, and Charles, 5 months. They recently moved near Chicago to be closer to both sides of the family.

Congratulations to **Ali Solomon** on her February 13, 2010 marriage to fellow cartoonist and teacher Derek Mainhart on Long Island, close to where they both reside in Queens. Attendants included matrons of honor **Michelle Wankmuller** Shamrakova and **Ilene West** Borrus and bridesmaids **Erin Colling** and **Kristina Mozesky**. It became a mini-Cornell reunion with other classmates in attendance, including: **Mahogany Paulino** Jenkins, **Erin Tobin**, **Jessica Pearl**, **Salil** and **Nicole Neroulis Gupta**, **Deb Dreyfus**, and **Joyce Tibbett**.

singer/songwriter. I am currently working on a project for 2010, funded by generous fans and sponsors, called 'One Up,' to produce and release one inspiring song a month (<http://www.cbemusic.com/oneup.html>). I recently finished scoring *Waypoint Namibia*, a documentary on rock climbing and culture in Namibia, which is going to the Telluride and Wild and Scenic film festivals. I visited Los Angeles and reunited with fellow a cappella alum **Eduardo Porto Carreiro** of Last Call; it brought back great memories of Nothing But Treble arch sings with Last Call."

**Thomas Archibald** is a PhD student in Education (Adult and Extension Education) at Cornell.

“No matter what happens with our economy, the value of a good dog appreciates with time.”

Jeff Barker '02

After returning from a five-month tour in Iraq and taking some well-deserved vacation, **Matthew Hyland** started as an executive officer in the nascent US Cyber Command at Fort Meade, MD. In his free time, Matt continues to train and run marathons, completing four in 2009. **Craig Halbmaier** is on his first tour as a Foreign Service officer with the US State Dept. in Nairobi, Kenya. His wife, **Crystal (Cline)**, is working with TechnoServe's East Africa Coffee Initiative ([www.technoserve.org](http://www.technoserve.org)), which works with small-holder coffee farmers to increase their income. Craig's next tour will be in Rangoon, Burma. Send news to: **Trina Lee**, [TKL6@cornell.edu](mailto:TKL6@cornell.edu); or **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, [LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:LEW15@cornell.edu).

**02** Originally, only two people had sent in news by the time I was ready to write this column in April—and I was forced to report it in haiku form to give it the emphasis it deserved. But then I got a ton of submissions at the last minute, and having grown tired of counting syllables, I decided to just stick to the basics. I'm sure you all will be extremely disappointed, but if I have any energy or room left at the end, I'll see what I can do.

Triple-threat **Eva Marcotrigiano** is successful, athletic, giving, and, apparently, living in the same city as me. She has been appointed staff counsel at the Oregon Branch for Travelers and continues to work in construction litigation. Eva teaches spinning at 24-Hour Fitness (although I don't know if it's the one I work out at), and in her spare time corresponds with her 8th-grade pen pal, who I'm positive is not me, since I'm not in 8th grade. **Rachel Isaacson** Margolis wrote to announce the birth of her baby, Laila Millie, who was born on Nov. 23. Little Laila keeps Rachel and her husband, Avi, very busy and amazed. **Wei-En Tan** wrote—a little belatedly, I might add—about her PhD, which she received in 2007 from Stanford. Wei-En works in clean technology (solar/smart grid/wind) communications in San Francisco. She is also a pilot and works as a part-time flight instructor on the weekends.

This good news arrived from **Cheryl Engelhardt**: "I live in Manhattan and am a composer and

His research focuses on non-formal education and empowerment with youth in sub-Saharan Africa. He is working with Prof. Bill Trochim and others on a project applying systems thinking to evaluation capacity building with non-formal science, technology, engineering, and math educators. Since Tom is going to Cornell, it should come as no surprise that he lives in Ithaca, but did you know he has a wife? Well, he does; her name is Nelly and they met in the Peace Corps in Gabon. Also, Tom occasionally works at GreenStar, which really is a great cooperative, and he serves on the board of directors of Loaves and Fishes community kitchen.

Remember how everyone started out freshman year and they were "pre-med"? Well, some people actually followed through. **Julie Katz** Karp is one of them. She is finishing up her residency in pathology at Johns Hopkins, where she was chief resident. Starting July 1, 2010, Julie will be the transfusion medicine fellow at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital in Philadelphia. **Kate Bennett** seems to move a lot. She says she moved back to Cleveland, OH, in November 2009, which implies that she must have moved from there at some point in her life. However, you'll soon find her in Wooster, OH, where she will start a job as a psychotherapist. Our co-president **Leti McNeill Light** recently celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary with husband **Tom**, PhD '07. Among the many alumni in attendance at their nuptials were classmates and near-classmates **Krissy Cangcuesta**, **Meghan Murphy**, **Brad Schmidt** '00, PhD '07, **Angela Bourne** '01, MMH '08, and **Jackie Koppell** '05—plus mother of the groom **Pam Erikson** Light and uncle of the groom **Glenn Light** '58, MS '62.

**Eric Corriel** is a Brooklyn-based artist specializing in interactive digital video installations. He was awarded a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship in the category of digital/electronic arts. His most recent project was *A History of Cycling in Brooklyn*, which examined the history of bicycle culture in Brooklyn and was shown at the Brooklyn Historical Society. Previously, he did *The Brooklyn Zoo*, in which a giant cartoon creature watches people as they walk by, also in Brooklyn. After graduating from Cornell and living in Brooklyn for a few years, Eric moved

to France, where he enrolled at the Ecole Régionale Supérieure d'Expression Plastique. He received his MFA in 2007. He's now back in Brooklyn and working at the School of Visual Arts as a multimedia Web developer and designer.

**Bryan Maule Jr.** writes in to say that he and his wife are "having fun and trying to live the American dream." They recently bought a house in San Antonio, TX, and have a puppy. I think the puppy was an especially smart investment, because no matter what happens with our economy the value of a good dog always appreciates with time. **Galen Beers**, in addition to having a great name, will graduate with his MBA from the Johnson School this May. Prior to business school, Galen was a professional lacrosse player, a primary school teacher in Manchester, England, and a strategy consultant in the software industry. While an MBA student Galen worked with the undergrad student-run corporation Student Agencies and directed a graduate student-run business called the Big Red Incubator. He says, "It has been a lot of work, but at the same time, I have met some great people and learned so much during this experience." If you're reading this and you live in San Diego, keep Galen in mind as he will soon be moving there to look for work in the business community. Also, I wouldn't mind a better job myself, if there is anyone giving out jobs. **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Macaulay** Lewis became a trustee of the Archaeological Inst. of America in January, and she and her husband welcomed their second child, Eleanor Joan Macaulay Lewis, on Feb. 27, 2010 in London. Lizzie is currently a research associate at the Inst. of Archaeology at Oxford U.

Now, as promised, here is the haiku: *Here are our e-mails / Let us know what's going on / In your special lives.* **Jeff Barker**, [jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrb41@cornell.edu); **Carolyn Deckinger**, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu).

**03** Hello, '03 Cornellians! This spring has brought quite a bit of excitement for Cornell sports fans. Even way out here in Seattle, Cornellians were abuzz during March Madness. Class correspondent **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan organized a gathering of fans in Seattle to watch the Sweet Sixteen NCAA game of Cornell vs. Kentucky. The game didn't go the way we all hoped, but it was fun to be in a bar with a sea of red shirts once again. Who knew there were so many Cornell alumni in the Puget Sound region?

While Cornell has been in the news quite a bit lately, some of our classmates have been making news themselves. **Austin Black II** writes that he was recognized by *Realtor Magazine* as one of the 30 under 30. **Josh Dorward** writes, "I have been working at Zazzle.com for more than two years in strategic business development and was named Zazzle's head of platform about six months ago. We are the fastest growing commerce site of any decent size on the Internet; we handle about 20MM visitors a month and have accelerating growth ([www.zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com)). Separately and with a small team of friends, I also launched the officially licensed Tru Blood beverage—a slightly sweet, slightly tart blood orange soda—based on the insanely popular HBO series 'True Blood.' It had a tremendous launch at the 2009 San Diego Comic Con and is one of the best-selling licensed products in HBO's portfolio ([www.trubeverage.com](http://www.trubeverage.com)). I've been married to **Victoria Loomis** since 2007. She is a physical therapist at Stanford U. and acquired a doctorate in physical therapy in 2006 at UCSF after graduating from Cornell. I obtained both a JD

and MBA from Santa Clara U. in 2007 and am also a licensed attorney in California." I'm not sure how I feel about drinking any kind of "blood" beverage, Josh, but congratulations on your success!

It's spring, so of course we have weddings to report on. **Howard Heching**, MD '07, married **Rachel Malamud '08**, of Cherry Hill, NJ, in January. **Leron Thumim** was the best man. **Gretchen Poulos** married Joe Barton in a beautiful, stormy beach ceremony in Pt. Morelos, Mexico. I was lucky enough to be her maid of honor and have an excuse to travel to Mexico for the small destination event. After a week of celebrations, good food, and great dancing, Gretchen and Joe are back in New York City with their dog Maggie, enjoying married life.

I'm still in Seattle (other than the occasional foray to Mexico) and have started a new job at SEIU Local 925 as the communications director. As always, give us a holler if you're ever out this way. Both of your class correspondents happen to live right here in the Seattle area. Send us news of your travels, weddings, babies, races, promotions, and more at: [Sudha Nandagopal](mailto:Sudha.Nandagopal@cornell.edu), [sn58@cornell.edu](mailto:sn58@cornell.edu); or **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, [swnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:swnoonan@gmail.com); or via Facebook ("Cornell Class of 2003")!

**O4** Classes and exams are winding down at Cornell as I write. Remember Slope Day? That feeling of fulfillment after completing those long, challenging days and semesters? I hope you're finding similar challenges and rewards in life now.

How proud we all were when our very own basketball team took charge into the NCAA Sweet Sixteen! Parties and celebrations were held throughout the US and the world in support of our alma mater and our team. I'm sure our own **Ka'Ron Barnes**, championship winner from the 2004 basketball team, was glowing with pride. Go Big Red!

Aside from sports successes this season, we have some eclectic advances in careers and hobbies from around the country. Good news came from New Haven: **Kevin Schawinski**, an Einstein Fellow in the Dept. of Physics at Yale U., developed [galaxyzoo.org](http://galaxyzoo.org) and [zoouniverse.org](http://zoouniverse.org), which enlisted 250,000 members of the public in science. They are fantastic websites with fascinating information. Good luck, Kevin, and congrats! If you're looking for some good music to listen to, log into YouTube to see our own **Eric Hon**. A member of the Piano Society back when it was first founded, Eric is now a healthcare analyst by day and a Renaissance man by night. He cites working and enjoying South Texas as what keeps him busy, and he hopes to settle down in Texas in the near future. "I'm staying active and exploring local attractions. Also eating plenty of breakfast tacos to start my day!" What would Eric rather be doing now? "Tubing down the Comal River with a Dos Equis." Eric remains active in both the Cornellians of San Antonio and the Austin Cornell Club, where he's been planning and hosting some memorable and fun events. Eric fondly notes memories from TKE, Economics Society, Piano Society, and the Johnson Museum Club from his time at Cornell. "I would love to hear from anyone NOT a friend on my Facebook," he writes. "Let's reconnect." I hope you all get a chance to do so—what a small world it is.

Congrats to **Monica Pham** for planning and hosting a unique event, called the Ever-Changing Legal Canvas, at the New York City Cornell Club, in association with the Art, Law, and Culture Society

and the Cardozo Art Law Society. "The symposium, held on April 9, brought together diverse strands from the New York artistic and legal communities and facilitated their interweaving through frank, educated discourse, and represents a vital opportunity for the worlds of art and law to collide and connect," explain the program notes. In addition to an evening of discourse, a portion of the proceeds went to relief organizations responding to the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.

On April 6, Chicago alumni met up for an evening at Salute Wine Bar, where much fun was had by all. The next Class of 2004 event was scheduled for May 13 at the Second Stage Theatre on West 43rd St. in New York City for a preview performance of the play *The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity* ("a theatrical event that dares to throw political correctness out of the ring"). The play was named a Pulitzer Prize finalist! This event was run by **Lee Ann Gullie**, who, along with **Kimberly Notheis** Parsons, will head up the reunion committee as new members of the Class Council.

In June, **David de la Garza Bassett**, JD '07, and his sister Elena were scheduled to bike more than 2,000 miles, from Denver to Seattle, to support the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI is America's top advocate for improving the mental health care system and the lives of those affected by mental illness. David was inspired by his two older brothers, who have struggled to overcome mental illness. He learned from them that people coping with mental illness face a difficult cycle of advances and setbacks, recovery and relapse. His "Break the Cycle" Ride aims to raise awareness about mental illness and fund NAMI's efforts in research, education, and treatment. His website, [www.breakthecycleride.com](http://www.breakthecycleride.com), provides a forum for people to share their experiences and support NAMI. David is currently an attorney in New York City.

**Vikrant Nanda** has taken the helm as our new webmaster. If you haven't been to the website, please visit <http://classof04.alumni.cornell.edu/>, where you can find updates and registration for class events, as well as opportunities to pay your dues and donate to our class fund to keep these events coming! You can also check us out on Facebook. Keep the updates rolling in! [Anne Jones](mailto:AnneJones@cornell.edu), [iamAnneJones@gmail.com](mailto:iamAnneJones@gmail.com).

**O5** We are proud to bring you another sampling of updates from fellow classmates. It's early May as I write this column, and deadlines being what they are, a full report on our 5th Reunion on campus in June will have to wait till the next issue. Stay tuned!

**Nicole Rubenstein** writes from Southampton, NY, where she works for the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County. Since graduating from Cornell's Nutritional Sciences program, Nicole completed an internship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and is now a registered dietician and certified diabetes educator. Nicole is enjoying her work on the diabetes management team and is excited to be working with some fellow Cornell alums. She is also working on a grant for pediatric obesity prevention.

**David Curtin** is working at the Curtin Dairy, a family-owned farm in Cassville, NY. He writes that he enjoys working with the latest technologies in the agricultural industry and works hard to stay organized and keep up with all the paperwork. David ran cross-country and track and field while at

Cornell and still runs frequently—the sport still plays a big part in his life. He has lived in a house near the farm for three years and did some remodeling last year. In his spare time, David coaches boys' volleyball at a nearby high school and loves teaching and guiding kids in the sport and life lessons. He was looking forward to catching up with classmate and teammate **Mike Allen** at Reunion.

**Julia Hughey** now lives in Alexandria, VA, where she bought a home in October 2009. She has her Leadership in Energy Efficient Design (LEED) accreditation and is a project engineer for Toppkins Builders Inc. in Washington, DC. **Michael Ig-gulden** got married last summer in June to Johanna "Joey" DeSantis. The wedding took place in Toronto and he now lives in St. Catharines, ON, when he is not traveling for hockey. After playing at Cornell, Mike now plays professionally in the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL), an international league in Europe and Asia. He plays for the team Dinamo Riga in Riga, Latvia, and is regularly in touch with teammates and classmates from Cornell.

**Ann Hubert** is a PhD candidate studying English literature at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. When she is not at school, she lives in Morristown, NJ. **Cynthia Recca** lives in Long Valley, NJ, where she is a dermatology physician's assistant. She finished her graduate degree at Seton Hall U. last year, keeps in touch with fraternity brothers of Phi Sigma Pi, and also attends some Cornell hockey games. **Allen Oldja** is working in his family's business manufacturing meat products from raw material to finished goods. He notes that establishing strong relationships with customers has been challenging, especially when dealing with brokers. Allen played soccer at Cornell and continues to play weekly in Hoboken, NJ.

**Mario Salazar** has recently taken a position with Services Employees Int'l Union (SEIU) United Healthcare Workers West as the Southern California regional political organizer. Before that, he worked on Harry Reid's campaign in Reno, NV, after working the 2009 election with the Montgomery County Democratic Committee, where he played a part in electing the first Democratic judge in the county's history. **Kim Glassman** recently started a new job at American Express. She works in the Consumer Card Services Group, conducting marketing to current American Express cardmembers through e-mail and their website.

**Andy Guess** is finishing his first year as a doctoral student in political science at Columbia U. **Daniel Schudroff** married Beth Nusbaum on May 2, 2010. Daniel is currently a labor attorney at Jackson Lewis LLP in New York City. Keep up all the great work and send us your updates! [Jennifer Miel](mailto:JenniferMiel@cornell.edu), [miel.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:miel.jennifer@gmail.com); and **Michelle Wong**, [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu).

**O6** Hello, '06ers! Hope everyone is doing well. We really do appreciate you sending in your updates, so please continue to keep us posted as your journey after Cornell continues.

In New York City, **Rachel Vigneaux** is an associate in the legal department of ALM Media LLC, a magazine and newspaper publishing company. When not at her office, she enjoys running and catching up with old friends. In March, Rachel ran two half-marathons in two weeks—the Disney Princess Half Marathon in Orlando and the NYC Half Marathon. Rachel graduated from Penn Law School in spring 2009 and looks forward to starting her new job at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. She remembers



the all-female a cappella group the Touchtones and would like to hear from **Jon Hanley**. Also in NYC, **Jon Borer** will attend New York U.'s Stern School of Business for his MBA this fall. For now, he's a passionate viewer of the hit television show "The Wire." He writes, "It is the best show in history. I'm very angry at HBO for ending it."

In Bellevue, WA, **Patrick Neville**, MILR '07, is an economic development researcher and policy specialist at the King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the central body of labor organizations in King County, WA; more than 150 organizations belong to the council, and more than 75,000 working men and women belong to council-affiliated organizations. He's been working for family-wage jobs and economic justice. Patrick's after-hours activities include Toastmasters Int'l. **Kathleya Afanador** graduated with merit (with a Master of Arts) from Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. She writes for "Arts America" from London and does choreography work for the royal summer festival in London. Kathleya participated in the fifth annual Phoenix Experimental Arts Festival. And although she may miss her dance performances at Cornell, Kathleya is definitely doing her thing overseas.

**Emily Dixon Danforth** and husband **Benjamin '05** reside in Chapel Hill, NC. Emily is finishing up her third year in the sociology PhD program at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is also a trainee at the Carolina Population Center. On her own time, she has been doing lots of crafting, sewing, and knitting. Emily also makes various handicrafts that she sells via her online store. Check out her creations at: [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com). Although she would like to take a vacation and visit Ithaca, the weather is extremely pleasant in North Carolina: "It's already in the 80s and 90s down here (in early April)," she reported. Emily remembers going to the screenings of the film students' projects in Willard Straight. "Also, I enjoyed picnics with my friends at Stewart Park—we always had great food from Wegmans." **Alexander Thimons '07**: If you're reading this, get in touch with Emily!

Thank you for your updates and please keep us posted. We're getting closer to our 5th Reunion, so we'll be able to catch up in person then, but until that glorious occasion, let's keep those e-mails flowing. We want to hear from you! ■ **Kate DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu); **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu).

**07** We start this latest edition of the class column with news from **Laura X. Wang** ([lxw2@cornell.edu](mailto:lxw2@cornell.edu)): "Since graduation I've been working in finance and consulting in New York City and Washington, DC. I volunteer and do pro bono consulting for Let's Get Ready (LGR), the educational nonprofit whose Cornell chapter I helped launch in 2004. I am on LGR's junior board and serve as the co-lead of its Young Professionals Network in NYC. I also train and compete with the Nike Central Park Track Club, specializing in middle distance. I'll be going to China this summer with my boyfriend to visit family and rediscover my roots before leaving NYC this fall to go back to Ithaca to get my MBA at the Johnson School."

**Rebecca Stievater** ([rebecca.stievater@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.stievater@gmail.com)) lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and works for the Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition as the outreach organizer and as a groom for Beare Equestrian Services and Training. "Spending my spare time cycling, hiking, running, and triathloning." **Anika Van Eaton** ([anika.van.eaton@gmail.com](mailto:anika.van.eaton@gmail.com))

lived in the Bay Area (Oakland) for two years to work at a nonprofit advocating for programs for kids. "I am currently participating in the Capital Fellows Program in Sacramento as an executive fellow placed at the office of California Secretary of State Debra Bowen. I'm enjoying staffing bills, learning about election law, and spending my free time biking the American River Trail." Also in Oakland, **Jessica Snyder** ([jms325@cornell.edu](mailto:jms325@cornell.edu)) is currently teaching at an Aspire charter school and working for Teach for America. Her fiancé, **Basil Newburn '05**, is working for Zong Mobile Payments in Palo Alto.

Political Science major **Nina Terrero** ([nina.terrero@gmail.com](mailto:nina.terrero@gmail.com)) graduated in May from Columbia U.'s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences with a master's in political science (American Politics and Contemporary Media). Nina's fiancé, Jason Groth (an alumnus of Johns Hopkins U. and Columbia Law School), practices corporate law in New York City. **Megan Tracz** ([megan.tracz@gmail.com](mailto:megan.tracz@gmail.com)) and **Matthew Mendell** were married at Sage Chapel in August 2009. Living in San Jose, CA, Meg manages United Way Silicon Valley's public policy work, and Matt is an engineer at NVIDIA.

**Kyle Story** ([kts8@cornell.edu](mailto:kts8@cornell.edu)) writes, "I am now working on a PhD at the U. of Chicago in physics. I work on the South Pole Telescope, which is researching cosmology—the study of the universe as a whole—by looking at radiation left over from the Big Bang." **Christina Yoon** ([cjy7@cornell.edu](mailto:cjy7@cornell.edu)) just finished the first year of a Master of Public Administration at the U. of Southern California. "I have been interning at the Los Angeles Dept. of Consumer Affairs since my arrival. For the summer, I'll be down in Rio de Janeiro for an international lab focusing on sustainable ecotourism." **Tamar Sharabi**, ME '08 ([tms43@cornell.edu](mailto:tms43@cornell.edu)) was working on the Cornell AguaClara project in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, when the June 2009 coup d'état occurred. "I have since been working on a documentary about what actually happened on the ground. Stay tuned!"

Lastly, some exciting news from **Laura Skladzinski** ([las224@cornell.edu](mailto:las224@cornell.edu)): "I've spent the last two years working full-time in consulting and traveling the country on weekends, and in a few weeks, I'm going to set a world record as the youngest woman to run a marathon in all 50 states! I'll be finishing my quest at the Minneapolis Marathon on June 6 and will be breaking the record by about four years." Congratulations, Laura! Send news to your class correspondents at: ■ **Dana Sckolnick**, [drs45@cornell.edu](mailto:drs45@cornell.edu); or **Marianna Gomez**, [mag95@cornell.edu](mailto:mag95@cornell.edu).

**08** The Class of 2008 mourns the passing of one of our most beloved members, **Andrew McCue Webb**, *Daily Sun* columnist and lacrosse player. Drew, a student in the U. of Pennsylvania's post-baccalaureate pre-health program, passed away on April 12, 2010. As so aptly described in the obituary, "He was always looking for an opportunity to have an impact on the event at hand. He took great joy in making people laugh and often went to the extreme to make it happen. Drew brought joy to many, he made people laugh, he was a good teammate, and he looked out for those who were in need. Extremely bright, inquisitive, caring, and determined, Drew made life better for those who knew him and many who did not." RIP, Drew.

We have a lot of graduate school updates this summer. **Anthony Mohabir** is a second-year

medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He begins his third year of courses on June 14, 2010, and writes, "I'm very excited to start seeing patients!" **Kelly Lin** is currently a second-year vet student at UC Davis, tracking in zoo medicine. She writes, "It's been a challenging two years, but I am even more excited about practicing after graduation and am hoping to eventually work for a zoo organization or nonprofit wildlife center. I completed a veterinary research program at Stanford last summer and am unsure of my plans for this summer, but hope to be able to travel and do some international veterinary work. Vet school has given me amazing opportunities to do local blocks on horses, do a necropsy on a kudu, work with ocelots and squirrel monkeys, and feed jelly beans to elephants." Kelly also has stayed busy by volunteering as the spay and neuter trailer coordinator for Mercer Clinic, a monthly, student-run veterinary service offered for the companion animals of homeless people in the area. **Judy Meissner** works as a protein biochemist at a startup agricultural biotech called Agrivida in Medford, MA—but she's only staying until the fall, when she'll be attending Brown U. for her PhD in chemistry. "That will sure keep me busy for four or five years!"

**Shirag Shemmassian**, a doctoral student in clinical psychology at UCLA, was awarded the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans. Thirty Soros fellows were chosen from 890 applicants; fellows are awarded cash grants, as well as tuition support. According to the press release, "Shirag is of Armenian descent and was born in Santa Monica, CA, to parents who had fled to this country from Beirut during the Lebanese Civil War. Afflicted with Tourette's Syndrome, Shirag has focused his work experience and his scholarship on the treatment of anxiety and behavioral disorders." Congrats on this amazing achievement, Shirag!

After graduation, **Jesse Murillo** was commissioned from ROTC into the Air Force. He was stationed in New Mexico at Holloman Air Force Base where he was the flight commander of sustenance, commanding more than 400 people and supplying the base with essential basics like food, fuel, new recruits, and much more. "After being there for about a year, I was tasked with going to war and am now in Afghanistan in Kabul—the capital," he writes. "Here I am doing the same sort of thing, just supplying the Afghan National Army and Police. I have three months left and the entire deployment has been a life-changing experience—completely different world and life in general. From here I get back home to a welcoming party and spending time with family and friends. My commitment is up in 2012 and I plan to try and get into grad school for an MBA program." Best of luck during your last three months in Afghanistan, Jesse!

**Esther Chang** and her older sister Linda joined their family's company, Forever 21, about a year ago. Linda runs the marketing department, and Esther is spearheading visuals—including graphics, store displays, and window design. Esther supervises 30 people, including display and graphics designers and merchandisers, and hopes to give the company a more colorful look. As she tells the *L.A. Times*, "Because we don't advertise that much, I want to distinguish our brands using interior finishes and visuals, giving the customer a sense of who we are." Check out the whole article on Esther and her sister here: <http://www.latimes.com/features/image/la-ig-forever21-20100404,0,6621519,full.story>.

Keep sending in your news. We would love to hear from you! **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; and **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

**09** We are no longer the youngest class of alumni—welcome, 2010ers! For many members of the Class of 2009, it's hard to believe we graduated a full year ago. A lot can change in a year! Here's what some of our classmates have been up to.

**Annie Wong** (Nashville, TN) has been teaching preschool. In the fall, she will start at Vanderbilt Divinity School for an MDiv. This summer **John Zinder** will attempt to summit all the "Colorado 14ers," play in a few music festivals, and continue work on his PhD in biochemistry at the U. of Colorado. Should be a trip. **Josh Tabak** has been working on his PhD in social and personality psychology at the U. of Washington since September 2009, and was awarded a National Science Foundation graduate fellowship for his research proposal, "Closing minority achievement gaps: Knowledge of safe spaces promotes academic success." The fellowship covers three years of full tuition and fees plus a \$30,000 annual stipend. **Sarah Reilly** (Manhattan) is completing a postbacc pre-medical program at Columbia U. In the fall she will start a master's degree at Columbia's School of Public Health, with a concentration in molecular epidemiology.

**Lindsey Walker** is a 2009 Teach for America Corps member, finishing up her first year in the classroom. She teaches a self-contained special education class at Anacostia Senior High School in southeast Washington, DC. She co-teaches 24 intellectually disabled students with another TFA teacher and absolutely loves it. First Lady Michelle Obama is going to speak at her school's graduation this June. Teaching in a low income area definitely presents its challenges, but she couldn't be happier with what she does and the kids she works with. **Lauren Wein** (New Orleans, LA) teaches math at an alternative school through TFA. Outside of teaching and taking part in the education reform of the city, she's enjoying the food, festivals, and football that make New Orleans such a unique place.

**Jeremy Veverka** has completed the final cut of a feature-length documentary called *China: The Rebirth of an Empire*, in collaboration with his brother **Jesse '00**, MS '06. In addition to promoting the film this summer, they will spend about two months in India working on a couple of new projects: a short narrative film and a documentary and photo essay on the Adivasis in Chhattisgarh who have been caught in the fighting between the government and Maoist insurgents. For **Jordyn Torrey**, another growing season has just started in western New York. She started planting onions and will continue on with peas, cucumbers, potatoes, cabbage, beans, and summer squash! Hopefully she will have the labor, weather, and demand to make this season successful. **Mayra Alatorre** is living the "Up In the Air" experience, flying every week for her first job. Working as a social responsibility auditor for the past nine months, she traveled to more than 40 states and is looking to go abroad soon, hopefully somewhere in Asia.

Send us your news forms! Our first annual News and Dues mailing went out in the spring. **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; or **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu.

**10** "Hail to thee, our Alma Mater! Hail, all hail, Cornell!" Just a couple of months ago you were singing this along with your graduating class. Remember that? Now that Cornell is officially your alma mater (Latin for "nourishing mother"), we hope Cornell has adequately nourished your intellectual and social development to allow you to hit the ground running and grab the proverbial bull by its horns. It's Ahsiya, Michael, and Rammy here again, or as we are commonly known for short, Ahmichammy (please don't ever call us that), to bring you another (exclusive) installment of the Class of 2010 column. Thank you! As compensation, you get to hear us continue to praise ourselves (and eventually you, of course).

Although we may have parted ways, one thing that'll always remain is your affiliation to Cornell. Whether you find yourself navigating through the hustle and bustle of New York City traffic, trekking through the rainforests of the Amazon, or sailing off the coast of Capetown, that Big Red "C" will still be a part of everything you do—just like Jordin Sparks's "Tattoo."

And now, we introduce the second half of our Senior Class Campaign Committee, which has finished its year of campaigning and is transitioning to be your alumni class officers. But first, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Campaign a success. We truly started our legacy as the Class of 2010 and helped make a difference for future generations of Cornellians.

We are all Cornellians for life, and in order to ensure that we continue our Cornell commitment, the always-insightful **Alex Cardenas** and **Andrew Daines** served as Vice Presidents of Participation. Some say leaders are born, not made. Despite the arguments that people may make, we believe leaders are born *and* made. Whether Cornell has shaped you into a leader or cultivated your inherent leadership, one of Cornell's sexiest seniors and a talented Chimesmaster, **Cyrus Gentry** and **Kathy Houg**, respectively, helped us turn our leadership toward good purposes as Vice Presidents of Leadership Giving.

**Alison Ewing** and **Su Yeone Jeon** served as Directors of Recognition, making sure your noteworthy accomplishments didn't go unnoticed. Tech-savvy **Christian Gist '08**, Director of Media Relations, was responsible for our flashy and informative class website. We're indebted to our Treasurers, TFA-bound **Chris Basil** and Deutsche-Bank-enraptured **Yuliya Neverova** (jk, Yulz, we hope you enjoy yourself to the highest extent possible).

To help keep the fun times rolling, we had Social Chair **Gabby Rieth**, Vice Presidents of Events **Amar "Hangover" Kelkar**, **Brittani "Med School" Jackson**, and **Bryan "Redman" Biello**. They teamed up with Vice Presidents of Publicity **Brandi "Med School2" Jackson**, **Candice Gant**, and **Tory Hooker**.

That concludes our all-star lineup, so feel free to contact any of us about staying connected to Cornell. Seeing as how we've come to the end of our second installment, we would like to bid you these last words of farewell. Please join our Facebook group, "Cornell Class of 2010 Updates," and e-mail us with your notable accomplishments, zany anecdotes, and everything in between. Our next column will be about YOU, so we now declare this very useful, interesting, and one-sided conversation closed. In solidarity: **Rammy Saleem**; rms84@cornell.edu; **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu; **Ahsiya Kurlansky**, amk95@cornell.edu.

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The 3,748 undergraduate students who entered the University in fall 2009 included 530 who are known to be the children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of alumni. The information for the following lists was compiled from data provided by the descendants of alumni during the admissions process. Additions and corrections to the lists are welcome. Please send revisions to: Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; fax, (607) 272-8532; or e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

**Descendants of Cornellians in the upcoming freshman class (entering in fall 2010) will be listed in July/August 2011.**

According to the information supplied, two students who entered the University in 2009 are fifth-generation Cornellians: Michael Rivlin is the son of John M. Rivlin '78 and Susan M. Eschweiler '78, BArch '79, grandson of Peter Q. Eschweiler '55, MRP '57, and Pauline (Symonds) '53, great-grandson of A.C. Eschweiler Jr. 1915, and great-great-grandson of A.C. Eschweiler 1891; Robert Rogg is the son of Oskar H. Rogg '81, grandson of Oskar G. Rogg '59 and Anne (Barringer) '59, great-grandson of Benjamin L. Barringer '33, LLB '35, and Anne (Allen) '36, and great-great-grandson of Benjamin S. Barringer, MD 1902, and Emily (Dunning) 1897, MD 1901.

Seventeen students who entered in 2009 are the great- (or great-great-) grandchildren of Cornellians. Great-grandchildren: Warren Acker [William L. Acker 1905]; I. Maria Calderon [Manuel Ayau Samayoa 1917]; Mitchell Chisholm [Theodore T. Odell, MS '26, PhD '34]; Gilman Conant [Ralph W. Conant 1909]; Kyle Dake [Merrills L. Dake '26]; Julio Gerlein [Enrique L. Gerlein '29]; Raven Hickson [Walter Sturrock 1916]; Jonathan Kwok [Rui Feng, MS '22, PhD '24]; Gordon Middleton [Gordon K. Middleton, MS '20, PhD '30]; Lindsey Patterson [Robert Fenton Patterson '26]; Kayla Rice [Percy D. Kraft 1912]; Cassidy Rupert [William P. Rupert, MEd '36]; Ellen Wahlig-Cole [Mary Bishop Wahlig '30]; Kae-Lynn Wilson [Raymond F. Sawyer '33]; Michael Wodka [Harry Jayetz 1916]. Great-great-grandchildren: Devin Hartling [Mario G. Menocal 1888]; Thomas Leger [Frank P. Ufford, PhD 1896, and Bertha (Tierney), PhD 1896].

Eleven students who entered in 2009 are both grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Cornellians: Daniel Adelson [Stephen J. Adelson '55 and Ellen (Gussman) '58; Herbert Gussman '33 and Roseline (Nadal) '34]; Ellen Benson [Keith W. Benson Jr. '46; Keith W. Benson 1919]; John Goff [Jane Shanklin Warter '54; George R. Shanklin '22]; Aleks Lee and Olivia Lee [Tsai Hwa Lee, MEE '51; Kung Lee, MCE 1917]; Allison Livingston [Jean Baldwin Harries '53; Warner F. Baldwin 1920]; Mark Malin [Arthur J. Newman '43, MS '44; Hyman W. Geshevski 1919]; Jessica Mesick [George E. Mesick Jr., SP Ag '47-49, and Geraldine (Hanks) '49; Elton K. Hanks '26]; Steven Sholes [Stuart F. Sholes '47; Jay D. Sholes 1911]; Meredith Stone [David B. Stone '52; Imogen Noyes Stone '25]; Daniel Zagnoli [Robert W. Naylor '50; George W. Naylor '22]. William Cadwallader is the grandson of William B.P. Cadwallader Jr., DVM '62, and Jean (Kitts) '62, the great-grandson of Harry W. Kitts, PhD '48, and Marian (Potter) '36, and the great-great-grandson of Wilburn H. Potter 1918, DVM 1918.

Five students who entered in 2009 are both children and great-grandchildren of Cornellians: Erin Boyd [Steven D. Boyd '83; Harry M. Olmstead '35]; Cole-Gabriel DuMond [James H. DuMond Jr. '67; Roscoe C. DuMond '42]; William Randle [Stuart A. Randle '81 and Anne (Abbott) '83; Lester B. Knight Jr. '29]; Amanda Tremaglio [Carl J. Tremaglio '83 and Victoria (Mather) '84; Irene Green Mather 1919]; Frances Ziesing [Jo Klingenstein Ziesing '82; Alfred M. Saperston 1919, LLB 1919].

In the legacy listings that follow, deceased alumni are designated by an asterisk (\*).

## ONE CORNELLIAN PARENT

239 new students note one Cornellian parent. Those who also have at least one Cornellian grandparent or great-grandparent are listed elsewhere.

Parent	Child
Herbert K. Acquay, MS '91, PhD '93	Kobina
Richard D. Adie '75	Mary Katherine
Mausuf Ahmad, MME '81	Mariyah
Zoe Barrell Aicher '77	Ariel
Bulent Aksel, PhD '90	Ceren
Norbert Amberg '83	Ryan
Hooshang Amirahmadi, PhD '82	Roxana
Michael E. Anderson '77	Caroline
*Dorothy Brown Anderson '69, MAT '71	Stephen
Robert H. Andrew '72, MA '73, PhD '75	Benjamin
Kim G. Venegas '85, BArch '85	Andreas Aponte
Steven C. Bailey '82	Therese
Patricia Bowen Baity, JD '78	Mark
Chanderjit Bajaj, MS '83, PhD '84	Ankur
James R. Barger, MBA '93	James
Ruth D. Raisfeld '77	Sarah Benowich
Milind M. Bhat, MEE '78	Shalaka
David P. Bick '77	Sarah
John S. Black '92	Michael
Steven I. Blackman '73	Daniel
Rahul Bonner '80	Aidan
Michael D. Boudreau '80, MS '91	Emily
Lynn Ciolino Boyajian '81	Lindsay

Nancy Wu Brandon '81	Eugene
D. Wayne Brewer '71	Donald
Robert W. Burgdorf, JD '87	Julia
Francis J. Burke Jr. '72	Thomas
Adriane Pachucki Callinan '77	Sean
*Janet Lockhart Campbell '81	Peter
James J. Cardillo, MCE '82	Marissa
Edwina Brierley Cariati '85	Sarah
Christopher S. Carter '81, MEE '83	Damani
Edward E. Castillo '85	Wesley
Rebecca M. Brody, MCE '82	Jenna Chaffee
Michael G. Chan '83	Andrew
Hennessey Chiu Chang '82	Joshua
James K. Chiao, MCE '83	Derek
Henry A. Cirillo '68	Michael
Adolph J. Colletti '77, BFA '81	Taber
Sharon J. Kahkonen '71, MS '75	Thomas Connor
Stephen R. Conway '81	Rachel
John T. Cox, MS '75, PhD '76	Jeffrey
John J. Curran '79	Meghan
Gwen B. Curtis, MPS '05	Bryan
Maira J. Kennedy '76	Regina D'Amico
Daniel L. Steward '90	Kelly Davies
Elizabeth S. Davis, MA '07	Jonathan
Leslie J. Bird '79, MBA '84	Bavo DeGroote
Archangela DeSilva '78	Andrew DeRosa
Luis F. Del Rosario '80	Melanie
Karen Craft Denning '74	Chloe
Kenneth DiPietro '81	Calla
David A. Dilzell '81	Jennifer
Yvonne Schlafstein Distenfeld '78	Shelby

Tracy S. Dolgin '81	Hannah
Sally L. Klingel, MS '99	Susanne Donovan
Lisa Grapek Drillich '75	Jack
Timothy M. Dryer '83	Danielle
Ann Goodrich Edgerton '75	Kristin
Steven Einheber, PhD '89	David
Peter D. Eisenman '54, BArch '55	Samuel
Vernon P. Ellinger '76	Christina
Jay P. Elliott, MBA '87	Sarah
Peter O. Elmer '82	Matthew
William J. Falcheck Jr. '84, DVM '88	William
Richard T. Fauntleroy '72, JD '75	Evan
Renate Teresa Ferro, MFA '04	Erin Ferro-Murray
John C. Fieschko '76	Christopher
Alan M. Finn, MEE '80, PhD '83	Brian Andrew
Timothy A. Fischer '79, MEE '80	Samuel
Deborah Morris Matheson '78	Meghan Fitzgerald
Michael E. Fleming '84	Taylor
Paul L. Flugel '81	Adam
Michael E. Foreman '82	Emily
William M. Forman '76	David
Marjorie S. Stave '81	Yasmin Fouladi
Dena Seifer Friedman '78	Stephanie
Richard Funk '79, MBA '82	Lyell
Deborah J. Durnam, MFA '84	Anna Gabard-Durnam
Russell W. Galbut '74	Jenna
Mohan A. Garde, MME '81	Monica
Gil Gidron '78, MS '79, MBA '80	Kira
Howard I. Ginsburg '70	*Bradley <sup>1</sup>
Cynthia R. Leder '77	David Glekel
Patricia A. Reilly '78	Erin Goers
Gary Robert Goff '74	Gerra
Susan Schwartz Gottesman, PhD '79	Matthew
Joey Green '80, BFA '81	Ashley
Gregory E. Green '81	Brittany
Cindy Estis Green '79	Nathaniel
Anne Z. Mazer, MD '82	Michelle Greenberg
Van D. Greenfield '67	Zoe
Robert J. Gregory '82	Rebecca
Christopher E. Gribbin, MD '84	Caitlin
Martin S. Grims '83	Sydney
Fred H. Groen III '74, MBA '77	George
Charles R. Gruye '75, MBA '77	Kendall
Timothy J. Guba '80	Allison
Teodoro Guzman Garza, MBA '77, MPA '78	Fernando Guzman
Jennifer Greene Hall '84	Matthew
Geraldine F.R. McManus '78	Ryan Hand
Russell W. Hartung '80	Genna
Lori Friedman Hauser '84	Emily
Jeffrey S. Heller, JD '81	Matthew
Mitchell S. Heymann '82	Gil
Jean Parker Hill '83	Amanda
Thomas R. Hinman '78	Christopher
Jeffrey A. Holmes '86	Erika
Kenneth A. Horowitz '73	Jonathan
David B. Hudson '79, MS '85	Emmylia
Chi-Hung John Hui '76	Kimberly
Meryl S. Jacobs '82	Peter
Joseph L. Jurgielewicz Jr., DVM '83	Michael
Ted I. Kaminer '80	Grace
Stephen M. Kaminsky '79	Noah
Michael S. Katz '81	Melanie
Michael D. Kent, MBA '85	Alyssa
M. Ghazenfar Khaleeli '72	Zara
Drew A. Kleibrink '80	Erika
Walter A. Klein, MD '87	Victoria
John D. Koethe '77	Mary
Sergio N. Kogan '75, MEE '76	Lawrence
Gary A. Koretzky '78	Maya
George S. Kozak '74	Scott
Amy Sklar Kremnitzer '79	Kathryn
Clinton A. Krislov, JD '74	Nicholas
William W.Y. Lai '84	Benjamin
Robert S. Langer Jr. '70	Susan
Kuok W. Lau '78	Stephanie

<sup>1</sup>Bradley Ginsburg died February 17, 2010

Shelley M. Cabbell '84	Dawn Lee	Jennifer Repko Steffy, MBA '82	Amanda	Steven J. DiDominica '84	Rachel Di
Richard T. Lee '77	Jordan	Thomas E. Stenson '79	Kaitlin	Susan (Snyder) '84	Dominica
Daniel H. Lesser '79	Jonathan	Mark B. Stoopler, MD '75	Jesse	John W. Diebold '81	Tiffany Diebold
Paul G. Levesque '82	Christopher	Janine M. Wong '80	James Stroud	Becky (Kuwasaki) '81	
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Harold O. Levy '74, JD '79	Hannah	J. Robert Swidler, MBA '70	Meghan	Barbara (Ingram) '82	
Richard H. Lieberman '71	Michael	Joseph Thanhauser III '71	Emma	Howard J. Eisen '77	Miriam Eisen
Susan E. Rice '78	Chloe Lincoln	Brian E. Thurston '77	Keli	Judith E. Wolf, MD '81	
Steven P. Lisser '81	Bryan	John M. Tombari '81	Nicholas	Charles J. Eldredge '77	Katherine
Joseph C. Lizzio '88	Veronica	Douglas J. Tornatore '82	Renee	Debra (Mainville) '76, DVM '80	Eldredge
Jeffrey D. Lovin '80	Benjamin	Nina L. Bassuk '74	Sophie Trowbridge	Jeffrey S. Feld, JD '83	James Feld
Richard M. Lucash, JD '74	Rebecca	Bobby S. Tsai '83	Shawn	Katherine (Ward), MBA '82, JD '83	
James E. MacDonald '73	James	Lisa K. Udell, JD '92	Taylor	David R. Fischell '75, MS '78, PhD '80	Jennifer Fischell
Adrienne Johnson, JD '81	Annelise MacLeod	Adam S. Umanoff '80	Brian	Sarah (Thole) '78, MEE '79	
Samuel B. Magdovitz '77	Zachary	Gerrit Van Loon II '83	Branden	Christopher J. Rozanski '89	Kaitlyn
*Peter A. Magnuson '67, DVM '69	Andrew	Angel A. Vargas '78	Alexander	Tara (Flynn) '90	Flynn-Rozanski
Charles R. Manning '81	Carolina	Carol L. Dunetz '76	Erin Wagner	David L. Freedman, PhD '90	Micah Freedman
Mark A. Massey, MBA '83	Christopher	Elliott J. Wagner '74	Nicole	Susan K. Peirce, MS '93	
Joan Patrice Tailoor '82	Margaret McDonald	Xin P. Wang, PhD '01	Mahina	Mark J. Friedman '82	Caralyn Friedman
Michael G. Medzigian '82	Brendan	Conrad M. Wangeman '79	Alexandra	Cheryl (Goldman) '82	
Jedd E. Mendelson '79	Samuel	Lynne Pollenz Weber '76	Robert	Gary L. Fullerton '72	Elizabeth Fullerton
Mary Bundy Mickelson '73	Patrick	Paul J. Wessel '83	Abigail	Ellen (Chimerane) '73, MS '77	
Renee Miller Mizia '81	Joseph Colin	Jonathan D. Witten, MRP '81	James	Donald R. Gitto '80	Stephanie Gitto
Kathleen Lankford Morgan '78	William	Marc P. Wladis '76	Adam	Kathryn (Albaugh) '82	
Terence M. Murphy, MBA '86	Daniel	Ava Mao '80, BArch '81	Jason Wong	Joel H. Glasky '71	Lauren Glasky
Lois Hansen Neumann, MS '82	Carly	Poon-Ming Wong '86, MBA '89	Zoe	Bonnie (Wolfman) '73	
David Ng-Quinn '78	Nora	Peter A. Wright '75, MBA '76	Zachary	Emilio J. Gonzalez '82	Jacqueline
Deborah Eron Nojima '76	Lila	Noah M. Zable '76, MEE '83	Adrienne	Consuelo L. Rodriguez '83	Gonzalez
Gerald Nolan '75	Elizabeth	Benjamin Jay Zaitz '77	David	Bradley R. Grainger '79	Erin Grainger
Nadav Nur '74	Rafael	Bruce H. Zalaznick '95	Jon	Mary (Maxon) '79, MPS '87	
Kevin N. O'Gorman '66	Conor	Jian J. Zhang, MPS '95	Howard	Joseph A. Grzyb '82, MCE '82	Justin Grzyb
John P. O'Neill '77	Anna	Hua Zhang, PhD '00	Yuhao	Julie (Gallagher) '81	
Brian A. Ochs '78	Randall	Yixin Zhu, MS '88, PhD '89	Julia	Jean-Marc Halbout, PhD '82	Melanie Halbout
Stuart I. Oran '71	Gregory			Sharon Osen '78	
Kenneth L. Osborn '80, DVM '01	Lauren			Timothy W. Harris '79	Adam Harris
Victor J. Pacor, MBA '02	Justin			Wendy (Sohne) '81	
Ralph E. Padilla '84	David			Gary I. Horowitz '78	Allison Hartel
Robert P. Palmquist '73, MBA '74	Elizabeth			Marcy L. Wachtel '79	
Janice Cox Palumbos '81	Sierra			*Dean B. Harwood '81	Brooke Harwood
Leslie Canfield Perlman '75	Michael			Kathleen (Cullen) '81	
Keith D. Pierce '80	Aaron			George L. Hayduchok '81	Laura Hayduchok
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Joanne R. Wertz '75	Sarah Pierson			Walter F. Hlawitschka '82, MBA '83	Peter Hlawitschka
Lorjean Annechino Pillittere '81	Julie			Judy (Chiang) '82	
David W. Pritchard, PhD '73	David			Victor F. Janas '78, MCE '79	Victor Janas
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Gregory S. Rosenblatt '77	Karen			Patricia Kallett '82	
Alan Rosenthal '73	Benjamin			John M. Kowalchik '84	Emily Kowalchik
Gary L. Rubin '72	Zachary			Eleanor (Donohue) '85	
Arthur B. Budick '71	Adina			Steven V. Krauss '83	Julia Krauss
	Rubin-Budick			Marcella (Mercatili) '85	
Susie Li, MS '87	Jacob Sangren			Charles G. Lill '79	Jakob Lill
Raymond O. Schlag '83	Ariel			Ann Marie (Warner) '78, DVM '82	
Naomi Leiseroff '80	Emma Schnur			Eric S. Lim '81	Anthony Lim
Scott D. Schoifet '79	Matthew			Vivien (Fung) '81	
David R. Schrage '80	Catherine			Jun Ma, JD '96	He Ma
Wendy L. Fillmore '05	Jasmine Schultz			Tao Bai, JD '88	
Eliot M. Schuman '75	Rachael			Michael E. Marrero '82	Tyler Marrero
Herman M. Schwartz, MA '84, PhD '86	Ariel			Catherine (Caliguire) '84	
Tsai-Mei Ou-Lee, MS '85, PhD '89	Renee Setter			Charles T. McGlade, MD '83	Anastasia
Russell B. Shapiro '76, MBA '77	David			Veronica Alfero '79, MD '83	McGlade
Randy M. Shayler '72, MBA '73	Nicholas			Michael G. McQueeney '80	Allison
Robert A. Sheinbein '75	Martin			Lucy (Avellino) '80	McQueeney
Seth M. Siegel '74, JD '78	Talia			Sachin Gupta, MS '92, PhD '93	Suhaila Meera
Marion J. Bachrach, JD '77	Rachel Siegfried			Jyotsna Kapur, MPS '92	
L. Gilles Sion '77	Jake			Joseph C. Moro, GR '75-77	Josef Moro
Paul Soloway '79	Rebecca			Susan J. Cummings '67	
Lawrence N. Sondike '78	Daniel				
Marcia Hedges Stang '83	Amanda				

## TWO CORNELLIAN PARENTS

81 new students note both Cornellian mothers and fathers. Those who also have Cornellian grandparents or great-grandparents are listed elsewhere.

Parent	Child
Charles M. Alexander '81	Katelyn Alexander
Donna (Feeney) '81	
Jose A. Amador '82, MS '86, PhD '90	Eric Amador
Maria (DelSalto) '84, MS '85	
Brian G. Anderson, GR '78-81	Ian Anderson
Debra (Giorgi) '80	
Paul B. Ascher, LLB '65	Zachary Ascher
Andrea (Paretts) '74	
Michael J. Barnell, MBA '81, JD '82	Erica Barnell
Vicki (Mendelson), JD '84	
Michael D. Bell '81	Morgan Bell
Tanis (MacKay) '81	
Jonathan D. Bick, MBA '79	Emily Bick
Barbara (Krueger) '80	
John G. Bickerman '78, MS '80	Melissa
Debra A. Schwartz '78	Bickerman
Richard E. Bonney Jr. '76, MPS '82	Jessie Bonney-Burrill
Judith L. Burrill, MS '82	
Peter S. Boone, MS '83	Hannah Boone
Jane Dieffenbach '82	
Douglas B. Brent, MBA '86	Katherine Brent
Averil (Preston-Thomas), MS '87, PhD '88	
*Steven H. Brooks, MBA '74	Ryan Brooks
Elmerina (Baldini), MBA '79	
Randolph B. Brown '84, MS '85, MBA '86	Elizabeth Brown
Margaret (Hutchinson), MBA '86	
Fred Y. Lobovsky '54, MD '57	Samuel Chazen
Barbara (Glick) '53	
Calvin W. Cheng '74, MBA '76	Kimberly Cheng
Annie Y. Wong '77	
Michael J. Connolly '80	Daniel Connolly
Myra (Shapiro) '80	
Anand K. Dayal, MS '81, JD '92	Saira Dayal
Angeli (Koura) '93	
Michael K. DeStefano '88	Jackson
Amalia A. Driver '87	De Stefano
Albert S. Rohr '74	Anna Denis-Rohr
Kathleen A. Denis '74	



### THREE CORNELL GENERATIONS

Of the students entering in 2009, 70 are listed as third-generation Cornellians.

STUDENT	PARENT	GRANDPARENT
Cedric Ahn	Michael C. Ahn '69, MCE '71, MRP '73 Suzanne (Shipe) '71	*William F. Shipe Jr., PhD '49
Natanya Auerbach	David Auerbach '75 Pamela (Millstein) '84, BArch '84	Ronald Millstein '52
Stephanie Ball	Carol Seltzer Ball '75	Samuel M. Seltzer '48
Caryn Berley	Richard M. Berley '75	William Berley '45 *Isabel (Mayer) '47
David Bishop	Andrew L. Bishop '76	*Nancy Rider Bishop '41
Neil Blaser	Susan Stauffer Blaser '71	*Ruth Myers Stauffer '41
Jessie Boas	Andrew M. Boas '77	*Robert S. Boas '45 Marjorie Marks Levins '45
Sylvia Bowditch	Nathaniel L. Bowditch '83	Nathaniel R. Bowditch '55
Corey Brousseau	Kevin P. Brousseau '87 Linda (Cashen) '86	Anthony B. Cashen '57, MBA '58 J. Ann MacLeod Cashen '58
Mark Bushnell	Peter R. Bushnell '83, MME '84 Cynthia (O'Connor) '82	Stanley J. O'Connor Jr. '51, PhD '65 *Janet (Raleigh) '51
Jonathan Chamberlain	Samuel C. Chamberlain '77 Barbara (Wooten) '78	Nancy Allen Chamberlain '46
Brandon Cohen	Carrie Jogodnik Cohen '83	*Richard B. Jogodnik DVM '60 *Lillian (Bloom) '57
Lindsay Colbert	Timothy J. Colbert '77	*Robert Reed Colbert Sr. '48 Barbara Schaefer Colbert '46
Alice Cope	Ann Potter Cope '77	Robert W. Potter '50
Jean-Herve De Lencquesaing	Sarah Pedraza De Lencquesaing '80	Francisco Pedraza '55, MBA '57 Sarah (Dyer) '56
Ian Delwiche	Stephen R. Delwiche '78, PhD '90	*Eugene A. Delwiche, PhD '48 *Constance (Nott) MFS '48
Sarah Dephtereos	David L. Dephtereos '76, JD '79 Marjorie (Burnett), JD '79	*Leo O. Dephtereos, MBA '54
Clare Dougan	William L. Dougan, MS '82, PhD '87 Rachel S. Wagner '87	Leonard S. Wagner, MS '58, PhD '63
Charles Fears	Charles E. Fears '83 Linda (Glassberg) '85	Lawrence E. Glassberg '59
Melissa Fiore	Madeline Barott '76	Pat Leyden Barott '53
Connor Fitzpatrick	Steven B. Fitzpatrick '83 Laura (Bellamy) '83	William M. Bellamy Jr. '53, MBA '58, JD '59 *Janet (Peifer) '54
Scott Franklin	Douglas T. Franklin '86, ME '87	Darel Brady Franklin '60 Bette (Beardsley) '61
Laura Gilmour	Thomas A. Gilmour '79 Cynthia (Campbell) '80	George A. Gilmour '55, PhD '63
Kelly Gordon	David A. Gordon '82	Richard E. Gordon '54, LLB '56
Jessica Goss	Charles A. Goss '85 Karen (Lessall-Weiner) '85	Mina Rieur Weiner '57
Liza Graziano	Gary C. Graziano '78, BArch '79	Calvin A. Graziano '53, MBA '54 Diane (Johnston) '53
Brendan Hammond	Daniel I. Sverdlík '64	*Harry Sverdlík '29
Penelope Hobbs	John D. Hobbs '85 Ann (Kahlow) '85	Lewis M. Hobbs '59
Erika Hooker	Patrick M. Hooker '84	David F. Huxtable '59
Shane Jarvie	Douglas L. Jarvie '81, MBA '83	Charles L. Jarvie '58, MBA '59 Janet (Arps) '58
Brittany Jaso	Richard L. Jaso '77 Deborah (Graham) '78	*John P. Jaso Jr. '49 Miriam (McCloskey) '50 William H. Graham III '55
Daniel Katz Julia Katz	Jean L. Ellis '80	Robert W. Ellis '56 *Phoebe (Adams) '56
Juliana Kennedy	James L. Kennedy '79 Susan (Koester) '79	Robert L. Kennedy, DVM '55 Charles L. Koester Jr. '55

Stephen J. Morreale, PhD '99	Luca Morreale
Rebecca L. Schneider, PhD '94	
Mark L. Nestle '79, MS '93	Alexander Nestle
Jodi (Diehl) '80	
Mark A. Ochs '79	Rebecca Ochs
Mary (Anderson) '79	
Raymond J. Pascucci '82, JD '85	Kate Pascucci
Martha (Kerwawycz) '81	
Donald L. Peskin '77, MS '78, MBA '79	Zachary Peskin
Joyce (Kaufman) '78	
Arsia Alamir '82	Arsames Qajar
Sonbol F. Sepahban '82	
Philip J.L. Rickey '83, BFA '84	Owen Rickey
Mary (Sullivan), MFA '82	
Robert F. Rider Jr. '85	Justin Rider
Lori (Judd) '84	
Juan C. Rodriguez '83	David Rodriguez
Maria (Weiss) '84	
Bradford J. Ross '81, MME '83	Michael Ross
Judith (Fabuss) '83	
Michael A. Shapiro '78	Justin Shapiro
Lisa (Levine) '79	
Val K. Warke '76, BArch '77	Eva Simitch Warke
Andrea L. Simitch '79, BArch '79	
Harpal Singh, MS '80, PhD '81	Dhiran Singh
Bibijan (Ibrahim), MA '82, PhD '87	
Harpal Singh, MS '80, PhD '81	Saran Singh
Bibijan (Ibrahim), MA '82, PhD '87	
Steven H. Sitver '81	Julie Sitver
Meryl (Lipton) '81	
Stephen H. Smith '77, BArch '78	Owen Smith
Linda (Brandon) '77	
David E. Sones '82	Michael Sones
Patti (Green) '82	
Thomas M. Stadulis '81	Benjamin Stadulis
Monique R. van Perlstein '81	
Richard L. Stewart '71	Rebecca Stewart
Lin (Tang) '72	
George P. Zurenda Jr., MBA '88	Christopher
Lisa Ann Strayer, MBA '99	Strayer
Robert P. Toppe Jr. '83, MCE '84, MBA '85	Nilsa Toppe
Sarah (Rivera) '84	
Jeffrey D. Vervoort, PhD '94	Kaitlin Vervoort
Kathleen A. Ryan '92	
Eric A. Wachs '79, MS '81	Miriam Wachs
Jane (Zimetbaum) '81	
Gary H. Wolf '72	Theodore Wolf
Bonnie L. Grad '71	

### GRANDPARENT(S) ONLY

83 new students note at least one Cornellian grandparent. Other multi-generational connections are listed in the introductory paragraphs and elsewhere.

Grandparent(s)	Child
Richard G. Parker '50	Hallie Anderson
*Eric G. Archer, DVM '58	Leigh Archer
B. Edward Tibbitts Jr. '58	Morgan Axenfeld
Stephen S. Williams '54	Peter Bailey
Judith Blau '60	Joseph Blau
*Berkeley D. Briggs, DVM '58	Kaitlyn Briggs
Chuck A. Brown '59	Steven Brown
Nancy (Sterling) '59	
Robert E. Stevens '56	Carl Bucella
Harold J. Delchamps Jr., MD '45	Katherine Buckner
*Sylvia Gustafson Mancuso '37	Kathleen Carpenter
*Eugene S. Hill Jr. '42	Brian Caulfield
*Allan C. Chamberlain, DVM '60	Patrick Chamberlain
*Maren Ehlers Chapman '53	Andrew Chapman
Zelig Lurie '35	Michael Cline
Susan Langer Berger '62	Jason Cooper
*Frank A. Crowley Jr. '42	Jack Crowley
*Arthur A. Reed '34	David Cullinan
G. Peter Smith '50	Jenica Dabrowski
*Richard M. Ramin '51	Christine Dalton
*Frances (Anthony), MA '52	

*Robert Delson '26	Caroline Delson
Joseph Fath '46	Dylan Fath
Muriel Magid Fath '46	
Raymond A. Firestone '51	Charlotte Firestone
Roberta Vlock Gottlieb '51	Alexandra Gottlieb
Jay Eliasberg '39	Sarah Greenberg
*Willard Everett '51	Simon Greenberg
Marvin D. Grosslein, PhD '62	Kate Grosslein
Samuel J. Puccia '36	Nicole Grover
James M. Hall '46	Nomoya Hall
Clarine (Capuzzi) '48	
Harry M. Swigert '57	Natalie Hench
Jeanne (Carnahan) '61	
Joseph J. Andersen '46	Erika Hoppner
*Edwin E. Dean '56, MD '62	Thomas Iwaoka
*Peter J. Jung '49	Peter Jung
*Paula (Moyer) '50	
*Orrie P. Stevens '46	Andrew Kagen
Ann (McGloin) '46	
James M. Clark '44	Aidan Keegan
Catherine Killian, MA '43	Laura Killian
Frank E. Koeberle '56	Alexander Koeberle
Ronald E. Kramer, MBA '57	Madison Kramer
*Helen (Kuver) '57	
*Warren E. Latson '50	Kevin Latson
*Thomas K. Coyne '55	Kelly Lee
Floyd B. Leroy Jr. '50	Alexander LeRoy
Beverly Gavril Lesser '54	Rebecca Lesser
Marjorie Marks Boas Levins '45	Richard Levins
*Gary M. Adams '58	Rachel Linsner
*Thomas F. Madden '46	Paige Madden
Richard C. Marks '59, MILR '61, JD '76	Richard Marks
*Allyn R. Marsh Jr. '40	Corey Marsh
William G. James Jr., MBA '56	Roger Mayer
Fred Knight '51	Elizabeth McCoy
Byron W. Parsons, DVM '51	Tedra McDougal
Jay R. McEntee '48	Colton McEntee
Ronald L. Hailpam '49	Allie Miller
Faith (Goldberg) '49	
Benjamin Proctor '57	Carolyn Miller
Helga Kuehnle Sotiriou '59	
*Howard S. Cogan '50, MPS '80	Grayson Miller
Anthony B. Cashen '57, MBA '58	Celia Muoser
Gail (Lautzenheiser) '57	
J. Ann MacLeod Cashen '58	
Ellen D. Nesheim '56	Katherine Nesheim
*Michael J. Long '57	Grace Nuti
Kathleen (Neuhaus) '59	
Lyle E. McBride Jr. '51	Sophia
Marjorie (Crimmings) '51	Orzechowski
George E. Payne '52	Anna Payne
Avis (Pope) '54	
*Herbert R. Marks '49, DVM '52	Christopher Peck
Charles A. Perelli '44	Robin Perelli
*Richard H.J. Pian, MS '42, PhD '45	Brooke Pian
*Sidney B. Rawitz '34	Alex Rawitz
*Katherine Edwards Conrad '35	Clifton Reynolds
Edwin S. Gallacher, MME '50	Sarah Richardson
Diana Meyer Robbins-Lawrence '40	Daniel Robbins
Robert E. Dailey '53	Louise Rohrer
Louise (Schaefer) '54	
Robert J. Brungaber, MS '56	Robert Ruttenberg
Helene Cohn Friedman '51	Joshua Sacks
Harold A. Salo '67	Taylor Salo
Jane Crawford Scheiner, GR '40-41	Margaret Scheiner
Alfred Schnog '53	Samuel Schnog
Ann Greenberg Schnog '54	
Willis C. Bradley '45	Adam Severance
Raymond L. Simon '53	Andrew Simon
John H. Sipple '52, MD '55	Patrick Sipple
*Joyce W. Sumner '43	Joshua Slocum
Frances Hornsby Sumner '42	
Peter C. Stucker '60	Eric Stucker
Peter C. Stucker '60	Gregory Stucker
*Douglas E. Bean '58	Chelsea Thomas
*John W. Gillard '49	Maxwell Torrey
Norman H. Beachley '55, PhD '66	Scott Warren
*William R. Young, PhD '55	Daniel Young
*Arthur W. Young Jr. '53	Tessa Young
Nancy (Convery) '52	
Margot Lurie Zimmerman '56	Alison Zimmerman

STUDENT	PARENT	GRANDPARENT
John Kent	James D. Kent '81	John R. Kent '48
Sara King	David D. King '85 Louanne (Fisher) '85	Edgar A. King '60 Maxwell A. Fisher '60
William Kiplinger	Herman G. Kiplinger '79 Kathryn (Petroulis) '79, MPS '86	W. Bogert Kiplinger '50, MBA '51
Brian Lamb	Stephen V. Lamb '78 Cynthia (Kimble) '82	*Thomas L. Kimble '48
Darien Mather	*John S. Mather '85 Leslie (Johnson) '84	Ross W. Johnson '57 Janis Mitchelhill Leas '60
Benjamin Maynard	Ilene R. Greenberg '74	Phyllis Spivack Greenberg '78
Sarah McMahon	Daniel J. McMahon '86	John F. McMahon '61
Erin McMillan	Thomas E. McMillan '79	James G. McMillan Jr. '50
Jesse Mulbury	Albert M. Mulbury '72	*Marcel F. Mulbury '39
Sarah Myers	Kenneth J. Myers '77	*Nat C. Myers Jr. '49 Frances (Goldberg) '51 Joy Putman Favretti '57
Anne O'Hara	Ted W. O'Hara '67	Theodore W. Markham '44, MS '71
Henrique Paolini	Juan C. Paolini, MBA '96 Maria A. Vollmer, MS '96	Gustavo J. Vollmer '42
Samuel Pell	Terence J. Pell, JD '81	Erik M. Pell, PhD '51
Andrew Peterson	Wayne D. Peterson '80 Karen (Schmidt) '83	*Joan Dahlberg Schmidt '49
Gabriel Phillips	Margaret A. Mulcahy '77	John J. Mulcahy '60
Matthew Picket	David L. Picket '84	Joel I. Picket '60
Isabella Poggi	Patrick J. Poggi '88, MBA '94	Peter V. Poggi Jr., DVM '62 Patricia (Kelly) '63 Francisco J. Gonzalez-Perez, MS '64
Jillian Rosenstein	Brad Rosenstein '83	Arnold Rosenstein '43
Lindsay Rosenstein	Elizabeth Kutscher Rosenstein '79	Edith Wilson Kutscher '53
James Rosenthal	Daniel A. Rosenthal '81 Rosalind (Swithenbank) '83	Evelyn Ruben Rosenthal, PhD '74
Nicholas Schaefer	David H. Schaefer '76, MBA '79	*Frederick A. Schaefer III '42
Samantha Schwalje	James P. Schwalje '83, MBA '84	Joseph L. Schwalje '44 *Helen (Meloy) '45
Benjamin Sellew	Mark H. Sellew '78 Lisa (Preger) '79, MBA '82	*Paul D. Preger Jr. '47
Daniel Sheiner	Susan Linz '75	Mike Linz '43
Abigail Stamp	Christopher L. Stamp '83 Elizabeth (Myer) '85	Eric J. Myer, DVM '60 Martha (Welch) '61
Laura Stokes	Ellen Kussie Stokes '81	*Roger R. Kussie '44
Katherine Sweitzer	Robert C. Sweitzer '79 Janet (Hogarty) '78	*John J. Hogarty, GR '52-54
Michael Thomsen	Ira H. Thomsen '76	Douglas M. Thomsen '40
Katharine Tregurtha	Edward J. Tregurtha '85, MBA '91 Margaret (Brown) '85	Paul R. Tregurtha '57 Lee (Anderson) '59 Chuck A. Brown '59 Nancy (Sterling) '59
James Underberg	Mark A. Underberg '77, JD '81	*Alan J. Underberg '51 Joyce (Wisbaum) '53
Zachary Weale	Peter R. Weale '72, MBA '76 Karen Mineo '79	Durland R. Weale '44, MS '53
Daniel Webster	Daniel T. Webster IV '84, MBA '85	*Daniel T. Webster III '64 Charmaine Conti Webster '59
Miriam Wishnick	Karla Zimmerman Wishnick '81	Manuel Zimmerman '50, DVM '50
Alan Workman	Gregory S. Workman '79 Rosemary (Brosnan) '79	*Wells S. Workman '43
Phoebe Young	Martin L. Young '80 Mary (Warner) '84	Ernest W. Young '50
Abigail Zatz	David L. Zatz '79 Karen (Wolin) '79	Alan G. Wolin '54, MS '56, PhD '60 Rhoda (Black) '56



**'30 BS Ag—Gertrude Goldman** Wornow Tucker of Canton, MA, March 3, 2010; active in alumni affairs.

**'30 BS HE—Beatrice Foster** Whanger of Fayetteville, WV, March 10, 2010; Extension agent, West Virginia U.; advocate for women's rights; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'31 BA—Edith Keimig** Howard of Carpenter, WY, February 20, 2010; retired director, Laramie County Social Services; head, Tornado Disaster Recovery team and Cheyenne Flood Recovery program; author; active in civic and community affairs.

**'31 BA—Thelma Johnson** Jones of Dalton, MA,

December 18, 2009; social worker; child welfare supervisor, Tompkins County, NY; bookkeeper and VP, Jones Radio Den, Jones Appliance Center, and Harold E. Jones Real Estate; active in community and professional affairs.

**'31 BS HE—Katherine L. Rummler** of Summit, NJ, November 26, 2009; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Delta.

**'34 BME—John B. Brush** of Cincinnati, OH, July 17, 2009; mechanical engineer. Phi Sigma Kappa.

**'34 BA—Helen Carrier** Carnie of Turin, NY, December 29, 2009; retired teacher.

**'34 GR—Mary Allen** Mellows (Mrs. Charles N. '33, BME '36) of Milwaukee, WI, November 22, 2009;

artist; active in community and alumni affairs.

**'34 BA—William R. Robertson** of Peterborough, NH, January 13, 2010; insurance agent, Massachusetts Mutual Life; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha.

**'34—Roger J. Schulte** of Walnut Creek, CA, December 28, 2009; district superintendent, San Ramon Valley Union High School; asst. superintendent, Alameda County School Dept. for Educational Svcs.; active in community affairs.

**'34 BA—Douglas B. Watt** of New York City and Southampton, NY, September 29, 2009; theater and music critic; wrote for the *Daily News* and the *New Yorker*; composer; lyricist; pianist; collaborated with Duke Ellington; covered theater for WNBC News; active in professional affairs.

**'34 BA—Hazel Shattuck** Wood of Peekskill, NY, April 6, 2008; schoolteacher; active in community and religious affairs.

**'35-37 SP Ag—Norman F. Harrington Jr.** of

## FOUR CORNELL GENERATIONS

Of the students entering in 2009, 21 are listed as fourth-generation Cornellians.

Zachary Alexander	John E. Alexander '74, MBA '76 Elaine (Mead) '77 *Donald E. Mead '42 *Loren J. Mead '16	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather	Ruby Perlmutter	Richard H. Perlmutter '71 Kathryn Miron Perlmutter '46 *Adolph Miron '18	Father Grandmother Great-Grandfather
Audrey Boochever	John O. Boochever '81 *Louis C. Boochever Jr. '41 *Louis C. Boochever '12, MA '42	Father Grandfather Great-Grandfather	Demetra Perry	Geoffrey O. Perry '85 Christine (Stefanou) '85 L. Grey Perry '59 *James Henry Owen 1871	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather
Della Bradt	David M. Bradt Jr. '71 *David M. Bradt '41 *Morris Bradt '13	Father Grandfather Great-Grandfather	Lindsay Rosenblum	Carl D. Rosenblum '77 Kathryn (Knauss) '78 William D. Knauss '45, MBA '48 *Dorothy Pond Knauss '18	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandmother
Krista Call	Philip R. Call '81 Richard C. Call '52 *Robert V. Call '17	Father Grandfather Great-Grandfather	Katharine Schubauer	James W. Schubauer II '87 Margaret (Holcomb) '86 Charles R. Holcomb '55 *Charles A. Holcomb '20 *Edith (Warren) '20	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather Great-Grandmother
Elizabeth Henry	Timothy W. Henry '77 Walter J. Henry '48 *Edward L. Plass '20 *Louise (Hamburger) '19	Father Grandfather Great-Grandfather Great-Grandmother	Alexander Sovocool	John R. Sovocool '78 *Wilbur J. Sovocool '50 Mary Anne Cranston Sovocool '52 *Lewice L. Sovocool '25	Father Grandfather Grandmother Great-Grandfather
Jonathan Jenks	Schuyler T. Jenks '78 James M. Jenks '45 *Ernest E. Jenks '15 *Dorothy (Tarbell) '16	Father Grandfather Great-Grandfather Great-Grandmother	Courtney Stevenson	Thomas P. Stevenson '82, MS '83, MBA '84 Karen Reusswig Stevenson '82 *Theodore F. Reusswig Jr. '55 Joan (Jeremiah) '57 *Theodore F. Reusswig '26	Father Mother Grandfather Grandmother Great-Grandfather
Robyn Johnson	Alfred D. Johnson '50 *Margery (Gourley) '47 *Marion Gushee Gourley '16	Grandfather Grandmother Great-Grandmother	Matthew Taylor	Joseph J. Taylor '80 Kathryn (Milmoe) '84 Michael W. Milmoe '53 *Wheeler Milmoe '17	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather
Carolyn Levitan	Jeffrey L. Levitan '76 Carol M. Boyle '76 Robert E. Levitan '54 *Benjamin Levitan '25	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather	Lauren Turner	Richard E. Turner Jr. '77, MS '78, MBA '79 Terry (Havens) '79 Richard E. Turner Sr. '46 *Richard H. Turner '22	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather
Erica Masler	Mark G. Masler '82, JD '93 Bernice (Potter) '82 *Bernard W. Potter '43 Margaret (Smith) '43 *Wilburn H. Potter '18, DVM '18	Father Mother Grandfather Grandmother Great-Grandfather	Michele Weiss	Kirk F. Weiss '83 Marcella (Dirks) '83 Russell Charles Weiss '57 *Julius Steinbrenner '16	Father Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather
Peter McClintock	Robert D. McClintock '75 *William F. McClintock '38 *Ward G. McClintock '13 *Emily Clark Lowry '13	Father Grandfather Great-Grandfather Great-Grandmother	Bradley Werner	Janis Mullen Werner '83 Theodore Irving Mullen '55, MS '60 *Leonard L. Tyler '30, DVM '30	Mother Grandfather Great-Grandfather
Brenna McPeck	Jeffrey W. McPeck '82 Julie (Doig) '83 Herbert E. Doig '56 Susan (Benson) '58, BNurs '59 *Russell I. Doig '23	Father Mother Grandfather Grandmother Great-Grandfather			

Naples, NY, August 5, 2007; worked in aerospace, construction, and plastics; active in civic and community affairs.

**'35-37 SP Ag—John D. Kohlmann** of Freehold, NJ, February 4, 2010; retired florist; veteran. Kappa Delta Rho.

**'35—Fred C. W. Kramer III** of Leesburg, FL, December 10, 2009; retired citrus grower; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Sigma Phi.

**'35 MD—Elizabeth Chittenden** Lowry (Mrs. Thomas, MD '35) of Madison, CT, December 21, 2009; retired pediatrician; active in community and professional affairs.

**'35-37 GR—Stanley A. Weeks** of Jamestown, NY, January 7, 2010; attorney; mayor, City of Jamestown; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'36 BS HE—Louise Manley** Cravens (Mrs. Metellus E., PhD '41) of Worthington, OH, March 5, 2010; active in religious affairs.

**'36 BA—Ellen Hopkins** Morgenstern of Hilton, NY, formerly of Lakewood, NY, March 7, 2010; worked for NYS legislator Connie Cook; secretary for CBS executive and at Coca-Cola; taught at the Washington School for Secretaries; active in religious affairs. Delta Gamma.

**'36 BA—Robert D. Price** of Holden, MA, January 5, 2010; attorney; director, Appian Way Pizza; president, Food Specialties Inc.; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Wife, Ruth (Bentley) '36.

**'36 BA—Franklin B. Read** of Bloomfield Hills, MI, August 13, 2009; retired executive, General Motors; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

**'36 BA, JD '39—William I. Stoddard** of Columbus, NC, December 4, 2009; attorney; active in alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

**'37, BA '38—Alice Guttman** Brunton (Mrs. Robert T. '38) of Williamsville, NY, October 1, 2009; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

**'37 BA—Mary Ferguson** Mills of North Branford, CT, May 20, 2009; worked for Ingersol Rand. Alpha Omicron Pi.

**'37 BEE—Henry L. Priestley** of White Plains, NY, November 30, 2006. Psi Upsilon.

**'37 BS Ag—Ernest M. Underwood** of St. Johnsville, NY, March 2, 2010; industrial arts and agriculture teacher, St. Johnsville Central District; active in community and religious affairs.

**'38—Ralph R. Beal** of Carmel Valley, CA, formerly of La Canada-Flintridge, CA, February 15, 2010; retired facilities manager, technical facilities design and construction mgr., and wind tunnel test mgr., Jet Propulsion Laboratory; aerodynamicist, Douglas Aircraft; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

**'38 BA—Henrietta Miller** Brannin of East Williston, NY, January 20, 2010.

**'38 BA—Adele Massell** Diamond of Yonkers, NY, March 12, 2010; active in religious and alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

**'38, BA '40—Robert J. Ferlauto** of Sarasota, FL, December 27, 2009; microbiologist; founder, Ferlauto Consultants Int'l; head, infectious diseases dept. and associate director of research and development, Smith Kline & French pharmaceutical firm; active in professional affairs.

**'38 BS HE—Levantia Smith** Harrington (Mrs. Norman F., '35-37 SP Ag) of Naples, NY, December 31, 2009; home economics teacher, Naples Central School.

**'38 BA, MD '42—John S. Hooley** of Naples, FL, January 10, 2010; general surgeon in private practice; diagnostician; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'38 BA—Martin D. Kaplon** of Albany, NY, January 28, 2010; psychologist; executive, Publisher's Guild; professor of psychology and dean, American College of Barcelona; helped develop CBS television; veteran. Tau Delta Phi.

**'38 BA—Muriel Axelrad** Klein (Mrs. Joseph '30) of West Hartford, CT, February 14, 2010; active in community affairs.

**'38 BA, LLB '40—Morris A. Lee** of Louisville, KY, January 14, 2010; marketing and sales entrepreneur; veteran.

**'38 BS Ag—Richard F. Mandigo** of Altoona, PA, formerly of Pulaski, NY, January 30, 2010; retired dairy farmer; 4-H agent; herdsman; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Barbara (Keeney) '37.

**'38 BME—Herbert S. May Jr.** of Holden, MA, February 19, 2010; mechanical engineer and administrator, stress analysis, Riley Stoker Corp.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

**'38 BA—James W. Moyer** of Ellenton, FL, December 3, 2009; atomic physicist; research and development manager, Southern California Edison Co.; worked on the Manhattan Project; veteran; musician. Wife, Ruth (Pierce) '41, PhD '69.

**'38 BS Ag, MS '48—Charles L. Nearing** of Napa, CA, November 29, 2009; worked at UC Davis; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

**'38 BME, LLB '42—W. John Neff Jr.** of East Middlebury, VT, August 2, 2008; corporate lawyer/engineer, MacDonald Aircraft Corp., RCA, Singer Corp., and Grumman Aerospace; veteran. Delta Tau Delta.

**'38—Margaret Gill** Thomson of Knoxville, TN, December 30, 2009; piano teacher; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Phi.

**'38 BA—Jean Scheidenhelm** Wolff (Mrs. Alfred W. '37) of Jacksonville, FL, formerly of Hilton Head, SC, March 12, 2010; artist; active in community and alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

**'39—Jane Banks** of Newburgh, NY, September 20, 2008; registered nurse; active in religious affairs.

**'39, BA '38, MA '39—Joan Malkenson** Campbell of Deerfield Beach, FL, December 24, 2009; developmental anthropologist; veteran; active in professional affairs.

**'39 BA—Jane Davison** Fast (Mrs. Charles E. '37) of Lawton, MI, November 12, 2009.

**'39 PhD—Olen B. Garrison** of Clemson, SC, January 24, 2010; professor emeritus, Clemson U.; director emeritus of South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Stations; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'39—John M. Lankes** of Hampton, VA, January 30, 2010; electrical designer, Newport News Shipbuilding; active in community affairs.

**'39 BS Ag—Francis T. O'Brien** of Wellsville, NY, September 4, 2007.

**'39—Richard D. Rohr** of Deer River, NY, December 8, 2009; owner, Cedarledge Farm; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'39—George R. Tipton** of Oceanside, CA, formerly of Monroe, ME, March 2, 2008; social worker; served in CPS Service; photographer; painter; active in community and religious affairs.

**'39 BA—C. Richard Yerks** of Houston, TX, formerly of South Yarmouth, MA, January 9, 2010; plant manager, Patterson-Sargent Paint Co.; active in community affairs. Delta Chi.

**'40, BCE '41—William C. Baird** of Rochester, NY, January 25, 2010; owner, W. C. Baird Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

**'40 BS Hotel—Richard C. Barrett** of Old Forge, NY, December 23, 2009; developed the Bald Mountain Colony Camping Resort; manager, Bald Mountain House; pilot, Old Forge Lake Cruises; veteran.

**'40 BA—Jasmine Tuttle** Bryant (Mrs. Robert B., MD '40) of Baldwinsville, NY, November 25, 2008; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Alpha Phi.

**'40 BA, LLB '42—Paul J. Burke** of McLean, VA, January 16, 2010; attorney, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Price Commission, SESA, and Census Bureau; veteran. Wife, Nancy (Walsh) '46.

**'40 BA—Ruth Lebrecht** Duke of Williamsville, NY, April 5, 2009; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

**'40 BS Ag—Gilbert H. Flint** of Salem, NY, December 16, 2009; school superintendent; high school principal; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'40 MA—Edith Pratt** Howard of Sebastopol, CA, formerly of Hingham, MA, February 10, 2010; taught history and Italian; author; high school debate coach; active in civic and community affairs.

**'40 BA—Mary Anne Turner** Keyes of Walla Walla, WA, February 15, 2010. Kappa Alpha Theta.

**'40 MA—Charlotte Maxson** Moore of Alhambra, CA, December 28, 2009; librarian, Huntington Library.



**'40—William B. Shafer** of Westfield, NJ, December 17, 2009; Delta Chi.

**'40 BA—Robert J. Shaw** of Lake Wales, FL, February 21, 2010; marketing executive at Johnson & Johnson, Chesebrough-Ponds, and Shulton; veteran; active in community, civic, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'40 BA—Cecile Thompson** Vickery of White Plains, NY, January 21, 2009; active in religious affairs.

**'41 BS Ag, PhD '52—Dorothy E. Alfke** of Lexington, SC, February 20, 2010; retired professor of science education, Pennsylvania State U.; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Delta.

**'41 BA—John L. Ayer** of Skaneateles, NY, March 8, 2010; cardiologist; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

**'41 MS—Ruth Closson** Boicourt of Easton, MD, formerly of Amherst, MA, February 14, 2010; taught at UMass. Husband, Alfred W. Boicourt '38, MS '41.

**'41-42 GR—Robert T. Cotton** of Topeka, KS, March 12, 2010; retired physician; staff president, Stormont-Vail Hospital; medical director, Midland Hospice; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'41 MA, PhD '49—Richard M. Davis** of Eugene, OR, March 13, 2010; professor emeritus of economics, U. of Oregon; veteran.

**'41 DVM—Roger R. Fales** of Falconer, NY, January 2, 2010; veterinarian; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

**'41 DVM—Nathan Z. Howard** of Pompano Beach, FL, November 1, 2009; veterinarian; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'41 BA—Daniel N. Kohn** of Cutchogue, NY, December 19, 2009; owner and president, TrueTech; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

**'41—Domenic A. Mazza** of Sarasota, FL, March 7, 2010; attorney; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

**'41 BS HE, MS '49—Laurine Raiber** Sutter of Jamesville, NY, January 8, 2010; worked for Cornell Extension Service and Farmers' Home Administration; active in community and religious affairs.

**'42 BA—Richard P. Ament** of Ann Arbor, MI, December 19, 2009; statistician, Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities; veteran; composer; active in community and religious affairs.

**'42 BA—Edna Jones** Berry of Madisonville, LA, March 24, 2010. Pi Beta Phi.

**'42 BA—Clara Zink** Cameron of Ithaca, NY, January 2, 2010; worked in ophthalmology research, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital; homemaker; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'42 BS Ag—Philip T. Chaffee** of Van Etten, NY, November 27, 2009; poultry farmer; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

**'42, BEE '43—George F. Critchlow** of Andover, MA, April 29, 2006; worked for Bell Labs on the Echo and Telstar communication satellite projects. Tau Beta Phi.

**'42 BS Hotel—George H. Davis** of Chesapeake, VA, May 18, 2007; hotelier; president, Virginia Beach Hotel and Motel Assn.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

**'42 MD—Richard B. Donaldson** of Signal Mountain, TN, formerly of Chattanooga, TN, December 27, 2009; orthopedic surgeon; practiced at Erlanger Children's, Memorial Parkridge, Erlanger-North, East Ridge, and North Park hospitals; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'42, BS Ag '44—Walter W. Forshee** of Livonia, NY, January 30, 2010; worked in agriculture.

**'42 BA—Walter D. Jennings** of South Glens Falls, NY, March 4, 2010; claims supervisor, Hartford Insurance Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

**'42 BME—John E. Laird Jr.** of Little Silver, NJ, December 21, 2009; president, Laird & Co. Distillers and Importers; pilot; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi. Wife, Mary (Stroud) '44.

**'42 MS—Reid V. Moran** of Chico, CA, January 21, 2010; botanist; expert on the flora of Baja California; curator of botany, San Diego Natural History Museum; author; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'42, BME '48—Donald L. Parmelee** of Paducah, KY, formerly of Mesa, AZ, February 13, 2010; mechanical engineer, General Electric; operated Desert Sage Gifts; ambulance driver, American Field Service.

**'42 BA—Anne Chambers** Pennington of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, April 3, 2009; Braille interpreter; record librarian. Delta Gamma.

**'42 BS Ag—Ernest E. Short** of Newark, NY, December 21, 2007; farmer; veteran.

**'42 BA—Betty Foster** Voss of Sun City, AZ, February 18, 2010; active in religious affairs.

**'43 BME—Edward B. Bruderlin** of Cedaredge, CO, April 30, 2009; mechanical engineer. Alpha Sigma Phi.

**'43 BA—Knox B. Burger** of New York City, January 4, 2010; literary agent; published Kurt Vonnegut's first short story, "Report on the Barnhouse Effect," while fiction editor at *Collier's*; represented Martin Cruz Smith, Donald E. Westlake, Lawrence Sanders, and other writers; book editor, Dell Publishing and Fawcett Books; edited John D. MacDonald's first three Travis McGee novels; editor, Cornell *Widow*; author; veteran; active in professional and alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

**'43—Alan A. Creamer** of Bath, NY, January 4, 2010; director, Dept. of Laboratory Resources, Merck Pharmaceuticals; veterinarian; adjunct professor, Harcum College and Hahneman Hospital; veteran; active in professional affairs.

**'43 PhD—Perry T. Cupps** of St. Louis, MO, December 3, 2009; professor emeritus of animal science, UC Davis; author.

**'43 BS Ag—Sylvia Stern** Diamond of Little Neck, NY, October 22, 2009.

**'43 BS HE—Katherine Kampel** Engelder of Pearland, TX, formerly of Wellsville, NY, and Leesburg, FL, January 31, 2010; professor and dept. chair, Alfred State U.; organized associate's program in culinary arts, Wellsville Vocational Division of Alfred State U.; dietitian; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'43 DVM—Allen C. Goss** of Port Charlotte, FL, formerly of Stamford, NY, February 27, 2010; veterinarian; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

**'43 DVM—DuBois L. Jenkins** of Catskill, NY, March 13, 2010; veterinarian; veteran; worked on rinderpest; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Tau Omega. Wife, Doris (Le Fevre) '44.

**'43—J. Alton Jenks** of Afton, NY, November 9, 2009; retired realtor.

**'43—Benjamin S. Kelley** of Wellsville, NY, December 13, 2009; VP of sales, Combustion Engineering; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

**'43 BS Ag—Walter B. Kreidler** of Grand Junction, CO, November 29, 2009; farmer; salesman; estate and financial planner; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon. Wife, Ruth (Wiggins) '42.

**'43 BA, JD '48—Joseph Langbart** of Springfield, VA, December 18, 2009; retired administrative law judge; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

**'43—William E. O'Brien** of Fort Worth, TX, January 17, 2010; retired US Air Force officer; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'43 BS Ag—George A. Parsons** of Fairfax, VA, January 23, 2010; instructor, Adjutant General School; worked at the Pentagon; developed intelligence handling data systems, Army's Supported Unified Commands; also worked for Library Resources Inc.; veteran; consultant.

**'43 BS Nurs—Margaret Hodges** Purnell of Vernon Rockville, CT, February 27, 2010; nurse; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'43 BS Ag—Elizabeth Reese** Rudisill of Granite Bay, CA, October 7, 2009.

**'43 BME—Richard C. Ryon** of Clearwater, FL, December 30, 2009; mechanical engineer; active in community and religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

**'43—Serenio S. Tanner** of Elmira, NY, September 13, 2009; TWA pilot; building contractor; farmer; active in community affairs. Sigma Pi.

**'43 MD—Bruce R. Valentine** of Abington, CT, August 23, 2008; head of ob/gyn dept., Day Kimball Hospital; co-founder, Eliza F. Clark Memorial

Center; school physician; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'43-45 GR—Mary Willets** Washburne of Dallas, TX, January 1, 2009; homemaker; active in community affairs. Alpha Phi.

**'43, BME '42—William H. Wing** of Lake Pleasant, NY, December 15, 2009; worked for Utica Steam Engine and Boiler Works, Syracuse Materials Handling Corp., Cherry Burrell, and General Electric; cartographer, Hamilton County; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Zeta Psi.

**'43 PhD—Field H. Winslow** of Warren, NJ, December 16, 2009; head of polymer R&D and organic chemistry R&D, Bell Labs; worked on the Manhattan Project; expert in macromolecular science; active in professional affairs.

**'44, BS Ag '47—Frederick R. Allen** of Stamford, NY, January 11, 2010; superintendent, South Kortright Center for Boys; juvenile corrections consultant; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

**'44 B Chem E—Carlton H. Baker** of Kennett Square, PA, March 5, 2010; plant engineer, F & F Dept., DuPont Co.

**'44 BME—Donald A. Lietzke** of Stuarts Draft, VA, December 28, 2009; mechanical engineer, NASA; active in religious affairs.

**'44—Jane Richards** Otis of Miami Beach, FL, February 10, 2009.

**'44—Charles H. Rathjen** of Montgomery, AL, formerly of Carbondale, IL, and Big Rapids, MI, January 13, 2010; chairman, Automotive Technology, Ferris State College; veteran.

**'44—Walter L. Taylor** of Harwich, MA, May 26, 2006; operated a waterproofing and exterminating business; veteran; active in community affairs. Kappa Sigma.

**'44, BA '46—Edward J. Wacławski** of Ridgewood, NJ, January 10, 2010; retired industrial hygienist.

**'44—Ernest H. Winter Jr.** of Princeton, NJ, April 18, 2006; retired officer, US Army; director of alumni affairs, Lawrenceville School; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

**'45 MD—Charles A. Bailey** of Coronado, CA, December 25, 2009; cardiologist; internist; president, medical staff, Valley Hospital; infectious disease researcher; veteran.

**'45 MS—Kermit M. Bird** of Christiansburg, VA, June 26, 2008; worked for the USDA; active in religious affairs.

**'45, BME '48—Lawrence R. Bollinger** of Niskayuna, NY, February 9, 2010; engineering manager, KAPL; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'45, BME '44—Charles C. Correll Jr.** of Orange, CT, October 23, 2008. Sigma Nu.

**'45, BEE '44—William T. Duboc** of Naples, FL, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, January 2, 2010;

president, Westinghouse Spain; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

**'45, BME '48—William S. Eadie** of Santa Barbara, CA, October 18, 2009; executive VP for marketing, Pacific Pump; rancher; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Upsilon.

**'45 MD—Howard M. Edwards Jr.** of Rockford, IL, January 12, 2010; general practitioner; president of the medical staff, KSB Hospital; staff physician at Sterling Community, Rockford Memorial, Amboy, and Dixon State hospitals; invented an X-ray spacer and a limiter for a portable X-ray machine; president, Edwards Building Corp. and Serend Inc.; veteran; pilot; author; active in community and professional affairs.

**'45, BS Ag '47—Martin L. Evans** of Sarasota, FL, March 8, 2010; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

**'45—Frank Hanshaw Jr.** of Ithaca, NY, December 28, 2009; master builder, construction business; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Delta Phi.

**'45 BS Hotel—Joan Blaikie** Horwath of Boynton Beach, FL, January 7, 2010. Kappa Alpha Theta.

**'45 BA—Marilyn Betz** Kugler (Mrs. Robert E. '45, BA '44) of Seneca, SC, December 7, 2009.

**'45 BME—Charles R. Lorello** of Singer Island, FL, December 5, 2009; retired president, Conditioning Co.; mechanical engineer; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'45 DVM—Hermann B. Stein** of Ft. Myers, FL, November 12, 2009; veterinarian; active in alumni affairs.

**'45, BS HE '44—Dorothy Kleine** Van Reed of Gwynedd Valley, PA, January 16, 2010; co-owner, Van Reed Sales Co.; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Charles E. Van Reed '44.

**'46 MD—Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr.** of Seattle, WA, January 19, 2010; neuropathologist; professor and head of the Dept. of Neuropathology, U. of Washington School of Medicine; also worked at Baylor U.; veteran; philanthropist; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

**'46, BCE '50—James R. Bryant Jr.** of Jacksonville, FL, December 19, 2009; civil engineer; veteran. Alpha Delta Phi.

**'46, BS HE '45—Marcia Taube** Demarest of Chestertown, MD, January 7, 2010; worked for architect Richard Chalfont; active in civic and community affairs. Husband, Donald M. Demarest '46.

**'46, BS Chem E '45—James E. Edison** of Richardson, TX, January 14, 2010; retired from Sun Oil Co.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'46, BEE '47—William M. Farrell** of Johnson City, NY, March 19, 2010; retired from IBM; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'46—Harold W. Hower II** of Staunton, VA, October 28, 2009. Kappa Sigma.

**'46 BA—Jane Callahan** Kelley of Sarasota, FL, January 29, 2010; active in community affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

**'46, BME '45—Irwin H. Miller** of St. Petersburg, FL, February 27, 2010; owner, Rellim Hotel; co-founder, Guardian Bank and First Central Bank; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

**'46 LLB—Erma Powers** Runals (Mrs. John E., LLB '46) of Charleston, SC, formerly of Niagara Falls, NY, February 15, 2010; attorney; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'46 BEE—David H. Wilson Jr.** of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Perrysburg, OH, January 9, 2010; chief counsel, intellectual property law, Owens Illinois Law Dept.; intellectual property attorney, Bell Laboratories; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

**'47 PhD—Rhesa M. Allen Jr.** of Dallas, TX, January 4, 2009.

**'47 BS Ag—George H. Axinn** of Tucson, AZ, March 8, 2010; worked to alleviate poverty; professor emeritus and asst. dean of int'l programs, Michigan State U.; UN Food and Agriculture Organization representative to Nepal, India, and Bhutan; author; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Nancy (Wigsten) '47.

**'47 BS Nurs—Mary Wigsten** Baker of Radnor, PA, January 9, 2010; school nurse, Elmira, NY, school system; nurse, New York Hospital; active in community and religious affairs.

**'47 MS—Elizabeth Bastian** Chepus of Silver Lake, OH, February 7, 2010; professor at Kent State U. and Ohio State U.; veteran.

**'47-48 GR—William Delaney** of Fonda, NY, formerly of Van Hornesville, NY, February 21, 2010; elementary school teacher; insurance agent; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'47 BS Hotel—Howard C. Donnelly** of Edina, MN, March 9, 2010; helped establish the School of Travel Industry Management, U. of Hawaii.

**'47 BS Nurs—Charlotte Scott** Flecker of Sacramento, CA, March 7, 2010; high school nurse; active in community and religious affairs.

**'47, BCE '46—Richard H. Jones Jr.** of Center Conway, NH, February 24, 2010; VP, Chris Andersen Erecting Co.; owner, Bobby Knapp Ski Shop; sales engineer, H. H. Robertson Co.; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**'47, BEE '49—Paul R. McIsaac** of Ithaca, NY, March 15, 2010; professor of Engineering, Cornell U. Tau Beta Phi.

**'47 MCE—Hugh D. McNiven** of Berkeley, CA, December 7, 2009; professor emeritus of civil and earthquake engineering, UC Berkeley; author; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'47 BS Hotel—Robert M. Murphy** of Ithaca, NY, December 17, 2009; accountant; controller; hotelier. Sigma Chi.



**'47 BME—Joseph E. Nemeth** of Patchogue, NY, January 18, 2010; mechanical engineer.

**'47 BA—Donald A. Sperling** of Chappaqua, NY, November 19, 2009; president, Sprague and Rhodes Commodity Corp.; president, Paragon Coffee; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

**'47-49 SP Ag—Thomas H. Willis** of Frankford, DE, December 4, 2009; worked in administration and sales support, IBM; veteran; active in religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

**'48 BA—Donn C. Barton** of Springfield, MA, January 25, 2010; physician; veteran; author.

**'48, PhD '53—John W. Brace** of Cherryfield, ME, December 26, 2008; professor emeritus of mathematics, U. of Maryland; large-scale model railroad designer and consultant; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

**'48 MD—Hector M. Brown** of Alexandria, MN, January 18, 2010; physician; coroner; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'48 JD—Murray L. Cole** of Pompton Beach, NJ, February 14, 2010; attorney; specialist in real estate, banking, and commercial law; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

**'48 MS—Mary Kirkpatrick Dienst** of Spokane, WA, formerly of Grand Island, NY, March 21, 2010; retired associate professor of dietetics, Buffalo State College; veteran.

**'48 BS Nurs—Helen Bohman** Eschenburg of Yarmouth Port, MA, December 17, 2009; nurse.

**'48 BS HE—Frances Swinton** Jamison of Stuyvesant, NY, February 21, 2010; social worker; chief of social services, Middletown Psychiatric Center; operated Eddy Farm Hotel; active in community affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

**'48 BS Hotel—Charles F. Johnson Jr.** of Waterford, MI, February 21, 2010; elementary school teacher; active in religious affairs.

**'48 JD—Sidney Kramer** of East Greenwich, RI, October 19, 2009; attorney; specialist in real estate and redevelopment; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'48 BEE—Sidney H. Law** of Ormond Beach, FL, March 20, 2010; electrical engineer; director of research, Northeast Utilities; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi. Wife, Betty-Jean (Wright) '49.

**'48 BEE—Robert E. McGayhey** of Poughkeepsie, NY, November 21, 2009; electrical engineer, IBM; veteran; author; active in community and religious affairs.

**'48—Martha Rankin** Mueller of Austin, TX, October 7, 2009.

**'48 MS—Mesut Ozuygur** of Istanbul, Turkey, March 10, 2009.

**'48 BEE—Sanford W. Seidler** of Stamford, CT, December 28, 2009; systems engineer, Norden

Systems; created the Comprehensive Aircraft Support Effectiveness Evaluation; veteran; active in community affairs. Tau Delta Phi. Wife, Jean (Gordon) '49.

**'48 BS Ag—Ilene D. Smith** of Rodman, NY, January 19, 2010; columnist; author; active in religious affairs.

**'48 LLB—Jack L. Stempler** of Woodbridge, VA, December 22, 2009; attorney.

**'48 MS—Charles L. Thompson** of Tulsa, OK, November 25, 2009; regional director, Southwest Region, Merrill Lynch; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

**'48, BEE '49—Robert M. Whalen** of Poughkeepsie, NY, December 21, 2009; electrical engineer.

**'48, BS Ag '49—Eugene S. Worden** of Castleton, NY, formerly of Zephyrhills, FL, November 20, 2009; worked for Packaging Corp. of America and other corrugate box companies; consultant; geologist; active in community affairs.

**'49 B Chem E—Rev. John M. Bilhorn** of Edgerton, WI, December 13, 2009; research and developmental scientist, Yardney Electric, Energy Research Corp., and Ray-O-Vac; Congregational pastor; veteran; active in religious and alumni affairs. Cayuga Lodge.

**'49 MEd—Thelma Keeler** Boettger of Troy, NY, January 3, 2010; principal, Powers School; elementary school teacher; active in community and professional affairs.

**'49 MS—Robert W. Connolly** of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, December 13, 2009; director of industrial relations, Brand-Rex Corp.; retired from Brintec; also worked for BF Goodrich; veteran.

**'49 BA—Barbara Loring** Cureau of Voorheesville, NY, January 18, 2010; social worker; elementary school teacher; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

**'49 BEE—John W. Darley Jr.** of Garland, TX, January 23, 2010; worked for General Electric's Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion program; helped develop Engineering Materials and Processing Information Svc. for GE; also worked for the Worthington Corp., Singer Co., and Gardner-Denver Corp.; veteran; author. Tau Beta Phi.

**'49 LLB—Alton G. Dunn Jr.** of Cooperstown, NY, August 2, 2003; attorney; owner, Arrow Abstract Co.; insurance agent; supervisor, Town of Otsego; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'49 BFA—Martha Pancoast** Grafton of Miami, FL, February 11, 2010; chair, history committee, Women's History Coalition; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

**'49 BS Ag—Charles W. Hebblethwaite** of Belmont, NY, January 19, 2010; retired agricultural extension agent, Allegany County, NY; raised cattle; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

**'49 BS ORIE—J. Earl Kreuzer** of North Prairie, WI, March 10, 2009; engineer. Seal & Serpent. Wife, Rosalie (Peters) '48.

**'49 BS ORIE—Craig R. Linderman** of Holland, MI, January 25, 2010; engineer; veteran. Alpha Sigma Phi.

**'49 BS Ag—John W. Lloyd** of Ithaca, NY, January 29, 2010; professor emeritus, Monroe Community College; active in civic, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Pi. Wife, Clara (Newell) '49.

**'49 B Chem E—Robert A. Louis** of Punta Gorda, FL, February 27, 2010; retired chemical engineer, Exxon Chemical; active in religious affairs.

**'49 PhD—Bryce D. Lyon** of Bloomfield, CT, May 24, 2007.

**'49 MS—Col. Katherine E. Manchester** of Fort Belvoir, VA, December 9, 2009; retired Army colonel; military dietitian; first woman to receive Order of Military Merit; veteran; active in professional affairs.

**'49 BS ILR—Hillary W. McLeod** of Livonia, MI, December 19, 2008. Watermargin.

**'49—Mildred Frey** Morse of Union Springs, NY, March 14, 2010; hotelier; operated Village Interiors; active in community and religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, George L. Morse '50.

**'49—Patricia Birt** Morse of Vero Beach, FL, January 25, 2010; real estate agent; master gardener; active in civic and community affairs. Husband, Thomas S. Morse '50, MD '53.

**'49 BS Ag, PhD '53—John A. Naegele** of Roseville, MN, formerly of Dover, NH, February 22, 2010; Hubbard endowed chair, U. of New Hampshire; agricultural experiment station director and assoc. dean, UMass; taught at Cornell U.; also worked for USDA; author; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'49 BS Ag—Mary Daniel** Nelson of Frederick, MD, February 13, 2010; technical medical editor, Center of Military History and Dept. of the Army at Fort Detrick; assoc. editor, BIOSIS; organist; active in community and religious affairs.

**'49-50 GR—Charles E. Newland** of Slingerlands, NY, February 8, 2010; mortgage banking executive, Equitable Life; commissioner of economic development, Albany; veteran; master gardener; boat builder; photographer.

**'49 LLB—Daniel H. Pollitt** of Chapel Hill, NC, March 5, 2010; law professor emeritus, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; civil rights lawyer; veteran; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Delta Upsilon.

**'49 BS ILR—Samuel H. Sackman** of Chino, CA, August 30, 2007; president, Sam Sackman Assocs. Watermargin. Wife, Phyllis (Bender) '50.

**'49—James C. Sakes** of Washington, DC, December 29, 2009; manager, Kennedy Warren apartments; hotel manager, Holiday Inn; veteran; active in alumni affairs.

**'49 BEE—Quinton W. Simkins** of Mt. Dora, FL, March 7, 2010; founding director of IBM's R&D lab in Vermont; adviser, European Operations, IBM; editor, IBM's technical journals; also worked for Bell Labs; veteran. Tau Beta Phi.

**'49 BS Ag, MS '51—Lawrence S. Smith** of Denver, CO, December 9, 2009; refuge manager, US Fish & Wildlife Service; team leader, Whooping Crane Recovery Team; veteran; editor; photographer; active in community and professional affairs.

**'49 BS HE—Billie Beattie White** of Galesburg, IL, February 17, 2010; homemaker; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma. Husband, Donald H. White '47.

**'49 BS HE—Adelaide Doyle** Woodward of West Chester, PA, formerly of New York City, December 5, 2009; bookkeeper; also worked for Sperry Gyroscope Co.; active in community and religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

**'49 BA, MBA '50—Robert A. Worsnop** of Columbus, NC, July 15, 2009; retired executive; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Nancy (Grignon) '52.

**'50 BEE—Herman Albertine Jr.** of Fernandina Beach, FL, January 22, 2010; general manager, Varo Semiconductor; VP and general mgr., Varian Assocs.; president, National Electronics; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

**'50 MD—Bernard Amster** of West Hollywood, CA, December 4, 2009; family practitioner; veteran.

**'50—Harold G. Anderson** of Slingerlands, NY, February 21, 2010; worked for H.G. Anderson Equipment Corp.; veteran.

**'50 BCE—Floyd R. Cannon** of Oceanside, CA, November 19, 2008; retired airport engineer. Chi Epsilon.

**'50—William D. Chappell Jr.** of Knoxville, TN, February 25, 2010; CFO, North American Consumer Electronics; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**'50, BArch '51—Arthur M. Guimes** of Bensalem, PA, November 18, 2007; retired architect; veteran.

**'50 BS Ag—Axel E. Hvitfelt Jr.** of Cranberry Township, PA, January 21, 2010; professor, SUNY Delhi; economist; also worked in agribusiness; veteran.

**'50 BS Ag—William A. Jackson** of Raleigh, NC, February 14, 2010; professor emeritus of soil science, North Carolina State U.; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'50 BS Hotel—Robert T. Johnston** of North Wilkesboro, NC, August 22, 2009; personnel manager, Mohonk Mountain House; taught hotel management and established hotel mgmt./culinary program, Wilkes Community College; managed precursors of NYS Thruway rest stops; newspaper columnist; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Watermargin.

**'50 BS Ag—George T. Kelly** of Jamesville, NY, February 11, 2010; retired from Agway; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'50 BS Ag—William C. Latta** of Ann Arbor, MI, November 19, 2008; chief of fisheries research, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources; adjunct

research scientist and professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, U. of Michigan; veteran; author; active in professional affairs. Wife, Harriet (Mabon) '50.

**'50 BCE—John S. MacNeill Jr.** of Homer, NY, January 23, 2010; civil engineer; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'50—James R. McVicker** of Syracuse, NY, February 21, 2010; advertising manager, Anaren Microwave; advertising mgr., General Electric; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'50 MD—Bertha L. Moore** of Black Mountain, NC, July 6, 2004; physician, Public Health Service; also worked for the Agency for Int'l Development; veteran; active in religious affairs.

**'50, BS HE '56—Grace Perkins Naccarato** of Lake Luzerne, NY, December 16, 2009; high school teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

**'50 BArch—Robert G. Neiley** of Beverly, MA, December 19, 2009; architect.

**'50 BME—Edward J. Querner** of Doylestown, PA, January 24, 2010; VP of manufacturing, Blue Bell; active in community and religious affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

**'50 BA, LLB '52—Robert E. Quish** of Milford, CT, February 4, 2010; attorney; asst. city attorney, Milford, CT; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

**'50—Willis B. Robbins** of Manlius, NY, February 25, 2010; worked for Agway; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'50 MEE—Paul Rubel** of Oak Ridge, TN, January 2, 2010; electrical engineer; worked in Instruments and Control division, Oak Ridge Nat'l Laboratory; retired from Martin Marietta; consultant; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'50, B Chem E '51—Stanford H. Taylor** of Pasadena, CA, January 16, 2010; retired marketing consultant; social activist; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

**'50 MS—Barry White** of Baltimore, MD, April 21, 2009.

**'50 MBA—Peter M. Woodams** of Rochester, NY, January 20, 2010; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'51—Charles H. Bridenbaker** of Assembly Point, NY, March 13, 2010; senior design engineer, Naval Nuclear program, Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'51 BS Ag—Peter S. Clark** of Londonderry, VT, November 17, 2009; zoning administrator; justice of the peace; tax assessor; active in civic and community affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

**'51 BS Ag, MAT '68—H. Bruce Hilton** of Mesa, AZ, February 19, 2010.

**'51-53 SP Ag—John A. Hollingsworth** of Cherokee Village, AR, formerly of Fayetteville, NC,

January 25, 2010; retired science educator; veteran; president, North Carolina Science Teachers Assn.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'51 BS Hotel—Sheldon Kimmelman** of Dallas, TX, January 14, 2010; owner, White Glove Maintenance, Zip Delivery, and Mercury Express; active in religious affairs. Phi Epsilon Pi.

**'51 LLB—Bruce C. McLean** of Englewood, FL, January 18, 2009; attorney.

**'51 BS HE—Alice Halsey Mix** of Keene, NH, January 7, 2010; teacher, Austine School for the Deaf; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Delta Epsilon. Husband, Maurice E. Mix '50.

**'51—Ralph H. Peck** of Orchard Park, NY, August 4, 2009; author. Zeta Psi.

**'51 BS Ag—Edward A. Schano** of Ithaca, NY, February 16, 2010; professor emeritus of poultry science, Cornell U.; poultry science extension specialist; developed the Incubation and Embryology Project; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'51—Dorothy Krieger Trau** (Mrs. Frank G. Jr. '50) of Springfield, MO, February 4, 2010; active in community and religious affairs. Chi Omega.

**'52 BS Hotel—Alcide E. Bernadin** of Pebble Beach, CA, December 22, 2009; president, AB Management Corp.; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

**'52 BA—Jean Thompson** Cooper of Southold, NY, January 18, 2010; active in alumni affairs. Delta Gamma. Husband, Peter A. Cooper '53, JD '57.

**'52 BS HE—Phyllis Berger** Corwin of Pompton Plains, NJ, February 12, 2010; travel agent, Fischer Brothers; musician; sculptor; active in community and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi. Husband, Stanley P. Corwin '52.

**'52 PhD—John D. Hilchey** of Huntsville, AL, February 23, 2010; retired from Marshall Space Flight Center; entomologist, Boyce Thompson Inst.; veteran; actor; director; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'52 BME—Robert D. Jensen** of Catonsville, MD, January 21, 2010; engineer, Welch Food; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'52-53 GR—Joan Siver Percival** (Mrs. Roy B. '54) of Pawling, NY, December 26, 2009.

**'52 BA—Martin Schiff Jr.** of Glendale, MO, January 3, 2010; judge; attorney; alderman; veteran; active in civic affairs. Chi Phi.

**'52 BS Ag—William R. Schneider** of Middle Island, NY, January 15, 2010; active in alumni affairs.

**'52 BA—Robert S. Waill** of Somers, NY, January 14, 2010; economist and securities analyst; active in alumni affairs. Watermargin.

**'53 PhD—William E. Gordon** of Ithaca, NY, February 16, 2010; designed and managed Arecibo



Observatory; professor and provost, Rice U.; veteran; author; active in professional and alumni affairs.

**'53 MS—Warren I. Green** of Windham, NH, formerly of Stoneham, MA, March 6, 2010; worked for General Electric; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'53 BA—Joan Crandell** Irving of Lawrenceville, GA, December 15, 2009. Delta Delta Delta.

**'53—Steven W. Mack** of Placerville, CA, December 6, 2009; operated Diamond Tire Center; also worked for Int'l Harvester and Ford; veteran.

**'53 PhD—Wilford H. M. Morris** of West Lafayette, IN, February 14, 2010; professor of agricultural economics, Purdue U.; owner, Morris Rentals and weaving businesses; active in religious affairs.

**'53 BA—Martin Offenber**g of Bryn Mawr, PA, January 15, 2010. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

**'53-55 GR—Paul Scagnelli** of Durham, NC, January 16, 2010; psychologist; associate professor of psychology, North Carolina Central U.; director, Durham County Mental Health Outpatient Clinic; personnel mgr., Peterbilt Motor Co.; personnel analyst, Arabian American Oil Co.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'53 BS HE—Ann Batchelder** Tucker (Mrs. George W. '53, MRP '61) of New Holland, PA, December 19, 2009; home economics teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

**'54 DVM—Morton Aaronson** of Cedarhurst, NY, November 3, 2009; veterinarian.

**'54, BEE '56—John L. Allen** of Lexington, MA, January 29, 2010; engineer, MIT; tax advisor, H&R Block. Sigma Nu. Wife, Elizabeth (Ostrom) '56.

**'54 PhD—Edward B. Bagley** of Morton, IL, November 29, 2009; professor of chemical engineering, Washington U.; retired from the Agricultural Research Service; also worked for Canadian Industries Ltd.; author; active in professional affairs.

**'54 BS Hotel, MBA '59—William B. Bullock** of Sequim, WA, formerly of Cape Elizabeth, ME, March 4, 2010; business manager, U. of Southern Maine; veteran; active in community affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

**'54 BS Ag—John W. Clarke** of Milton, NY, September 19, 2009; fruit farmer.

**'54 BS ILR—Donald L. Dake** of Crawfordsville, IN, January 29, 2010; director, physical facilities and purchasing, Wabash College; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Theta Chi. Wife, Ann (Sellers) '56.

**'54 PhD—William M. Evan** of Media, PA, January 1, 2010; professor emeritus of sociology and management, U. of Pennsylvania; also taught at Princeton U., Columbia U., and MIT; also worked in the social science research department of Bell Telephone Laboratories; peace activist; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'54 BS Ag—Joseph F. Giarrizzo** of Gold Canyon,

AZ, March 10, 2010; operated Four Sons Realty; veteran.

**'54 MD—Edwin M. Jacobs** of San Francisco, CA, October 17, 2009; pioneering oncologist; clinical professor of medicine, UCSF; head of clinical research, UCSF Cancer Inst.; also worked at Nat'l Institutes of Health; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'54 BS Ag—Peter H. Linder** of Gardner, KS, March 4, 2010; regional sales manager, Pioneer Hybrid; also worked with Syntex and Borden's; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'54 LLB—James E. Mulvaney** of Sacramento, CA, formerly of Garden City, NY, February 20, 2010; assistant district attorney, Queens; defense attorney; active in civic, professional, and religious affairs.

**'54 BS Hotel—Roy B. Percival** of Pawling, NY, August 27, 2009; hotelier.

**'54—Richard A. Reese** of Camillus, NY, January 10, 2010; worked for Local IBEW 43; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'54 BS Nurs—Josephine Reese** Sealls of Augusta, GA, June 15, 2009; nurse.

**'54 BA—Boyce Thompson** of Dallas, TX, December 17, 2009; VP, Nick Sachs & Co.; veteran. Delta Upsilon.

**'55 BS Ag—Richard E. Bitterman** of Las Vegas, NV, December 8, 2009; retired professor, U. of Nevada, Reno; agent in charge, Cooperative Extension, Clark County and southern Nevada; active in professional affairs. Alpha Zeta.

**'55 BS HE—Linda Mandelbaum** Caigan of Larchmont, NY, March 8, 2010; clinical social worker; head of Family Life Education, Westchester Jewish Community Svcs.; co-founder, Hallen School; faculty member, American Inst. for Mental Imagery.

**'55, BA '56—Brian P. Carmody** of Ormond Beach, FL, January 22, 2010; executive and accountant, Associated Coca-Cola Bottling Co.; also worked for General Electric; veteran; active in religious affairs. Zeta Psi.

**'55 BS HE—Jacqueline A. Covert** of Cockeysville, MD, December 13, 2009; auditor and tax accountant; active in community affairs. Chi Omega.

**'55 MBA—Robert G. Everett** of Norwalk, CT, formerly of Larchmont, NY, February 12, 2010; president, CEO, and vice chair, Great Western United Corp. and Fisher Foods; group director of financial planning, IBM.

**'55, BS ILR '58—Raymond C. Lava** of Houston, TX, December 20, 2009; worked in personnel and industrial relations with St. Regis Paper Co., American Cyanamid, Texaco, and Hoechst Celanese; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

**'55, BS ILR '56—James R. Marshall** of Cazenovia, NY, March 11, 2010; retired asst. VP, OnBank and Trust Co.; manager of industrial relations, SCM Corp.; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

**'55 MS—Ian W. Mitchell** of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, June 16, 2009.

**'55, BEE '56—Neil H. Pastore Jr.** of Elm, NJ, March 16, 2010; engineer, RCA; owner, Pastore Orchards; active in civic and community affairs.

**'55-56 GR—Robert J. Ross** of Lawrence, MA, February 2, 2010; entomologist; worked for Western Electric and Raytheon; Massachusetts state bee inspector; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'55—Virginia Brane Schulz** of Palo Alto, CA, February 27, 2010; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

**'55—Philip D. Surdock** of Windsor, CA, May 21, 2009.

**'55 MS—John P. Underhill** of Stockton, CA, December 11, 2009; director, San Joaquin County U. of California Ag Extension Svc.; agricultural consultant; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'55 DVM—Lee A. Wallace** of Dallas, OR, formerly of Terrebonne, OR, March 5, 2010; veterinarian; worked for the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture; active in community affairs.

**'56 BS Hotel—Walter H. Barth** of Camp Hill, PA, February 7, 2010; restaurant manager; worked for Carlson Food Services and the Marriott Corp.; active in community affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

**'56 MED—Dorothy Erler** Blank of East Lansing, MI, February 3, 2010; asst. professor, Cooperative Extension Service, Michigan State U.; state clothing specialist; asst. state supervisor, Michigan Women's Program; asst. state 4-H leader; active in community and religious affairs.

**'56, BME '57—Robert E. Browning** of Milford, CT, January 10, 2010; mechanical engineer; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**'56 BS ILR—James F. Gustin** of Plounerin, France, October 21, 2009; worked for Exxon Corp.; veteran. Delta Upsilon.

**'56, BME '58—William J. Keane** of Pittsburgh, PA, November 7, 2009; mechanical engineer; active in alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

**'56 DVM—Emil E. Perona Jr.** of Andover, NJ, December 21, 2009; veterinarian; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'56 BME—Richard W. Scott** of Newark, DE, February 14, 2010; engineer, DuPont; developed process for producing plastic soda bottles; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'56—Robert J. Wellott** of Richardson, TX, February 12, 2010; veteran.

**'57 MS—Charles J. Coleman** of Haddonfield, NJ, January 21, 2010; professor emeritus of management, Rutgers U. School of Business, Camden; author; editor; active in professional affairs.

**'57 BS Ag—Charles E. De Brock** of Montvale, NJ, January 13, 2010; produce salesman, H.

Schnell Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Lois (Meitzel) '52.

**'57, BCE '59—John M. Hamister** of Hillsboro, TX, December 26, 2008; civil engineer. Chi Epsilon.

**'57, BME '58—Donald A. Keating** of Columbia, SC, December 5, 2009; professor emeritus of engineering, U. of South Carolina; also worked at Case Western Reserve U. and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

**'57 LLB—Frank M. Leary** of Auburn, NY, September 13, 2009; attorney.

**'57 JD—Robert B. Myers** of Glastonbury, CT, December 9, 2009; attorney; associate counsel, Pratt & Whitney.

**'57 BS HE—Beverly Graham Powers** of Fairport, NY, December 28, 2009; sales representative. Pi Beta Phi.

**'57 PhD—Joseph V. Scaletti** of Albuquerque, NM, March 8, 2010; professor and chair, Dept. of Microbiology, and co-founder, U. of New Mexico School of Medicine; first VP for Research, U. of New Mexico; founder, UNM Allied Health Sciences; founder, UNM Research Park; created UNM's Rural Health Interdisciplinary Program; also taught at U. of Minnesota; improved healthcare in underserved rural communities; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'58 BA—Don K. Alpaugh** of Pawleys Island, SC, formerly of Lebanon Township, NJ, January 15, 2010; veteran; active in religious and alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

**'58 MBA—Roswell M. Kring** of Medina, WA, December 29, 2009; finance manager, Boeing Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'58 MD—Ralph J. Lewis** of Basking Ridge, NJ, February 15, 2010; chief of thoracic surgeon, Robert Wood Johnson U. Hospital; clinical professor of thoracic surgery, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; pioneer in VATS (video-assisted thoracic surgery); author; active in professional affairs.

**'58—Houston H. MacIntosh** of Alexandria, VA, February 14, 2010; psychiatrist; specialist in Freudian psychoanalysis; taught psychiatry at Georgetown U. School of Medicine; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'58, BME '59, MBA '60—Phillip W. Marriott** of Vero Beach, FL, March 5, 2010; executive VP, Mobil Oil Europe; oil industry consultant; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

**'58, BS Ag '60—Alan W. Merrill** of Tryon, NC, formerly of Madison and Dodgeville, WI, March 14, 2010; director, corporate fresh meats sales, and director of sales for Canada, Oscar Mayer & Co.; raised Norwegian Fjord horses; active in community affairs. Sigma Nu.

**'58 MD—Thomas J. O'Grady** of Sylvania, OH, February 28, 2010; retired thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon, Toledo Clinic; chief of staff, Mercy St. Charles Hospital; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'59, B Chem E '60—Bartley R. Frueh** of Ann Arbor, MI, February 16, 2010; professor emeritus of ophthalmology and visual sciences, Kellogg Eye Center, U. of Michigan; oculo-plastic surgeon; active in professional and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

**'59 PhD—Eugene Le Goff** of East Lansing, MI, March 10, 2010; retired professor of organic chemistry, Michigan State U.; author; photographer. Wife, Elizabeth (Newell) '58.

**'59, BCE '60—David M. Rempe** of Champaign, IL, February 8, 2010; geotechnical consultant; civil engineer; active in community and religious affairs. Chi Epsilon.

**'59 PhD—Vimla Swani Sinha** of Allentown, PA, January 4, 2010; professor of psychology, Muhlenberg College; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'59 BA—Ann Acklin Stanton** of Montclair, NJ, January 13, 2010; real estate agent. Delta Gamma. Husband, Richard A. Stanton '55, MBA '58.

**'60, BS Ag '64—Charles W. Bigalow** of Shelburne, VT, February 22, 2010; professor emeritus, U. of Vermont; founded tax schools and led the Office of Computer Services, U. of Vermont; active in community affairs. Theta Xi.

**'60—Barbara Billin** of Mount Airy, MD, January 4, 2010. Kappa Delta.

**'60 BS Ag—Frank R. Critelli Jr.** of Ridgebury, NY, March 20, 2010; manager and supervisor; partner, Joe's Greenhouses; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'60 MS—Alease Byrd Darensbourg** of Baton Rouge, LA, December 22, 2009; teacher, East Baton Rouge Parish school system.

**'60 PhD—Henry F. Dobyns** of Edmond, OK, formerly of Tucson, AZ, June 21, 2009; anthropologist and ethnohistorian; professor of applied anthropology, U. of Arizona; also taught at Cornell U., U. of Florida, U. of Kentucky, Prescott College, U. of Wisconsin, Parkside, and U. of Oklahoma; expert on pre-Columbian demography and early Spanish settlements; researched water rights for the Gila River Indians; NEH research fellow; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'60 JD—P. John Kozyris** of Thessaloniki, Greece, formerly of Upper Arlington, OH, February 10, 2010; professor emeritus of law, Ohio State U.; law professor, U. of Thessaloniki; helped found modern Greek studies at Ohio State U.; advocate for the formation of the European Economic Community; author; active in professional affairs.

**'60—William H. Link** of Livermore, CO, February 24, 2010; accountant; technical advisor, Link Foundation; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'60, BArch '61—James R. Nelson** of Kennett Square, PA, January 27, 2009; architect. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

**'60-62 SP Ag—Frank R. Wicks** of Marcellus, NY, February 7, 2010; retired fermentation operator, Bristol Labs; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'60 BA—John P. Wright** of Springfield, MO, December 5, 2009; founder, Wright's Home Improvement; operated Horizon Shutters. Phi Kappa Psi.

**'61 MS—Robert T. Belden** of Darien, CT, December 29, 2009; senior VP, Juice Bowl Div., Campbell Soup Co.; founding member, Food Co. Inc.; veteran.

**'61 BS Nurs—Elizabeth Rothwell Blanchflower** of Falmouth, ME, July 21, 2009; nurse.

**'61-66 GR—Stanley Daniels Jr.** of Highland, NY, December 19, 2009; elementary and secondary teacher, SUNY New Paltz; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

**'61, BEE '62—Glenn C. Hudson** of San Jose, CA, December 25, 2009; engineer, nuclear energy and telecommunications industries; veteran.

**'61 BA—Arthur H. Kroll** of Scarsdale, NY, February 15, 2010; attorney; specialist in ERISA, tax, and executive compensation; author; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

**'61—John B. Legler** of Bogart, GA, February 1, 2010; professor emeritus of banking and finance, Terry College of Business, U. of Georgia; director, Georgia Economic Forecasting Project; professor of economics and asst. director, Inst. for Urban and Regional Studies, Washington U. in St. Louis; author; active in professional affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'61 PhD—Jerome H. Maner** of Macon, GA, December 26, 2009; worked on agricultural production in Latin America; director, Rockefeller Foundation for Brazil; also worked with Int'l Agricultural Development Svcs. and Winrock Int'l; author; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'61 BA—David McClumpha** of Selkirk, NY, March 23, 2010; worked for NYS Division of the Budget and NYS Education Dept.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'61 PhD—Glenn E. Snelbecker** of Wyndmoor, PA, January 24, 2010; professor of educational psychology, Temple U.; clinical and research psychologist, Veterans Administration; director, Project Rainbow; author; veteran. Wife, Janice (Fixler) '59.

**'61, BEE '73, MEE '74—E. Alan Tennant** of Zebulon, NC, formerly of Newfield, NY, February 21, 2010; senior principal engineer, Nat'l Cash Register; worked on the F-117 Stealth Fighter; designed and developed microprocessor systems; consultant; pilot; active in community and professional affairs.

**'61, B Chem E '62—Douglas E. Whitney Jr.** of Chadds Ford, PA, February 27, 2010; patent attorney; senior partner, Morris, Nichols and Tunnell; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

**'62 BA—Michael D. Abrams** of East Sussex, England, December 21, 2009; co-founder, Gotham Art Theatre; theatrical producer; screenwriter; children's book writer; art collector. Zeta Beta Tau.



**'62 DVM—Robert R. Brown** of Viola, AR, June 17, 2009.

**'62 PhD—Howard R. Flock** of New York City, October 3, 2009; professor of psychology, York U.; expert on visual perception; veteran; author; student of Italian Renaissance art; active in community and professional affairs.

**'62 BS ILR—Judith Mushbac** Layzer of New York City, January 8, 2010; administrator of contract compliance, Dept. of Transportation, City of New York; co-founder, the Committee for Women in Non-Traditional Jobs; active in civic and community affairs.

**'62 BA, MBA '64—Harris H. Palmer Jr.** of Westhampton Beach, NY, January 2, 2010; executive, Mobil Oil Co.; manager, real estate advisory business; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**'62 DVM—Joachim A. Schneider** of Eastham, MA, February 28, 2010; veterinarian; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Psi.

**'62 MILR—Robert J. Sera** of Fairfield, CT, March 14, 2010; executive manager; active in community affairs.

**'62 BS ILR—G. David Van Epps** of Loveland, OH, December 1, 2009; environmental attorney. Kappa Sigma.

**'62 PhD—Walter E. Waterbury** of Spokane, WA, November 18, 2009; research scientist, Miles/Hollister-Stier; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'63 MPA—John Glendening** of Cliffside Park, NJ, September 18, 2009.

**'63 BS Ag, MST '68—Thomas G. Henderson Jr.** of Upper Marlboro, MD, February 8, 2009; professor emeritus, Prince George's Community College.

**'63 BS Ag—Victor L. Maciejewski** of Rochester, NY, June 28, 2009; BOCES teacher.

**'63 PhD—Oval Myers Jr.** of Carbondale, IL, January 14, 2010; professor emeritus, Dept. of Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems, Southern Illinois U.; also taught at U. of Arkansas; farmer; active in religious affairs.

**'63, BME '64, MME '66—Joseph E. Stodola** of Moravia, IA, May 19, 2009; mechanical engineer. Phi Delta Theta.

**'63 MPA—William Wasserstrom** of Wynnewood, PA, July 13, 2009. Wife, Anne (Tufillaro), MS '78.

**'64, BME '65—Nicolas C. Criticos** of Plymouth, MN, November 29, 2009; worked for Target Corp. Tau Delta Phi.

**'64 MD—Arthur H. Hayes Jr.** of Oxford, CT, February 11, 2010; professor of medicine and pharmacology and director of clinical pharmacology, Pennsylvania State U.; provost and dean, New York Medical College; president, E.M. Pharmaceuticals; assoc. dean for academic programs, Cornell Medical College; former FDA Commissioner under President Reagan; founder, MediScience Assocs.; co-founded medical clinic on the Pacific island of

Pohnpei for Jesuit Missions; veteran; author; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

**'64, BA '67—Richard S. Kindleberger** of Cambridge, MA, January 1, 2010; reporter and editor, *Boston Globe*; high school language teacher; veteran; active in alumni affairs.

**'64 BA—Jack T. Litman** of New York City, January 23, 2010; defense attorney in murder trials; former deputy chief of the homicide bureau, Manhattan district attorney's office; active in alumni affairs.

**'64 MD—Thomas R. Vaughan Jr.** of San Francisco, CA, November 30, 2009; chief of staff, St. Francis Memorial Hospital; pulmonologist and critical-care specialist, Kaiser Medical Center; fellow, UCSF Cardiovascular Research Inst.; staff physician, San Francisco Veterans Hospital; active in professional affairs.

**'65 PhD—Edwin J. Eames** of Fresno, CA, October 25, 2009; anthropology professor, Temple U. and Baruch College; co-founder, Int'l Assn. of Assistance Dog Partners; advocate for rights of the disabled; active in civic and community affairs.

**'65 MD—Nicholas J. Fortuin** of Owings Mills, MD, April 11, 2010; cardiologist; professor of medicine, Johns Hopkins Medical Inst.; also worked for the US Public Health Service at U. of North Carolina School of Medicine; pioneer in echocardiography; active in professional affairs.

**'65 MEd—Edward J. Nemeth** of Sarasota, FL, January 27, 2006; professor of education, U. of Nebraska; educator, author, and educational planner in China and Latin America; active in community and religious affairs.

**'65 BA—Ralph J. Thanhauser** of Vineyard Haven, MA, November 23, 2009; filmed a documentary about the director Jean-Luc Godard; worked in legislative services; helped found Abode of the Message Sufi community; fisherman; active in religious and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

**'65 BS Ag, MBA '66—George M. Trimberger** of Stallings, NC, January 23, 2010; senior sales representative, DuPont; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**'66 PhD—Morris E. Binkley Jr.** of Batavia, IL, December 27, 2009; experimental physicist, Fermi Nat'l Accelerator Laboratory; worked on the large hadron collider experiment at CERN; taught at Duke U. and U. of Wisconsin; Volkswagen fellow, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron; active in professional affairs.

**'66 BS HE—Andrea Jacobson** of Ukiah, CA, January 7, 2010; worked at Mendocino County Office of Education; math teacher, Ukiah High School; also worked for Arthur Andersen accounting firm; radio host; helped start Lovin' Blooms organic greenhouse; active in professional affairs.

**'66, BA '69—James P. Maher III** of Miami, FL, August 3, 2009; president, Morgan Price & Co.; founder, Vintage Importers; veteran. Alpha Delta Phi.

**'66—Thomas E. Oxley** of Highland Beach, FL, December 17, 2009; the "Voice of Polo," Royal Palm Polo; active in professional and alumni affairs.

**'66—Victoria A. Simons** of Ghent, NY, March 1, 2010; editor, *The Independent*; co-founder and first executive director, Columbia County Bounty; VP for operations, Eastern Women's Center; co-founder, Message-Desk; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'67 BEE—James F. McKevitt** of San Jose, CA, March 9, 2010; pioneer in microprocessors, Intel; also worked for Western Digital Corp. and Hughes Aircraft; active in professional affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

**'67—Donald M. Messa** of Essex Junction, VT, December 31, 2009; retired software acquisition and quality assurance specialist; worked for Space Research Corp., Estabrook Engineering, Martin Marietta, and General Dynamics; veteran; active in civic and religious affairs.

**'67 BS Hotel—Alan K. Pratt** of Thomaston, ME, February 12, 2010.

**'67 BS HE—Barbara Polland Stein** of Brooklyn, NY, December 21, 2009; retired program administrator.

**'68 PhD—Roy F. Sutton** of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, June 4, 2008.

**'68—James W. Zimmer** of Maine, NY, March 11, 2010; retired from IBM; outdoorsman.

**'69-71 GR—David P. Milnor** of Sacramento, CA, November 19, 2009; electrical engineer; worked at McClellan Air Force Base and the Air Force Missile Test Center; veteran; poet.

**'69—Lynnwood H. Thomas** of Schuylerville, NY, February 15, 2010; poultry farmer; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'69 MPA—Michael C. Wells** of Alexandria, VA, January 14, 2010; program analyst, HUD.

**'70 PhD—Constance M. Wilson** of Portland, ME, February 17, 2010; professor, Northern Illinois State U.; also taught at San Francisco State College; expert on Southeast Asia; author; active in community and professional affairs.

**'70 MPA—Henry L. Wilson Jr.** of San Rafael, CA, March 16, 2010; hospital director, Mt. Zion Hospital (San Francisco) and Women's Medical College (Philadelphia).

**'72 PhD—Jimmy B. Benson** of Atlanta, GA, March 25, 2010; biologist, State of Georgia; taught at Morris College and Savannah State U.

**'72 BA—Kenneth A. Butler** of Ithaca, NY, April 5, 2010; environmental engineer; manager, Bolton Point Municipal Water System; active in community affairs.

**'72 PhD—Geoffrey R. Golner** of Berkeley, CA, December 15, 2009; taught physics at Maharishi U.; principal, Quiet Island Electric; pianist.

**'72 BA—David W. Long** of Shiremanstown, PA, February 13, 2010; systems program analyst, Rite Aid Corp.; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Barbara (Phillips) '73.

**'72, BS Hotel '71—Edward T. Marvill** of Ambler,

PA, June 2, 2009; president, E. T. Marvill-Architect. Sigma Chi.

**'72—Robert W. Plass Jr.** of Marianna, FL, November 15, 2009; landscaper; also worked for the USDA; veteran. Sigma Chi.

**'72 PhD—Melvin V. Splitter** of Lorraine, KS, March 8, 2010; farmer and crop consultant; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Janet (Janssen), PhD '72.

**'73 BA—John D. Dullea** of Glastonbury, CT, February 5, 2010; dentist; veteran. Phi Kappa Psi.

**'73 Med, PhD '94—Jonathan J. Fyock** of Owego, NY, January 16, 2010; taught science and health, Owego Apalachin School District; director of distance learning education, College of the Marianas, Saipan; owner, Photo Doctor; veteran.

**'73—Oscar McKenzie Jr.** of Syracuse, NY, March 10, 2010; attorney; active in religious affairs.

**'73 MME—Paul G. Swinburne** of Baldwinsville, NY, March 11, 2010; senior mechanical engineer, Fitzpatrick Power Plant; also worked for Stone and Webster; active in community affairs.

**'74 BA—Judith Ling** of Washington, DC, April 1, 2010; pediatrician; researcher, US Navy study on treatment of malaria in Indonesia; active in community affairs. Delta Gamma.

**'74 MBA—Gregory A. Rand** of Marblehead, MA, and Miami Beach, FL, March 30, 2007; president, First City Development; real estate developer and investor; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'76 BArch—Benjamin R. Burdsall II** of Saco, ME, formerly of Avon, CT, March 2, 2010; architect, Bureau of General Svcs., State of Maine; project construction manager, Gilbane Building Co.; active in community and professional affairs.

**'76 BA—Richard P. Murphy** of Martinez, GA, January 9, 2010; senior legal advisor, Medical College of Georgia; asst. district administrator and senior trial counsel, US Securities and Exchange Comm.; chief, branch of criminal reference, SEC; attorney; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Ana (Alvarez) '76.

**'76, BS Nurs '77—Laurie Krongaus Saltsman** of Los Angeles, CA, January 24, 2010; registered nurse; certified lactation consultant.

**'77 BS Nurs—Maria Pennock Slesinger** of Seattle, WA, December 15, 2009; nurse; expert in telephone triage; artist.

**'78 MS, PhD '81—Thomas J. Gentile** of Medford, MA, February 7, 2010; physicist, Lincoln Lab/MIT.

**'78 BS HE—Carol Frerichs** George of Ithaca, NY, December 13, 2009; child and family therapist, Family and Children's Service; active in religious affairs.

**'79 BA—John B. Thorbjarnarson** of Gainesville, FL, February 14, 2010; expert on crocodiles and alligators; senior conservation scientist, Wildlife Conservation Society; active in professional affairs.

**'80 JD—Eric P. Nelson** of Wake Forest, NC, January 13, 2010; attorney; author; veteran.

**'80 BS Ag—Arnold L. Reich** of Flushing, NY, January 6, 2010; computer consultant, American Management Systems.

**'80 MA, PhD '84—Katherine Terrell Svejnar** of Ann Arbor, MI, December 29, 2009; economics professor, Ford School of Public Policy and the Ross School of Business, U. of Michigan; author; consultant to the World Bank, OECD, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; also taught at Cornell U. and U. of Pittsburgh; active in professional and alumni affairs.

**'81 DVM—Thomas H. Chase** of Lamoine, ME, February 21, 2010; veterinarian; assoc. research scientist, Jackson Laboratory; researched cardiomyopathy, clotting abnormalities, and tissue transplantation; artist; ski instructor; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'81, BS Hotel '82—John W. Foster** of Bethesda, MD, January 13, 2010; VP, govt. business development, FuelCell Energy; co-founder, Thermal Matrix; lead engineer, Space Shuttle Main Engine Test Program, NASA; NASA representative to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and technical expert, Space Shuttle Program; design engineer, Boeing; also worked for RV Davis & Associates.

**'81 MBA—Lawrence J. Podrasky** of Walnut Creek, CA, February 19, 2010; engineer, General Electric Nuclear Energy Division and Space Division; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'81 MBA—William G. Seawick** of Los Altos Hills, CA, April 17, 2007; chief marketing director, TRADOS Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Susan (Solat), MILR '85.

**'81 BA—Peter C. Yih** of Richardson, TX, August 24, 2009.

**'82 JD—Karen Arms** of Cortland, NY, February 26, 2010; wrote textbooks on biology, environmental science, and gardening; attorney; farmer; former professor; webmaster; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'83 BEE, MEE '85—Dennis M. Cleary** of Pittsfield, NY, January 29, 2010; electrical engineer; sports car enthusiast.

**'83 MPS—William S. Hsu** of La'ie, HI, November 20, 2009; business professor, Brigham Young U.—Hawaii; president, Taiwan Kaohsiung Mission; former hospitality executive; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'85 BS Ag—Laura Deiner Metzgar** of Grand Island, NY, December 31, 2009; special projects manager and VP, M&T Bank; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

**'85—Paula T. Nowakowski** of Alexandria, VA, January 9, 2010; chief of staff to House Minority Leader John Boehner; communications director, House GOP Conference; VP for public affairs, American Insurance Assn.; active in professional and religious affairs. Delta Gamma.

**'87, BS HE '88—Cynthia R. Green** of Berkeley

Heights, NJ, March 3, 2010; attorney; environmental claims manager, AIG.

**'89 MBA—Terrence P. Meagher** of Palo Alto, CA, March 8, 2010; artist; writer.

**'91 PhD—Cynthia R. Anderson** of White Salmon, WA, July 24, 2008; veterinarian; former anatomy instructor, Kansas State U. Veterinary School; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'93 BS Ag—David N. Gerakos** of Naples, FL, February 20, 2010.

**'94-95 GR—Sheryl A. Rosenthal** of Kensington, MD, January 5, 2010; co-founder and manager, D.C. Jewish Community Center's Community Services Program; policy analyst, Dept. of Health and Human Services, FDA, and Office of Dietary Supplement at NIH; volunteered with AIDS babies; active in community affairs.

**'96 BA, MD '00—Keisha M. DePass** of Baltimore, MD, January 19, 2010; pediatrician and orthopaedist, Maryland Pediatric Orthopaedic Center; active in professional affairs.

**'96 DVM—Rachel P. Gilligan** of Mahopac, NY, February 3, 2010; veterinarian.

**'96 BS Ag—Errin J. Vulery** of Decatur, GA, November 17, 2009; worked for nonprofit organizations; active in community affairs.

**'99 MBA—James S. Garrett** of Sandy, UT, September 28, 2009; worked in finance; owner, Primarch Capital investment firm; radio talk-show host.

**'02 LLM—Andres S. Aya-Smitmans** of Bogotá, Colombia, March 8, 2010; attorney.

**'03, BS Ag '04—Jeffrey T. Vanhorn** of Warren, PA, February 21, 2010; worked for Laboratory Corp. of America; active community and religious affairs.

**'03 BA—Christine H. White** of Bergenfield, NJ, March 10, 2010; high school teacher; active in religious affairs.

**'07 BS Ag—Jessica E. Byrd** of Naples, FL, formerly of Gainesville, FL, January 2, 2010; food scientist, Vita-Rich Industries; active in community affairs.

**'07—Clayton J. DeFisher** of Williamson, NY, January 1, 2010; biology major; staff member, Cornell Outdoor Education; active in religious affairs.

**'11—Oliver S. Schaufelberger** of Lebanon, NJ, January 13, 2010; student, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Sigma Phi.

**'12—William A. Sinclair** of Chevy Chase, MD, March 11, 2010; Engineering student; jazz musician; automobile enthusiast.

**'12—Mark T. von Bucher** of Rochester, NY, January 26, 2010; Animal Sciences major; active in community affairs. Psi Upsilon.

**'13—Bradley M. Ginsburg** of Boca Raton, FL, February 17, 2010; Economics major. Alpha Epsilon Pi.



# Memory Lane

Collection offers a glimpse into a bygone age

Imagine a Cornell where students are happy to get a C, fraternity meals are served by uniformed waiters, and graduating classes have only 100 people. Thanks to a trove of memorabilia collected by Mike Whalen '69, reminders of that bygone era are now available for viewing in Kroch Library. The more than 200 mementos chronicle Cornell's formative years, with items dating from 1868 to the Twenties.

Whalen, a CALS alumnus and longtime University employee, donated the collection in December as a retirement gift to Cornell. "I wanted to give something back for all the years of employment and education," he says. "This seemed more personal than a check."

Already an avid collector of vintage photographs, Whalen started hunting down University memorabilia while helping to create a website for the 2006 New Student Reading Project. The book was *The Great Gatsby*, and the site showcased student material from the Roaring Twenties. During his research, Whalen came across the *Cornell Graphic*, a photo-heavy student magazine that was fairly racy by the era's standards. Because Kroch held so few copies, Whalen trolled the Internet for more. "It got me thinking about what else I could find," he says. Over the next few years, Whalen—who held a variety of posts on campus during his four-decade career, from lab technician to budget director—amassed a trove of Cornell memorabilia, primarily purchased on eBay.

The items, which Whalen estimates are worth about \$5,000, now reside in nine grey boxes on the shelves of Cornell's Rare and Manuscript Collections. Visitors, who are required to wear white gloves when viewing the materials, are allowed to access only one box at a time. Among the highlights are student scrapbooks containing such keepsakes as party invitations, photographs, and freshman caps, some partially burned in the traditional end-of-the-year beanie bonfire. The collection also includes diaries and letters home—complaining about everything from professors to the weather—and grade reports, many showing GPAs of 70 or lower. (Back then, Whalen notes, 70 was considered a decent grade.) His most notable find may be a photograph of William Benjamin Bowler 1872, believed to be Cornell's first black student.

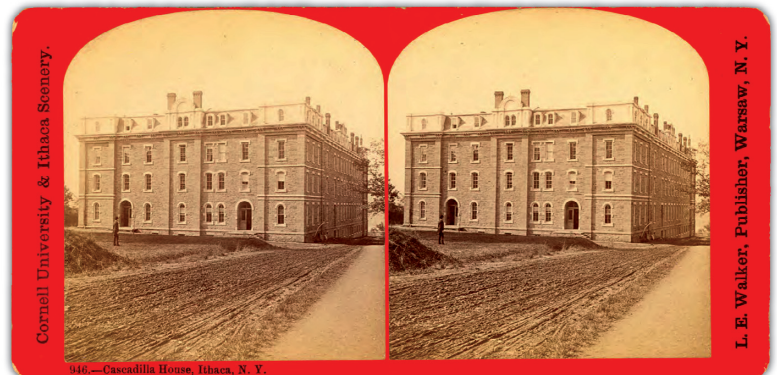
Whalen's favorite items are stereo photographs, which appear to be three-dimensional when viewed through a special device. One depicts students playing baseball on a diamond in the middle of the Arts Quad. "The buildings are recognizable, but what's going on is not," he says. "The fact that it's the same, but different, is fascinating." Though Whalen says he's glad that the collection is in a library where it will be properly conserved, he admits that giving it away was like parting with an old friend. And even after making the donation, he hasn't kicked the habit entirely. "I'm ashamed to say it," he admits, "but I'm still collecting."

— Erica Southerland '10

Old times: A portrait of W. B. Bowler (top), Cornell's first black student. Center: Stereo photographs of Cascadilla Hall. Right: The *Cornell Graphic*, which sparked Whalen's collecting craze.



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