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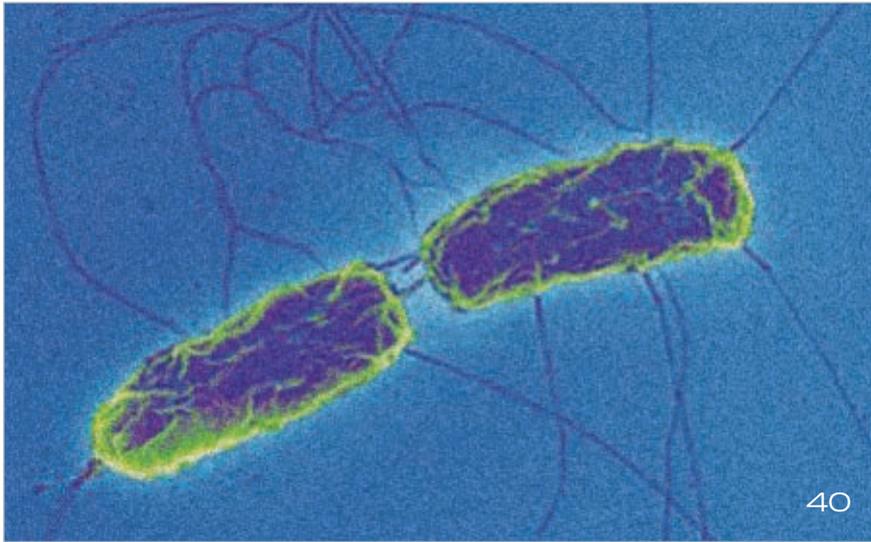
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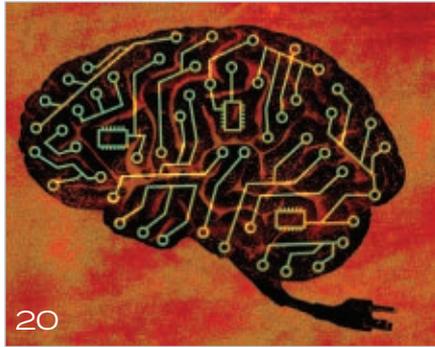
Birgitta Sif '03 (AAP) currently lives in Reykjavik, Iceland, and works as a freelance illustrator. Her first children's book, *Oliver*, will be published in the fall of 2012. More of her work can be seen at www.birgittasif.com.



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DAVID DEKOK

In early 1903, a typhoid epidemic in Ithaca claimed the lives of eighty-two people—including twenty-nine Cornell students—and sickened hundreds of others. In an excerpt from his book *The Epidemic: A Collision of Power, Privilege, and Public Health*, journalist David DeKok chronicles the University’s response to the outbreak. “President Jacob Gould Schurman found himself in a dilemma that was Homeric in its scope and complexity,” DeKok writes, describing how Schurman coped with a public health issue—and some extremely bad publicity—that threatened Cornell’s future.

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BETH SAULNIER

Like plenty of Cornellians before and since, Chris Shea ’87 majored in English and dreamed of writing the great American novel, but ultimately shifted to a different career. Few, however, have taken Shea’s particular path: blacksmith school. Now a metal artist living and working in Maryland, Shea uses an ancient craft to create modern objects like furniture and architectural elements, many of them inspired by the insect world. “I love the sense of history,” Shea says. “A forged item has that feeling of timelessness.”

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A Time for Optimism and Involvement

The year 2012 begins with great optimism at Cornell, as we plan for our sesquicentennial, welcome Robert Harrison '76 as chair of the Board of Trustees, and gear up to choose a new cohort of alumni-elected trustees.

We are moving forward on our priorities, especially faculty renewal, student access, and public engagement, and we have announced an expanded university-wide philanthropic campaign, which—building on more than \$3.4 billion already contributed by alumni, parents, and friends of Cornell—aims to raise a total of \$4.75 billion by the close of 2015.

In these, as in so many other areas critical to the future of Cornell, the Board of Trustees plays a central role, and we are fortunate to have so many talented and committed individuals willing and able to serve as trustees. Cornell is unusual in that its sixty-four-member board includes individuals elected by the faculty, employees, students, and alumni, as well as those elected by the board itself or appointed by the Governor of New York State. (There is also one life trustee—a descendent of Ezra Cornell—and four ex-officio members with voting privileges, who serve because of the positions they hold.)

Bob Harrison brings to the post of board chair wide experience as a Cornell trustee. A student trustee in 1975–76, he is the first board chair to have previously held that post. In 2002, he rejoined the board, first as an alumni-elected trustee and then as a board-elected trustee, and he has served continuously ever since.

Bob chaired the task force that assessed whether Cornell should construct a new, state-of-the-art medical research building at Weill Cornell Medical College, supported the decision to proceed with that critical project, and has been a leader of efforts to bring our Ithaca and New York City campuses closer together. He also chaired the Committee on Student Life and other trustee committees, including most recently the Executive Committee, and he served as vice chair from 2006 to 2009, helping guide us through the economic crisis and putting us on a path toward becoming a stronger and more fiscally sustainable university.

Bob also brings to the position of board chair the perspective and expertise of a Rhodes Scholar, lawyer, former investment banking partner at Goldman Sachs, and current CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative. Smart, sophisticated, and sensible, with a wonderful sense of humor, he is an enormously capable leader whose expertise and mentorship have been invaluable to me personally and to Cornell. I look forward to working with and learning from him as board chair.

I also hope that you will consider seriously the alumni nominees selected to run for election to four-year terms beginning in July 2012:

- William McAleer '73, MBA '75, managing director and co-

founder of Voyager Capital, a private equity firm focused on early and growth-stage technology companies in the Internet software, software services, and IT services markets.

- Robert Ramin '82, MBA '85, executive director of the National Aquarium in Washington, D.C., since March 2005, and previously the aquarium's senior director of development.

- Meredith Rosenberg '92, a senior executive at Fullbridge, Inc., a new venture that delivers accelerated business training to



Robert Harrison '76

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corporate and consumer clients, and a co-founder of Global Student Loan Corporation, a venture-backed student loan concern that funds higher education needs of non-U.S. citizens.

- Simon Turner '83, president, global development, for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., with responsibility for the company's global hotel and resort development, property acquisitions and dispositions, franchise and management pipeline expansion, and real estate investment management.

I urge you to consider the strengths that each of these individuals would bring to the Board of Trustees and then cast your ballot. Look for more information coming to you by e-mail and U.S. mail later this month.

I know Bob Harrison joins me in asking you to stay in touch by sharing your ideas and comments. We invite you to keep abreast of the University's progress on its priorities of faculty renewal, student access, and public engagement as we approach the sesquicentennial and to cast your vote for the alumni-elected members of our Board of Trustees.

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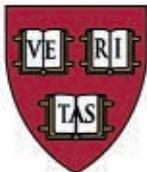
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Bo Burgers and Beer

Where did you hang out as an undergraduate?

“Last Call,” your article on legendary drinking and eating establishments (Cornelliana, November/December 2011), missed one of the great ones. During the late Fifties, if you had a really late study night, it was best to take a break at two or three a.m. at Obie’s Diner, out on the west side of town. This was truly a Cornell institution, even if it did not serve drinks. Obie himself ran the grill and would break eggs one-handed, throwing the shells behind him without looking, presumably in or near the trash. Favorites on the menu were the Bo Burger—a cheeseburger with grilled onions and a fried egg—and the apple turnover, which was put on the grill until it was piping hot and the sugar glaze was running down the sides. I have occasionally tried to duplicate the Bo Burger, but never up to Obie’s high standards.

*Bill Dring '59, BArch '61
Steamboat Springs, Colorado*

An article that pays tribute to Cornell’s legendary bars cannot be complete without a mention of Dunbar’s, opened in the early Eighties and still thriving. With its classic jukebox, the constant smell of the popcorn machine, and the customized and personalized ceiling tiles, a trip to this bar is always a necessity for me when I visit Ithaca, and at reunions I always run into old friends there. The owner, Dave (I don’t even know his last name), is always there, at the door or behind the bar, and he told me when I visited at my 25th Reunion that some of his patrons now are children of former patrons. He added, “I’ll know it’s time to retire when a customer is a grandchild of a former customer.” Keep going, Dave, and keep going, Dunbar’s!

*Mitch Rosich '85, ME '86
Acton, Massachusetts*

Ed. Note: “Last Call” spurred a wave of nostalgic comments about favorite establishments at the CAM website. Take a look (and add your own) at cornellalumnmagazine.com.

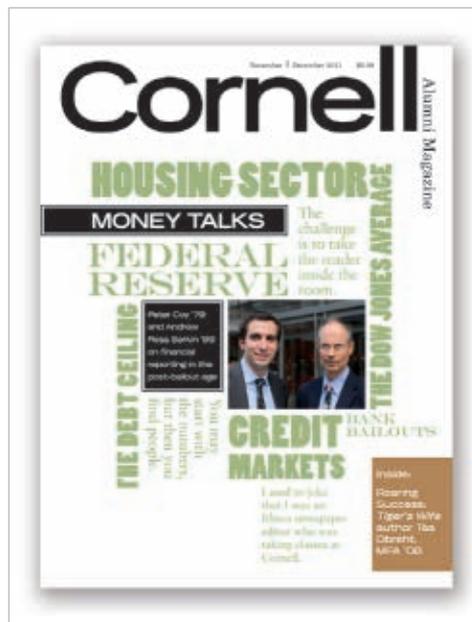
It’s All Greek

The news article “Skorton Bans Pledging in Greek Organizations” (From the Hill, November/December 2011) spelled out a significant change coming for the Greek system. In the mid-Fifties it was a different world at Cornell. The drinking age was eighteen, and the graduating classes were a fraction of the entering numbers. It was survival of the fittest. Since then, Cornell has become more selective of entering freshmen. Having chosen to admit “golden eggs,” there is no desire to let those eggs abort hatching—which has led the University to press in the direction of assuring high graduation rates: read, “eliminate those things that impede a student’s graduation.” The Greek system will change and survive—and I sincerely hope the fraternity and sorority experience continues to develop character.

*Paul Snare '56, BCE '57, MBA '58
University Place, Washington*

Medical Question

You noted that Laurie Glimcher, MD, has been named the next dean of Weill Cornell Medical College (From the Hill, November/December 2011). According to the *New York Times* (September 7, 2011), Dr. Glimcher “has ties to the pharmaceutical giants Merck and Bristol-Myers Squibb as well as to scientific and biotechnology companies.” In 2010, according to the story, Bristol-Myers Squibb paid her \$244,500; the company also gave her



\$1.4 million in deferred share units, both payments apparently for service on its board. Also in 2010, she was paid \$238,545 in cash, stock, and options by the Waters Corporation, a maker of lab equipment. The *Times* reported that she “defended her outside interests, saying they presented no conflict as long as they were transparent.” This argument, it seems to me, is so transparently silly that a rebuttal would be superfluous.

What is now needed is trustworthy assurance that the medical school will adhere to the traditional values of openness in university research, and that the faculty will be free to pursue without pressure from any quarter questions that appeal to them as scientific scholars. Were it forthcoming, I should be greatly surprised and profoundly grateful.

*Donald Mintz '49, PhD '60
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Your "Big Game" on the soccer team's win against Penn (Sports, November/ December 2011) says that the game-winning goal came on "a shot fired from the right side of the penalty box." There is no penalty "box" on a soccer field. There is a penalty area. Please use the proper terminology.

Gary Fisher '68
Trumansburg, New York

Author's Request

I would like to contact any alumnus or alumna who knew Harry Chapin '64 during his undergraduate years at Cornell and in particular anyone from his freshman dormitory floor—Chapin's room was University Halls 5102. I am writing a historical study about Chapin's relationship to Delta Kappa Epsilon during the years 1961–63. I can be reached by e-mail at bill.fogle@cox.net or by phone at 480-641-1137.

H. William Fogle '70
Mesa, Arizona

Correction

Isabel Fratt '14 was mistakenly listed as a fourth-generation Cornelian in the online legacy list (July/August 2011). She is actually the fifth generation in her family to go to Cornell: her great-great-grandfather was George Meade Emory, LLB 1890.

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From the Hill

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River view: The new campus will be on Roosevelt Island, across the water from the Medical school (upper right corner).

Cornell-Technion Plan Wins Bid for NYC Tech Campus

Just days after Stanford University—widely seen as its primary rival—dropped out of the competition to build a science and engineering campus in New York City, Cornell was declared the winner. In a press conference held at the Medical college in mid-December, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced that the city had selected a joint project of Cornell and the Technion, Israel’s premier technical institute. “It promises to create a beehive of innovation and discovery,” Bloomberg said, “attracting and nurturing the kind of technical talent that will spawn new companies, create new jobs, and propel our city’s economy to new frontiers.”

The Cornell-Technion plan had emerged as the front runner in the days before the announcement—thanks not only to Stanford’s departure, but to the news that the University had secured a \$350 million gift from an anonymous donor to support the project. A few hours after the press conference, the *New York Times* revealed the donor’s identity: Charles Feeney ’56, who made a fortune with his Duty Free Shoppers stores and went on to give away most of it. Over the years, his Atlantic Philanthropies foundation has donated more than \$600 million to Cornell; the \$350 million gift brings that total close to an even billion. For decades, Feeney opted to remain anonymous—no Cornell building bears his name—but went public several years ago in the hope that it would inspire other wealthy people to gift their fortunes.

The planned tech campus will be built on the southern end of Roosevelt Island, across the East River from Manhattan and connected to its neighbors via bridge, tram, and subway. The city competition

offered free land and up to \$100 million in infrastructure improvements; the Cornell-Technion design calls for an eleven-acre campus, partly on the current site of an aging hospital that the city has long planned to demolish. As Bloomberg noted, the project is expected to generate \$23 billion in economic benefits and \$1.4 billion in tax revenue over the next three decades; its construction will create 20,000 jobs, and 8,000 people will be employed there permanently.

When the project is fully realized—by 2043—it will comprise two million square feet of classroom and research space, plus housing for more than 2,000 students and some 300 faculty. Its programs will begin at an offsite location in fall 2012, with ground broken on Roosevelt Island in 2015 and the first buildings opening no later than 2017. Although there will be no degree programs for undergraduates, the campus could offer them opportunities for research and internships.

In response to a question about the project’s possible effect on the Ithaca campus, President David Skorton acknowledged that he understood why people might be concerned. He noted that Cornell has extensive experience with far-flung campuses in locales such as Manhattan and Qatar, that the tech campus would be funded through separate channels as a “pay as you go” operation—and that both the undergrad and grad student assemblies had expressed support for the effort. Skorton also stressed that the project will have educational benefits for K–12 students as well as those from CUNY and SUNY colleges. “This is an exercise in inclusion,” Skorton said, “and having all the ships rise in this fine city.”

University Launches 'Cornell Now! 2015' Campaign

The University has expanded the goal of its latest capital campaign, raising it to \$4.75 billion under an effort dubbed "Cornell Now! 2015." The current "Far Above" campaign, launched in 2006, has garnered \$3.3 billion; during the Trustee-Council Annual Meeting in October, President David Skorton announced a new goal of raising an additional \$1.45 billion by December 2015. The hoped-for funds include \$70 million for faculty renewal and diversity, \$157 million for undergraduate scholarships, \$100 million for graduate fellowships and professional school scholarships, and \$100 million to advance the University's standing in the humanities and fine arts.

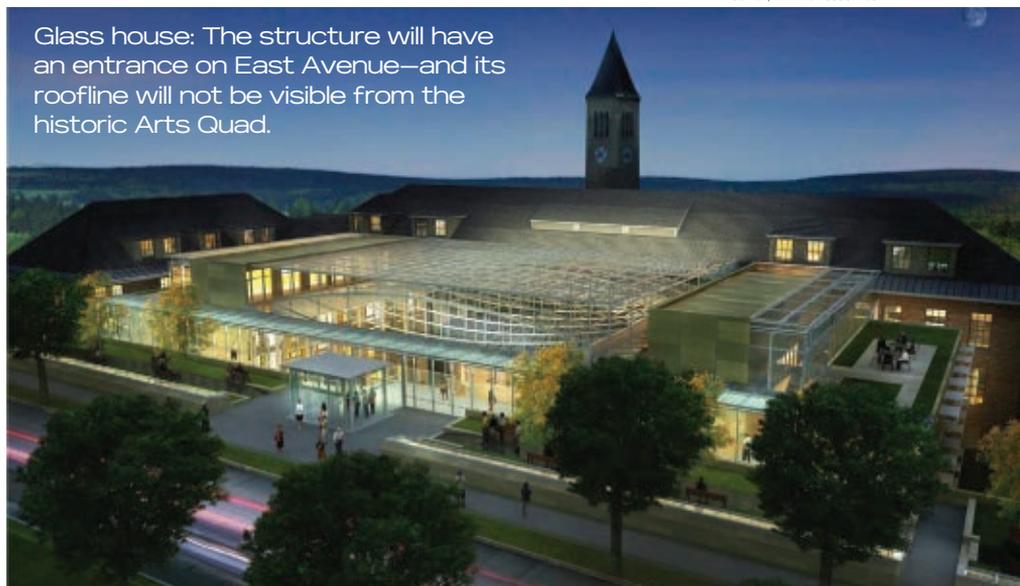
Father Files \$180 Million Lawsuit in Gorge Suicide

An alumnus is suing the University for \$180 million, alleging that Cornell is responsible for the suicide death of his son. In November, Howard Ginsburg '70 filed suit against Cornell, the City of Ithaca, and several University personnel including President David Skorton. Ginsburg's son, economics major Bradley Ginsburg '13, jumped from the Thurston Avenue Bridge in spring 2010—one of three suicides in the span of several weeks. In the suit, the plaintiff alleges that the defendants "had actual knowledge of the strong likelihood of self-infliction of harm posted by the Thurston Avenue Bridge, due to the long history of gorge-related suicides," but "failed to take obvious steps" to prevent subsequent deaths. Previous lawsuits against Cornell in 1977 and 1981, filed by the parents of students who committed suicide, were unsuccessful.

Following the three suicides, the University erected temporary fences on its bridges, as well as on those adjacent to campus owned by the City of Ithaca. After convening a panel of suicide-prevention experts and exploring various designs for bridge barriers, Cornell opted to replace the fences—which have been criticized as unsightly—with a system of nets. In December, Ithaca's Common Council approved the netting plan; the University aims to begin construction this summer.

New Humanities Space Planned for Arts Quad

In October, the University announced it will break ground in summer 2013 for a \$61 million addition to Goldwin Smith Hall. The 33,000-square-foot structure—which Cornell is hailing as the first new building dedicated to the humanities in more than a century—will fill the space between Goldwin Smith's wings on the building's eastern side. It will feature a 7,700-square-foot glass atrium, an auditorium, offices, and other program space. Cornell plans to fund the building entirely by philanthropy, including a \$25 million lead gift from an anonymous donor. "This spectacular building will symbolically and physically welcome the rest of the campus to participate in the humanities and arts at Cornell," says Arts and Sciences dean Peter Lepage. The new space is projected to open in 2015.



Glass house: The structure will have an entrance on East Avenue—and its roofline will not be visible from the historic Arts Quad.

2009 Alum is Youngest to Be Elected Mayor of Ithaca

Winning a four-way race with 54 percent of the vote, twenty-four-year-old Svante Myrick '09 has been elected mayor of Ithaca—the youngest person, and the first African American, to hold the position. A former communication major in CALS, Myrick has served on Ithaca's Common Council for four years; he helped create the city's Youth Council and chaired the Collegetown Vision Implementation Committee. The Syracuse-area native was an assistant director of student and young alumni programs in the Office of Alumni Affairs before resigning to run for mayor. Myrick defeated Tompkins County legislator Pam Mackesey '89 in the Democratic primary.



Svante Myrick '09

Medical College Names \$650 Million Science Facility

In November, the Medical college celebrated the dedication of its \$650 million medical sciences facility, announcing that it will be named the Belfer Research Building in honor of donors Robert and Renée Belfer, who gave \$100 million. Under construction since spring 2010, the 480,000-square-foot facility on Manhattan's Upper East Side is scheduled to open in 2014. "It will be one of the hallmarks of the twenty-first century for this medical college," outgoing dean Antonio Gotto said at the ceremony. "This will be home to thirty new researchers who will carry out discoveries that we hope will lead to new and improved ways of diagnosing, treating, and curing disease. These new researchers will work with the clinicians in the hospital across the street; they will be mentors and tutors to our medical students, fellows, and residents. So they'll have a big impact on this campus over the succeeding generations."



JASON KOSKI / UP

Gorge gateway: A custom-made decorative iron gate has been installed at the lower entrance of the Cascadilla Gorge trail off Linn Street. Created by local artisan Durand Van Doren, who has made similar gates and fences on campus, the 1,200-pound structure will allow the trail to be closed off during hazardous winter conditions.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Astronomy professor **Steven Squyres '78, PhD '81**, named chairman of the NASA Advisory Council (a group of experts that offers guidance to the space agency's administrator), and mechanical and aerospace engineering professor **Mason Peck**, named NASA's chief technologist, the agency's principal adviser on matters of technology policy.

Téa Obrecht, MFA '08, whose debut novel, *The Tiger's Wife*, was named one of the ten best books of 2011 by the *New York Times*.

Paul Feeny, professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology, winner of the Silver Medal from the International Society of Chemical Ecology for his contributions to the study of insect-plant interactions.

Computer science professor **Johannes Gehrke**, whose work focuses on managing large datasets and exploring privacy issues, winner of a \$25,000 Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists from the New York Academy of Sciences.

Professors **Salman Avestimehr** (electrical and computer engineering), **David Erickson** (mechanical and aerospace engineering),

John March (biological and environmental engineering), and **Kyle Shen** (physics), winners of Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers.

John Alexander '74, who co-founded the technology firm CBORD as an undergraduate, named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year.

Government professor emeritus **Sidney Tarrow**, winner of a \$32,400 fellowship from the Mellon Foundation. He'll use the award to study how rights are protected or abused during modern warfare.

Former Cornell president **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, one of fifty recipients of the People's Republic of China Friendship Award for contributions to the nation's social and economic advancement. Lehman served as chancellor and founding dean of the School of Transnational Law at Peking University's Shenzhen campus.

MIT professor **Eugene Fitzgerald, PhD '89**, co-recipient of the Grove Award, given by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for outstanding contributions to solid-state devices and technology.

Stage manager **Andrew Feigin '75**, honored by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for his work on "The Kennedy Center Honors," which won two consecutive Emmy Awards as Outstanding Variety, Musical, or Comedy Special.



Photo finish: “Child Holding an Apple” (circa 1860) is on display in Kroch Library as part of an exhibition of early photographs. “Dawn’s Early Light: The First 50 Years of American Photography” runs through May 4.

Campus Mourns Grad Students

Two graduate students passed away this fall. Robert Mozia, a twenty-four-year-old from Hackensack, New Jersey, studying biomedical engineering, died of natural causes in late October. Two weeks later, policy analysis and management PhD candidate Kenneth Whelan died suddenly at age twenty-nine; he is survived by a wife and two young sons. The specific causes of the deaths have not been disclosed.

Smits Is Artist of the Year

Actor Jimmy Smits, MFA '82, came to campus in December to accept the Cornell Alumni Artist of the Year Award. Smits is known to TV audiences for his roles on “L.A. Law,” “NYPD Blue,” “The West Wing,” and “Dexter”; his film work includes appearances in two *Star Wars* movies. During his visit to campus, he held a question-and-answer session with theater students and was honored at a dinner and award ceremony at the Schwartz Center. “When I was here it was an incredible time,” Smits said.

“I was very confused about what I was going to do—I was a young parent—but this school set me on a course for life. It gave me a confidence that really helped me.” Smits’s Cornell roles included the lead in George Bernard Shaw’s *Man and Superman*.



Jimmy Smits, MFA '82

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Winemaking is a pricey business, confirms applied economics and management professor Gerald White. He reports that establishing a vineyard in the Finger Lakes would have cost \$18,800 per acre in 2010.

Researchers at the Medical college and on the Ithaca campus say that U.S. doctors spend four times more time on paperwork than Canadian MDs. Interacting with insurance companies and the government costs U.S. doctors about \$83,000 a year compared with \$22,000 for those in Ontario.

Under the guidance of law professor Muna Ndulo, four students created a draft constitution for the new Republic of South Sudan last spring. The semester-long project involved surveying state constitutions to establish best practices.

In a survey, hospitality management professor Sheryl Kimes found that about a quarter of U.S. takeout restaurants accept online orders. She concluded that by offering online ordering, restaurants improve accuracy and increase business.

Most marine vertebrates have a “sixth sense” that helps them detect weak electrical fields, according to a study in *Nature Communications* by evolutionary biology professor Willy Bemis '76. The ability helps them detect prey, communicate, and orient themselves.

While tulip bulbs have traditionally been planted six to eight inches deep, horticulture professor William Miller, PhD '86, says they can thrive with less effort. He reports that bulbs can be planted in soil tilled just two inches deep and covered with two to four inches of mulch.

An antimicrobial compound in honey could offer a natural preservative, finds food microbiologist Randy Worobo. In sunflower honey from South Dakota, he discovered a strain of *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which is effective against food-borne pathogens such as *Listeria*.

Crop and soil sciences professor Johannes Lehmann is leading a project to develop a kiln, fueled by biomass, that can be used in rural Kenyan villages. The system, known as pyrolysis, could provide fuel for transportation and biochar to improve soil productivity.

An international team including fiber scientist Juan Hinestroza has developed transistors made of cotton fibers. The technology could lead to clothing that can sense body temperature, monitor vital signs, or automatically heat up or cool down.

Adults aren't good at detecting when young children are lying, finds human development professor Stephen Ceci. His study—which found that adults generally can't tell if children are telling the truth, lying, or repeating misinformation—could have implications for child abuse investigations.



Bolt from the Blue

Bryan Walters '10 beats the odds and lands in the NFL



MIKE NOWAK

All the way: Bryan Walters '10 returned a kickoff 103 yards in a preseason game against the Seattle Seahawks.

It isn't easy to jump from the Ancient Eight to the National Football League. This season, out of 1,696 NFL roster spots, just a half-dozen belong to Ivy Leaguers. So the odds were astronomical for former Big Red star Bryan Walters '10, an undrafted wide receiver, who looks like he could be, according to one ESPN.com writer, "a stunt double for Matt Damon."

Not that the 6-foot, 190-pound Walters isn't talented. He is Cornell's career leader in all-purpose yards (excelling as a kick and punt returner) and led the league in receiving yardage as a senior, when he was a second-team All-Ivy selection. He signed with the San Diego Chargers as a rookie free agent in 2010, but injured his knee in the first week of training camp and was released. Walters took a job as an

unpaid assistant coach at his old high school in Kirkland, Washington, and signed to play with the Arizona Rattlers of the Arena Football League in the spring. "I made a goal just to get healthy and stay around the game," he says. But then the Chargers offered him a second chance, inviting him to join their practice squad. For the rest of last season, he was one of eight players who helped prepare the team for games but didn't suit up on Sundays. Heading into the 2011 season, he aimed to make the active roster. Prognosis: unlikely.

"I wanted to show the coaches that I could do it in a game," says Walters. "You never know when you're going to get thrown in there, and you've got to be ready if it's your one shot." That shot came during San Diego's first preseason game,

against the Seattle Seahawks, on national television: he caught the ball in his end zone, raced up the middle, was nearly tripped up at the 35-yard line, regained his balance, veered toward the sideline, and outraced a flock of Seahawks for a 103-yard touchdown run.

That kick return alone might not have been enough to earn him a roster spot. But two weeks later Walters caught a game-winning touchdown pass against the Arizona Cardinals. The play had been set up moments earlier by an acrobatic catch in which Walters corralled a wayward pass by tipping it to himself.

Walters finished the preseason with ten receptions for 122 yards. In the process, he became a fan favorite, known for working hard, running precise routes, and catching anything in the same zip code. "The best ability a receiver can have is dependability," Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers told a reporter for Southern California's *North County Times*. "Bryan is one of those guys

you can count on." When judgment day arrived in September and the roster was reduced from 80 to 53 players, Walters joined Kevin Boothe '05, a backup offensive lineman with the New York Giants, as one of two Cornellians in the NFL this year. "To get through that day," Walters says, "was pretty exciting."

Like his team, Walters has had an up-and-down season. He saw some game time right away, but then was relegated to the bench and cut to make room for a defensive player. The Chargers returned him to the active roster in November, but he's mostly watched from the sidelines since then. Still, he's shown that he has the ability to make big plays when called upon—so maybe, in his case, NFL won't mean Not For Long.

— Brad Herzog '90

Sports Shorts

Jeff Mathews '14 Named Top Ivy Offensive Player

On December 5, Cornell quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** was awarded the Asa Bushnell Cup as the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year. In the season finale against Penn, a 48-38 Cornell victory, Mathews threw for an Ivy League single-game record 548 yards and set the league's single-season passing mark with 3,412 yards. With two 500-plus yard games, Mathews had two of the top three passing games in Ivy history. He also set Cornell records for touchdown passes (25), total offense (3,274 yards), completion percentage (.679), and passing efficiency (162.60). A two-time national player of the week, Mathews was one of four Big Red players to earn first-team All-Ivy honors; the others were wide receiver **Shane Savage '12**, placekicker **Brad Greenway '11**, and returner **Rashad Campbell '12**.



IVY LEAGUE SPORTS

STRONG START Goalie **Ben Scrivens '10** made his NHL debut a memorable one, stopping 38 shots to earn the victory as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-1 on November 3. Scrivens started the season with the Leafs' AHL farm team, the Toronto Marlies, and posted a 4-1 record with a 2.41 goals-against average and a .908 save percentage before being called up to the parent club. Scrivens is the 29th former Big Red player, and the 10th goalie, to play in the NHL.

BEST IN BLIZZARD A historic snowstorm was the setting for a historic outing by the women's cross country team as the squad won its first Heptagonal title since 1998. On a six-kilometer course at Princeton that was covered in three inches of snow from a rare October Nor'easter, the Big Red edged Columbia by two points, led by **Katie Kellner '13** in fourth (22:13.5) and **Genna Hartung '13** in fifth (22:14.5).



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CLEAN SLATE He's only a sophomore, but goalie **Andy Iles** is already etching his name into the hockey record book. During November, he strung together three straight shutouts as part of a goal-less streak that lasted 213 minutes and 35 seconds, second in school history to **Ben Scrivens's** mark of 267:11 two seasons ago. Iles was named the ECAC Goalie of the Month after posting a 6-2 record with a 1.69 goals-against average and a .936 save percentage. After a 2-1 overtime loss to Boston University at Madison Square Garden on November 26, Iles posted two more shutouts at Lynah Rink on December 2 and 3, making it five consecutive home games without a goal allowed—a Big Red record.

MOVING UP The 2011 season was a special one for the men's soccer team, which had its first winning season since 2001 and finished within two points of an Ivy League title. The Big Red posted an 8-2-6 record, its fewest losses since 1995. The offense generated 25 goals in 16 games, and the defense allowed only 13 goals—at one point going 505 minutes without allowing a goal, breaking the school record of 494 minutes set in 1977. Goalkeeper **Rick Pflasterer '13** and defender **Patrick Slogic '14** were both named first-team All-Ivy.

Fall Teams Final Records

Field Hockey	7-10; 1-6 Ivy (7th)
Football	5-5; 3-4 Ivy (6th)
Sprint Football	3-4; 2-4 CSFL (T-4th)
Men's Soccer	8-2-6; 3-1-3 Ivy (T-4th)
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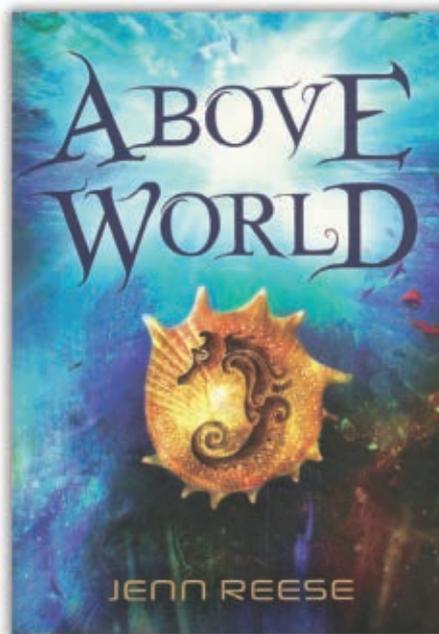
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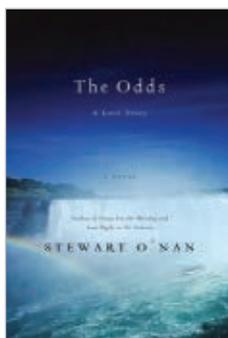
Brave New World

Above World by Jenn Reese '92 (Candlewick)

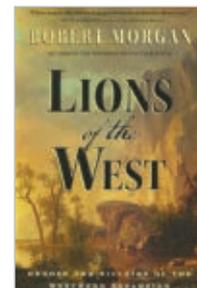
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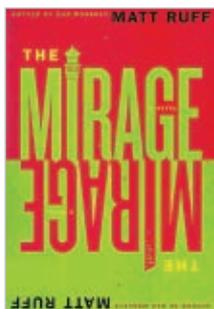
The Odds by Stewart O'Nan, MFA '92 (Viking). The author of *Snow Angels* and *Last Night at the Lobster* tells the story of Art and Marion Fowler, a couple facing unemployment, looming foreclosure, infidelity, and divorce, who decide to spend their last weekend together as they'd spent the first days of their marriage, in Niagara Falls. Hoping to rekindle their love, Art books the bridal suite at an expensive casino for a second honeymoon; Marion just hopes to endure the weekend. Not only does Art gamble on their marriage, he plans to place one desperate bet in the casino with the last of their money.



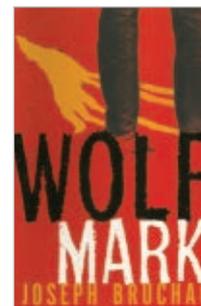
Lions of the West by Robert Morgan (Algonquin). Novelist, poet, and biographer Robert Morgan, the Kappa Alpha Professor of English, focuses on the lives of ten representative men who, for good or ill—and often both—were key figures in America's westward expansion. These short biographies of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Davey Crockett, Sam Houston, Kit Carson, John Quincy Adams, and others illuminate the connections between the visionaries and pragmatists who brought about Jefferson's dream of a continental nation. "The celebrated or reviled leaders," writes Morgan, "are partly figureheads that help us give shape to the messy narrative of this history."



The Mirage by Matt Ruff '87 (Harper). In the alternate universe of Ruff's fifth novel, the United Arab States are the dominant power and the Baghdad towers have been brought down by American terrorists on 11/9. In this world, Israel is a European nation, America is a divided country, Osama bin Laden is a powerful senator, and Saddam Hussein is a gangster. A team of intelligence agents must discover why captured terrorists insist that in the real world a powerful America was attacked on 9/11, while trying to thwart bin Laden's intrigues and Hussein's megalomaniac ambitions.



Wolf Mark by Joseph Bruchac '64 (Tu Books). Lucas King is a high school loner who wants to lead a normal life, or as close to normal as possible after his mother dies and his father loses himself in alcohol. He has unusual abilities, too—not just the martial arts he learned from his father, a special ops infiltrator. When his father is kidnapped, Lucas's newfound ability as a shape-shifter may be the only way to rescue him. Bruchac brings together Abenaki Indian legends, a top-secret laboratory, and a mysterious group of Russians called the Sunglass Mafia in this paranormal thriller.



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Children's

Where We Once Gathered by Andrea Strongwater, BFA '70 (Eifrig). In a collection of paintings of synagogues that were destroyed before and during World War II, the artist depicts the history of pre-Holocaust Jewish communities in Europe.

Billions of Years, Amazing Changes by Laurence Pringle '58, illustrated by Steve Jenkins (Boyd's Mills). An award-winning nature writer summarizes the evidence and explains the science of evolution for young readers.

Non-Fiction

The Forest Unseen by David George Haskell, PhD '96 (Viking). "Can the whole forest be seen through a small contemplative window of leaves, rocks, and water?" asks a professor of biology at the University of the South. He conducts the search for the universal within the infinitesimally small by recording his observations of a small patch of old-growth forest in Tennessee over the course of a year.

The Unquiet American edited by Derek

Chollet '93 and Samantha Power (PublicAffairs). Richard Holbrooke was one of America's most influential diplomats. He helped broker the Dayton Peace Accords that ended the conflict in Bosnia, served as ambassador to Germany and the United Nations, and was a special adviser on Afghanistan and Pakistan to President Obama. In this collection of essays, twelve writers look back at Holbrooke's career and the history he shaped.

English After the Fall by Robert Scholes, PhD '59 (Iowa). A professor of English at Brown University traces the different meanings attached to the word "literature" since the Renaissance. He argues that English departments define literature too narrowly and need to expand the range of what we read beyond the approved canon to include both popular and sacred works.

Witches, Wife Beaters, and Whores by Elaine Forman Crane '61 (Cornell). A professor of history at Fordham University examines early American cases of murder, witchcraft, and domestic violence to illuminate the ways in which ordinary people shaped legal culture in the colonies.

The Happiness of Pursuit by Shimon Edelman (Basic). "Understanding the brain offers for the first time a real chance for understanding how and why happiness happens," writes Edelman, a Cornell professor of psychology and expert on cognition, "and perhaps for developing some recipes—algorithms—for pursuing it more effectively."

Translating Empire by Sophus A. Reinert '03 (Harvard). An assistant professor of business administration at Harvard Business School examines how the conflicted roots of eighteenth-century political economy grew out of the imperial rivalries among European powers.

For Better or For Work by Meg Cadoux Hirshberg, MPS '84 (Inc. Original). The wife of the founder of Stonyfield Yogurt offers a practical guide to surviving the emotional and logistical ups and downs of building a business while trying to live a fulfilling family life.

Luxembourg as an Immigration Success Story by Joel S. Fetzer '88 (Lexington). Drawing on interviews with government officials, human rights activists, scholars, and immigrants, a professor of political science at Pepperdine University analyzes why Luxembourg's immigration policies work, while the policies of other European Union countries falter.



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In the swing: Professor Hod Lipson (left) and grad student Michael Schmidt '04, PhD '10, with the double pendulum that got them thinking about a computer's potential for problem solving

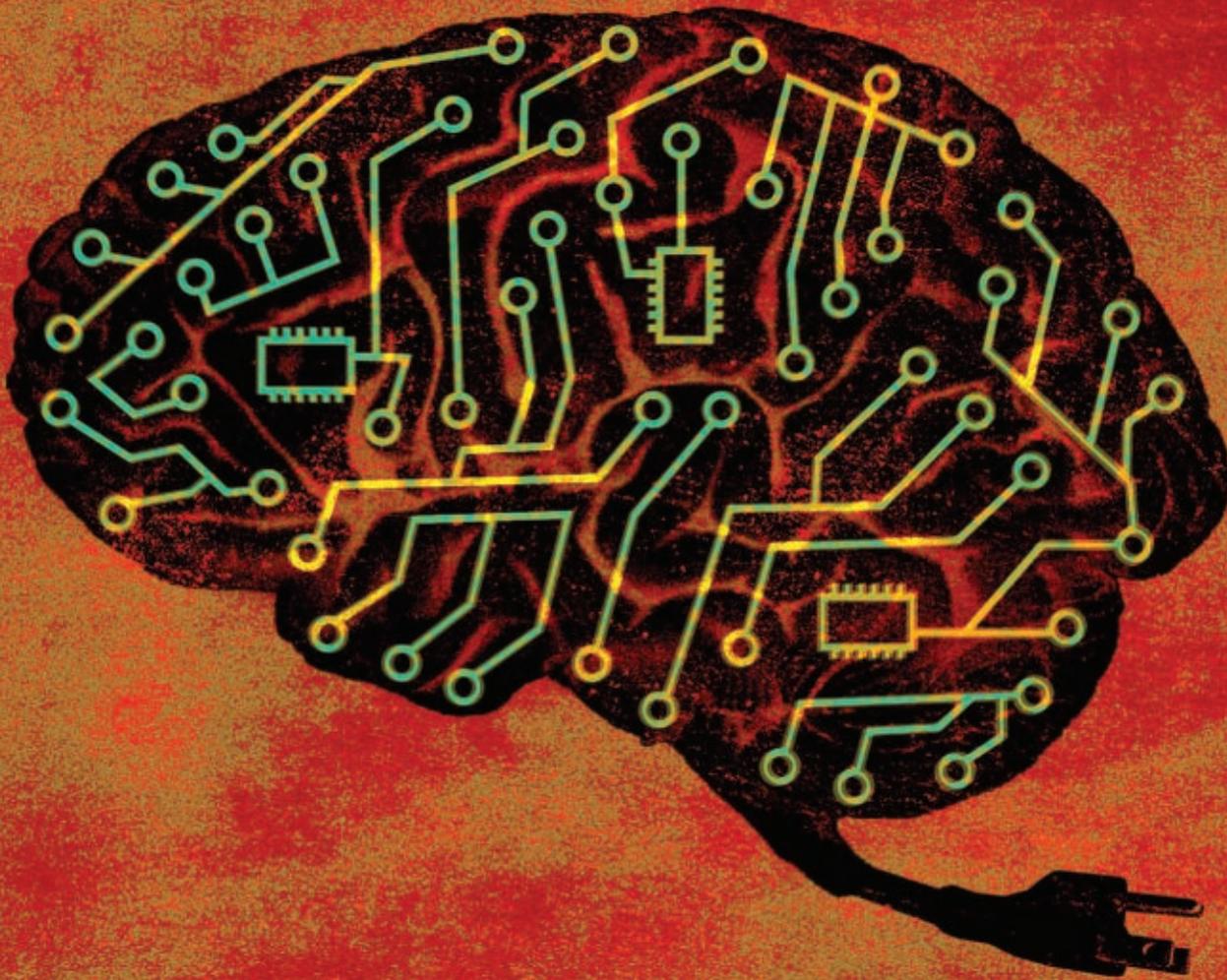
Four years ago, Hod Lipson, an associate professor in the Engineering College, and Michael Schmidt '04, PhD '10, then a graduate student in his lab, asked a computer program they had created to explain a phenomenon that had taken scientists years to quantify: the motion of a swinging double pendulum. Twenty-four hours after the researchers fed the software the angles and angular velocity of the pendulum's segments, the computer spat out the Hamiltonian equation describing the total energy of the system's motion. Because the computer had been given no background data in mathematics or physics and had uncovered the formula from scratch, Lipson suspected it could solve other scientific problems. He was right.

Lipson named the software Eureqa and offered it free on the Internet; requests started pouring in from researchers and citizen scientists around the world. With nearly 20,000 users, this automated scientist has solved such simple problems as predicting traffic patterns—while also generating complex mathematical models that have proven incomprehensible. One researcher, Guro Suel, a molecular biophysicist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, sent Lipson some data on the dynamics of a bacterium for an earlier version of the software to analyze. After Lipson input the data, a series of equations suddenly started popping out of the computer, describing how the cell worked. Yet the researchers had no clue how to interpret them. “We’ve been struggling for three years to understand what it means,” acknowledges Lipson, who says he may have just recently discovered the answer. “Right now we’re at this point where Eureqa is creating these formulas, but we really don’t know what they mean. It’s a strange place to be at, but I think it’s a sign of things to come.”

Inventing computers that can outwit scientists has long been a mainstay of science fiction—but in Lipson's Creative Machines Lab in Upson Hall, the phenomenon has become reality. Lipson, who earned his doctoral degree at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in his hometown of Haifa, began his journey toward building an automated scientist by fabricating a robot that could teach itself to walk. Called the Starfish, the robot could adapt to changes (such as having its leg sawed off) by reprogramming itself and running experiments that would allow it to continue moving. This led Lipson to create a robot that could breed new machines through a process of co-evolution. After designing a robot that could replicate itself and then make improvements by correcting defects, Lipson decided to make one that could create models of its observations—the same process that scientists use to explain the world.

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One of Lipson's collaborators is John Wikswo, a physicist and biomedical engineer at Vanderbilt University. With funding from several federal agencies, including the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, Lipson and Wikswo are using automated software to infer models of complex biological phenomena—including the nature of drug addiction, the response of cells to pathogens, and the growth of yeast cells. What makes the research unique is that a newer version of Eureqa is analyzing the data being generated at Vanderbilt remotely at Cornell, a method Lipson calls "telescience." While the experiments are conducted at Vanderbilt, Eureqa controls the research via the Internet. "It's literally a scientist," Lipson says. "At the end of the day, it pops out three models that it has determined on everything it has seen. At that point, the [human] scientist has to show up and say, 'This doesn't make sense' or 'This model makes sense and we're going to publish it.'"

Incorporating machines like Eureqa into the research, Wikswo says, has the potential to revolutionize the way biologists work. "It may make biology experiments look more like particle physics experiments with their complexity," he says. "But biology is intrinsically complex, and it will take complicated machines to understand it." Lipson, who was recently named one of the world's seven most powerful data scientists by *Forbes* magazine, believes that automated scientists like Eureqa have the power to speed up the process of discovery—allowing scientists to solve problems that may be too complex for human understanding or that are impervious to traditional techniques. "It's

definitely going to change how science is done in the future," says Lipson, who joined the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and the Faculty of Computing and Information Science in 2001. "I don't think it will quite replace scientists, but it will accelerate the rate of discoveries and extend what scientists can do. It's really taking us to new frontiers."

Yet developing robots that can devise equations incomprehensible to humans is troubling to other scientists, who worry that human intelligence may be reaching its limit. In his essay "The End of Insight," applied mathematics professor Steven Strogatz writes that "insight is becoming impossible, at least at the frontiers of mathematics," and that he expects this problem will also afflict physics, biology, and the social sciences. Strogatz traces history from ancient times—when superstition and ignorance dominated—to the Enlightenment, when humans began to use math to explain the world. He concludes that we are now entering a third period when "the window is closing and the end of insight is approaching." Research such as Lipson's robotics, he writes, is proof that computers have overtaken human intelligence and are becoming all-powerful—and that, ultimately, "we'll be left in the dust." As he goes on to write, with pessimistic tongue in cheek: "I think the computers will be doing great science, but we hope that what they discover will be benevolent. If they find a cure for cancer, I hope that they will share it with us rather than obliterate the human race and take all the oil for themselves."

— Sherrie Negrea

And So It Went

New biography of Kurt Vonnegut Jr. '44 is revealing but uneven

In January 1943, in the middle of his junior year, Kurt Vonnegut Jr. '44 dropped out of Cornell. He was flunking biochemistry and organic chemistry and—more important—he realized he would not be chosen editor-in-chief of the *Daily Sun*. Once an outspoken isolationist, Vonnegut enlisted in the Army. The war against the Nazis, he had decided, “was worth fighting.”

Taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge, Vonnegut was a survivor of the fire-bombing of Dresden, Germany. He returned home with a subject to write about, but without a clear career path. After enrolling in and dropping out of the University of Chicago and working as a publicist for General Electric, Vonnegut decided to write full-time. He published a few science-fiction stories, but, according to Charles Shields, it would take Knox Burger '43, former editor of the *Cornell Widow* and, in 1949, an influential editor at *Collier's* magazine, to get him launched.

Shields is a journalist and the author of *Mockingbird*, a biography of Harper Lee. In his new biography of Vonnegut, *And So It Goes* (Henry Holt and Company), he draws on hundreds of interviews and a large cache of correspondence to provide a detailed, and not all that flattering, portrait of one of America's most popular “fabulators.”

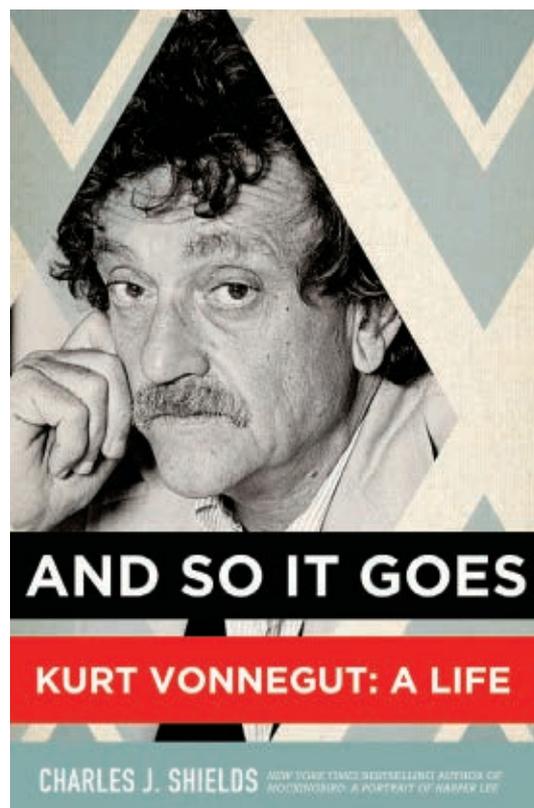
Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1922, Vonnegut was an unhappy child, Shields suggests, scarred permanently by his family's loss of wealth and status in the Thirties and by the suicide of his mother. As an adult he could be funny, but was often sad and self-absorbed. The only thing he “hated more than listening to people,” Vonnegut once said, was “talking to them.” Apparently, he meant it—and he did not exempt his children, who received scolding rebukes when they wandered into his study.

Shields is not a literary critic. To be

sure, he credits Vonnegut with broadening the genre of science fiction and observes, astutely, that in style and outlook, especially in *Slaughterhouse-Five*, Vonnegut borrowed more from Ambrose Bierce than from Mark Twain, the satirist with whom he is usually compared. Most of the time, however, his discussion of Vonnegut's novels does not extend beyond plot summaries and the identification of the “real life” models for his characters.

Kurt Vonnegut's work, Shields implies, does not require extensive analysis. Best understood as a “comic-didactic” rather than a “black humorist,” Vonnegut tells morality tales (the critic Benjamin DeMott called them “bull session simplisms”) about people struggling against corruption, oppression, and spiritual emptiness, often drawing on the imagination as their only weapon and sometimes accepting, wisely and without cynicism, their own powerlessness in a deterministic world.

Only mildly interested in politics for most of his life, Vonnegut was branded a left-wing firebrand, Shields points out, when the 1969 publication of *Slaughterhouse-Five*, which uses the Dresden bombing and Newton's Second Law of Thermodynamics to insist that “immoral acts cannot be undone,” coincided, serendipitously, with some of the fiercest fighting of the Vietnam War. With good reason Vonnegut attributed his iconic status with young Americans to his insistence on addressing “sophomoric questions that full adults regard as settled” and for encouraging his readers “to make a better



world.” Vonnegut died in 2007, at eighty-four, from a respiratory infection and the effects of a bad fall outside his New York City apartment. “I’m old,” he had told a reporter. “You ought to see what Mozart looks like by now.”

Most of his books remain popular and in print. Given the war in Afghanistan, global warming, corporate corruption, and religious fundamentalism, Shields predicts, Vonnegut's fantastic morality tales—mixing humanism and existentialism, treating puzzlement and pain with an and-so-it-goes sigh—will “guide and inspire the next forward-looking generation.” For better or worse, he may well be right.

— Glenn Altschuler

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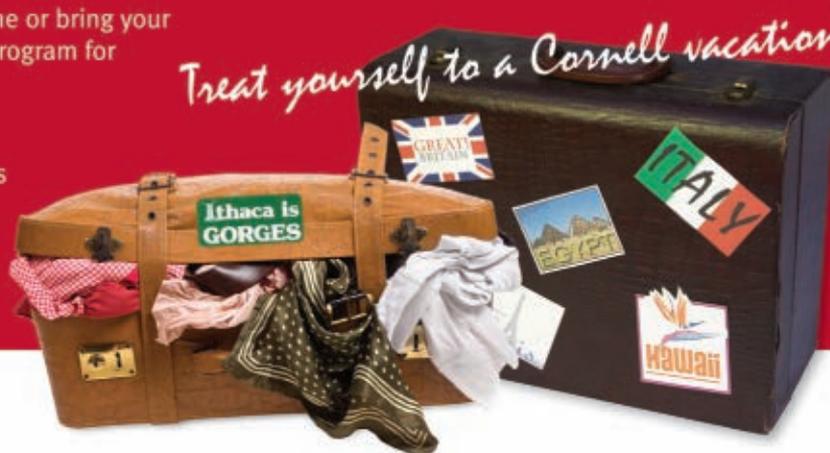
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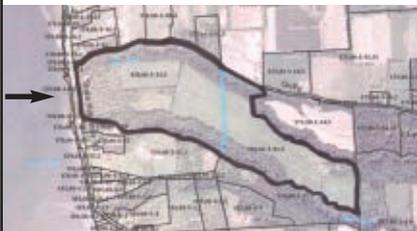
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You know,” Karen White '85 says with a grin, “I was always that obnoxious kid who liked reading aloud in front of the class.” Only now, she gets paid for it.

An audiobook narrator, The L.A.-based White has given voice to an eclectic array of volumes, more than a hundred in all—sci-fi and self-help, business tomes and political polemics, biographies of subjects from Elvis Presley to Joan of Arc. A classically trained actress with a voice that *AudioFile* magazine calls “more contralto than soprano,” she has risen to the top of her profession over the past fourteen years. For her work on Annette Gordon Reed’s *The Hemingses of Monticello*—a history that won both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize—White garnered a 2009 Audiobook of the Year award. Reviewing her recording of Barbara Demick’s *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea* (itself a National Book Award finalist), *Publisher’s Weekly* opined that she “delivers a stunning read, her character interpretations are confident and well-rounded, and she forges a strong bond with the audience.”

White’s choice of material often reflects her upbringing. She is drawn to southern fiction, especially stories that take place in Kentucky, Virginia, or North Carolina—all states where she was raised. Along with reading and acting, she spent much of her childhood riding horses. She was initially attracted to Cornell because of its vet school and played polo as a freshman—so it’s no surprise that her list of audiobooks includes titles like *Saddled: How a Spirited Horse Reignited Me In* and *Set Me Free and You Had Me at Woof: How Dogs Taught Me the Secrets of Happiness*.

After majoring in theater at Cornell, White was an artist in residence with Shakespeare & Company in western Massachusetts before earning an MFA in acting from Brandeis. In her theater days, she prided herself on having a broad range; in a single show—*Holiday Memories*, based

on Truman Capote’s memoirs—she played a twelve-year-old girl, a ninety-year-old woman, and a barking dog. It was good training for inhabiting a book’s entire cast of characters.

She moved to Los Angeles in 1997 and did some on-camera work. But when a friend suggested she lend her voice to audiobooks, she found her calling. “Whenever I read a book, I hear it in my head,” says White, who was named one of *AudioFile*’s Best Voices of 2010. “It’s always been like that. My theory is that everyone’s imagination works through different senses, and that’s how mine works.”

White does extensive pre-narration preparation, including making a spreadsheet of pronunciations and a log of phrases that describe each character—physically, emotionally, and biographically. Her task is made more difficult when, as happened in a recent mystery novel, the text includes lines like, “He sounds like he’s from a foreign country, but it’s hard to say where.” White notes that nonfiction is often particularly challenging—she has tackled such titles as *Too Good to Be True: The Rise and Fall of Bernie Madoff* by Erin Arvedlund and *Give Me Liberty: A Handbook for American Revolutionaries* by Naomi Wolf—and that fact-laden academic tomes, in particular, aren’t necessarily intended to be read aloud. “They’re meant to be pored over, studied, or highlighted,” says White, who credits her Shakespearean training with helping her conquer lengthy sentences. “They’re not usually written with the music of the language in mind.”

White doesn’t always agree with the words she’s saying—as evidence, she offers her narration of three books by right-wing political pundit Ann Coulter '84—or even know exactly what she’s talking about; she says that to understand a study of the human genome that she recently narrated, “you’d have to have a PhD in genetics.” But she always strives to make a connection. Her mantras: Be in the moment. Be emotionally honest. Don’t



Karen White '85

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wood sound mixer, constructed in their garage. She starts with a full vocal warm-up including articulation exercises (“unique New York; unique New York”) and reads from an iPad to avoid shuffling paper. She edits as she goes along, so the recording she submits is relatively clean. Then an editor tweaks it—adjusting timing and removing extraneous breaths, for instance—and a proofer checks for errors and accidental background noise. White then re-records any corrections before final mixing and mastering. “Audiobooks don’t make as much money as other entertainment forms, so there’s time pressure,” she notes. “You can’t get every little thing perfect.”

Occasionally, White gets to play to a wider audience. In October, “CSI: Miami” aired an episode in which a millionaire author’s housemaid is found hanging from a chandelier, drained of blood and with bite marks on her neck. The clue that solves the case comes from one of the novelist’s best-selling vampire books—in an epilogue included only in the audiobook version. “The killer,” White’s voice reveals as two forensic investigators listen intently, “knew exactly what to do . . .”

— Brad Herzog '90

force a shift in pitch or pace, but let it come naturally via a change in attitude. “I’m not really a creative artist the way a writer is, but I’m still kind of in charge,” says White, who occasionally directs other audiobook narrators. “I have so much more control over the final product than

an actor ever does.” White gets paid per hour of completed narration, and each recorded hour generally requires about two hours of work. She records for no more than six hours per day, using a virtually soundproof booth that she and her husband, a Holly-



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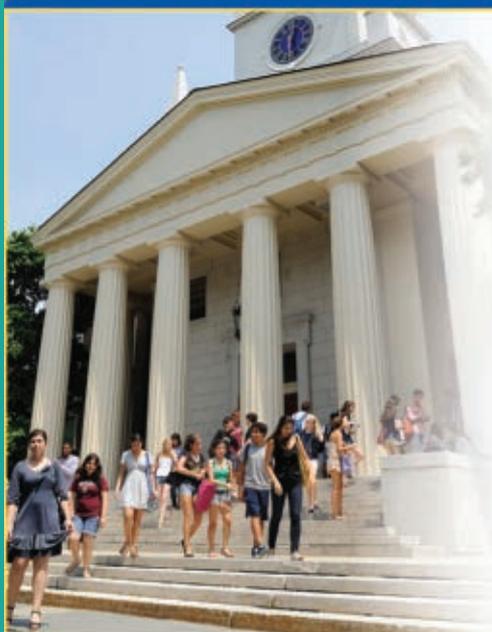
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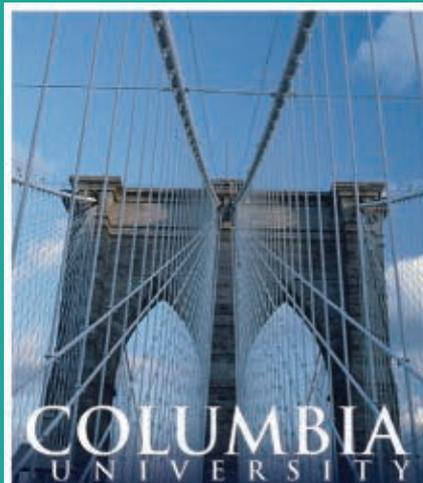
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Taking a Toll

Planning professor **Michael Manville** studies traffic congestion, a ubiquitous urban ill

Cornell Alumni Magazine: How much does traffic congestion cost the U.S. economy?

Michael Manville: This year the Texas Transportation Institute estimated that it cost about \$100 billion—or \$750 per peak-period traveler. That sounds big. But if you break it down, it's about \$1.50 per trip, which is probably less than what a lot of commuters spend on coffee. That said, many people question the methodology; there are things that aren't counted in that measurement—like accidents and pollution—that make the cost much bigger. The bottom line is there's no one number; anyone who tells you otherwise is mistaken or lying.

CAM: Can congestion get much worse than it already is?

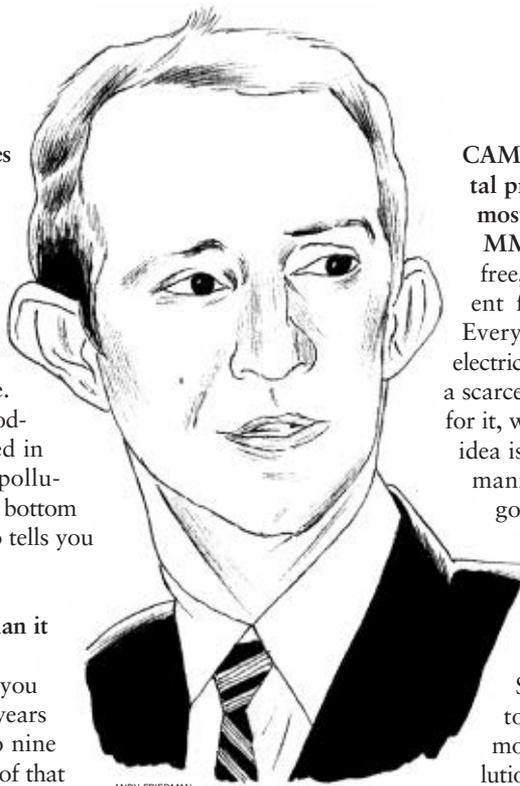
MM: The peak can spread, which is what you see in Los Angeles and New York; forty years ago maybe congestion was from eight to nine a.m. and now it's from seven to ten. Some of that spreading effect will be bounded by the fact that only so much of the population can go into work late or early, but congestion can get worse. The impetus to impose congestion tolls in central London came after a study showed that average speeds in 2003 were about the same as in 1903.

CAM: What made you want to study traffic?

MM: Congestion is a classic collective action problem; everyone does what is individually rational, but we generate a collective outcome that's completely irrational. We accept traffic congestion in a way that we would not accept other broad-scale failures. Roads are an important part of American infrastructure, but twice a day they collapse from overuse. We would not tolerate it if our lights went off or our sewers backed up twice a day, five days a week. But congestion is a routine part of American life, because of a combination of incentives and attitudes that we've locked ourselves into. And although they cause tremendous harm, we don't have the political will to address the problem head on.

CAM: When we're stuck in traffic, we often wonder why; an accident, construction, bad weather? Does there have to be a reason—or is it just because there are too many people on the road?

MM: All those things matter. But ultimately congestion is about too much demand for limited space on the road. Think about when Best Buy sells plasma TVs on Black Friday for a hundred bucks. What do you see on the news? A line around the block. Nothing's gone wrong; they're giving away a valuable good for well below the market price, and they get a queue as a result. The same thing happens when we give away space on a road that takes people to amenities, housing, jobs, and other things they value.



CAM: So you're saying that the fundamental problem is that it costs nothing to use most roads?

MM: Yes. We drive on most roads for free, which makes using roads very different from other forms of infrastructure. Every time you turn on your lights, your electric meter is running. Space on the road is a scarce resource—and when we don't charge for it, we overuse it. That's congestion. So the idea is to charge for road space in the same manner that we charge for other scarce goods. In the places where congestion pricing has been tried, congestion goes away.

CAM: Like in London?

MM: Central London, Singapore, Stockholm, and there are a few dynamic toll roads in Southern California. They move a lot more vehicles and reduce pollution. But it's not a popular idea.

CAM: Why do people object so strenuously?

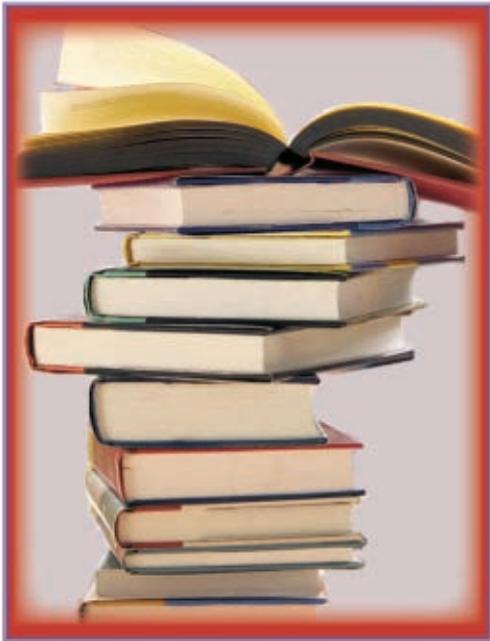
MM: People have become accustomed to the idea that roads should be free; in the West, highways are called freeways. So changing that attitude is extremely difficult—particularly when any sort of user fee can be interpreted as a tax, and we're in a political environment where new taxes face an uphill battle.

CAM: When fees are proposed, many people call them elitist.

MM: That is a reoccurring objection, and there are a couple of ways to look at it. Lower-income people are much less likely to drive in the first place—and if you're on a bus on a congestion-priced road, you go a lot faster. Low income people are also more likely to drive at off-peak hours or to reverse-commute, so they are less likely to pay high tolls if they do drive. And we need to remember that congestion doesn't just affect drivers. When we sit in traffic on busy arterials, we emit a lot of pollution into nearby neighborhoods, which are often populated by lower-income people. The consequences are enormous. You end up with babies who have low birth weights and life-long respiratory problems, and higher incidences of asthma and cancer—all because affluent people don't want to pay for the congestion they cause. So the equity argument is more complicated than simply saying that priced roads are “Lexus lanes.”

CAM: Is this model at work on toll roads like the New York State Thruway and the Massachusetts Turnpike?

MM: Those tolls aren't designed to manage traffic, just to raise money. The key is that a toll has to be dynamic; it has to rise and fall with the demand for the road, so when you pay you get some-



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thing in return. “Yeah, I’ve paid a toll, but I’m going sixty-five miles an hour.”

CAM: What can you recommend other than toll-based solutions?

MM: You can recommend different things, but by themselves they probably won’t work. We’ve spent a lot of money on public transportation, but transit doesn’t do much to the overall level of congestion; it just lets some people glide by underneath it. Manhattan has the densest rail network in the U.S., and its congestion is terrible. Places with well-developed transit systems—Boston, San Francisco, Tokyo, London—tend to have horrible congestion.

CAM: That seems anti-intuitive. Could you explain why?

MM: When people who would have driven get on a train, they free up space on the road. That reduces the time-cost of driving. So other people switch from other routes, modes, and times to drive at the peak hour. In the medium term, you get the same level of congestion. The *Onion* headline says it all: “98 Percent of Americans Favor Public Transportation for Other People.” If everyone thinks that way, what you get is an empty train and a crowded road. And even if you get a full train, like in Manhattan, you also get a crowded road.

CAM: If public transportation doesn’t help and tolls are a political dead-end, then what?

MM: We have to keep banging away at adding tolls, and looking for ways to make them more politically feasible.

CAM: To what extent are you up against an intractable problem, which is Americans’ passionate attachment to their cars?

MM: There may be a car culture, but its influence can be overstated. When people move from L.A. to New York, their behavior changes. They adopt a new culture shaped by the monetary realities of travel in New York. The car culture exists in part because we have laws and regulations that make driving cheap.

CAM: You lived in L.A. for ten years, and even Ithaca has traffic jams. How does being in this field affect your own experience behind the wheel?

MM: I sometimes look around and see how many cars have more than one occupant—measure the wasted space. But it’s hard to be analytical when you’re stuck in traffic. As a driver, your reptilian instincts kick in; you just want to get home. It’s much easier to think rationally about congestion when you’re not in it.

— Beth Saulnier

Man of Few Words

Book highlights Frank Robinson's passion for haiku



DEDE HATCH

"A museum director writing poetry is like a dog dancing," says Frank Robinson. "The amazing thing is not that he does it well, but that he does it at all." Robinson, who retired in June after two decades at the helm of the Johnson Museum, has loved poetry since childhood. His affinity for haiku inspired him to publish *Soft Applause for the Day*, a collection of more than a hundred of his short poems, with images by Ithaca-based photographer Dede Hatch. "I don't know why, but I was attracted to these wonderful insights from the Japanese haiku masters," Robinson says of his lifelong fascination with the form. As an adult working seventy-hour weeks, Robinson wrote haiku for a more practical reason. "I only had time for these little perceptions," he recalls, "these little insights in poetry."

Robinson's work often departs from the traditional haiku form, which consists of five-seven-five syllable breaks, a seasonal reference, and a grammatical and rhythmic pause known as a *kireji*. Although he generally adheres to the seventeen-syllable format, he says, "the five-seven-five is just too difficult in the English language. But I hope that I'm not violating the spirit of haiku; even the great Japanese masters don't always keep to the traditional rules."

The small fifty-page hardcover is the result of nearly two years of work sorting and selecting poems and photographs. From the beginning, Robinson says, he and Hatch saw the words and images as separate but parallel. "We wanted to work together, not because she could illustrate my poems or my poems could illustrate her photographs, but rather because they were similar in spirit," he recalls. "It's the spirit of haiku—paying attention to the unimportant, to the everyday things, to all those moments that constitute and shape our lives."

In the book, Robinson's poems are arranged in chronological order, beginning with a haiku that he wrote as a teenager in the Fifties:

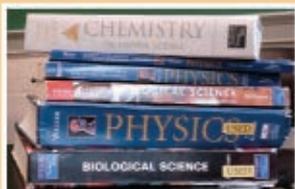
*Little maple tree,
two inches high,
even your three leaves are turning.*

As the book progresses, Robinson's poetry reveals a greater depth of emotion and vulnerability. On page 38, next to Hatch's photo of a twig encrusted in ice, he writes:

*Autumn, and I feel
I'm turning another color,
darker, perhaps.*

Soft Applause for the Day was self-published by EmilyPepper Press (named after Robinson's and Hatch's dogs); it retails for \$17 and is available at several Ithaca bookstores or online at www.buffalostreetbooks.com. "People think that my poetry is a move away from what I've been doing, but it's not," observes Robinson, who has segued to a part-time position in Alumni Affairs and Development. "I just care about art. And art can come out visually—but it can also come out in poetry."

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A short story by professor J. Robert Lennon spawns a hit TV cop show



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On the case: Actors Poppy Montgomery and Dylan Walsh shooting “Unforgettable,” based on a story by J. Robert Lennon (right).



LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

When English professor J. Robert Lennon was asked to contribute a story to an anthology of superhero fiction, he dispatched the assignment in a brisk four hours. The result was “The Rememberer,” which appeared in the 2008 volume *Who Can Save Us Now? Brand-New Superheroes and Their Amazing (Short) Stories*. After that, Lennon pretty much forgot about the tale—which, ironically enough, involves a female FBI agent who remembers everything that has ever happened to her. “It was not an action-type story at all,” Lennon observes. “It was a contemplative,

depressing story, and she dies at the end.” The author of such novels as *Mailman* and *The Funnies*, Lennon has a West Coast agent charged with getting his work optioned for film and TV—but he never thought to send her “The Rememberer.” Then he was struck by the sort of lightning that writers dream of: someone at Sony Pictures read the book and sought the rights to his story. “It was out of the blue,” he recalls. “Of all the things my agent had been trying to sell, someone thought it would make a good TV show.” That show, retitled “Unforgettable,” has emerged as a Tuesday night hit for CBS, home of such crime blockbusters as

“NCIS” and “CSI.” It stars Poppy Montgomery (of the missing-persons drama “Without a Trace”) as Carrie Wells, a former Syracuse detective who reluctantly joins the NYPD after a long hiatus from law enforcement. Like Lennon’s protagon-

nist, she struggles with the blessings and burdens of her perfect memory; in material original to the show, she also copes with a lingering attraction to her former boyfriend (a fellow cop played by Dylan Walsh of “Nip/Tuck”)—and is haunted by her sister’s unsolved murder, the only memory she can’t recall. “We were primarily taken by two key elements of [Lennon’s] story, which appealed to our imaginations as writers,” show creators Ed Redlich and John Bellucci said via e-mail. “One was the idea of a person who could remember an entire life, and the second was the personal and emotional cost of living with that ability. Neither one of us was eager to simply write a whodunit procedural, nor did we want to treat the gift of her memory as some kind of parlor trick that would allow her to solve crimes.”

As of its first half-dozen episodes, the creators report, the show had the highest ratings of any new drama—prompting the network to order a full season. “Its action sequences are energetic, its crime scenes shot with noirish gloom,” said the *Miami Herald*. “And the video effects that allow Montgomery to stand outside her own memories, examining them for telltale clues, are eye-popping. But it’s the pained longing of Montgomery and Walsh that turn ‘Unforgettable’ into something much more profound: a meditation on the fleeting nature of memory, how it can burden us and betray us, comfort us and console us.”

For Lennon, the show has offered a publicity boost—his name appears prominently in the opening credits—and a modest income bump, though not Hollywood-style riches. He’s keeping his day job as director of creative writing at Cornell, and he recently completed his latest novel; *Familiar*, a domestic drama with sci-fi elements, comes out in October from Greywolf Press. But there have been a few perks: he’s garnered some new fans, and last fall he and his parents mingled with the cast and crew at the show’s production facility in Queens. “It was really cool,” he reports. “Their police station mockup was wildly convincing, right down to the cheap and weathered metal-frame desks and American flag stickers.” As for his feelings about the show itself, he says he’s generally delighted—but admits that due to his busy schedule (and the fact that he doesn’t have cable), he’s seen only the pilot. “I don’t watch much TV,” says Lennon, pledging to catch up on all the episodes when his workload lightens. “That’s not out of cultural snobbery. If I had an extra life to live, I’d probably spend the whole thing watching television.”

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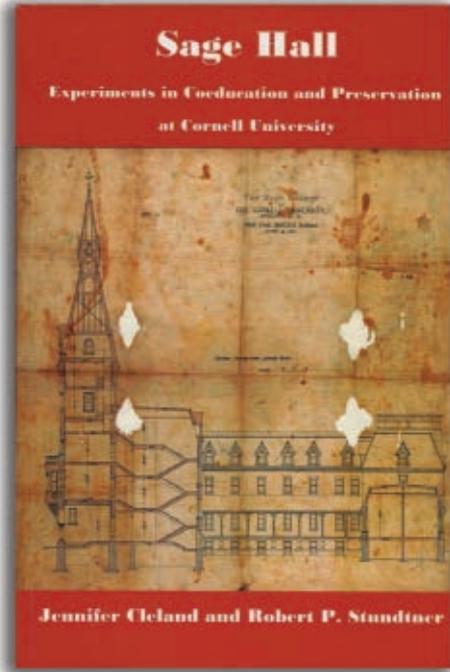
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Self-published book recounts the Sage Hall renovation



The 1996–98 renovation of Sage Hall was one of the most complicated and controversial projects in Cornell’s history. The old building, which had opened as a residential college for women in 1875, was in terrible shape, so the renovation essentially consisted of putting a new structure inside the original walls. Easier said than done.

Sage Hall: Experiments in Coeducation and Preservation at Cornell University by Jennifer Cleland '72, PhD '99, and Robert Stundtner begins with an overview of Sage’s early history and the battles that accompanied its pioneering role in co-education. The account of the renovation starts about halfway through and is interwoven with a memoir of the courtship and marriage of Cleland and Stundtner. The most entertaining reading, though, is the series of construction update e-mails written by Stundtner, the project manager, which are reproduced more or less verbatim. He traces the progress in detail, often with wry humor, providing a sort of *cinema verité* overview of the day-to-day troubles and triumphs. There’s also a good account of the opening of the original cornerstone, which contained Ezra Cornell’s 1873 letter to “the coming man and woman”—a missive whose contents had remained mysterious for more than a century.

Like many self-published works, this book suffers from curious typography and errors large and small. Even so, the inside view of the massive project that produced a spectacular new home for the Johnson School is a valuable nugget of Cornell history. For more information, go to: www.sagehallbook.com.

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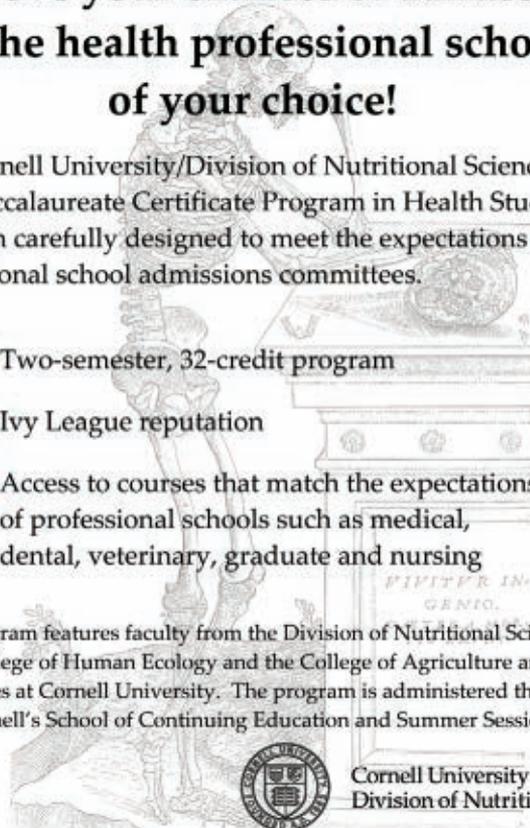
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Student entrepreneurs develop tech businesses—in just fifty-four hours

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Welcome to 3 Day Startup, an entrepreneurial event where Cornell students aim to develop business plans for viable tech companies. With the help of the twelve entrepreneurs and computer experts serving as volunteer mentors, participants have just fifty-four hours over one weekend in early November to create demos and pitch presentations. On Sunday night, each team will present its nascent business to a panel of venture capitalists, angel investors, and tech entrepreneurs that may eventually invest real money in their projects.

Within hours of convening in Upson Hall on Friday afternoon, the participants had come together in brainstorming groups based on their strengths and interests. In one corner of the room, three students—Tim Novikoff, a PhD candidate in applied math; information science major Lori Ho '12; and computer science major Eugene Doan '12—discuss Pocket Studio, a website that would allow users to edit concert videos from the footage of multiple iPhones. A large roll of paper, anchored by two cups of coffee, quickly fills up with sketches and ideas.

Ho begins creating a slideshow for their presentation that night, using Adobe Illustrator to sketch a crowd waving smartphones. An aspiring specialist in user-friendly site navigation, she is one of only a handful of designers at 3 Day Startup. "Think of a website as a building," she explains. "I'm the person figuring out how to make that building pretty and easy to walk through, but I'm not actually building it. I tell our coders what our site should look like, and they tell me what's actually possible." Computer science major Harrison Wong '12 comes by,

munching a powdered-sugar donut. Overhearing Novikoff and Doan discussing a revenue model, he suggests adding a watermark to the free version of the compiled videos. "That's a great idea," Novikoff says. "Then, either they're paying us for their video or they're sending their entire social network a five-minute commercial for our company."

Founded in Austin in 2008, 3 Day Startup is a nonprofit that sponsors entrepreneurial "boot camps" at some two dozen U.S. and international universities and companies each year. This event, Cornell's first, was spearheaded by Sohan Jain '12, a computer science major and former Facebook intern. He and nine other student volunteers screened more than 150 applicants before selecting forty students from such fields as computer science, business, law, and design. Participants formed groups with representatives from each discipline, and by Friday night they had brainstormed fourteen ideas to be pitched

'It's all about the "P words"—passion, perseverance, persistence, and precience.'

to an audience of students, entrepreneurs, and computer scientists.

After their five-minute presentations, the pitchers face questions and comments—some rather heated—from the audience. When MBA student Bill Cullen proposes an app that would open all of a user's favorite websites at once on a public computer, he is hit by a chorus of voices shouting versions of, "Don't you know that already exists?" His idea didn't make it through the night, but six others did; the students then formed groups around the projects that most interested them. Pocket Studio remained in the running—along with Active Learn-

ing, a training app for athletes; Redfo, a service that allows users to automate phone orders to restaurants; AdPear, a mobile advertising platform in which two ads are shown side by side; 4th Wall, a customizable interface for video-game developers; and Crowdbox.in, a crowd-sourced digital jukebox.

The next day, after a long night of research and coding, the teams are ready to face 3 Day Startup's twelve mentors. Students, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and computer engineers alike munched on subs and sucked down Monster energy drinks as each team pitched its business plans and received suggestions. Unlike most other teams, the students behind AdPear had created a near-complete business plan. Philip Zigoris '03, a Facebook engineer and one of the program's mentors, chimes in when AdPear team leader Paul Yang '12 suggests collecting data on users' choices between a Coke ad and a Pepsi ad. "Do you really think two competing brands will want to advertise next to each other?" he asks. "I know on TV, Ford and Chevy often won't allow their commercials to be shown in the same time slot." Yang nods appreciatively and makes a note on the whiteboard behind him, where his team's charts, lists, and sketches stretch across the room.

Next door, Mike Digman '11, a PhD candidate in computer science, and computer engineering major Ranjay Krishna '13 work on plans for 4th Wall. They've been developing a business model, but mentor Rhett Weiss, executive director of Cornell's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute, encourages them to create a working demo before Sunday night. "It's all about the 'P words,'" he says later. "Passion, perseverance, persistence. And prescience; being able to see where this opportunity can go."

The 4th Wall team takes his advice, creating a video game that integrates Jain's Facebook network during play. The other teams offer similarly interactive experiences for the final presentations; audience members are invited to choose a mobile ad experience on AdPear, place an order on Renfo, and make song suggestions via Crowdbox.in. MBA student Arthur Soroken had abandoned the jukebox app when it didn't garner enough interest after his Friday night pitch. But he revisited the idea on Saturday night, and—with only one teammate—created a working Web application and business plan by Sunday. "We picked it up at 11 p.m. and coded it until the crack of dawn," Soroken says. "I learned this weekend that sometimes, to get things done, you just don't sleep."

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Reinhardt approached two Seneca Lake winemakers, Dave Whiting of Red Newt Cellars and Peter Bell of Fox Run Vineyards, with the idea of creating a unique wine from grapes grown at their three wineries. Whiting and Bell agreed enthusiastically. They decided to name the project Tierce, referring to the involvement of three winemakers and three vineyards.

The first vintage of Tierce was the 2004 Riesling. The trio chose to focus on Riesling



for their initial effort, as they felt it best reflected the quality that could be achieved in the Finger Lakes. Three years later, the "Tierce brothers" chose to take advantage of an unusually warm year and produce a red wine. They spent long and sometimes frustrating hours blending and tasting to produce the first—and to this day only—Tierce Red.

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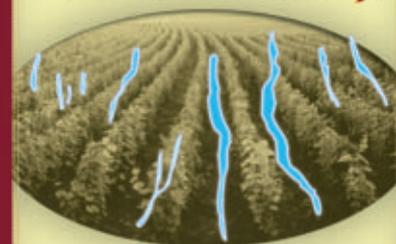
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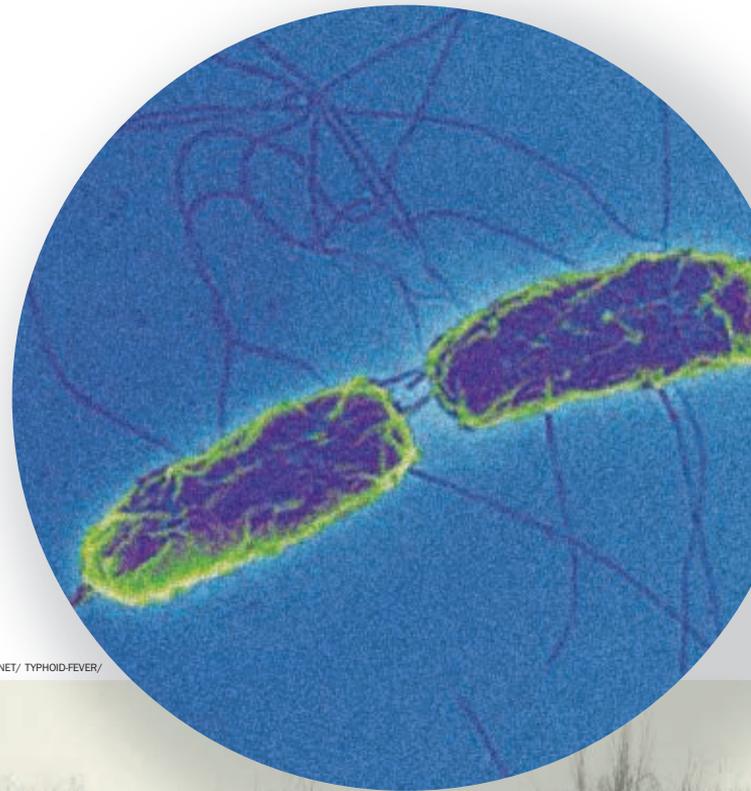
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When the deadly 1903 typhoid epidemic sparked panic on campus and beyond, President Jacob Gould Schurman scrambled to keep Cornell from closing—maybe for good



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Far above, long ago: Students on campus around the turn of the century. Top: Typhoid bacilli.

In Hot Water

By David DeKok



In early 1903, a typhoid epidemic struck Ithaca, claiming the lives of eighty-two people—including twenty-nine Cornell students—and sickening hundreds of others. In *The Epidemic: A Collision of Power, Privilege, and Public Health* (Lyons Press), journalist David DeKok explores the roots of the public health disaster. The main culprits, he writes, were not so much the disease carriers themselves—most likely immigrant laborers building the Six Mile Creek dam, who carried the typhoid bacilli from Italy—as the businessmen who put profits above human lives.

President Jacob Gould Schurman found himself in a dilemma that was Homeric in its scope and complexity. A typhoid epidemic was killing his students. Those still on campus (nearly a third—about a thousand—had fled) were increasingly restive and angry, demanding remedies, such as free artesian water delivered to their board-inghouses, that his Board of Trustees and especially the governing Executive Committee were not willing to provide. The Executive Committee was dominated by friends of William Torrey Morris 1873; in 1901 they had arranged for Cornell University to invest \$100,000 in Ithaca Water Works bonds so he could buy the water company. They showed no signs of backing away from him. And what about the fate of the University itself? Each student death was publicized around the country, and Ithaca was portrayed as a pestilential hellhole. Would any parent ever again agree to send his son or daughter to Cornell?

Schurman needed someone to make an intelligent investigation of how the epidemic came to be if he was to craft a way out of this mess. He wanted to know the present condition of the campus water supply, which came from Fall Creek, and how the campus and city supplies might be kept pure in the future. The Cornell president quietly asked Professors Veranus Moore 1887 and Emile Chamot 1891, PhD 1897,

to carry out the work, which they did forthwith, returning a week later with a cogent report that examined all realistic sources of the epidemic.

The two professors believed Six Mile Creek was the source of the epidemic and had been contaminated by the Italian workers on the dam. But they admitted that with the workers gone since mid-November there was no way to prove the hypothesis conclusively. “The rocks and woods at and near the edge of the stream are reported to have been thickly sprinkled with human excrement and . . . the stream itself received directly much of their excreta. This condition was witnessed by one of us (Chamot) in the fall. At the time of our visit, February 12th, there was still evidence of such a condition.” They received a letter from an Ithaca businessman describing what he saw the previous fall, and collected statements from three Cornell botanists who saw the foul condition of the construction site during plant collecting hikes along Six Mile Creek around the same time.

They warned Schurman that Fall Creek, which provided the campus water supply, also passed through farming territory and was nearly as dirty as Six Mile Creek. Drinking unfiltered was a disaster waiting to happen. The thing to do, the professors recommended, was to build a filtration plant for the water from one creek or the other, or to draw all water from artesian wells. Schurman released their findings to the public a few days later.

On February 10, Schurman addressed a student meeting that filled Sage Chapel. He tried to minimize the typhoid epidemic, pointing out—as the University would for the next century—that no student who only drank the campus water from Fall Creek had become ill, as if that would make students (who mostly lived off campus) feel better. He praised coeds who resisted the pleas of their parents to come home, and suggested that many students who had left Cornell since the epidemic began did so because they had flunked out or simply wanted some time off. The president criticized “grossly exaggerated” claims in the press about the number of ill students. He insisted that students were as safe in Ithaca as they would be at home, provided that the water in their boardinghouse was first boiled to kill the typhoid bacillus. Schurman called it “a simple remedy.”

Despite the supposed safety of the Fall Creek water, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees decided on February 16 to supply artesian well water for drinking to all university buildings. This was done without much explanation, but the reason appears to be a letter Schurman had received three days earlier warning him that new tests of Fall Creek water showed it had nearly twice the bacteria count as Six Mile Creek. This did not mean typhoid was in the campus water, but it was hardly a clean bill of health. None of this was disclosed

at the time. Students living off-campus—all of the men and some of the women—could either come on campus and carry artesian water back to their lodgings in jugs, or make sure that their landladies boiled the water at the houses. To that end, the Executive Committee sent two of its members to exact signed pledges from the boardinghouse operators not to serve or use unboiled water on pain of being reported to the Board of Health and their student tenants moving elsewhere, assuming they could. Morris attended the meeting, which the *Ithaca Daily Journal* said involved a long discussion of whether Cornell University ought to be closed. The committee ultimately decided that if even one student stayed, the University would remain open, according to the newspaper.

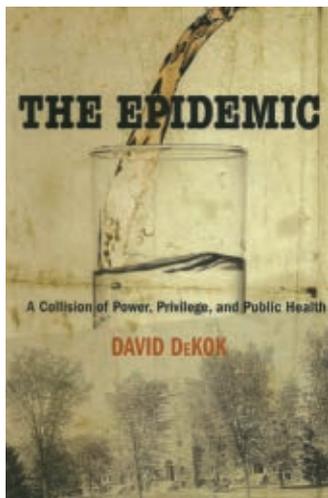
On the following day, unnerved and angered by the continuing illnesses and deaths, the senior class held an emergency meeting in Library Hall to make certain demands of the administration and Board of Trustees. High on their list was getting the same artesian water deal for their boardinghouses that the University had just given itself.

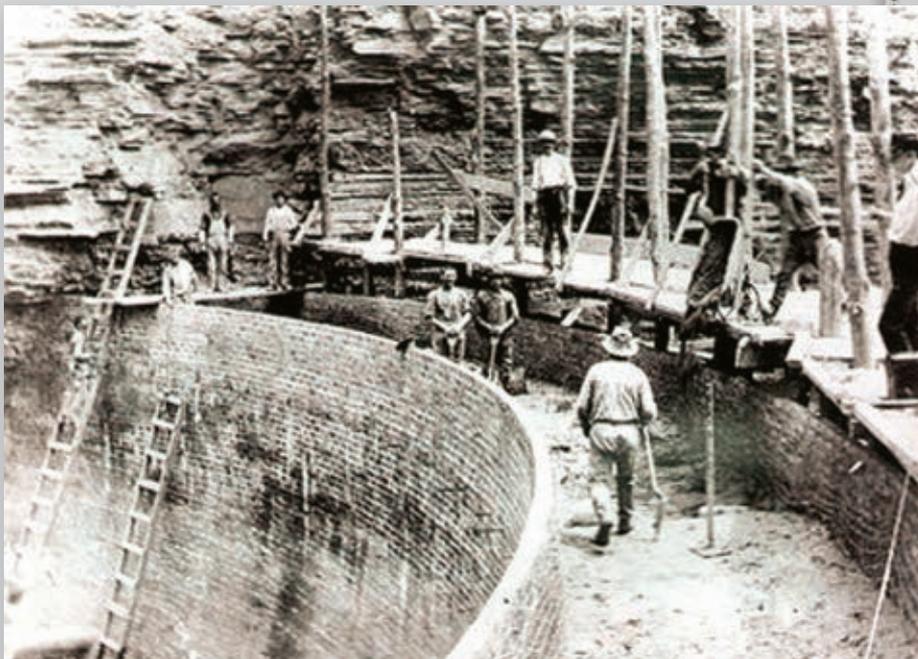
Leading the meeting was class president Floyd Carlisle 1903, a debate champion who would go on to head one of New York’s largest electric and gas utilities, Niagara Hudson, and be a leading, though principled, opponent of President Roosevelt’s utility reform legislation in 1935. Scores of Cornell students had become ill with typhoid and eight had died since the start of the epidemic, including two—Henry Schoenborn 1906 of Hackensack, New Jersey, and Otto Kohls 1906 of Rochester, New York—that very morning. A ninth student, Charles Schlenker 1905 of Batavia, New York, died in the infirmary even as the meeting got under way. Schlenker was a twenty-one-year-old engineering student who had been class president and captain of the football and track teams at his high school. All of Batavia mourned that night.

In their petition, the students painted a grim picture of the apocalypse around them. Alarmed parents had summoned many of their fellow students home, and those remaining in Ithaca were “in a demoralized state.” The petition dismissed the University plan to have students enforce the boiling of water in the boardinghouses as an impossible task and demanded that the University supply, at its own expense, artesian water to each of the student boardinghouses. They wanted enough for drinking, washing food and dishes, and brushing teeth. In addition, the students demanded the right to leave the University without penalty until the water delivery was under way.

They typed the petition hastily—the version in the Cornell Archives has overstrikes—in order to get it to Schurman before he left for the day, as they hoped he would bring it to the Executive Committee meeting that night. They might as well have mailed it. The Executive Committee thanked the students for their concern, proclaimed that the University was doing its utmost to help them, and then voted it down. In a written response, the trustees said delivering water to student boardinghouses scattered across the city “seems to us well nigh impracticable.” They also feared it would cause other, unspecified difficulties, “that would greatly embarrass us in the relief measures we are now pursuing,” the meaning of which would become clear a day later. Much faith was placed in the boil-water pledges signed by the boardinghouse keepers.

In an angry report to their fellow students, Carlisle and the other members of the senior class committee said the boarding-





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Disease vector: Laborers building the Six Mile Creek dam were believed to be the source of the epidemic. Top right: An ad for distilled water.

house keepers “could not be trusted with the disinfection of water polluted with virulent disease germs.” They said the university policy put student lives at the mercy of their landlords and landladies. “Every student who has lived in a boardinghouse or seen a student eating house kitchen knows the utter folly of expecting careful disinfection of the water, even if the University officials from time to time inspect the conditions.”

There had been much more to the February 16 meeting of the Executive Committee than a general discussion of whether the University ought to stay open. What had been hashed out was a plan for Ithaca Water Works, which was nearly broke, to build the filtration plant using a \$150,000 loan from the University. The City of Ithaca would need to approve higher water rates—they were already among the highest in the state—to pay for the plant, but would be free to hold another referendum on the city taking over the water system or moving to artesian wells, as many had advocated. Loaning more money to Morris seemed to some on the Executive Committee like throwing good money after bad, but Schurman believed there was no other choice if he was to be able to tell students and their parents that clean water would be available by the start of the fall semester.

Morris, whose people were still telling citizens that the city water was fine to drink, had agreed to the deal, in large part because Schurman used the \$100,000 in Ithaca Water Works bonds held by the University as leverage to force him to go along. But the *quid pro quo* seems to have been that the University would not deliver artesian water to the student boardinghouses. If we go back to one of the reasons given by the Executive Committee in rejecting the student petition, “that [it] would greatly embarrass us in the relief measures we are now pursuing,” the

logical conclusion is that the committee members denied clean artesian water to the students out of fear of antagonizing Morris, the monster they themselves created.

The Cornell president made a dramatic appearance before Ithaca Common Council on February 18 to announce the deal, more or less as a *fait accompli*. Council would have to accept the deal, Schurman believed. What other choice did it have? Because otherwise, Cornell University and all the economic benefit it brought to the city would be doomed.

In his comments to council and the public that night, Schurman ruled out artesian wells or Cayuga Lake as alternative sources of supply for Ithaca. He was not opposed to artesian wells, per se, but questioned whether they could provide the two million gallons per day the city needed. In any case, he doubted they could be ready by September 1, the deadline he imposed. As for Cayuga Lake, well, the lake was fed by streams running through the city, including Six Mile Creek, and was the receptacle of most of Ithaca’s untreated sewage. The eyes of the nation were upon Ithaca, Schurman said, waiting for an answer to the question, “Is it safe?”

And now that he had Morris boxed into a corner, Schurman unleashed his rhetoric, holding Ithaca Water Works and its management responsible for bringing the typhoid calamity to Ithaca. Not for nothing did he have national renown as a speaker. “I shall not discuss the cause of the present epidemic nor the parties who may be morally and legally responsible for this disas-

ter,” Schurman said, and then proceeded to do just that. “There is a general belief that it is caused by the water. I believe it is. It may not be possible to prove the water responsible, yet we believe it to be so. If it is, the officials of the water company are responsible.” It was a remarkable speech, but there was more. “So far as the company is concerned,” Schurman said, “we have no faith in their management. We insist, first, upon a representation on their board, to have the right to control the plant and patrol the watersheds.”

Whatever he said was enough, or perhaps the council members truly believed they had no choice. There was much grumbling, both on council and among members of the public, about an option that forced them to drink “filtered sewage.” They eventually focused on the part of the deal that gave them the right to take over Ithaca Water Works by eminent domain. They would fix this later. Council approved the deal that night and set a referendum on municipal water for March 2. Schurman praised the council action as “the salvation of the city” that would ensure that Cornell University would have a full complement of students in the fall.

Schurman’s troubles were far from over. As jubilant as he had a right to feel in fixing the deal for the filtration plant, he still had to win the battle of public perception. Yes, he could tell parents their children would have clean water by September 1, but the suffering and deaths among the students had left a public stain not easily washed away. The sins of Ithaca were known to journalists up and down the East Coast, in every city and town that sent students to Cornell. Newspapers around the country were running wire stories about the epidemic. Calling the University to account for its sins was almost a reflexive act for the newspapers. Schurman complained that “among other things from which we have to suffer at the present time are the awfully sensational reports of the newspapers.” Most of them were not, but they hurt, and the worst was yet to come. Weeks later, he would be railing against “the misrepresentations and lies circulated by a sensational press.” While the press made some mistakes, which is true of any big story, much of the coverage and editorials seemed to be accurate and fair.

The anonymous “ALUMNUS” letter published in the student newspaper on February 18 was the first shot in a barrage of harsh criticism of the University. The letter writer, who is unknown, professed to be shocked to learn that Cornell University owned \$100,000 worth of Ithaca Water Works bonds and suggested that investment explained the University’s lackadaisical response to the epidemic.

Schurman was livid. In a speech to students the next day in the Armory, he raged, “No statement has stung me more because none was more infinitely criminal.” He insisted that a bondholder had no control over a corporation’s policy, which was technically true but largely irrelevant given the size of Cornell’s debt holdings in Ithaca Water Works and the critical role the University played in making sure Morris had enough money to buy the company from the Treman family in 1901. The *Ithaca Daily Journal* attacked “ALUMNUS” in nearly as strong terms, accusing the letter writer of “foolish” and “silly” utter-



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Crisis management: Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell from 1892 to 1920

‘There is a general belief that it is caused by the water,’ Schurman said of the epidemic. ‘It may not be possible to prove the water responsible, yet we believe it to be so. If it is, the officials of the water company are responsible.’

ances, and claiming that every educated person should know that a bondholder does not have any control over a corporation. The editorial offered a series of examples that were far removed from the close relationship among the Executive Committee, the Treman family, and Morris.

In the same speech, Schurman partly conceded to the key student demand, saying that, if the students arranged to have artesian water delivered to their boardinghouses, the University would pay for it. He said that the Sage College gymnasium would be converted into a men's dormitory for the duration of the epidemic, and that as many as 300 men could be accommodated there, far fewer than the potential need. And conceding to another student demand, Schurman waived all penalties for students who left campus until the epidemic was over, saying they could make up their classes in the summer.

Now the ball was in the student court. Should they accept the filtration deal, or rather give it their approval? They held their own meeting with their leaders a day later. The more radical of them—especially Manton Wyvell 1901, JD 1904, a law student who had traveled with William Jennings Bryan as he campaigned for president against William McKinley in 1900—did not trust Ithaca Water Works. Wyvell called the water company “an interested party” and doubted that it would carry out its pledge to build a proper filtration plant. But moderation prevailed, and the students in the end voted unanimously to endorse Schurman’s plan for filtration. They did urge that the shanty and latrine used by the Italian workers at the dam site be burned, but rejected the idea of doing it themselves.

Bad news: Press reports made the Ithaca outbreak a national story, leading Schurman to lament the “awfully sensational” coverage.

Almost in spite of himself, President Jacob Gould Schurman had extracted Cornell University from a seemingly impossible situation. He had persuaded Ithaca Common Council to accept a plan for filtration of the town’s water that many of the citizens despised, preferring to drill for artesian water, and he had stopped much of the negative commentary in the press that might have killed the University. Yet the disease had not run its course and his students continued to die, often in the homes and hometowns they thought would be a refuge from the calamity in Ithaca.

If Morris is the villain of DeKok’s book, one of its heroes is George Soper. A sanitary engineer, Soper launched a comprehensive disinfection campaign that was elemental in ending the epidemic. He had outhouses cleaned and closed, arranged for more frequent trash collection, and sanitized the Ithaca Water Works infrastructure, among other measures. The final typhoid patient was discharged from the Cornell infirmary in mid-May. “The surprise was how quickly Cornell University returned to normal life that fall and put the epidemic behind it,” DeKok writes. “Enrollment actually showed a healthy increase.” As he goes on to note, the disaster that had devastated Cornell the previous spring got just one mention in the Daily Sun the following fall. ■

Former investigative reporter David DeKok is the author of nonfiction books on crises in small-town America, including Fire Underground: The Ongoing Tragedy of the Centralia Mine Fire (Globe Pequot).

MORE DEATHS FROM TYPHOID.

Four Additions to List of Ithaca's Fever Victims—Two Cornell Students—Board of Health Measures.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 28.—James Francis McEvey of Bliss, N. Y., died of typhoid fever in the Cornell infirmary this evening. He was a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences of Cornell University. Paul G. Wanke, a graduate student in Cornell University, died to-day at his home, in Au-

TYPHOID FEVER AT CORNELL.

Sixty-two Student Cases Being Treated at Ithaca and Nearly 200 Have Been Sent Home.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—President Schurman addressed the students of Cornell University to-day upon the typhoid fever epidemic now raging in Ithaca. He gave out that among the students there were to-day sixty-two cases receiving treatment in Ithaca, of which only seven were considered serious, while between 150 and 200 students have been sent to their homes by physicians upon the appearance of fever symptoms.

The last twenty-four hours shows a marked decrease in the number of new cases, and it is hoped that the epidemic is now under control.

Man of Steel

By Beth Saulnier



PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY CHRIS SHEA

Chris Shea '87 buys his office supplies by the ton. He commutes by walking a few yards from his house in rural Maryland—built in the Thirties with bricks scavenged from a demolished prison—to a workshop in the backyard. Forget a copier and fax machine; Shea uses an anvil, a hammer, and a coal-fired forge whose glowing orange embers hover above 2,000 degrees.

What do you do with a BA in English? If you're Shea, you go to blacksmith's school and become a metal artist. Heavily influenced by the art nouveau movement, Shea creates objects—from sculptures to furniture to candelabras to architectural elements like railings—that meld ancient techniques with modern aesthetics. "I love the sense of history," Shea says, heating a length of steel at his forge. "A forged item has that feeling of timelessness. I don't fight it, and a lot of my designs are take-offs on traditional forms. But what really motivates me is having a vision for something I want to make, and then making it."

Much of Shea's work melds metal and glass, the latter fabricated to his specifications at the Washington Glass School in suburban Maryland. His designs include a "pod-form" dining table with an ovoid base and round glass top; a fish-shaped weather-vane; a rectangular rust-finished coffee table whose glass top is dotted with circular indentations; and a sconce table whose form is reminiscent of the human spine. "Part of the appeal of combining metal and glass is that you get the sense of something rugged and strong, and then this thing that is full of light and possibly ephemeral," Shea says. "There's something poetic about that. And there's something beautiful about the way that the metal is darker and tends to absorb light, and the glass just glows."

Shea often takes inspiration from the insect world; one of his best-known pieces is a set, comprising an "arthropod side table" and two café chairs, that was recently added to the permanent collection of the Renwick Gallery, the Smithsonian's craft and decorative arts museum. Its legs echo an insect's segmented limbs; the chair backs are reminiscent of a beetle's carapace; the seats and tabletop are made of bluish green glass that seems both ethereal and rock-solid. "I've always loved insects," Shea muses.

Metal artist Chris Shea '87 uses an ancient craft to create modern objects—many inspired by the insect world

“I know there is a creepy element to them, but I find them absolutely beautiful and fascinating. Often they have a feeling of something that’s built up out of parts, like a lot of my work. The shell structure is a perfect analogy to metal, and the forms I can create in metal seem to lend themselves to insect inspiration.” The table and chairs were showcased in the September/October 2011 issue of *DC* magazine, which ran a full-page photo of Shea and wrote that he “has taken his traditional concepts of craftsmanship and designs rooted in art nouveau and gone a little buggy.”

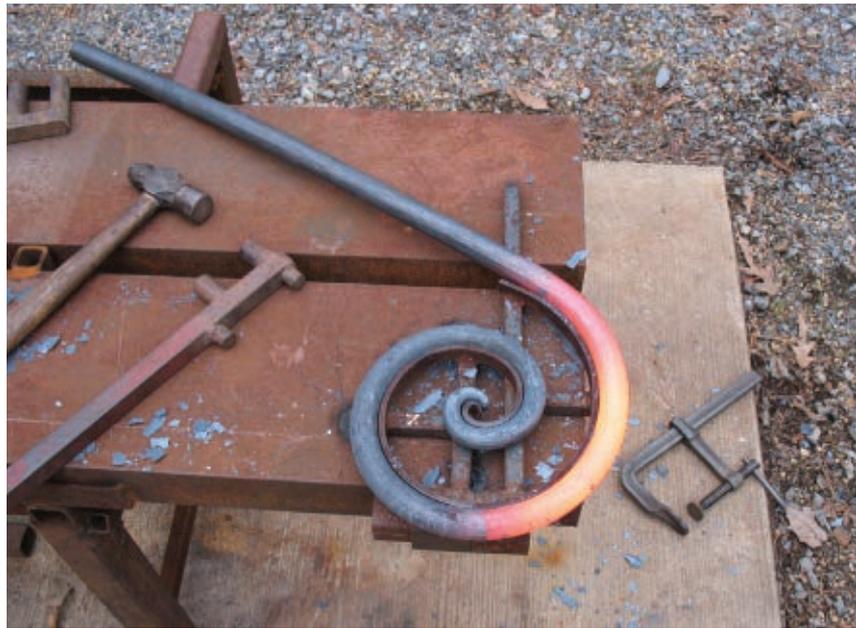
Shea’s workshop is located in Brandywine—forty minutes southeast of Washington, D.C.—where he lives with his wife, Dana Trevas, two dogs, and a cat. The space is dominated by a large steel table that does both heavy and light duty; he can weld on it, and he can sketch designs on it with soapstone. In addition to myriad chisels and other tools organized in old coffee cans, the workshop features such equipment as a century-old electric power hammer and the coal-fired forge, whose venting system he built himself. “When you get steel hot, it moves just like clay,” Shea observes. “In the finished object there can be a sense of quick motion—it’s like a frozen moment. You have the evidence of something that has flowed and curved. You can beat metal when it’s cold, but to get a sense of motion, that’s where the heat comes in.” (Shea uses the terms “iron” and “steel” more or less interchangeably; technically, he notes, steel is an alloy of iron and other elements, most commonly carbon.)

Shea also creates many of his own tools, like tongs and punches; from a recycled car axle, he made a horn-shaped gizmo that he uses as a form for circular shapes. He has several anvils; his main one—which he bought on eBay—weighs about 200 pounds, plus a sand-filled base. “Part of the appeal to people who buy, collect, and admire handmade work is that they have this sense that someone spent a lot of focused time and attention on it, and put a lot of passion into it,” Shea says. “My work will be around, I hope, for centuries. A lot of responsibility comes with that—taking minerals from the earth and turning them into items of art and craft. If it’s going to be around for hundreds of years, you should take the time to think about it.”

But Shea acknowledges that there’s a downside to creating something that labor-intensive: few people can afford his work. The insect-themed chairs cost about \$5,800 each—“They’re kind of masterpieces,” he says, “there’s so much intricate work involved”—with the set approaching \$18,000. Objects such as candelabras start at \$500, architectural elements at \$15,000. “It’s very expensive,” Shea admits. “When I first set out I wanted to make work that was more affordable, but I just don’t



If he had a hammer: Blacksmith Chris Shea '87 (opposite) creates usable works of art, such as a “hippocampus sconce table” (above) made of forged steel and cast glass.



Iron Age: (Clockwise from above) Shea at his forge; red-hot steel in the process of being formed; his “arthropod side table” and café chairs; a forged-steel candelabra entitled “Symbiotic Variation #1”; and a pediment and mismatched railings he created for a townhouse in Arlington, Virginia

have a talent for it. My talent is for labor-intensive work that I get very absorbed in and passionate about. I want to make it the best it can possibly be.”

Although the recession slowed his business for a while, things have picked up; Shea is currently booked at least a year in advance. “If you’re an independent artist, you’re everything,” he notes. “I’m the marketing department, the floor sweeper, the chief blacksmith.” In one ongoing project, he’s transforming the front stoop of a brick colonial townhouse in Arlington, Virginia; he has installed curved (and mismatched) railings and replaced the neoclassical “pineapple” pediment above the door with a bronze piece dotted with dripping glass forms. Now he’s replacing the molding on either side of the door with bronze panels. “She loves odd things, so she really lets me go,” Shea says of the owner. “She says it makes her happy every time she walks in.”

Becoming a blacksmith was not on Shea’s radar when he was growing up on suburban Boston’s North Shore, the son of an operations engineer and a homemaker. He loved writing as a high school student and majored in English with an eye toward penning the great American novel; on the Hill, he edited the film calendar for Cornell Cinema. “I think

my writing career peaked when I wrote a completely bogus blurb about *The Road Warrior*,” Shea confesses. “I said it was a musical.” After graduation, he waited tables on Capitol Hill and wrote short stories in his off hours. “It took me a while to realize that although I could write pretty well if I worked at it, I didn’t actually like doing it,” he recalls, then adds: “I became a blacksmith because writing was too hard.”

In between writing and blacksmithing were years spent working for the D.C.-based Shakespeare Theatre Company; he started in the box office and later managed its school touring company. “I could see Shakespeare plays every night of my life, and often did,” says Shea, a lifelong fan of the Bard. “I walked to work every day for five years and said to myself, ‘There’s something else I’m supposed to be doing, but I have no idea what it is.’ I found myself working with my hands, which I hadn’t done since I was a kid.”

He took classes in woodworking, ceramics, and jewelry-making; he made puppets, including an Oedipus Rex that tears out its own eyes. (He still has it, and it still wows visitors.) “I’d make a piece of wood furniture and paint it with metallic paint,” he recalls. “I’d build a ceramic vessel and glaze it with metallic glaze. I was trying to tell myself something—that I would make these things in metal if I knew how.” Eventually, he and his wife moved to rural Tennessee, where he spent two and a half years at the Appalachian Center for Craft learning blacksmithing, silversmithing, woodworking, and glassmaking. Early commissions for practical ironwork like railings and gates eventually blossomed into his current career; in addition to the Renwick, his work has been shown at the Wexler Gallery in Philadelphia and at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, among other venues. “I learned early on that at least in this area, I have a lot of patience,” Shea says. “I love nothing better than a challenging job that will take me months from start to finish—to design it, draw it, engineer it, and get things just right.”

Shea notes that although he uses many classic techniques, he’s not a historical blacksmith akin to those who work at Colonial Williamsburg—those for whom using only period tools is central to their calling. “There are historical smiths who are brilliant and talented, and we learn a lot from them,” he says. “It interests me, but I’m more interested in making what I want to make; I don’t use a technique because it’s old, I use it because it works. In my shop, the end justifies the means. Often you’ll find the tra-



ditional ways are the best—but a modern TIG [arc] welder is a really nice thing. If I could go back in time and offer one of those smiths the TIG welder, I think he would take it.”

Of course, blacksmithing has its occupational hazards; like a chef, Shea has been burned more times than he can count, and has bashed the occasional finger. “I’ve never had any serious burns, it’s more just an ‘ouch,’” he says. “I’ve never had to go to the emergency room, and I’ve still got all my fingers.” Next to his forge is the “slack tub,” a drum full of cold water used to control the fire or cool metal; it’s also handy for dunking a burned hand to limit tissue damage. “I’ve heard that in earlier times people would drink water from the blacksmith’s slack tub,” he adds, “because they thought it had medicinal properties.”

More worrisome are issues like tendonitis of the wrists and elbows from all that repetitive hammering—he combats it with stretches, anti-inflammatories, and lots of ice packs—as well as back problems, which bedeviled him early in his career. “I had pretty bad back trouble at first, and I was concerned that I wasn’t going to be able to do this, because I could count on being laid up a week at a time,” Shea recalls. “I started doing yoga seven or eight years ago, and that’s helped a lot; I’ll stop and do ‘downward dog’ right here on the floor.” Upon reflection, though, he blames his back pain not so much on his current career as on his previous one. “I had some back trouble before I started,” he says, “but I think that was from sitting at a desk and working at a computer.”

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Six Receive Frank H. T. Rhodes Awards

Alumni Recognized with Highest Honor for Service

Each Homecoming, Cornell honors its most dedicated graduates. The Frank H. T. Rhodes Awards for Exemplary Alumni Service—bestowed by the CAA and named for Cornell's ninth president—recognize a lifetime of selfless service to Cornell. This year's honorees gave their time in a wide variety of ways—serving their local clubs, their classes, Cornell Plantations, Big Red athletics, the Board of Trustees, and more.

At a ceremony hosted by CAA President Stephanie Keene Fox '89 and attended by President David Skorton, these six alumni shared their motivations for devoting their time to Cornell. Frank Rhodes himself was on hand to pay tribute to Jim Hazzard '50, who had passed away a few weeks earlier—and who, as director of alumni affairs, helped establish the awards.

Robert Abrams '53

When Bob Abrams's daughter was in first grade, she was asked to explain her father's job. "My dad works for Cornell," she replied. That wasn't his full-time job at the time (he was running his own real estate firm). But given the amount of time he contributed to Cornell, it's no surprise a seven-year-old would come up with that response.



Stephanie Keene Fox and Steven Siegel

Take a look at Abrams's impressive volunteer resume and you'll understand why. He's a past president of CAANYC. He has served on advisory councils for Architecture, Art, and Planning; Arts and Sciences; and athletics. He's a founder of the Cornell Real Estate Council and the Cornell Real Estate Investment Subcommittee, on which he still serves. The capstone of his service to the University

has been his thirteen-year membership on the Board of Trustees; he is currently a Presidential Councilor. In 1992, Abrams joined the faculty of the Department of City and Regional Planning and helped found the Program in Real Estate, serving as its director for five years. "Cornell has been central to my life, exceeded only by devotion to my family," he says. "Actually, it is part of my family."

Walter Bruska '50

Walt Bruska enrolled at Cornell as a married student following his service in World War II. He then began working at the University—first as an end coach for the football team, then as an associate director in development, then as a special assistant to President Deane Malott, and finally as director of development. In the Sixties he left to take a series of posts in higher education, but everywhere he



Recognition: At the Rhodes ceremony were (standing, from left) President David Skorton, Bob Abrams '53, CAA President Stephanie Keene Fox '89, Walter Bruska '50, and President Emeritus Frank Rhodes; and (seated from left) Ginny Panzer '55, Steven Siegel '68, Anne Evans Estabrook '65, MBA '66, Micki Kuhs '61, and Rosa Rhodes.

went, he stayed involved with Cornell. "Whenever I'm asked where I went to school," Bruska said at the Rhodes Awards ceremony, "I reply with the deepest pride, 'Cornell University.'"

Bruska has held various leadership roles for the Class of 1950, including ten years as its president. He was instrumental in starting two regional clubs, those of Vermont and Alaska. A life member of the University Council, he serves on the Athletics Advisory Committee and on the board of directors of the Cornell Football Association. Said Bruska: "The debt of gratitude I have to Cornell will never be fully repaid."

Anne Evans Estabrook '65, MBA '66

"Fifty years ago yesterday, I stepped on to this campus for the first time," Anne Evans Estabrook said as she accepted her Rhodes Award. "I was seventeen. I was

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Meet the Cornell Alumni Association Board



Heather Knauss Wells '02

Position: Director at Large

Location: Los Angeles, California

Profession: Assistant director of alumni relations, Loyola Marymount University

Cornell major: Human development and family studies

First volunteer experience: Cornell Club of Los Angeles, young alumni events

Current activities: Cornell Club of Los Angeles board, Cornell Alumni Student Mentoring Program, Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network

Favorite place on campus: Sage Chapel, for its beauty, serenity, and the memories I have of making beautiful music there as part of the Cornell Chorus

Favorite professor: Tracy Mitrano (Family Law), JD '95, because she taught us to simply love learning

More profiles of CAA board members will appear in future issues.



Kim Jones Gilliam '98, MBA '02

Position: Director from the Region, Mid-Atlantic

Location: Alexandria, Virginia

Profession: Association and communications management

Cornell major: Applied economics and management

First volunteer experience: Johnson School alumni class officer and reunion co-chair

Current activities: University Council member, Johnson School '02 reunion chair

Favorite place on campus: Behind Uris Library looking down Libe Slope. I love seeing where my days at Cornell began on West Campus with the backdrop of Ithaca and Cayuga Lake beyond.

Favorite professor: Ralph Christy (AEM), for taking me under his wing when I changed majors sophomore year, transferring from Engineering to CALS. He took a personal interest in helping me navigate the curriculum and requirements to ensure my success in studying business and marketing.

Remembering Helen "Happy" Keane Reichert '25

The worst thing about Prohibition was that it codified in the American psyche that if you did something illegal, you would become rich."

Those were the first words spoken to me by (then) 102-year-old Helen "Happy" Reichert. Happy stood up as I entered the room, looked me in the eye, and asked if I understood how important those words were. "Alice," she said, "it became *fashionable* to break the law." In retrospect, right there, I learned so much about Happy.

Brilliantly smart, in command of the room; realist, teacher, mentor; all wrapped in fashion, however it was defined era to era; morphing with it, critiquing it, influencing it, ever living in the moment.

Happy's second sentence to me: "I bet I will shock you, Alice, when I tell you that I had a flask at Cornell!"

I laughed, "Happy, I had a flask at Cornell too—a rather fancy one from Gucci, silver and leather, a gift from my father, Class of 1931, seemingly to ensure that I would not (in 1962) drink bad bathtub gin." Happy and I bonded instantly.

As co-founder of Cornell's oral history project, I had flown to Ithaca to record Happy's story. I remember everything about that first meeting, and every one after.

Happy was not supposed to go to college—until a mentor urged her mother to send her. In a flurry, she took math, science, and other "non-female" courses during her last high school summer.

At Cornell she rowed crew, was active in theater, was asked out by dapper future movie star Franchot Tone '27, played bridge, smoked cigarettes, worked to pay for those cigarettes, ate pie à la mode, studied under renowned history professor Carl Becker, and chose not to join a sorority. "Oh, Alice," she told me, "the girls were nice, and it was fine. But I didn't want a slice of the pie; I wanted the whole pie. I was being allowed into classes taught by men, and that meant the world was opening up to me. And I wanted it all." She and her female classmates bobbed their hair and emerged into a new era. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Arts and Sciences, Happy became a writer, hosted an award-winning television show, taught history of theater costume design at NYU, and married a prominent cardiologist, Philip Reichert, MD '23.

When I asked how often she had been back to Cornell, Happy replied, "Haven't thought of the place in eighty years!" Startled, I asked, "Why now?" Happy laughed. "Cornell found me," she said. And it did, and Happy rediscovered Cornell. "I don't know why I haven't come back before," she said. "Cornell made my whole life, professional and personal, possible. It gave me the world."

At 102, Happy came to campus to visit Alice Cook House. She shared 'smores, Twenties-era stories, and her varsity crew photos with students. They embraced her history and passion for



I love a parade: President David Skorton and Happy Reichert '25 at the Sy Katz '31 Parade

the future, and she avidly returned that embrace.

On her 105th birthday, Happy—with glee and relish—led the Big Red Band's Sy Katz '31 Parade down Fifth Avenue with President David Skorton. Students, alumni, family, friends, New Yorkers, and tourists seemed to sense that something unique was happening in the city, and someone unique was leading the way. As an early 110th birthday gift, Cornell named the guest suite at Carl Becker House in her honor—so that, in spirit, she might return to the living/learning "classroom" of her beloved professor

Happy passed away in September at the age of 109. I shall miss her profoundly and cherish our found friendship. And I shall carry the impact of Happy's intelligence and vitality—and her glorious panache—with me always.

— Alice Katz Berglas '66

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the first in my family to attend college. It was my first time away from home. My life had changed and I had to adjust, and adjust I did. Fast forward twenty-five years. It was time for me to give back and show Cornell how much I appreciated all it had done to mold me into the adult I had become."

And give back she has. Estabrook has served on the Board of Trustees as well as on the Medical College Board of Overseers. She has worked in a variety of capacities for the advisory councils of the ILR school and the Johnson School, and is a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW). In accepting her award, Estabrook said she wanted to create a culture of volunteerism, one generation at a time. She has indeed set a fine example for others to follow.

Muriel "Micki" Bertenthal Kuhs '61

During her four-year tenure as president of the Cornell Alumni Federation (now the CAA), Micki Kuhs would often lead the meetings with a tiara on her head. The crown was there not because Micki thought of herself as royalty, but to remind the board not to take themselves too seriously. But one thing Micki has always taken seriously is her commitment to Cornell.

A longtime leader among Chicago alumni, she is known for hosting scholarship dinners at her home and book club meetings at her office. She is a member of PCCW, currently serves on the administrative board of the University Council, and chaired the 2011 Trustee Council annual meeting planning committee. "What keeps me involved?" Kuhs muses. "In my mind, there are two things: education and relationships. We all have one thing in common: we came here to get educated. We carry that on throughout our lives and we learn to follow a path of intelligent inquiry and civil discussion. Then there are the relationships—among students, faculty, alumni, and staff. We each find something as an alumnus that turns us on and keeps us at work in the volunteer community."

Ginny Wallace Panzer '55

Ginny Panzer has served on the board of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey, as '55 class correspondent, and now as vice president of her class. She has also been a tireless fundraiser for her class campaign, the Johnson Museum, the College of Human Ecology, and the Plantations. A life member of the University Council, she is also a past board member of the CAA. Panzer said she was thrilled to receive the recognition. "I am doubly honored," she said at the ceremony. "First, to receive an award named for Frank H. T. Rhodes; second, for something I love and enjoy doing. Thank you, Cornell, for fifty-six years of wonderful and exciting experiences."

Steven Siegel '68

Steve Siegel is a volunteer for all seasons; there's hardly an area of Cornell volunteer activities that he has not been involved in. He started with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network—first in New Jersey, then in Manhattan, and eventually as general chair for New York City. He has served on the boards of the former CAA of New York City and helped create its successor, NYC Cornellians. A vice president of the CAA, he is also president of the Class of 1968. He is a longtime member of the

Cornell Hillel board and serves on the University Council. Siegel has overseen the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association for more than thirty years, steering it through its initial creation to its current status as one of Cornell's main diversity alumni organizations. "My alumni volunteer activities have enabled me to meet, collaborate with, learn from, and become dear friends with an amazing community of Cornellians," he says. "These alumni, students, staff, and faculty have enriched my life as a Cornell alumnus."



At the dais: (Clockwise from left) Anne Evans Estabrook, Micki Kuhs, Frank Rhodes, Walter Bruska with Stephanie Keene Fox, and Bob Abrams

Alumni Leaders to Convene in D.C.

The annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, now in its third year, will host hundreds of alumni volunteers from around the world in Washington, D.C., January 27–29. A dynamic weekend schedule includes training sessions to develop volunteer skills, as well as sessions that explore best practices for expanding engagement. A full day of session tracks is planned for class leaders, regional club leaders, chairs from the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), and affinity, diversity, and young alumni leaders. Reunion classes will also spend a day planning details for June.

President David Skorton and vice president for student and academic

services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, are expected to speak about the University's most pressing issues. The weekend would not be complete without the presentation of the Bill Vanneman '31 Award, given annually to a veteran class leader for commitment to class activities. This year's CALC will also include a special Saturday event featuring a call to action from President Skorton as the University launches its "Cornell Now" fundraising campaign. This Saturday lunch event, as well as a Friday afternoon panel, will be open to D.C.-area alumni in addition to CALC attendees.

The conference will again be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Registration and additional details are available at www.alumni.cornell.edu/calc/.

37 Thanks to **Barbara Keeney Mandigo** for sending her news to the alumni magazine. Barbara and her family have a long association with Cornell. Her parents, Noble E. and Ella Bacon Keeney, met on campus during the 1908-09 academic year, when Noble followed his Marine Corps service with a short course in Poultry at Rice Hall, and Ella completed a short course in Home Economics on the top floor of Roberts Hall. Four Keeney daughters later graduated in Home Economics, including **Polly '34**, **Barbara '37**, **Elizabeth '42**, and **Annajean '56**. During her career as an Oswego County Cooperative Extension 4-H agent, Barbara was active in the American Field Service, Farm Bureau, Grange, and PTA, and was an adult education leader.

Barbara writes, "I also met my husband, **Richard Mandigo '38**, at Cornell, and we had five sons, all of whom graduated from Cornell: **Paul '65** (Engineering Physics), **Theodore '66** (Hotel), **Frank '67**, PhD '72 (Materials Science), **Charles '69** (Materials Science), and **Daniel '71** (Agricultural Science). Daniel's wife and daughter are also Cornellians: **Marilyn (Rocco) '72** (HumEc) and **Danielle '05** (Education). When our Pulaski High School guidance counselor asked son Frank where he was applying to college, Frank responded, 'Cornell, of course. Is there any other college?' On a personal note, after my sabbatical leave from Cornell Extension in 1971 (visiting 4-H clubs in Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand), Richard and I visited more than 50 countries prior to 2001, when we moved to our retirement home in Altoona, FL. I have enjoyed the opportunities here. I have served as president of the Residents Association, was named volunteer of the year, and have a continuing interest in supporting the local historical society in Pulaski and Lansing, NY." Send news to: **Class of 1937**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

38 When **Eileen Mandl Goodwin** wrote in October, the Laguna Woods, CA, resident was getting ready to fly to New Mexico to see the Balloon Fest and visit her glass-blower daughter. "Still playing the piano," she reports. "Have been playing with a cellist, enjoying the new experience of chamber music." Having dispensed with driving, she no longer does the volunteer work she once enjoyed. Fellow Californian **Helen O'Brien** Cyran is retired and resides in Los Angeles.

Olof Dahlstrand, BArch '39 (Carmel, CA) writes that he's retired but has been painting and drawing for fun and profit. "Had a one-man show of abstract acrylic paintings last March at the Carmel Art Association, the second oldest artists' cooperative in the US," he reports. As to everyday activities, he continues, "At age 95, it is usually early to bed, but in the day, Lucia (Middlebury '51) and I serve on the boards of two community organizations. In October we took a long-distance train trip from Carmel to Philadelphia and back to visit Lucia's sister and husband. Also, I continue

to bug local and national politicians to do better as 'public servants.' I recently heard from **Bill Rathbun** in Toledo, captain of the '38 Cornell tennis team. He is well and we shared many fine old memories. (I still miss the old Zinck's.)"

In Manhattan, **Lucy Howard** Jarvis reports that she's been developing a TV series, "Forever Young," "about people between the ages of 85 and 105 who live active, creative lives that are productive—not sedentary. Know anyone?" In 2009, Lucy was elected a "Giant in American Broadcasting." She is also a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women and a member of the Association for a Better New York's Int'l Women's Forum. In 2011, she traveled to Rome, London, and Hawaii. She welcomes correspondence at [jarvisprod@aol.com](mailto:j Jarvisprod@aol.com). When **Erva Miller** Prince sent in her News Form in October, she was living the "good life" with her family in a beach house on the shores of Lake Erie. "Enjoying my family and 11-year-old granddaughter that I live with." **Carol Thro** Richardson (Stony Brook, NY) has been active in church activities and belongs to the library bridge club. She visited a friend in Austin, TX, in December 2010 and visited her sister **Eloise Thro** Stimson '43 in Laguna Woods, CA, in January 2011. She notes that **Betty Jokl** Brodt died in August 2010. [A short obituary for Mrs. Brodt appeared in the March/April 2011 issue.—Ed.]

Joseph Noback died in April 2011, at the age of 93, just a few days before his 70th wedding anniversary with beloved bride Dorothea. On the Hill, he majored in Math, was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, and rowed crew. He joined the Society of Actuaries in 1947; his 45-year career in the industry spanned stints at MetLife, Northwestern, and Milliman & Robertson Consulting. After retiring in 1983, he and Dorothea moved from Milwaukee, WI, where they had raised their family, to Miami, FL, where he continued his service to the life insurance industry by helping the Florida State Insurance Dept. on various projects.

Marshall Hoke (New London, NH) continues as a trustee of the 100-acre Knights Hill Nature Park. "I am one of five trustees. With trowel and chainsaw I managed it from its 1975 inception for many years, but recently just get its bills paid." This summer, he planted a 700-sq.-ft. meadow of wildflowers at the border between his back lawn and the adjoining forest. **John Clement** (Toledo, OH) has taken two courses through e-Cornell, one on plant-based nutrition and the other, through the Lab of Ornithology, on courtship and rivalry in birds. "Both very interesting. I enjoyed them very much. Looking forward to attending our 75th Reunion." From Redmond, WA, **Irving Lanzner** reports that he's still able to walk his dog, Sadie, with the use of a cane. "My balance is not so good, but otherwise doing fine except for the usual pains of old age."

Bernard Gartlir (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) affixes a business card to his News Form—he keeps an office on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan with Hofheimer Gartlir & Gross LLP—and reports his present "day job" as: "Attorney—Yes! Still!" He and his dear wife, **Shirley (Richmond) '40**, were in the process of making a permanent move to

Florida when he wrote, but he was still finding time for golf. "Our days at Cornell still burn brightly in our memory, as do those of our two children, both Cornellians." In a letter written on November 4, Bernard adds, "It did my heart good to see the note about **David Crawford** in the last issue. He was my '38 classmate and also my classmate at Yale Law School, Class of '41." **Class of 1938**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor email, adr4@cornell.edu.

40 **Edward Wardwell** (Queensbury, NY; edwell2@gmail.com) reports that he is "still eluding those places that offer living assistance. Had a major altercation with the local hospital last April, but now I'm as good as new. Almost." In Manhattan, **Edna Isaacs** Lowe reports that she's "surviving." Her three physician sons, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren visit, as does a home health service.

John Thatcher (Manchester, NJ) celebrated his 94th birthday on July 31. As a tenor soloist working with a 91-year-old pianist, he does nursing and retirement home shows. "Have 26 booked for this year. Also do solo work in my church choir. I'm lucky to still have a decent tenor voice as I head for 95!" **W. Jordan Severinghaus** (Shreveport, LA) has been retired since June 1984 and maintains a regular correspondence with aspiring and current senators and members of the House, urging impeachment of President Obama before the 2012 election cycle. "Keeping 92-year-old body and brain free from early atrophy and keeping investments at par or better." He still plays nine holes of golf—using a cart—every Tuesday and Thursday. He no longer sails, as the friend and boat owner is now the full-time caretaker of his ailing wife. Jordan sold his own, self-designed and built 32-foot auxiliary sloop some years ago. His other pursuits include gardening—"50 percent flowers, 50 percent weeds"—and cooking. He recalls friends from the Hill and would be delighted to hear from anyone who worked at Star Lake Inn during the summers.

Shirley Richmond Gartlir (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) writes that she's been busy with other retirees in Florida, where she and **Bernard '38** have moved permanently, since giving up their NYC apartment. "Can't golf anymore, but busy playing bridge and trying to stay healthy physically." **Ellen Saxe Stewart** (Ithaca, NY) has been enjoying her family and caring for husband **John '38**, JD '40. She would most like to hear from **Doris Van Alstyne** Peller, who recently sent news and dues from Valparaiso, IN. Also in the Midwest, **Edward Griffin** (Peoria, IL) has been playing tennis and bridge and stays involved with the Kiwanis.

Ruth Buffum Schoenacker volunteered at two local museums until the sudden death of her husband, **Carl**, in June 2011. Since then, she has moved from their home in Waterloo to Clifton Springs, NY. Ruth, we send our sincere condolences to you on the loss of Carl, whom we often read about in these pages. **Claire Herrick** Yetter (Englewood, CO) stays involved in church and PEO

(Philanthropic Educational Opportunities). In October she wrote, "I'm sorry outdoor gardening is coming to a close, but I've moved a lot of plants to the basement under lights so I can garden all winter. Still practice my flute every day." **Jean Raynor Mase** (Charlestown, RI) attends concerts, plays, and football games at the U. of Rhode Island. She also plays bridge three times a week and does a couple of crossword puzzles each day. "I'm blessed with good health, live in my home, and am the designated driver. Lots of church activities." Send your news to: **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.

41 Honorary classmate **Elsie Armstrong Harley** (Decatur, AL), wife of our late classmate **Robert "Big Bob" Harley**, moved in with her daughter for nearly a week this past spring when a tornado with 100 mile per hour winds took out the power and water. "Cooked by gas, with gas-fired air conditioning and hot water for showers. Really an experience not to forget. Gasoline was rationed to ten gallons—if they could pump it. Everything in refrigerator and freezer was placed in double black plastic bags, then everything was scrubbed with hot, soapy water." On the seventh day, the restaurants in Decatur finally reopened. Over the summer, while she was recuperating from arm surgery, Elsie wrote again, having just finished reading the July issue of this magazine: "I was saddened to note that the first class news was of '41. As I recall, the first class news when I started reading the magazine was 1928. What happened to all those years? Where are they?" Earlier that month, Elsie's cardiologist asked how she had come to be in such good shape for her age (she turned 92 in September). She replied, "Couldn't be married to a Navy pilot for 62 years without liking scotch." Without missing a beat, he replied, "What brand?"

Suzanne Jameson Van Arsdale '46, BS HE '45 (Castile, NY) reports that she and husband **Jim** spent January through April 2011 at Treasure Beach in Jamaica, as they have done for the past 15 years. They now have three great-grandchildren. Physician **Stanley Reich** has been retired since 2009. He and wife **Adele** live in Piedmont, CA. **Edward White**, BME '48 (Eugene, OR) also retired only recently: "I had a serious auto accident in November 2010 and am still recovering," he wrote in August. "As a result, I am now retired." **Dorothy Newman Seligman** (Somers, NY) writes, "I live a happy, busy life with my wonderful husband, Donald (a Columbia grad), and I'm so fortunate that my family all live in my area. We are both well, active, and happy." Dorothy came from a Cornell family—her father, her children, her sisters, and a couple of grandchildren all spent time on the Hill. "We exchange news from classmates, so we are in touch with the happenings of our beloved alma mater. It will always be an important part of our lives."

Stanford U. professor of radiology **Herbert Abrams** (Palo Alto, CA) celebrated his 90th birthday in August 2010 with a family affair on Martha's Vineyard. "Children, grandchildren, and three greats, the oldest now in college, together with nephews, put on the show, music and all." In October 2010, he journeyed to Boston for the 25th annual **Herbert L. Abrams** lecture at Harvard Medical School, where he is the Philip H. Cook professor of radiology emeritus, and to Chicago

in November for his 53rd meeting of the Radiological Society of North America. "I'm still very much involved with the Stanford Center for Int'l Security and Cooperation. In January, I presented a lecture at the weekly university seminar on ethics (undergraduates, graduates, and faculty) entitled 'Professionals and Activism: Ethical Considerations.'" Herb still plays tennis three times a week and attends medical grand rounds every Wednesday. In March, he celebrated his 68th wedding anniversary. The Japanese earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster brought a host of questions for Herb from the citizens of the US, as he was the only American physician on the National Academy committee on the biological effects of low-level ionizing radiation.

Lou Conti (Inverness, IL) writes, "Locally, I try and stay in contact with **Frank 'Bud' Finneran**, my teammate from the 'young and active' years. I stay in phone contact with my former roommates at Sigma Pi, **William 'Pete' Mathers** and **Fred Haverly '42**. I also chat with **Bob Brunet**, who lost his faithful companion, a dog, who had been with him for some years. I'm a full-time caregiver for my wife, **Dorothy (Kellogg) '43**. She has several ailments, debilitating but not life-threatening, so we stay pretty close to home. No more travel!" Former Washington, DC, correspondent **Stanley Cohen** (Chevy Chase, MD) includes a typewritten note: "At 91, with limited eyesight, the good news for me is that I am a member of the Great Class of '41 and the Greatest Generation. It certainly is not my fault that our economy has gone from bust to boom and back to bust in my lifespan!"

Lawrence Kalik (New York, NY) writes, "I am still struggling to overcome the events of 2010. My wife, **Betty (Jacobs) '44**, died in December, and my son **Allen '72** had died three months before, a month short of his 60th birthday. What helps is that I am active, working five days a week at a major law firm." Fellow New Yorker **Herbert Cogan** writes, "Patra and I still occupy the same apartment across the street from wondrous Central Park. Chronic back pain is not disabling enough to disqualify swimming or bicycling; returning to tennis is still a dream. Psychoanalytic supervising thankfully continues." On May 6, Florida Atlantic U. awarded **Morris Povar**, DVM '44, its distinguished service medallion. The university president presented the honor at FAU's commencement. Morris and wife **Lotte** reside in Boca Raton.

John Borst (Leesburg, FL) reports that he and wife **Lucile "Mickey" (Heise) '42** live quite well in their retirement community, considering their health problems. "She has dementia and I am struggling with macular degeneration," he writes. "One blessing is that we have a very good friend, **Herman Jones '42**. We never knew him at Cornell, but greatly enjoy his friendship here. Sorry to learn of the passing of **Bill Bright '42**, BA '46. He and I were very good friends and fraternity brothers (Theta Delta Chi)." Also in Florida, **Werner Schroeder** writes from Lake Alfred. "Although not very active anymore, I've enjoyed my retirement since June 1976." In Sarasota, **Jack Weintraub** is holding steady. "Last year, my slogan was, 'I'm deteriorating, but on schedule.' This year, my slogan is, 'I'm crumbling, but on schedule.' Actually, despite anatomical problems, I'm doing fairly well. No cane. No walker. I drive (no accidents). No golf . . . but then again, I never played golf. Peace!" **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

42 How exciting to see the Cornell vs. Yale football game on TV! Cornell didn't win (17-37), but it was a good game. Hope they are on again. Class president **Liz Schlamm Eddy** (New York City) is always looking out for us, so has sent all you duespayers the New Student Reading Project book, the *New York Times* bestseller *Homer & Langley* by E. L. Doctorow. How lucky we are. Your comments are expected.

Louise Norenholt Schatz writes of the sad passing of **Jean Pardee** Cole. Jean worked at *Good Housekeeping* before becoming a full-time homemaker. She resided in Wimbledon, England, Bordeaux, France, Port Washington, NY, and New Canaan, CT, before moving to Chesterfield, MO, in 2003. She is survived by four children and five grandchildren. Louise is looking forward to moving to a retirement center in Kirkwood, MO. She will remain in her church quilting group and continue her duplicate bridge night, but will live closer to her daughter. She likes our newsy column, which keeps her posted on past friends and acquaintances. I also sadly report the passing of my high school friend **Jean Fenton** Potter of Washington, CT, in January 2011.

Dick Thomas's hometown paper, *The Meadville Tribune*, honored our classmate with almost two full pages on his illustrious life, following his passing on August 31. The article featured highlights of his distinguished law career, comments from friends and colleagues, and his complete obituary. It is difficult to condense so many lifetime feats. Dick won a bronze star in the US Army Field Artillery during WWII, then graduated from Dickinson School of Law. He served as assistant district attorney, district attorney, and "president judge" (the presiding, most senior, or principal judge of a court). He was a member of the only grandson-grandfather team of judges in county history. He served an active role in dozens of state and local organizations and was also an excellent golfer, winning the Meadville City Golf Championship 11 times from 1939 to 1969. By age 80 he had "shot his age" 73 times! Dick's first wife, of 47 years, passed away in 1993. He is survived by his second wife, Rosemary, who loved our Cornell reunions. Dick also leaves two daughters and a son, three stepsons, one stepdaughter, six grands, and three stepgrands. All of us will miss him greatly.

News from our class VPs is so welcome. From **Lynn Timmerman**: He and Helen (Boynton Beach, FL) were in North Carolina visiting Helen's sister. Lynn was carrying a basket of newly purchased peaches in each hand when he tripped. "I saved the peaches, but lit on and broke my right kneecap (patella). I've now been through surgery, a cast, a splint, crutches, a walker, and a cane, and am now off the cane and going to PT to rebuild those leg muscles. AND, I'm doing OK." Lynn is a real optimist, isn't he? And **Ed Markham** (Bainbridge Island, WA) endured a similar catastrophe when he fell on a shaky Amtrak train on a trip to Portland, OR. Always the gardener, he says this year's crop of veggies was one of the best. He also sent news from VP **Gus Vollmer**, BCE '44 (Butler, NJ) that he and Gus plan to be at the 70th Reunion.

If you haven't done so yet, please send in the News Form that came in the annual class News and Dues mailing—can't have a column without your help. E-mail and continue writing me your past and present news. Thanks. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran,

43 The Harris clan, 28-strong including your correspondent (name at bottom of page) gathered in S'town mid-October to celebrate the 90th birthday of (aforementioned name below) at Jamison's Publick House, the nearby answer to the Ithaca Hotel. The orders: nine guinea hen, nine scallops, nine rib eyes, one salmon (lawyer son-in-law). Dessert: tarte tatin and chocolate espresso pots de crème. A good time was had by all, especially (name below).

Shortly after that, we hit the road for some shirt business in Vermont and Wisconsin, but hurried back in time to file this report.

The *Fayetteville (NC) Observer* devoted 700 words to the life of the late **Jack Slater**, who died in early September. It described his early days in Yonkers, NY, his successes in academics and on the tennis court in both high school and college (captain of the varsity tennis team), and his experience in WWII as a field artillery officer and forward observer in the European Theatre with the 34th Field Artillery Battalion under the command of Col. William C. Westmoreland. Jack's unit helped in the capture of the Remagen Bridge and was instrumental in moving one of the first artillery units across the Rhine.

After the war, Jack began his 48-year career at McGraw-Hill as an ad salesman for *Power* magazine. Over the course of his career he published more than two dozen magazines, trade papers, and newsletters serving the energy, electrical, manufacturing, and automotive industries. During the 1970s, he took advantage of his Cornell connections to pioneer business talks with China, thus establishing an early foothold in that expanding market. His division held the distinction of routinely maintaining the highest profit margin of any unit at McGraw-Hill. Jack maintained his passion for racquet games throughout his life and moved to Cove Neck, NY, where his rich neighbors (a) had facilities for indoor court tennis and (b) elected him mayor. Think of that!

Jack and I met when he aspired to become Berry Patch Editor at the *Sun*, which did happen. And then in the 1980s we lunched together often since we both had offices in the McGraw-Hill building in Rockefeller Center and seemed to get hungry around the same time. He was great fun and a superior businessman. It's possible that he was the first to turn publishing into a cottage industry. With the advent of the computer, writers could work from home and e-mail their output. This allowed him to move operations from a vast spread in high-rent Rock Center to wee offices downtown. Saved a ton of money.

Private life. Love story: He met best girl Kate Holmes in Fayetteville, NC, the upmarket neighbor of Fort Bragg, where he was stationed after the outbreak of war, and they dated briefly before he left for the ETO. Feet back on American soil, his first call was to Kate. Alas. She was married. Thirty-some years later, when Jack was single again, he called and said he'd like to visit her and her husband. "He died nine years ago," she said. They wed, moved to Cove Neck, Long Island, and the court tennis courts, but not before Jack bought her a house in Fayetteville in the event she wasn't happy up north. Quite a guy. ☐ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris1@comcast.net.

44 **Gale Nightingale Wiggin** (Wayland, MA) still works for Advanced Instruments, the company she and **Bud**, BS ORIE '43, started back in 1953. The company is doing well and she continues to split her time between North and South. **Ed Fitchett** (Poughkeepsie, NY) writes that he's making a "mini-documentary" DVD of the 16mm movie films he took in the Philippines and Japan in 1945 and 1946, shortly after the Japanese surrender. "These old films have now become historical. They show bombed Manila, Corregidor, and Baguio, as well as my prisoner of war camp. I was also in charge of a liberty ship that returned 1,500 POWs to their homelands of Formosa, Korea, and Japan. It's been an exciting project, looking up facts and narrating the scenes. It should be completed soon." **Dunbar King** writes, "Displayed my 1926 Ford Green Tudor—needs new bands—at Westbury Gardens on Long Island, the best antique car show around. The rhododendrons were in full bloom."

Several years ago, **Anthony Prasil** gave up his position as curator of the Hoffman Clock Museum to care for his wife, who has a form of Parkinson's disease. "I still enjoy participating in the Science Exploration Days program, held annually at St. John Fisher College, for high school students in the six counties surrounding Rochester, NY." **Louis Farchione**, MD '46, writes, "Most of my time is spent with family at my home in Syracuse and cottage on Skaneateles Lake, 30 miles from Syracuse. I have 22 grandchildren, five children, and in-laws. I do a good amount of volunteering for organizations and one day a week at a local hospital." From **Dick** and **Phyllis Evans** of Gaithersburg, MD: "Glad we're here for another year. No news except the kind that is of no interest. Phyllis fell and broke her collarbone, but she's mending nicely. We keep busy with garden, advisory committees at Asbury CCRC, and trying to read all the mail. We're looking forward to the 70th. Keep it going—we've got to be positive."

Bill Brown, BME '47 (Charlottesville, VA) fell while playing tennis in January—"scraped all the skin off my left hand." The Browns were expecting their sixth great-grandchild last summer. **Ed** and **Cecily Bishop Carman '46** (Pittsford, NY) are also welcoming a new generation of Cornellians: "We have four great-granddaughters and one grandson. Another great-granddaughter is due this summer." In Solomons, MD, **Carl** and **Jean Boyd Search '47** have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. "We now have four great-grandchildren, with another on the way." In other news, **Carl** reports that their dog, Diesel, needed two teeth pulled. "The vet said that a partial plate will not be necessary!" **Renee Wolf** Steinberg writes, "Trying to stay involved with younger generations who are educating, economizing, evolving next generations." **Carl Yunker**, BS Ag '47 (Elba, NY) reports, "We are now three generations on CY Farms LLC—and all Cornellians."

Joyce Tamres Brenner's two granddaughters graduated with honors: "Ava from Bucknell as a summa cum laude and Marley not quite, but up there also. Frank and I hope to spend some of that ugly New York City weather on St. Martin, basking in the glorious Caribbean sun, eating the marvelous French cookery, and escaping the cruelest part of New York's winter." **Maryann Track** Whitcomb spent a week in May with her son Luke and his wife, Gail, down in the Turks and Caicos Islands. "Beautiful place, with great weather. Welcomed great-grandchild number 14 and got to

visit with him this past March during a visit to my son Peter in Hideaway, TX. Traveled to Portland, OR, with my son Hank during the Christmas holidays to visit with his family."

Joye and **Chuck McCoy** (Orinda, CA) had plans to take all of their kids, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren on a cruise to Alaska this past summer. "The organizational problem . . . biggest since D-Day—20 people in all!" **Doris Holmes** Jenkins reports falling backwards last spring and breaking her left shoulder. "This has made life more complicated. I had to forego **Steven Jenkins '11's** graduation, among other things." Dory anticipated being healed by June 26, in time to take her family (15 in all) on a cruise to Bermuda. "Three of the grandchildren's jobs keep them grounded," she added, "but our first great-grandchild, Zachary, son of **Joanna Krablin '00**, will be with us. What a joy."

Cal and **Bunny DeGolyer** write, "We're grateful to be in reasonably good health, although we spend a lot of time in doctors' offices. Hard to believe there are so many medical specialties. But, thankfully, they keep us going. We stay in touch with **Harold Parker**, JD '50, and we miss our trips with Club 44." **Pete** and **Gloria Bellis** send all good news. "We are both in good health, and three children and grandchildren are gainfully employed. Son Peter is chairman of the English department and professor at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham. His wife, Miriam, is also on the faculty there. Son Bill is in the Foreign Service in the State Dept. and is presently stationed in Khartoum, Sudan. Daughter Beth and husband Mark are in the music business in Boston with grandson Nick. Granddaughters Katie and Alex have both completed college and have gotten a start on their careers, so all is well."

Peter Miller, MBA '48 (Newtown Square, PA) still lives independently in a continuing care community. "Enjoying some old friends while making new friends. As a resident member of the board of directors, I'm learning a lot about the inside workings of healthcare!" His wife of 66 years, Nancy, has had to rely on a four-wheel walker, but otherwise is maintaining good spirits. "Seeing our 15-month-old great-granddaughter periodically provides great enjoyment. Our travel is restricted, but then flying isn't fun anymore." **Mitzi Zahler Sands** sends thanks to **Art**, BA '49, and **Dotty Kay Kesten**, BS HE '43, echoing the sentiments of many other classmates who added personal notes to the Kestens with their updates. She writes, "As a lifelong member of the Class of '44 and dear friend of Dotty and Art, I want to thank them on behalf of **Merril**, BME '43, and me, and on behalf of the whole class, for the service and devotion they've given our class. We will never be able to thank you enough. We are what we are because of you both!" More news to come. Send yours to: ☐ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay Kesten**, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

45 As she writes us, **Jean Adolphi** Synder, MS '55 (Spencer, NY) observes six deer in her front yard, and when she moves to a rear window there appears a pair of mallards and a pair of woodies in the pond. When not watching these back-to-nature sights she "enjoys family, friends, and life." She would like to hear from anyone who remembers her. **Robert Horton**, DVM '45 (Woodstown, NJ) is

retired and keeps busy doing woodworking and seeing his doctors.

Alvin Silverman (Roslyn, NY) is legal counsel to Malkin Holdings in NYC. He is active in renewing and maintaining Cornell friendships. **Faye Seelbach Schmitt**, BS HE '44 (Getzville, NY) volunteers at the Amherst Service Center six hours a week and for three hours making quilts at Kenmore Methodist Church. **Rosalind Gene Blumenthal** Schmorak (Oak Ridge, TN) sends a business card that introduces her as poet. She enjoys traveling with husband Marcel and would like to hear from **Joseph Gluck**, MD '47, and **Doris Klein** Lelchook. Rosalind, we can help you get in touch with Doris, but regret to inform you that Joe, a close friend and classmate of mine in medical school, passed away a couple of years ago.

Charles Holmes, BS ChemE '44 (Lexington, KY) is retired, but enjoys life to the fullest with wife Carolyn, aerobics, walking, reading history, and leading discussions on American foreign policy. He has fine memories of weekend parties at the Kappa Alpha Society. **Joseph Klockner** (Den-ville, NJ) lives with his wife, **Doris (Fenton) '43** in a retirement complex, where he sings in the barbershop quartet and attends films, exercise classes, and current events discussion groups. His fondest memory of Cornell was meeting his future wife on a date arranged by their respective roommates (good call).

Dorothy Zimmerman Jones (Macon, GA) is married to **Rudolph**, MD '45, and has warm memories of the tea dances at Willard Straight. She would like to contact **Barbara Benjamin** Westlake and **Midge Hunter** Anderson Drummond '43. **William Berley**, BS Ag '48, our class representative to the Cornell Annual Fund, is a member of the Johnson Museum Advisory Council and Museum Associates, which has raised about \$20 million for the museum addition that was dedicated in October 2011. Bill writes that this was only successful through the leadership of the now-retired museum director, Frank Robinson. At our class reunion in 2005 we had a special tour of the museum, which featured the modern art collected by our Bill and donated to the museum.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." (Gandhi) All your classmates would like to learn all about you. Send news to: **Robert Frankenfeld**, 6291 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, Julie.Snell@verizon.net.

46 Reunion News continues! PENNSYLVANIA: Sorority sisters **Maj-Britt Karlsson** Gabel and **Ruth Critchlow** Blackman arrived together. Mickey lives in Willow Street (near Lancaster) and Critch in Lansdowne. For years, Mickey served as our nominating chair and Critch as treasurer. Remember the year that Critch's husband Bill brought their houseboat and took us for a sail? **Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks came from State College. Before his death, her husband taught at Penn State. She has had a summer place on Seneca Lake for 34 years. My husband, **Phil Kennedy** '47, ME '48, died since our 60th, but my youngest son brought me from the Reading area. I haven't missed any of our reunions (I was a newlywed and living in Ithaca for our Baby Reunion in 1948). Thanks again for my beautiful picture. It has a place of honor on my living room wall.

NEW JERSEY: My son also brought **Pat Kinne** Paoletta from Lakewood. We keep in touch often and had adjoining rooms at the Statler. Since Reunion, her husband had a successful melanoma operation. Their family held a reunion at the Jersey Shore in July with their three daughters (from New Jersey, Florida, and Mexico), plus three grandchildren, a 17-year-old and 12-year-old twins.

VIRGINIA: I had a brief chat with **Margaret "Scotty" Monteith** Edelman (Alexandria) and her husband at our Saturday dinner. I phoned her recently to get more news. Scotty still works as a

chairs: Robert Nist and Lloyd Slaughter, who succeeded **William Farrell** and **Mavis Gillette** Sand, who both died in office last term after giving our class many years of exemplary service; and class historian: **Pat Kinne** Paoletta.

Bob Nist (Trinity, FL; bobnist@msn.com) is coming to terms with Ruth's confinement to a rehab center. She is making some progress. He and we hope she will soon recover. Bob also hopes he'll be able to give significant support to Lloyd Slaughter as co-chair of our 2016 reunion. He gets a kick out of volunteering for AARP's and United Way's

‘I was in charge of a liberty ship that returned 1,500 POWs to their homelands.’

Ed Fitchett '44

psychotherapist. The Edelmanns have been married 66 years and have four children and five grandchildren. They still live in their own home and belong to a group called Mount Vernon at Home, which enables seniors to stay in their own homes.

FLORIDA: **Kay Smith** Mancini drove alone from Palm Coast just to join us. She retired from real estate after breaking her hip several years ago. She's e-mailed since Reunion saying she plans to be with us for our 70th. Coming the furthest from TEXAS were: **Carol Skaer** Ryan and her granddaughter. They had a delayed airline trip from Austin that made them miss the Thursday dinner. After all these years, I learned that she was originally from Buffalo. She traveled extensively with her military husband and they retired in Texas. Her granddaughter volunteered to help with our website. They were extending their trip East by visiting old "haunts" in the area.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD: I met the sister of classmate **Leah Smith** Drexler (deceased in May 2010). **Charlotte Smith** Moore '48 told me that three of the sisters attended Cornell and one Michigan, where they all joined Delta Gamma. I also learned that **Irma Lesser** Friedman was the sister-in-law of **Roy '43** and classmate **Grace Friedman Unger**.

MORE STATISTICS: 174 donors, or 50 percent of our class, donated \$178,695 this year. Our official reunion clerk was **Drew Zukosky** '13, with help from recent grads **Sharon Foretia** '11 and **Krystal Crespo** '11. When I went to this reunion, I thought it would be my last, but seeing the '31 women (at age 102) inspired me . . . so I'll see you at our 70th! If you think I was a little skimpy reporting your news, write and send more. (What a sneaky way to get you to write.) **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Class officers were selected and elected at Reunion for the next five years—most were reelected. If new, or in new positions, we mention their predecessors. President and membership chair: **Lloyd Slaughter**; VP: **Allen Boorstein**, succeeding **Louise Green** Richards, PhD '65; treasurer: **Ruth Critchlow** Blackman; secretary: **Louise Greene** Richards, succeeding **Robert Nist**; class correspondents: **Elinor Baier** Kennedy and **Paul Levine**; Cornell Annual Fund representative: **Richard Turner**; reunion

income tax programs. He gets certified each year to be current on all IRS changes. Bob finds it enormously gratifying to see the smiles on the faces of the lower paid employees and the elderly when he discovers a refund for them. He can hardly wait for next tax season to continue offering the free service. Bob's still playing lots of bridge, puts in lots of computer hours, and gives the Tampa Bay Rays many decibels of vocal support. The Cornell friends he'd most like to hear from are **Mac Adams**, PhD '53, **Jim Grega** '48, and **E. W. Hines**.

William Dilger, PhD '55 (Freeville, NY) particularly enjoys "botanizing, gardening, taking care of horse and chickens, carving wood, painting, and leather work." He also enjoys teaching, especially volunteer teaching of pre-schoolers and third graders. He'd love to hear from **Shirley Windnagle** Weinberg '49, MS '50. **Russell** and **Anne Scott** (Richmond, VA; russellscott@aol.com) had a great visit with **Rod** and **Dottie Stieff** at their Baltimore retirement community in April 2009. Russell is active in environmental organizations working to save the Chesapeake Bay. He also participates in the commemorative activities of many hereditary historical societies.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. 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>.

47 As I write this column the leaves are falling and it is fall where I live, in northern New Jersey. When you read this it will be mid-winter and ever closer to our 65th Reunion. Most of us are in our mid-80s and find it more difficult to travel, but once we arrive we really do enjoy ourselves. So I hope you will say "yes" to our reunion and, in the immortal words of entertainer Elaine Stritch, sing out strong, "I'm still here." The reunion committee has been working diligently to make your visit a rewarding one, and all your friends from college will welcome you with open arms and a big "hello." Hope to see you in June. Till then, here is some class news.

Jessie Leitstein Weitz is keeping busy with garden, theatre, book and Scrabble clubs and

traveling. She has two married children and five grandkids. Jessie writes that she spends four weeks in Puerto Rico each year, makes frequent visits to Virginia, and loves to cruise. Sounds good to me! **Betty Rosenthal** Newman has a new arrival—a new knee! This has allowed her to resume playing golf and tennis. She does a lot of volunteer work in Florida, where she “winters over,” and in Short Hills, NJ, the rest of the year. While in Florida she is a volunteer lecturer at the JCC in Boynton Beach. Kudos to Betty for her dedication and desire to make a “better world.”

Another two-location traveler is **Roger Broecker**, who lives with wife Martha in Naples, FL, and Blowing Rock, NC. Roger commented on our upcoming reunion by saying, “I made our 60th and it was so enjoyable that I vowed to attend our 65th. I will be there.” Also, he just celebrated 63 years of marriage, with more to come. **Renee Gaines** Wallace, BS '46, writes that she is a widow and retired from her business. She published a book, *Creative Caring: The Vita-Living Story*.

Helen Tetter Kennedy spends May to November in the mountains of North Carolina, while the rest of the year she is at home in Vero Beach, FL. **William Davies Jr.** celebrated his 88th birthday with a knee replacement. The operation went so well that he was able to dance at his granddaughter's wedding a couple of months later. He still volunteers at local schools and lives in Ukiah, CA. **Lee Taylor** writes from Kailua Kona, HI. “I thank the Lord for the fact that I've seen most of the world. Many of the countries are now in a war zone and closed to tourism.” **Stu La Dow** and wife Donna now reside in Allison Park, PA, and are still active in church activities. **Heinz Meng**, PhD '51, now retired, taught for over 50 years at

SUNY, New Paltz. He also wrote articles and a book and has painted, photographed, fished, hunted, and practiced the sport of falconry.

Ursula Holahan is now living in Charleston, SC, and **Gloria Lawrence** Baxter lives in Buffalo, NY. **Lawrence Moser** writes that he retired to a beach in Florida (Delray Beach). **Mary Lou Gedel** is living in Montgomery, AL. **Mary Steadman** Rothrock is in Kenosha, WI, and has 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

And now, a letter from our reunion chairs, **Margaret Newell** Mitchell and **Herb Brinberg**. “Dear Classmates: June will be busting out all over with '47 celebrating our 65th Reunion, June 7-10, 2012. We hope you will be with us in person. We know you will be with us in spirit! We promise a reunion accessible to all, with transportation to events not at our Statler headquarters. As reunion co-chairs, we find we will also be '47 Cornell Annual Fund co-chairs. Our goal will be participation. Every dollar counts, and any dollar you give to Cornell will be well spent.

“Please start your own circle of friends who will meet together at Cornell in June. In the meantime, follow our reunion plans on our new class website, www.cornellclass47.org, and let us know if you would like to help in any way. If you are in touch with other '47 class members, please be sure they are in the loop and receiving mailings and e-mails. Let us know if they are not. See you in Ithaca! Herb (hrbrinberg@parnassusassociates.com); (212) 348-2179) and Margaret (mmm1947@aol.com); (216) 491-9561.”

Class president **Pete Schwarz** adds a plug for the new digital edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* (<http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>), where every website and e-mail address in the class column is an active hyperlink. Visit the digital edition and check out how easy it is to access the class website and to e-mail classmates as we head toward our 65th in June!

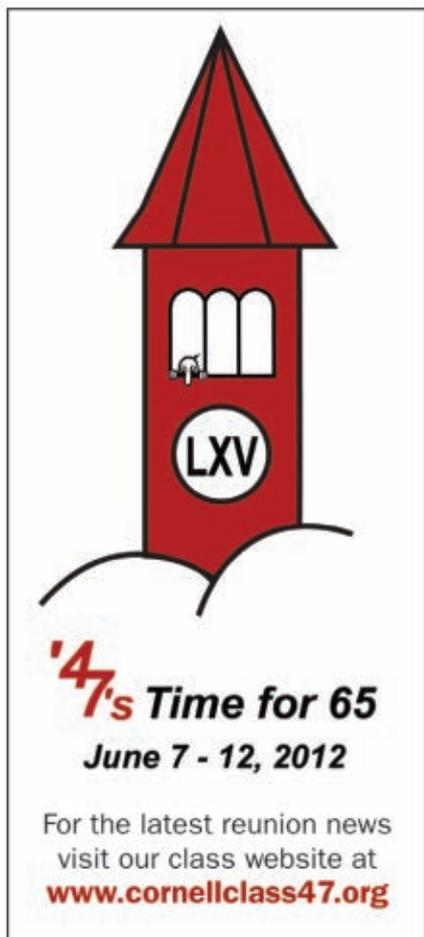
It certainly is great hearing from many of you, and it makes my task much easier. I know that some of you may feel reluctant to talk about yourself, but think of the joy it may give to others. As you finish reading this column, if you haven't already done so, send me a letter, write me an e-mail, etc., and let all of us know you are still around and doing some interesting things with family, friends, or associates. Your words will look good in a future column. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net; **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, arlie47@aol.com; tel., (585) 288-3752.

and birth of our three children, was the highlight of my life. Future health is no concern at present. Recently discovered how to say 'No' to requests for money and/or helping with groups. If you are nice to people they will be nice to you.”

Charlie Elbert, Woodland Park, NJ: “Reading, exercising, recovering from recent surgery, doing well. I believe present administration is driving us to increasingly socialistic objectives. Vote for new candidates who agree to stop this trend. Our new governor is trying to restore financial sense to our state employee pension and benefits system. Many state employees believe they are entitled to all existing benefits and more. Looking forward to a trip in 2011. Purchased a Honda Accord. Toyota lease ended and I was apprehensive of the sticky gas pedal syndrome in Toyotas. Honda is hard-riding (not pleasant), so I will exchange for Toyota as soon as practical. Right now, as always, I wish I were judging a well-talented belly-dancing contest. Life's highlight was enlisting in the US Navy in 1942 and subsequent service overseas and in V-12 program, followed by Cornell graduation, marriage to Maryiris, and employment by ITT for 40 years. Least of my worries? I'm thinking; will advise. Discovery? Need to develop better study of other religions. Enjoy ourselves, respect others.”

William “Hoot” Gibson, Danville, CA: “Celebrated 60th wedding anniversary on May 20, 2010. Took family to Mission Bay, San Diego. Rented three condos on the water and had dinner at Hotel Del Coronado. Crazy odds: another couple was there also celebrating their May 20th 60th anniversary—he was the first doctor we had for years when we first moved to Danville. Greatest part of my life is spending time with our children and grandchildren, and of course my wife, Barbara.” **Hans Wynberg**, Midlaren, Netherlands: “I am 88. I play golf, ride my bike, and keep in touch. The US is suffering from anger and irrational fears. Let Obama try. My Camry has over 200,000 miles and is good as new. Should last another ten years. I note that the US is in two wars! My problem is buying good smoked eel. My wife of 65 years, **Elisabeth Wynberg-Dekker**, is ill. Not worried about my future. History is fascinating. Be good to all.”

William “Zeke” Seymour, Hillsdale, NY: “Traveling, gardening, beekeeping, and meetings at church, historical society, senior organizations, and VFW programs. I can remember when the US could and did make anything. Now it all comes from China and a lot of it is junk! We should start to help industry make things in this country, from clothespins to good low-mileage cars, and more should be done to keep farmers in business. New York has lots of good restaurants and beautiful scenery, and if we have the money, we can travel anywhere in it. Most people are friendly and helpful if you need help. But: too many taxes, winters are bad, and roads need better care. Helen and I spend three winter months in Myrtle Beach, SC. Good roads, good shopping, good restaurants, and rents are reasonable. Tomorrow picking up leaves, cleaning up vegetable garden, and extracting honey from our 13 hives. We bottled close to 500 lbs. in 2010 and sold most! We are looking to buy a good used Dodge or Chrysler van. They are handy for us, with stow-away seats, and can carry anything—beehives to groceries and clothes when going south. We traveled to Ocean City, MD, in fall 2010 with 40 members of our seniors group, and have also gone to two Octoberfests. If there's something you really want to do, don't wait until tomorrow or next year. My first wife said, 'Life is so uncertain, eat your dessert first.' Life has



48 Jackie Smith Flournoy, Westport, CT: “Volunteering, sailing (27th year as Cedar Point Yacht Club secretary). Government doesn't seem able to cope with deficit. Cut back—especially on Congressional salaries. Connecticut has beautiful countryside, nice people, and many state parks available to all, but the economy is bad. I'm working at the church crafters group. Will accompany daughter and son-in-law to Athens, Greece, where they will be officials for the sailing events in the World Special Olympics Games. I own a '95 Ford Grand Victoria and a 2000 Dodge Caravan. Will keep forever! Recently played bridge with **Anne Ryan Swartzman**. Her husband, **Joe '49**, died in 2009, and she is now remarried to Ted Ross. She spends summers in Connecticut, but lives and votes in Jupiter, FL. My marriage to **Jim** in 1950,

been busy and interesting, all 85 years of it: married twice, two years at Cornell, two years active Army duty in Korean War, one and a half years in Japan, being a dairy farmer for eight years, and 20 years in the Post Office."

John "Jack" Lillich, W. Lafayette, IN: "My wife died in March 2010. US situation is improving. Car gets 30 mpg and has 65,000 miles on it. I'll keep it another two years. Went to 14th Armored Division reunion in Indianapolis and American ex-POWs meeting in Danville, IL. Most important event in my life was WWII." **Harold Vroman**, MS '52, Cobleskill, NY: "I'm 87 years old and have diabetes, plus other problems of old age. My winter address is with son Ted in Plattsburgh, NE, and my summer address is with son **Richard '75** in Edison, NJ. Son Ted has my car so one of my granddaughters can use it." **Louis Strick**, Westport, CT: "Reading, walking, listening to music. Things in the US are static. I like Connecticut for its generosity and optimism. Bought a new Toyota Prius. Only problem is age (me, not the Prius)."

Richard Mittenthal, Longboat Key, FL: "Arbitrator of labor-management disputes. Writing poetry (largely doggerels about a wide assortment of people, ideas, and my passing thoughts). Our politics and economic system are unable to respond to critical national problems. The probable result will be some kind of revolution or catastrophe, although fortunately not in my lifetime. There's not much time available, but we must fight against greed, stupidity, and smallness of spirit. It's nice and quiet here on Longboat Key, with plenty of sunshine and water, but I don't like all the plastic and humidity. Tomorrow I will think, write, and bond, as always, with my serene and loving wife, Joyce. My old Lincoln broke down, don't know why, so I bought a new car. I'm satisfied with my situation and all its small woes: loss of hair, balance, testosterone, hearing, strength . . . need I go on? Most important event was marriage to a remarkable lady. Most recent discovery is a large sense of the great many things I am ignorant of. Life is a search for fulfillment—in work, love, purpose, etc.—in the face of your own limitations. Read my memoir." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 Two of our classmates are publishing literary works this year. **Carl Irwin** (Exeter, NH; carland.betty@comcast.net), living in a "very nice CCR (continuing care retirement community) named RiverWoods," tells us that he "became a published author this spring by helping a group of fellow residents edit/publish a book of memoirs about our WWII experiences. I contributed a story and picture, as did 74 other folks here. The 328-page book has received regional TV and print coverage and is selling briskly through RiverWoods' 800 number. All profits go to charity. Being involved in this collaborative project has been a fun and worthwhile experience."

From Dorset, VT, comes news of another classmate author, **Phyllis Binkley**, whose second book, *Up From the Marsh*, a collection of stories and poems, is now in bookstores and online. Her first book, *The Journals of A.P. O'Clippis*, came out in 2007. Phyllis is a board member of the local visiting nurse agency, helping nursing home and assisted-living residents with bookkeeping and other needs. Writing to us last April, she told us that she was "content, now that snow-shoveling season is

over." Let's hope she doesn't have too much shoveling this winter! It is friendships that she remembers most fondly from her days at Cornell, and she still corresponds with friends and classmates. **Marilyn Morehouse** Jenny, widowed since 2006, says that she has moved in with her daughter's family in Johnstown, NY. Because she gets about in a wheelchair, she says, her activities are minimal. She does a lot of reading. Her favorite memories of Cornell are of her Newman Club activities and her engagement with the Drama Club, building sets and working in the theatre. She hears from a few friends at Christmas.

Jacques Zakin (Worthington, OH; zakin.1@osu.edu) is professor emeritus of chemical engineering at the Ohio State U. doing research on drag-reducing surfactant solutions and teaching. He is a former chairman of the Dept. of Chemical Engineering. Jacques plays tennis and softball and enjoys book discussion groups and traveling. He presented a paper at the EM-6 conference in Antalya, Turkey, published a review chapter in *Giant Micelles*, and taught courses in 2009 and 2010. What would he rather be doing now? "More of the same." Jacques fondly remembers "big weekends" on the Hill and tells us that he is in touch with **Lawson Singer** in Scottsdale, AZ. **David Elow** (Hilton Head, SC; delow111@aol.com), married to Bobbie, is retired and engaged in golf and board responsibilities of his retirement community. He says he is "completely satisfied." David's favorite memory of his college days: "pulling skiers through the streets of Cayuga Heights behind my Model A roadster." He would especially like to hear from **Lester Davidson '48**.

John R. Jones (Grand Blanc, MI; phyllis.jones1@comcast.net) writes that his wife, Phyllis, has advanced Alzheimer's and that "it's a full-time job looking after her." **George Hull** (Sparks, MD) is an independent sales agent. He's married to wife Nancy and spends his after hours "relaxing." He has been traveling to Florida, cruising the Bahamas, and visiting Atlantic City. He'd rather be fishing and hunting. House party weekends at Cornell are his fondest memories of his days on the Hill. **James Davenport** (McLean, VA; ptsjed@cox.net) is president of Patent & Trademark Searches Inc. in McLean. A docent at the Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian Aerospace Museum, he's married to Janet and travels extensively. A fine education and wonderful campus are his favorite memories of Cornell.

Jerome Hanover (Memphis, TN; jerome.hanover@belz.com) is senior VP of Belz Enterprises Real Estate and Investments in Memphis. He works out at the YMCA three times a week and enjoys fly-fishing in many parts of the US and in other countries. Jerome also toured Israel for two weeks. When asked what he'd rather be doing now, his response was: "fly-fishing." His happiest memories of Cornell: "the diversity of the student body, the sincere interest of my teachers, and great roommates and housemates who helped me over the first-year hurdle." He would really enjoy hearing from **Morris Gordon**, **George Roshkind '48**, and **David Bloom '50**, MD '53. **Fann Weiss** Markel (Buffalo, NY; thefloristry@prodigy.net) is CEO of the Floristry, florists and decorators, a division of Fanther Creations Ltd. Her after-hours activity is painting, though recently she says she's been "working long hours!" Fann remembers friends most fondly from her Cornell years and would really enjoy hearing from **Norma Fell**.

Sadly, we hear of the passing of three classmates. **Joseph Hirsch** of Scottsdale, AZ, died on

July 3, 2009. His widow, Pearl, writes, "He was almost 85 years old and did not suffer a long illness." **Lloyd Hahn** of Getzville, NY, passed away on March 17, 2010. Lloyd graduated in February 1949 in Mechanical Engineering. We have also been informed of the death of **George Fryer** of Wellsburg, WV, in 2006. He received his degree in Electrical Engineering and later did work in metallurgy. Please keep all your news coming. I appreciate hearing from each of you. **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, winspeck@yahoo.com; tel., (315) 717-6003.

50 Our officers are trying to do a good job of monitoring and managing our several class funds. These are in addition to 48 personally endowed funds worth over \$17 million established by our classmates and do not include significant directed bequests such as those of **Sam Johnson** and others. Currently we have: 1) \$20,000 in an operating fund; 2) \$476,000 in three Willard Straight funds; and 3) \$140,000 in a Class of the Century fund. At its annual class dinner in New York City in May, the class approved \$100,000 from the Straight funds to replace the floor in the Straight Memorial Room. Also approved was the release of \$100,000 from the Century Fund for scholarships or similar uses, to be decided on the basis of suggestions submitted by you to a committee chaired by **Nels Schaenen**, MBA '51. Send your suggestions to him at 56 Midwood Terrace, Madison, NJ 07940 or via e-mail at: nsjr@aol.com.

Wilson Greatbatch died on Sept. 27, 2011 at age 92. He was one of the oldest among us because of naval air service in WWII and working as a telephone lineman before entering Cornell. Wilson achieved international fame with his invention of the heart pacemaker. This lifesaving invention was selected by the National Society of Professional Engineering as one of the ten greatest engineering contributions to society in the previous 50 years. A self-styled "humble tinkerer" in his barn in Clarence, NY, he held more than 150 other patents and also did research on nuclear fusion and possible cures for AIDS. He once took a 160-mile cruise on the Finger Lakes in his solar-powered canoe. Later in life he said of his work, "I'm beginning to think I may not change the world, but I'm still trying." As his vision failed he continued to review graduate student papers by having his secretary read them aloud. He also visited thousands of schoolchildren to talk about invention. Wilson served Cornell on the University Council and also as an adjunct professor of Engineering. His death earned obit space in *TIME* magazine, the *New York Times*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, on national news broadcasts, and in other national media outlets.

Fall dues notices went out a little late this year and left us with no news forms for this column's October 15 deadline. Solution? Because I, Paul, your happy co-correspondent, am not well known to you, our loyal readers, I report my succinct bio:

Born in Buffalo, NY. Depression-era farmboy in Oakfield, NY. US Navy. Cornell. Agriculture teacher for four years. Science teacher for ten years. Rochester EdM, Sewanee MAT, and Rochester EdD in biology and science education. Research in palynology and continental glaciation. Professor of science education and chair of teacher education, Drake U. in Des Moines, IA. Fellow, AAAS. Fulbright laureate. Visiting scholar, Curtin U. in

Perth, Australia. Lecturer in Mexico, Taiwan, Australia, Israel, Russia. Author of science text and lab books and curricular materials, and a book on the UFO enigma. Traveled in 34 countries, all US states, all Canadian provinces, and a third of Mexican states. Family: now 34. Wife, Erma. Five kids, two foster kids. 14 grandkids, five great-grandkids. Family members have attended 20 universities and worked at ten. Retired in Iowa because it's one of the most civilized places on earth. Retirement: this column. Program chair for 130-member Golden K Kiwanis. Write essays for my Torch Club and for talks at community organizations. Colorado skiing is out; biking still in. And RV travel around upper Great Lakes. We relax on our farm in quiet, rugged southern Iowa. Iowa is not flat! Cornell led to a fortunate, productive, and satisfying life. **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

51 **Bob Giebitz** (Crossville, TN) writes that he missed reunion for the first time "because of a serious auto accident in April. I'm just [in June] recovered now, but almost bled to death. Four units of blood saved me. I am active in the farmer's market movement. There are three operating in Cumberland County, and I have played an important part in their organization. I have also started a community garden at our community college." **Janet Armstrong Hamber** (Santa Barbara, CA) writes, "Sorry I missed reunion—had to stay in Connecticut and work on a cottage for rental. Still work with Fish & Wildlife on the Condor Recovery Program." Her grandson Zach finished his first year at San Diego State U. and went to Costa Rica with an educational group, "Green," and "discovered his life's work in alternative energy." She fondly recalls heading to early morning class across the Quad to the "Jennie McGraw Rag" on the chimes. **Al Ginty** (Orange, CA) "appreciated the personal notes of invitation from our hard-working class leaders!"

Two of **Tony Ferrari's** daughters joined him for Saturday's Barton Hall All-Alumni Luncheon, where the Big Red Band squelched conversation for a period of time. **John "JC" Huttar** (Strasburg, VA) writes, "**Ted**, LLB '54, and **Bobbie Mertens Reifsteck** and **Herm Hanemann '52**, ME '57, will be returning to reunion with me." His favorite memory of Cornell is 150-lb. football. **Alvin** and **Diana Macomber** (Alexandria, VA) attended the 60th Reunion, "her first time at a class reunion."

One of Alvin's fondest memories of Cornell is "climbing the Cascadilla Gorge stairs on the way to morning class." **Charles Smith**, MED '64 (S. Plymouth, NY) checks in with no news. **Marvin "Toby" Silverman** (North Palm Beach, FL) offered his [unprintable] take on the "golden years."

Frank Petruelis (Binghamton, NY) is now retired. Since graduating, he has had three careers. First as a THOR rocket system design engineer with Douglas Aerospace, including testing time at Cape Canaveral, "where we successfully competed against the W. von Braun team." Second, with IBM Glendale Development Lab, "where I also acquired an MBA. After ten years with IBM, I met a Dutch architect and we founded a successful architectural/engineering design firm (EURAMCO Associates). I now occasionally volunteer at Binghamton U.'s School of Management." **Tim Edlund** (Baltimore, MD) is "now sporting a brand new right knee—and working to recover full function. Amazing what can be done these days." He continues to teach full-time and do case research at Morgan State. "Congratulations to class officers (**Bill Kay** et al.) for getting monthly planners in our hands before 2011 started! Could the 2012 version have a few more blank pages for notes, etc.?"

George, MBA '52, and **Diane Hano** (Lebanon, NH) sold their house in Lyme after 15 years of happy, healthy, country living. "We bought a home nearby, about one mile from the Dartmouth campus, and another in Aiken, SC, where we have been spending mud seasons the last four years. Aiken is a wonderful place for horses, golf, and parties. We plan to spend about six months in each location, and would love to see Cornellians in both." **Jesse** and **Betsy Zobel Hannan** enjoy a very active Cornell Club of 200 members in Sarasota, FL; they meet twice a month in fall and winter. Rev. Dr. **George Campbell '49**, MNS '51, wrote from Sutton, Quebec, to say that his wife, **Jean (Raymond)**, died April 7, 2010. He is "still functioning reasonably well." **Charles Bales** (Erie, PA) reports two trips to Haiti to work at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer, a general hospital in central Haiti (Artibonite Valley).

Margaret "Pepper" Dutcher Fluke still lives in the house she and Don designed and had built 50 years ago near Duke U. in Durham, NC. She writes, "I recently contracted with East Carolina U. (Greenville, NC) to donate my more than 1,200-piece pottery collection, 800-plus art and pottery books, and supporting documentation from 47 years of pottery making and collecting." It will be a teaching collection, kept open for students to use, handle, and learn from. She adds, "Likewise my collection of 12 photo albums and

36 three-inch notebooks recording all meetings and photos of the 35 years I was volunteering as a board member to help save and restore our Historic Carolina Theatre in downtown Durham. They will be housed in the North Carolina Room at Durham's downtown main library as a resource for future students to learn about, write about, and record for future citizen use. Both of these huge donations relieve my family of the responsibility of getting rid of such large amounts of material. However, I am still making pots in my studio and, YES, I still go to shows and add pots to the collection." Pepper has endowed a locker in the renovated women's boathouse as part of her reunion contribution to Cornell. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 First, website news. As of October, our class has joined the CornellConnect system, and we have a new address: <http://www.cornellclassof52.org>. The page is quite different, with a kind of pan-Cornell approach. **Paul Blanchard** has been putting it together and needs all the news and photos he can get. **Paul** and **Polly Prine Herman**, who have been our webmasters for almost ten years, deserve a large cheer and thank you. Here, from me: Thank you, Paul and Polly. You have been a joy to work with.

Now to the mailbag news, which dates to fall 2010. At the time, many of us were moving or had moved. **Libby Hunsberger** Craver (Lancaster, PA; libbyc2@verizon.com) had a particularly horrible story having to do with an oil leak that resulted in removing a 1,000-gallon tank, tearing up the front yard and half the garage floor, and putting it all back together with lots of angst and at great expense. All complicated by environmental permits. I trust that Libby is now fully unpacked and relaxing in her new home, with the old one happily sold. **Tom Weber**, PhD '63 (Williamsville, NY; twweber@buffalo.edu) and wife Marianne "live in a patio home among sociable people" at Canterbury Woods, where Tom is secretary of the resident council. He has taken some "Canterbury U." courses and led some in science and math. A nearly-every-day swimmer, Tom wouldn't have changed a bit of his time at Cornell.

Redding Kane Rufe (rkrufe@aol.com) and wife Donna have, after 17 years, moved from Las Vegas to a lifecare community in Scottsdale, AZ. Doc is acclimating to names such as Diamondbacks, Cardinals, and Sun Devils. He writes, "We both are relatively healthy and look forward to my 60th Reunion in 2012." **Denise Cutler** Kimball (San Diego, CA; treemaker@san.rr.com) has been at her retirement community for ten years. She still works on her family genealogy when she has time. **Patricia Dexter** Clark (Concord, MA; sipclowes@gmail.com) lives in a retirement community with activities both on site and in the Boston area. Pat knits for outreach, works on projects, and cares for her husband, who has Parkinson's. She does water aerobics three times a week for exercise and rehab. Writes Pat, "I'd rather be able to get out more, but c'est la vie!" **Bill Hodges** (Lynchburg, VA; whodges2@verizon.net) stays very busy, organizing people for gardens at the Summit Retirement Community, chairing a train restoration project for the Lynchburg Kiwanis Club, singing in a Presbyterian church choir and with the Lynchburg College Choral Union, and writing with the Right Stuff writers group.



Barbara Oles Monty (Knoxville, TN; barbara.monty@hotmail.com) is “still working full-time (and a little more) as director of the Knox County CAC Office on Aging.” She manages about 20 programs to serve seniors and still finds it satisfying after almost 40 years. **Martin Cohen** (Belmont, MA) is reading, working at the Charles River Museum of Industry, working in his shop, and enjoying the company of his grandsons. He has been organizing the horological exhibit at the museum. “It must be done and I want it to be done right.” **Robert Pinkley** (Cherry Hill, NJ) listed his activities: “movies, electronic bowling, television, men’s club, Sunday vesper committee, visiting my wife in healthcare, visits with family, shopping, and reading the *Cornell Alumni News* and paperback books.” He added that he’d rather be “having my wife healthy and living with me in our retirement apartment.”

Ina Perlstein Loewenberg (ina-loewenberg@uiowa.edu), who lives in Iowa City, IA, with husband **Jerry ‘49**, PhD ‘55, leads a read-aloud group in poetry, studies Biblical Hebrew, tries to learn to play bridge, works out, and escapes Iowa winters for brief periods. She writes, “I love everything I do. I love this college town and the open-hearted, open-minded Iowa people.” **Willis and Ruth Christoff Landon ‘53** (billorchrisc@cox.net) live in Roanoke, VA. Bill writes that he spends his time “getting older, going back and forth to doctors, traveling to visit kids and grandkids, and going to weddings, wakes, and funerals.” He specifically listed travel to Maine, Vermont, and Grenada. The greatest impact at Cornell came from “the girl I married.” He’d rather be “walking without a cane.” Sound familiar?

John Talmage (Riverhead, NY; seagull2@optonline.net) is rebuilding and flying open cockpit biplanes, vintage 1929 and 1931, from his grass airfield. **Lillian Schneider** Innerfield Gerstman (Buffalo, NY; lilliangerstman@yahoo.com) is reading, hiking, and visiting children and stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandsons who live all over the US. She still contributes time and energy to the Blue Rose Foundation and the Holocaust Resource Center and belongs to two political discussion groups. She notes that she is trying to maintain her aging home with her willing-but-aging energy, and is weighing her options for a change in residence and lifestyle. She closes, “I love this stage of my life, but wish I could have more time to do more—perhaps be a student at Cornell.” **Richard ‘51** and **Nancy Harrington Booth** (rabnhb@earthlink.net) remain in Brooklyn, CT. Nancy spends a lot of time taking care of all her rescued cats, and tries to keep up with her two daughters, who live in Maine and Scotland. A big Red Sox fan, she urges them on via TV. Recently she has been “trying to clean and organize all the items in this old (1750) house that have been collecting for the past 51 years.”

Marilyn Goldstein Jeffs (Ann Arbor, MI; mgjeffs@comcast.net) is very active at her temple as a volunteer and a student. She continues to have a small practice doing parent/child support groups. She attends concerts at the University Musical Society and is learning to play cello again after a lapse of five years. She is also exercising three to four times a week to maintain optimum cardiac health. **Juanita Miller** Johnson (jmjohn3545@aol.com), who lives in Bronx, NY, with husband Robert, lists “piano, church, and great-grandchild” as her activities. **Francis DeCarlo** (West Hills, CA; f.x.decarlo@sbcglobal.net) is working on his Mac, eating out, doing aerobics,

attending current events classes, being active politically, reading, and visiting friends and relatives. “Keeping mind and body fit at 84 years.”

A great deal comes in with the news reports that involves illness and recovery (slow and otherwise), walkers, canes, loss, and the fact that most of us are now somewhere in our 80s. Not all of it makes it into the column. There is also much that comes in that indicates we have not lost our fight, our sense of humor, or our flexibility. There is not room for all of that either. So come to Ithaca, June 7-10, 2012 . . . and visit. And now a word from reunion chairs **Terry**, JD ‘56, and **Dori Crozier Warren** (rivbirc@windstream.net): “The Cleveland Zoo has two new cubs. This seems to be a ‘bear’ year. We’re captivated by the ‘Spirit Bear’ story in August’s *National Geographic*. Get ready for postcards about your 60th Reunion—a few of them.” **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://www.cornellclassof52.org>.

53 Look out the window and see if what’s there reminds you of August 2011. That’s when the electronic media and other sources were sharing their incredulity that a hurricane could be heading toward New York City so soon after an earthquake. They were warning of devastation. We were in the Midwest, wondering whether we should be driving home to Manhattan at about the time Irene was expected. And when we arrived, would we find floods, or shattered windows in our high-ish-rise digs? Our thoughts turned quickly to others. How were classmates along the predicted path making out? So we sent out a few e-mails and here’s what we learned.

Hurricanes often make their first stateside landfalls in Florida. **Bob Dailey** (Osprey) punched in with, “Not much down here.” (That’s left coast anyway.) There were some non-responses from Georgia, but North Carolina seemed promising. The weather channel forecasts were forbidding and turned out to be absolutely right about expectations for the Outer Banks. But we didn’t reach anyone there.

Bob, JD ‘56, and **Julie Neff** reported that their Pinehurst pad was initially said to be on target for that ill wind. But, says Bob, the Neffs “got nary a drop of water and only about two bales of pine straw on the lawn. Not bad. So, trooper that I am, I went north to Princeton, where by then everyone had a basement Olympic pool. It was ugly in central New Jersey, and if Irene didn’t splash them enough, they got Lee in her wake. The Princeton Tennis Program’s lovely indoor courts (my magnum opus before moving South) were flooded to a depth of four feet and had to be totally stripped out. It was sad to see.” The US Open in Flushing Meadow was so swamped by two weeks’ rain, he maintains, that players were calling for a covered court. “The good news,” he adds, “was our friend Lisa Raymond’s triumph in Women’s Doubles. It was her 23rd Open and her first US Open championship.”

When Hat, the cat, and moi arrived home after putting the trip off a day, we found no floods, no nearby Manhattan trees down, the windows undisturbed, and plenty in the local markets.

You might expect Nantucket to have taken a hit, but here’s the word from eyewitness **Dave Kopko**: “The wind was a bit stronger and lasted a couple of hours longer than usual, but the only hurricanes we saw were on television.” **Anne “Nikki” Schwartz** Kirsch ‘cane-proofed her house in her old

home town of Westhampton Beach, NY, moving furniture and stacking ice in her freezer. Two big branches came down from her trees, but missed the house. Urged by her adult kids to move out, Nikki (“not wanting to be a martyr”) caught one of the last ferries to storm-mauled Madison, CT. It was without power for a week, but the Westhampton Beach house, about a mile from the ocean, went without electricity on Sunday night only. Her home in Royalton, VT, was also undamaged, but the town was heavily flooded. “The mud, everywhere, was unbelievable. Homes and businesses were wiped out and many cattle perished,” she observes.

From **Julian Aroesty**: “My wife and I rode this out in our 250-year-old Cape Cod cottage in Falmouth, MA. No special problems with either water or wind damage, but our prayers were answered. A tree in the yard of a house between us and the ocean was split in half, restoring the water view we had when we bought the house 30 years ago.” And furthermore, “At long last, all the kids have completed their education.” Youngest graduated cum laude as a U. of Michigan engineer and was accepted into the G.E. Edison Fellow program. That includes five years’ G.E. employment and training and a master’s degree in engineering” (G.E. pays for it). “This gives me a \$100,000 raise.” His favorite recollections? 1) Vladimir Nabokov’s lectures in a course familiarly known as Dirty Lit because it included *Madame Bovary* and *Anna Karenina*; and 2) mashing Michigan, 20-7, 60 years ago in sunny Schoellkopf.

A bunch of classmates showed up at the Statler to celebrate former trustee **Bob Abrams**’s receiving the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award on Homecoming Friday evening. The hugely admired former president took note of Bob’s assistance in real estate and other matters. After years of service to our Cornell in a wide range of areas—Architecture, Art, and Planning, Athletics, the presidency of the Cornell Alumni Association of New York, the faculty of the Dept. of City and Regional Planning, the founding of the Cornell Real Estate Council, and lending his expertise to the Cornell Real Estate Investment Subcommittee—he is now a Presidential Councillor. Bob is the ninth ‘53 classmate to be honored with the Rhodes award. That’s numerically first among classes. Bob follows **Lilyan Affinito**, **Elliott Cattarulla**, **Dorothy Clark Free**, **Rich Jahn**, **Mort Lowenthal**, **Lea Paxton Nixon**, **John Nixon**, and **Pat Gunderson** Stocker.

Here’s hoping 2012 smiles upon us all. And here’s looking forward to seeing many of us at our Sensational Sixtieth in Ithaca in just another year and a half, June 6-9, 2013, if not before. **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Convergence, convergent, converging, and converged—all forms can be applied to what has occurred in my sphere of engagement. The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Inst. and Cornell’s Graduate Field of Zoology and Wildlife Conservation have entered into partnership to study the growing needs in the preservation of threatened and endangered species. It is rather like, only on a much grander scale, two of your very best friends finding they have a great deal in common. Many who read this column have followed the gestation period of the National Zoo’s pandas and the necessity to study the reproduction of this extremely charismatic but highly endangered bear. Now you might be able to learn more of this

puzzling problem and many other global concerns from the collaborative efforts of Cornell and the Smithsonian scientists' research. It is a new and exciting program gathering together many programs across campus.

Craig Bogley moved to Lawrence, KS, home of the illustrious Jayhawks, several years ago and appreciates being a part of a university environment where he can take courses with their Continuing Education Inst., along with doing pro bono work for their Transportation Inst. on an electric bus research project. To escape the very warm Kansan summers, he has purchased a bolt-hole in Vail, CO. Had he gone to Breckenridge, he would have gained a couple of thousand feet and been even cooler. When last heard from, **Sandra and Noah Fuhrman** were looking to put down roots in an active senior community in the Lake Worth area. Meanwhile, Noah is "writing and editing a book with a slew of experts, entitled 'For a Better America.'" **David '52**, JD '58, and **Phyllis Pert Stearns** have as their bucket list item driving across the US and back again to Sarasota, FL. Do it, Phyl. Your sketchbook will be filled when you get home. **Jim Symons** is perhaps our most "traveling" classmate. In retirement, Jim has pursued his three hobbies: golf, travel, and photography. He has not sent along his golf score cards, but he has sent a list of the trips they have taken in the past ten years, which total 27, and a catalog of the photos taken, which number in the thousands. A complete listing would take more space than my yearly allotment. **Lee Seidman's** answer to the News Form question, "What have you been doing recently?" was, "Giving away money," followed up by an explanation. Lee said that in 1992, at age 60, he went to the Harvard Graduate School and learned about "the Number." After you achieve that financial goal, you can give away the rest of your net worth, which he is now doing. For his bucket list he keeps a three-dimensional sign on his desk that reads: "Do It Now."

We received a note from **Charles "Win" Skeele** for the first time. Win was a public school teacher for 13 years and spent 20 years as a college adjunct instructor, all while raising seven children and starting an insurance business with three of them. And with his left hand, for 43 years he raised acres of vegetables to sell at their lake roadside stand. Volunteer work was not neglected. At 42, he took up long-distance running and started Tromptown Run. When not in motion, for the past several years he has lent a patient ear at the Crisis Center of Syracuse. **Jane Barber Smith** is adjusting to singlehood and very much involved with her county, having just completed a term as Democratic chair and as executive director of a summer day camp that serves inner-city elementary-aged children. She has two grands nearby and enjoys new opportunities as they present themselves.

Playing the clarinet in the Big Red Band has been a part of **Fred Heinzelman's** retirement, but he did not say in what way. Ellen and **Jack Wright** have moved house from North Carolina to Meadville, PA, to be nearer their family. Jack will probably start a new garden. **Joan Schwartz** Danziger, BFA '54, spends her time in her art studio and traveling away from D.C. **Richard Schoeck** is not retired, but still has time for his volunteer organizations, namely Masons for its charity and brotherhood; Wildlife Rehabilitation, which feeds his love of nature and animals; and the German Club, for family heritage. He enjoys teaching his grands a sense of values and productivity, and de-emphasizing sports and other forms of entertainment.

For their 50th, **Helen and Jason Pearl**, JD '56, went round the world in a private jet. They found Easter Island outstanding, but Jason did not give any details. Jason is a reading mentor for first and second graders for whom reading is difficult. One of his greatest experiences with his grandchildren was a two-week trip to Israel with his grandson, 13. In the last couple of years **James Martin** has flown from Alamo, CA, to experience China, Australia, and the Czech Republic. **Norman Lynn** is working through ReServe (reserveinc.org) with the NYC Dept. of Health trying to save the city energy. **Les Papenfus** Reed, leslejireed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 **Andy Dadagian** is "still operating and loving doing it." When he's not in the OR, he's tending to his antique car collection. The Dadagians went to China ("a fabulous experience") and Italy and are booked for the Netherlands and Belgium next year. The best news: "I feel no different at age 80 than I did at 60," Andy says. **Gerald Gordon** was named a 2010 Community Hero by the American Red Cross. This honor was based on Gerald's YouTube entry, "Between the Lines," a seminar interviewing young people, and Gerald has been "overwhelmed" by the letters and e-mails. "It makes me extremely happy to hear how much good this has generated."

Margot Oppenheim Robinson and husband **Jack '54** are still working: in real estate and law, respectively. "We spend eight months each year in Sarasota and Longboat Key, FL, loving the weather, the gorgeous scenery, and the outstanding cultural events of Sarasota's own symphony, ballet, opera, and theatre companies." **Danny Krouner** also holds a season ticket to the Sarasota Performing Arts Center, and has been a Boston Celtics fan for 40 years. Danny says he has access to original handwritten documents (1865) signed by Ezra Cornell, in which he asks the New York Legislature for land in Ithaca to build a university. "By the way, doesn't Cornell have the money to buy these papers from those in possession who are not Cornellians?" Good question. **Bernie Rodee** wrote that they had a great time on their seventh AHI Cornell Alumni trip to Israel last January, a joint trip between Cornell and William & Mary alumni. "The Egyptian rallies began while we were there, leaving the people of Israel extremely nervous (their words)."

Mark Siegel has moved to Dataw Island, SC, "with two German shepherds, two cats, and one wife!" He keeps in touch with **Tad Cameron**, **Alden "Nick" Hathaway**, and **John Harreys**. Mark is VP of the local military officers association and a member of a barbershop choral group. **Dan Phelan**, who lives in British Columbia, says he'd "rather be 35 again"—but other than that, "life is OK!" **Dave** and **Joann Schmidt** took a second honeymoon trip to Jamaica, and found that a lot had changed in 50 years. "Driving on the left was a bit nerve-racking, as most of the locals don't follow the rules of the road. They have two speeds: fast or faster." Dave was gratified to note that his Rotary Club has collected more than \$100,000 worth of used hospital equipment to ship to the Caribbean. The week after hurricane Irene came through, the Schmidts traveled to Williston, VT, to see **Charlie** and **Mary Ann Peck Wolf**. After a family trip to Disney World, they'll be off to Florida to escape the ice and snow.

Peter Hoss has published *Born in Yosemite*, detailing 75 years of personalized history of Yosemite. The book also includes photos from the Ansel Adams Family Collection, the Tom Frost Climbing Collection, and the Yosemite Research Library. **Rex Boda** and wife Jean celebrated their son's graduation from Johns Hopkins U. with a PhD in international studies. Rex describes himself as "very content with my present activities," including travel and teaching in several settings and serving various alma maters. We are sorry to learn that **Barbara O'Connor** Kenny's husband, Walt, is suffering from Alzheimer's. Barbara is his main caregiver, with some relief from a health care aide. She cherishes memories of our last reunion, when she won Low Net in the Alumni Golf Tournament. But, Barb adds, "I wish I had taken the little notice posted at our class headquarters, as there are some Doubting Thomases!"

Don Maclay has been on the move. "We took two trips last year: in March we went to Tarangire and Serengeti in Tanzania for a couple of weeks, and added a week to climb up to the hills of Rwanda and walk around with the silver-backed gorillas." Last November the Maclays went to Indonesia and boarded a cruise vessel unlike the most popular types—it was less than 100 feet long and had just seven two-person cabins. "We cruised due east among the Spice Islands, winding up in the Kai Island group, about 100 miles west of Papua New Guinea. The snorkeling was great, and the mostly uninhabited islands were beautiful and pristine. I kept a camera with me at all times—I figured with luck I could get a picture of the bottom of the world, looking back over my shoulder as we careened off the end of the earth!"

Lynn Cohen has a great suggestion: "I'm writing to recommend taking advantage of the CAU program on campus during the summer. We tried the intergenerational option—it was great fun and very rewarding, both to us and to our granddaughter, 6." I remember taking my three daughters to Cornell Alumni University (as it was then known) many years ago, when they were 9, 13, and 15—and how proud they were that by the end of the week, they could find their way all over campus! **Ron and Joyce Kemins Ganelles '56** have their own Cornell connections: "Two sons, one daughter-in-law, a sister, a niece, and two grandchildren, totaling nine Cornellians. Go Big Red!" **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Mini-reunions abound: This time, **Bob Seidenberg**, **Don Reiner**, **Keith Quinton**, MD '60, and **Fred Stafford** got together for dinner in NYC. **Foster Kinney**, now retired in Redwood City, CA, reminded us that he lost his wedding ring temporarily at the Plantations dinner at our 50th, recently witnessed a wedding proposal on the Suspension Bridge (which was accepted and the bridge did not collapse), and at our 55th, he climbed all 139 steps up Libe Tower to watch the musicians play the chimes. **Ronnie Hartman**, a working ophthalmologist, is also a clinical professor at UC Irvine and travels extensively with his wife, Sylvia. **Barbara Rapoport** (New York City) sent a glowing report from her annual visit to Paris, this one about a fabulous dinner at the US Embassy with our Ambassador and his wife. **Betsy Jennings** Rutledge (Wilmette, IL) is busy as usual with family and volunteering. **Harvey Hammer** (Morristown, NJ) is

still working full-time as a psychiatrist, and **John Harney** is still making his fabulous teas in Connecticut. **Don Woolfenden** (Monmouth Beach, NJ) has retired from the Northern Territory of Australia government as Mining Titles Manager, Dept. of Mines and Energy, Darwin. Don and his wife, Doris, are serious bird-watchers, and have done this in more than 60 countries. Don lived in Australia from 1964 to 1988.

Stan Whitten (Madison, WI) has been designing crossword puzzles in his spare time that have appeared in the *Washington Post* and the *Chicago Tribune*. Stan was the business manager at the *Widow*. **Robert Alessi** (Rome, NJ) is a retired allergist/otolaryngologist. **James Yates** (Lemoyne, PA) practices plastic and cosmetic surgery, and for the past six years was voted best plastic surgeon in Harrisburg by *Harrisburg Magazine*. **John Cornell** (Brambleton, VA) and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the *Queen Mary II*. "A happy milestone," adds John. **Janice Tiger** Van Etten (Altamont, NY) writes that she's a housewife and mom, and wisely says, "For this job, there is no retirement."

Pete Thaler (Los Angeles, CA) is loving retirement. **Paul Shane** (Philadelphia, PA) is a professor at Rutgers U. in Newark, NJ, and serves on many philanthropic boards. **Chuck Woolf** (Williamsburg, VA) retired as marketing director of the L.A. Convention Center. **Larry Brown** (Highwood, IL) retired from Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, and his goal is to enjoy many more years of retirement. We heard from **Carl Fabian** of Miami, FL, who was sorry to have missed our 55th. Carl sadly reported the sudden passing of our classmate **Steven Shearing**, the "father of cataract surgery." I want to share this loving tribute to Steve from Carl: "Steve and I first met in our sophomore year in Brooklyn Tech High School in 1948 and soon became close friends. We eventually enrolled in Cornell together and were roommates in our freshman year. Steve started from the humblest of backgrounds, growing up in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. He chose the field of ophthalmology and subsequently invented the lens that would revolutionize cataract surgery." Many millions in the world, including many of us, have had their clear vision restored by the simple operation he devised.

Another passing: **Lorna Trencher** Zimmerman-Dane, originally from Great Neck, NY, then Springfield, MA, and since 1958, Washington, DC. Lorna was the owner of Portfolio Travel. She is survived by her 13 grandchildren, her children David, Lisa, and Kenneth, and her husband, Richard Dane. From her good friend **Barbara Barron** Starr, "My husband, Bob, and I felt fortunate to count Lorna and Dick among our friends and cherish the memories of time spent with them. Lorna was kind, caring, and energetic, with myriad interests and an amazing competence that enabled her to do 'everything.'" I will add my own sympathy to Lorna's family. She will be missed. ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Whether you use a BlackBerry, an iPad, or just a plain old paper calendar, here are some important dates to note for 2012. Naturally, our 55th Reunion is the biggie, June 7–10, but prior to that a gathering takes place on February 3 in Boca Raton, FL, for any snowbirds and/or full-time residents down south. If you don't receive an e-mail from the committee you can get details from me at the address below. On January 28 our annual class dinner, held

during CALC, will be at the home of **Betty Starr** King, 4511 Garrison St. NW, Washington, DC, starting at 6 p.m. For reservations or more info contact Betty at bettyking3@verizon.net; phone (202) 362-6035. All '57ers in the D.C. area are invited.

The fall event at the Sagamore Hotel on Lake George had a good turnout with **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, **Connie Santagato** Hosterman, **Vanne Shelley** Cowie, **Sue DeRosay** Henninger, **Gail Lautzenheiser** Cashen, **Patty Farrell** Marinelli, **Jan Nelson** Cole, **Marj Nelson** Smart, **Chris Zeller** Lippman, **Betty Starr** King, and **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59,

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among the participants. **Martie Ballard** Lacy and husband **Dick** were sorry to miss the get-together, but have plenty of Cornell activities in the central New York area to keep them in touch with fellow Cornellians. Martie writes, "Reunions, *Alumni News* columns, visits, and e-mail have kept us close to so many friends that our neighbors are in awe of those relationships." The Lacy's took an extended trip in the fall to the Outer Banks, NC, for an Elderhostel experience and to Charleston for Dick's USS *Rankin* reunion.

Carol Johnson Saylor has filled her retirement years with travel, volunteer work at a local history museum, and summer days in the Adirondacks. With a large part of the family still in the Rochester area, **Bud**, MBA '61, and Carol plan to stay in their Webster, NY, home. After 30 years at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC as a professor of pediatrics, **Fredda Ginsberg** Fellner is now retired; she and **Michael** '56 enjoy their children **Melinda** Fellner Bramwit '89 and Jonathan and five grandchildren.

Perhaps many of us at this age can relate to the answer **Sue Sutton Moyer** gave to the first question on the news form. As to what she's been doing lately she has her church and volunteer activities along with attending yoga and arthritis aquatics classes at the Y with **Bill** '55. But as for challenges: "Keeping knees, back, and shoulders moving without pain; remembering where I put things; keeping connected with family and friends; and recovering from falls—fractured pelvis last winter. What a bummer!" Let's hope we all stay healthy in 2012. Happy New Year! ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCReuss@aol.com.

Fred Abeles seems to be enjoying the good life—traveling, biking, spending some snow time in Florida, and enjoying a wide range of music. **Michael Makar** writes from Poughkeepsie that he likes the leaf-raking season, volunteers in the Vassar Brothers Hospital gift shop, and is mightily impressed by the walkway over the Hudson, calling it "visionary." **Marv Silverman**, when not golfing, enjoys travel on land or sea. He is a director of the Carmel public library fund and provides legal services for seniors (that's us). **Ed** and **Adelaide Russell Vant** completed a trip to Australia, where the Sydney Opera House was a

primary attraction. They included stops in California and Hawaii.

David Perlman, ME '61, e-mailed his comings and goings over the last several years, both directions happening numerous times at Eastman Kodak, founding two companies with good and not so good results. He spent 19 years on the faculty of Rochester Inst. of Technology, where he is currently an emeritus professor. He is a founder of two arts associations in Rochester and served on the board of that city's Philharmonic Orchestra. To upset some of their Florida friends, David

and Marjorie bought some land and built a house in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Judy reported on the Sagamore pre-55th Reunion get-together, but an additional note is that Ellen Schlossberg slipped on some stairs, wound up with a broken hip, and, accompanied by husband **Irwin Schlossberg**, got a pleasant ambulance ride to NYC.

First-year hallmate **Gil Riley** writes that he and Betsy celebrated their 50th anniversary in Palm Springs, along with AXP brothers **Stu Mackay** and **John Bailey** '58, who performed as ushers 50 years ago. Gil has taken up photography in a big way, going all over the country with camera in hand. **Dominick** and Debra **Pasquale** and **Dick** and **Connie Tevebaugh** hosted a Connecticut mini-DU reunion last fall. In attendance were **Cy** and **Miriam Benson**, **David Loysen**, **Tony**, MBA '58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser** Cashen, **Rod** and **Liz Beckwith**, **Pete** and **Ann Blauvelt**, **Tom Keating** and **Betty Ziegler**, and **Harriett** and your correspondent. Stories (some with a trace of truth) and other commodities flowed, and we went to the Yale-Cornell football game in the aging (nicest word I can think of) Yale Bowl. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 I'm writing this column in October, so some of this info may be old news to you, but thanks to **Irene Lazarus** Soskin we now have a class blog. As of this date, there are still a few kinks to work out, but all should be fine by the time you read this. Our class council met last January in Washington, DC, and reported on some interesting statistics: 403 classmates have paid dues for the year; about \$50,000 is in the class treasury; our class income is up, but our investments are down somewhat. Our mailing expenses are down by about \$1,000. Our website is up and our class president, **Bill Standen**, is the person in charge.

Sadly, **Anita Podell** Miller submitted her resignation as reunion co-chair with **Meyer Gross** and **Renni Bertenthal** Shuter. Anita lost her husband in an accident shortly after our 50th. Without going into a lot of detail, she is now practicing law full-time in the Albuquerque city attorney's office and did not feel it would be possible to put in enough planning time for our 55th Reunion. The planning is beginning for our 55th,

so if you have any new ideas or concerns, please let them be heard. The reunion, of course, is in 2013, June 6–9.

Chuck Jarvie, MBA '59, and I had a wonderful time in July at the 50th anniversary gala for **Jack**, MBA '61, and **Diane Baillet Meakem** '61. Wow! How time flies! There were several other couples attending who had shared 50 years together: **Glenn** and **Maddi McAdams Dallas**, **Paul** '57 and **Lee Anderson Tregurtha** '59, **Bruce** and **Anne Marshall**, and, of course, **Chuck** and **I**. The **McCarthy** twins were also there; they hail originally from my hometown of Manhasset, NY. We all had a wonderful time, thinking we were back in the good ol' days! On this same trip, we also had

though I do religiously answer the occasional distress e-mail, since most of my clients were or became good friends and family to me."

Oskar Rogg '82 writes that his mother, **Anne Wynne Barringer** Rogg, remembers one of her professors asking in a rather condescending tone, "So, Miss Barringer, what is it precisely that you plan to do with your life?" Well, in addition to raising five children, running a manufacturing business and a cattle farm, and completing a 25-year stint on her local board of education, the former English major has written a book, *Boreas the Bear: The Unusual Adventures of a Rather Unusual Bear*. **Boreas**, who lives in Manhattan and accompanies his adopted family around town disguised as a

"We are a watchdog group of 19 volunteers who investigate governmental agencies in the county and make recommendations to improve government's performance. It's a very interesting busman's holiday for a retired political science professor." After 18 months of writing, **Hans Krauss** (Spokane, WA) has completed his memoir, "Immigrants' Son"—a 376-page volume covering the years 1930 to 2010. Now he is digitizing his slides in order to print boxed sets for family and friends. **Ed Tavlin** and wife **Beth (Streisfeld)** '62 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the maiden voyage of the *Seabourne Quest*. The three-week cruise, from Barcelona to Istanbul, was fabulous, writes Ed, "with endless caviar." ■ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

“The Italians have an expression,
“Il dolce di far niente.””

Dick DeTeresa '61

lunch in NYC at Balthazars with **Bonnie Casey** Buckley and her husband and **Dave**, MBA '59, and **Ardith Anderson Williams** '59. Another fun time!

Herb Meltzer is still on the full-time faculty at Vanderbilt, engaged in basic and clinical research in schizophrenia. He received the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award for Research from the Winter Workshop on Psychotic Disorders. **Eugene Ceglowski**, DVM '67, continues to practice large animal veterinary medicine and raises registered Guernsey cattle. Last September he went to the CAU program in and around Mount St. Helens, the Columbia River Gorges, and the Olympic Peninsula. He resides in Rupert, VT, where he is on the school board and is a 40-year member of the Salem, NY, Rotary Club.

Maddy Gell Handler '65 and **Phil** '62, MArch '65, created a documentary in honor of pastel artist **Elsie Dinsmore** Popkin's 45th Reunion and her concurrent show at the Johnson. This documentary was shown in an earlier form at the 2003 Reunion and updated in 2008 for what would have been Elsie's 50th. It is running now on CornellCast, Cornell's video channel, and on YouTube, where it was posted along with other Cornell-related productions by the university. On CornellCast it is called: "Portrait of a Cornell Artist: Elsie Dinsmore Popkin, BFA '58," and it is an entertaining narrative by the artist of her life while an art student at Cornell in the mid-1950s. ■ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com.

59 **Carol Lipis** retired last May from her position as executive director of investments at Oppenheimer "to the world of low finances (retirement)." She notes, "In my part of the industry there are no gold watches, golden handcuffs, or anything material beyond a cake, hors d'oeuvres, and my own IRA and 401(k). I am happy to be out of an industry [one she was in for 40 years] I no longer either understand or trust. The boys with heavy thumbs seem to have changed investing into one big computerized, non-diversified wheel of fortune (or more often, misfortune). I left my clients and my own accounts in the hands of an able and honest man and I no longer consult or take clients,

very large dog, is a charming character, whose escapades in the city and on road trips to Connecticut provide just enough adventure for children and the adults who read to them. The book is available on Amazon.com and (sometimes) through local bookstores. After ten years in Wytheville, VA, Wynne has moved back to her native New Milford, CT. Her grandson **Bailey Rogg** '13 is the sixth generation of her family to attend Cornell.

Must-see video: **Phil** '62, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler** '65 have produced a lovely documentary in honor of **Ratan Tata**, BArch '62, chairman of Tata Sons Ltd., India's premier conglomerate. "Ratan Tata '59: The Cornell Story" tells the story of his years on the Hill using vintage photos along with interviews of 22 other Cornellians, mostly fraternity brothers and Architecture classmates. There is also a section with interviews of fellow Cornell trustees and President David Skorton that explores the tremendous influence that he has on present-day Cornell. The film has run on CornellCast, Cornell's video channel, and is posted on YouTube. The Handlers are the owners of Fly on the Wall Productions in West Hartford, CT; the firm offers video documentation services and has done a number of projects for the university. At present they are working on a 50th Reunion documentary for the Class of '62; it is "part of our giving back to Cornell," says Maddy.

Extracurricular activities: Golf, bridge, and reading for **Robert Dann** of Amherst, MA. Doubles tennis four or five times a week for **Jim Chamberlain** of Venice, FL. Birding and bar-hopping for **John Brubaker** of Watkins Glen, NY. The Dirt Daubers Garden Club and Milk River chapter of DAR for **Sally Watrous** Schumacher of Malta, MT. "Walking three to four miles daily with my Newfoundlanders" for **Carol Vieth** Mead of Palos Verdes Estates, CA. Watching U. of Connecticut basketball for **Kim Mitchell** of Southbury, CT. Opera, concerts, and classes in philosophy for **Rochelle Leffert** Spergel of NYC. **Ed Grossman**, with homes in Westport, CT, and NYC, has been "taking advantage of all the city's culture."

Tamar Schneider Levin (Voorhees, NJ) is a docent at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. **Dale Rogers** Marshall (Piedmont, CA) is in her second year of public service as the foreperson of the Alameda County civil grand jury.

60 Congratulations to **Dixie Palmer** Peaslee, who had several of her paintings included in a large exhibition in New York City entitled "The Value of Water," which opened in late September. Her handsome seascapes were joined by works from several other luminaries in a variety of media and hung in an unusual venue—the large Cathedral of St. John the Divine on the Upper West Side. Dixie and husband Dick flew in from Seattle for the opening reception. Among the Cornellians who came from around the Northeast to see Dixie's work and spend the evening with her were **Gretchen Zahm** Babarovic, BArch '60, **Dan** '58 and **Barbara Cyrus Martin**, **Dick** '58 and **Nancy Hoefft Eales**, and your correspondent. Word has it that Dixie will have a one-person show in Seattle in the spring; for those who would like to see her work online, her website is www.dixiepeaslee.com.

It was good to hear about the traveling Ealeses: Dick and Nancy spent the summer on a series of trips, visiting Iceland, Norway, and Norwegian Svalbard to see polar bears ("while there are still some to see," says Nancy), Seattle, and, in August, Colorado for a family reunion and dude ranch sojourn. Nancy and Dick are enthusiastic birders, so they had trips scheduled for Cuba and Ghana in subsequent months. "Our avian adventures have certainly been the platform for us to see lots of the world," she says, having taken them to almost 50 countries. "We've seen some pretty gritty places in all our travels, making us doubly appreciate this country." When at home in Philadelphia, Nancy is a busy, longtime board member on Planned Parenthood of Southern Pennsylvania, while Dick is involved with the Nature Conservancy and on the board of the American Bird Conservancy. They keep in touch with **Douglas**, MBA '62, and **Liz Dunning Rowan** '63, who live in Seattle and spend some of their summers in Maine; Nancy reports, "Doug is still working in computers and Liz is an involved grandmother."

I also had the great pleasure of catching up with **Anne Rothenthaler** Vendramin in Venice during an October trip to northern Italy. Since the late 1960s, Anne has been living with her husband Giancarlo in Venice, where they had a retail operation for many years and raised sons Andrea, who now lives in Cambridge, MA, with his wife and works as an architect in Boston, and Gianmarco, an executive with an electronics firm outside Venice. Anne works as a translator and teacher at the architecture school of the U. of Venice. During the past year, the Vendramins' travels took them to the Galápagos, Easter Island, Polynesia, the Cook Islands, Pitcairn Island (of *Mutiny on*

the *Bounty* fame), and New Zealand. They also make an annual Boston trip each year to see their son and visit with classmates living in the area, including **Johanna “Toddy” Dwyer** and **Leonard Johnson**. Anne reports that they have also seen **Tina Van Lent Radler**, **Carol Treman** des Cognets, and **Fran Pennisi** Giruzzi. “We are always delighted to have visitors from Cornell,” says Anne, who can be reached at Rothenthaler@virgilio.it.

Sue Phelps Day, MEd ‘62, has apparently made an excellent recovery from her bout with cancer—during this past summer, she managed to make a trip to Alaska by land and by cruise ship, as well as a visit to Vancouver, BC, and a three-week vacation in Cape May, NJ. I was very sorry to hear from Sue that in August **Gale Jackson** was hospitalized with a serious infection that required surgical intervention, but she had recovered and been discharged to her home by the end of that month. Back in May, Gale reported that she had been diagnosed with hydrocephalus during the winter; it was treated by corrective surgery and six weeks of physical therapy. Says Gale, “It took four years and many doctors to put everything together to arrive at a diagnosis, but it’s turning out just fine anyway. It takes a lot to defeat me!” Warm, good wishes from all of us for your continued recovery, Gale.

Dick Thatcher, MBA ‘62, writes, “I’m managing director of Fairmount Partners, an investment banking firm I co-founded eight years ago. It’s based in suburban Philadelphia and we specialize in the technology and life sciences/healthcare sectors, providing merger/acquisition, capital raising, and strategic advisory services to middle market companies in North America, Europe, and Asia. This is my third entrepreneurial ‘gig’ (and likely my last). Regards to you and the rest of the class.” Still active as a faculty member at the U. of Central Florida is our former reunion hospitality chairman **Bill Fisher**, PhD ‘68. He occupies the Darden Eminent Scholar Chair and teaches three courses related to his expertise in hotel and restaurant management. “I plan on doing that for another ten years,” says Bill, who reports that he and Yvonne go to their condominium in Champaign, IL, every summer to spend time with two of their three children and their families, who live in the area.

Janice Petro Billings sent an update on her family doings. Her 13 grandchildren have now been joined by three great-grandchildren, so, she says, “Intimate’ family gatherings are full of fun and energy with little ones again.” Jan and husband Ross have lived in Corona Del Mar since 1993, where she is executive director of the Association of California School Administrators for Orange County, working with principals and superintendents. “These young administrators are so full of enthusiasm,” she says, “I love working with them. I’m also volunteering in my grandson’s fourth grade and that is a kick!” Keep the news coming! ☐ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 A few final kudos before setting our 50th Reunion to rest. First, a mention to **Jay Treadwell** for managing the catering for the weekend and being responsible for the food at our events. In addition, he arranged for the Sherwoods to entertain us and bring back memories of earlier days. And also, the “Anniversary Party” congratulating all of our classmates and their Cornell spouses was conceived and hosted by **Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank**, who also arranged for the commemorative cake.

Now we immediately move forward to our 55th Reunion in 2016. Class president **Peter Greenberg** and wife Elke and **Gerrit** and Elizabeth **White** visited **David Kessler** in the northern Catskills during fall foliage season to enjoy the scenery and begin planning our next event. Peter is working on plans for Cornell ‘61 mini-reunions beginning next year. David relates, “We had a wonderful barbecue at my place, toured the area (including towns that were devastated by Hurricane Irene), hiked up to scenic viewpoints overlooking the Hudson Valley, visited the Thomas Cole Museum (the originator of the Hudson River School of Painting), and enjoyed country dining in Hudson, NY, and in Greene County, NY. I’m certain we all remember how spectacular the fall can be in Upstate New York.”

Recently I heard from **Bobbie Horowitz**, along with other author classmates. “What a fab time!” writes Bobbie. “I’m thrilled to guest star on the Colin Lively Radio Show, ‘Here Women Talk’ and will mention my book: *Find Your Mini-Qs (?): Reveal the Slim, Strong, Sexy Star You Truly Are! at Age 50, 60, 70, and Beyond*. I know this will be FUN, and fun helps keep us vital.” I listened to the interview and Bobbie did a great job, including her reflections on growing up in Bensonhurst, Long Island, “where everyone was either Jewish or Italian.” **Ron Barnes** also hit the publishers list with his new book. “Looking back at the challenging era that was our youth, with a dash of Cornell nostalgia to commemorate 50 years, *Living on the Edge*, by Rondo Barnes, is now available at Amazon.com and, soon, Kindle eBooks.” Another recent publication, *Out of Time: One Couple’s Journey Through Cancer*, written by **Nancy Greyson Beckerman** ‘64 is available at www.OutofTimebyBeckerman.com. Nancy, widow of our classmate **Barry**, writes, “I wanted to let you know about a new book just out, a memoir of my husband’s and my battle with his cancer. Actually, Cornell does figure quite prominently in the book. We visited Ithaca frequently, and our last trip together was to Cornell.”

I received a lengthy note from **Dick DeTeresa**, a teammate on our fifth-year Mechanical Engineering project. “Hope everything is going well for you. I am retired after a 40-year stint in my laminating business, where we catered to the home furnishing trade. I am happily married with eight grandchildren, and enjoying retirement. Italians have an expression, ‘Il dolce di far niente,’ which means ‘The sweetness of doing nothing.’ Not exactly a goal for young engineering students, but after years of pressure business, it is a great advantage to really enjoy the moment and not be continually thinking ahead of what must be done next. On a sad front, I want to let you know that my best friend at Cornell, our fellow ME student and scholar **Bob Carlson** has died after a losing bout with leukemia. Bob was the second highest achiever in our class, and had a long career as a professor at Stanford, where he was imparting his knowledge from his Cornell days. He was a truly great man who died way before his time. Nice to see you are still active at Cornell. Thanks for the memories. Regards, Dick.”

And a note from **Hal Binyon**: “After our 50th Reunion in June I managed to check another item off my ‘bucket list.’ Since we were reasonably close, we visited Cooperstown and the Baseball Hall of Fame, followed by dinner at the Culinary Inst. in Hyde Park. Later in the summer we had a most enjoyable Danube River cruise, preceded by a few nights in Budapest and followed by several nights in Prague.”

My neighbor at The Landings in Savannah, **John Sobke**, hosted the 2011 Phi Gamma Delta Golf Junket. A total of eight classmates gathered for this outing, which has been held for more than a few years at varied locations, including Scotland last year. I joined them for dinner at one of our clubs and had a fine evening with this group of close friends. In addition to John, **Robin Bissell**, **Ken Blanchard**, PhD ‘67, **Phil Hodges**, **Jack Neafsey**, MBA ‘63, **Dick Tatlow**, **Warren Spicka**, and **Pete Meinig** were on hand. Pete, as we all know, recently stepped down as chairman of Cornell’s Board of Trustees. He has served as a trustee for 20 years. He and his wife, **Nancy (Schlegel) ‘62**, have supported Cornell through the generous giving of both their time and contributions that sets a standard for all alumni. We, as a class, want to thank Pete and Nancy for their outstanding achievements in support of the university.

As always, we need your continued support and input to make the column a success. Send us an e-mail. ☐ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 Happy New Year! By now you know that our 50th Reunion is scheduled for June 7–10. We hope that this year most everyone will come in on Thursday, June 7, in time to experience the 4:30 p.m. kickoff video prepared by **Phil**, MArch ‘65, and **Maddy Gell Handler** ‘65, featuring interviews with classmates about our time on the Hill. This will be followed by a panel discussion with interviewees and the kickoff class dinner. The next day our class symposium will be led by **Jane Brody**, joined by professors Brian Wansink and Karl Pillemer. There’s a special tour in the works. The Back Talk Band will return Friday, and Cayuga’s Waiters will join us at the class picnic. What a way to make the Class of ‘62 50th Reunion one for the record books! For breaking news, check the class website at <http://www.CornellClassof62.org>. And to get into the spirit, watch the CornellCast video of AAP classmates done at the time of our 40th Reunion (<http://www.cornell.edu/video/index.cfm?VideoID=1715>).

From **Cathy VanBuren Bomberger**: “**Pete** ‘61 and I just spent a wonderful day at the Chicago Botanical Gardens with **Peter** ‘63 and **Lynne Schroeder Murray**, MEd ‘63. September ‘summer’ weather is the best time to enjoy being outdoors with friends. We look forward to reunion. Ithaca this past June was just about perfect for the Class of ‘61 Reunion. This will be our second winter to spend in Marco Island, FL. Are there other Cornellians there?” Nine Kappas held a preview reunion at the Women’s Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY, while visiting the home of **Margie McKee** Blanchard, MA ‘65 (margieblanchard@mac.com) near Skaneateles. **Char Jones** Collister (collister@columbus.rr.com) sent the photo—you’ll just have to be in Ithaca in June to see those smiling faces in person! **Eileen Marshall** Tanis (erm707@ameritech.net) reports that she is fully recovered from open-heart surgery a year and a half ago. After reconnecting with Naval Academy grad Robert Tanis at their 50th high school reunion, they wed last March and live in West Chester, OH.

Evelyn Eskin (evelyneskin@mac.com) is feeling bittersweet about the end of the Magic Years, as the youngest Eskin-Major grandchildren have just entered kindergarten. Twins Marly and Sebina hit the jackpot, securing two places in the Spanish immersion charter school within the

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Philadelphia school district. "Best of all, it's with-in walking distance of Gramma and Grampa's house! Hola, amigas!" **Mike Eisgrau** (mikepr40@gmail.com), our class newsletter editor, keeps busy both north and south. He splits his time between homes and offices in Manhattan and the Sarasota, FL, area. Mike is retired after 49 years in the broadcast news and public relations field, but handles PR clients out of Manhattan and in Florida. He also is director of business development in the New York region for a Sarasota ad agency. Mike is VP of special events for the very active Cornell Club of Sarasota, handling everything from polo matches to champagne brunches to nights at the theatre to charity projects and even an annual beach party. This month, Mike will produce the latest issue of the Class of '62 newsletter: "62—50th in View." He's been writing the newsletter for more than 20 years.

From their home in Marietta GA, **George**, MS '64, and **Janet Stern Cohen** '64 (thecohens@mindspring.com) travel to visit four children and three grandchildren. George retired after 35 years with Scott Paper/Kimberly Clark and leads an active life hiking, biking, canoeing, swimming, and volunteering with the National Park Service in the Chattahoochee River NRA. **Roberta Huberman** (robertahuberman@comcast.net) is a child, adolescent, and adult psychiatrist in Corte Madera, CA. She and spouse **Stuart Schwartz** '56 live in nearby Mill Valley. In Ithaca, **John Neuman** (jl16@cornell.edu) is president and CEO of 1492 Consulting Group and a senior lecturer at Cornell's Johnson School. John and **Carolyn (Chauncey)** '64 have five grandchildren and have been very active in Cornell and local volunteer service.

Travel to Vermont and Maine is on **Bob Schmitt**, DVM '69's (sdvc@aol.com) list of favorites. When not skiing, paddling, fishing, sailing, and riding, he enjoys his veterinary practice in S. Deerfield, MA. Bob and Bette have three children and seven grandchildren. Also with seven grandchildren are **Frederick** and **Carol Perlmutter Luper** '64 of Columbus, OH. He is chairman of his law firm, Luper Neidenthal & Logan. They attended Renaissance Weekend in Charleston last New Year's: "Stimulating if somewhat depressing discussion about political polarization." And that was last year! Fond memories include "serenading Carol outside of Dickson V with a song from *The Boy Friend*—it's worked for 46 years so far!"

While in Ithaca in June, you'll want to see the new wing of the Johnson Museum of Art, designed by the museum's original architect in charge, John L. Sullivan III, of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners. The first exhibition in the new wing was "Bursts of Light and Rifts of Darkness: American Expressionism from the Meinig Collection," with paintings and drawings by Willem de Kooning, Arshile Gorky, Adolph Gottlieb, Mark Rothko, and Clyfford Still. The works are from the private collection of **Peter '61** and **Nancy Schlegel Meinig**. ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Our 50th Reunion is now only a year and a half away. Put the dates on your calendar now: June 6-9, 2013! Another request from your class correspondent is to PLEASE SEND NEWS. E-mail is such an easy way to do it!

Ed Hoerning (Gastonia, NC; hoerning@bell.south.net) and wife Carol visited their grandchildren Livy, Maria, Mathew, and Caroline in Bogart, GA. Granddaughter Laura lives in Charlotte, NC, and

has started her senior year in high school. This past year, Ed and Carol traveled through the Midwest touring various spots in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. A note from **Ron Demer '59**, BME '60, said that **Jay Light**, dean of the Harvard Business School from 2005 to 2010, was honored at the Baker Library/Bloomberg Center at the Harvard Business School on Oct. 11, 2011. A portrait of Jay was unveiled. The occasion provided a moment to celebrate Jay's tenure and to thank him for his wide-ranging contributions to the school—as dean, in his multiple administrative roles, and as a faculty member, colleague, mentor, and friend to so many.

Maddy Gell Handler '65 and husband **Phil '62**, MArch '65, have been producing documentaries for Fly on the Wall Productions since 2000. A YouTube video link—search for: Reunion 2003 Cornell AAP '63 Profiles—includes several of our classmates in the College of Architecture, Art and Planning. Those featured are **Tom Beeby**, BArch '64, **Donna Forsman**, BFA '64, **Alan Chimacoff**, BArch '64, **Madeleine Leston Meehan**, BFA '63, **Bob Fox**, BArch '65, **Marjorie Walker Sayer**, BFA '63, and **Peter Parsons**, BArch '64. It was a lot of fun to watch. For those who have any further interest, the Handlers are in the process of finishing up a production for Phil's 50th Reunion featuring nine members of the Class of '62. It will be part of the reunion program starting Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in Call Auditorium.

As I have said before, Madeleine Leston Meehan is one of my loyal correspondents. She had a 2011 exhibition at the Ice Gallery, St. Thomas, USVI, and participated in "MostlyMusicArt" at Spoleto USA in Charleston, SC. Her aunt Thea Verzillo in Florence, Italy, has turned 103. Madeleine took a Caribbean cruise to get away from the demanding, hectic pace of her charmed life living in two of her favorite places—East Hampton, NY, and St. Thomas. Half the year she still starts the day swimming in Magens Bay, one of the most beautiful beaches in the world; she gets classical culture in the Barn in East Hampton the other half. **Joan Travers** Barist (j.bar.primart@mindspring.com) is a regular contributor as well. She and Jeffrey live in Washington Depot, CT. Joan still runs a gallery, Joan Barist Primitive Art, which is devoted to African, Pre-Columbian, and Oceanic sculpture and textiles. Joan and Jeffrey had a wonderful trip to Patagonia and Atacama, Chile, and then went to London, where Jeffrey headed up an international arbitration. Their children are **Jessica Barist** Cohen '92 and **Alexis Barist** Berman, MBA '02/MILR '03.

Gene Beckwith (W8KXR@neo.rr.com) and his wife, Marilyn Anne, live in Clinton, OH. Son Greg and daughter-in-law Amy have four daughters and one grandson. Daughter Gretchen is a professional in interior design. Gene is retired from the law department at Bridgestone/Firestone Forensics. His hobbies include amateur radio, electric bass, garden railroading, fine art (pictorial) photography, and raised bed gardening. He has also finished his first novel, "The Jackie Tone Chronicles." Sad news came from Jacqueline Smith, wife of **David Smith**, that he suffered a massive heart attack and passed away on April 6, 2011 in Tourves, France, where they lived. **Yunus Aslan** (yunus_aslan12@hotmail.com) is retired in Cesme/Izmir, Turkey. He sometimes lectures at the hotel schools and the university in Izmir. He talks about Cornell and his experience in business. Yunus visits his daughter, Giler, son-in-law Kareem, two grandsons, and a granddaughter in London every summer.

Russ Stevenson and **Margie (Axtell) '66** (Severna Park, MD; rstevenson@pobox.com) welcomed their first grandchild in 2010 by daughter **Amanda '99**. Last June they chartered a sailboat in Croatia with **Dick D'Amato '64** and his wife, Dorothy. Russ chairs the Chesapeake Legal Alliance, a nonprofit organization he founded two years ago to provide pro bono legal services to protect and restore Chesapeake Bay. He also teaches as a visiting professor at Georgetown Law School. Please take time to send me an e-mail updating all that is happening in your lives. ☒ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

64 To paraphrase: the more things change, the more they . . . change. Case in point: our class website. It's no longer in the cornell.edu domain. Instead, thanks to our webmaster, **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, we have our own, exclusive website: <http://www.cornell1964.org/>. So that's now where you go to keep up with class activities. If you access our website using our old address, you will be immediately (and invisibly) forwarded to the new one.

On to news. **Nancy Hockensmith** Beach wrote wishing to clarify and expand on my note about her in July's column that she had retired. True enough, but that landmark event occurred a decade ago. Since then Nancy has been a tour guide at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. She and husband Rick have sold their South Minneapolis house and moved to a downtown condo. She also notes that their son and daughter-in-law moved in-state to Berkeley, CA, so that's where the Beaches will go to escape the Minnesota winter. Last fall, **Nancy Greyson Beckerman** published *Out of Time: One Couple's Journey Through Cancer* (www.OutofTimebyBeckerman.com). It is a memoir of the four-year battle her late husband, **Barry '61**, waged with cancer, how they fought the disease together, and how she managed after he passed. The book is the result of a journal Nancy kept throughout the ordeal. Cornell figures prominently in the book; the Beckermans visited Ithaca frequently, and their last trip together was to Cornell.

Brian Wruble, ME '66, has retired as chairman of the Jackson Laboratory's board of trustees after a 14-year tenure during which he was credited with bringing the nonprofit biomedical/genetics research laboratory into national prominence. Under his guidance, the Bar Harbor, ME-based laboratory opened a new facility in Sacramento, CA, added new research buildings, and even held its first national gala, an event in NYC that raised more than \$1 million. Brian still sits on other boards, including as chairman of the board of Openheimer Funds, a trustee of the Inst. for Advanced Study, and past chairman of the Inst. of Chartered Financial Analysts. Brian (aka "Boomer") and wife Kathleen have three grown children and a grandchild, 1. They live in Key West, FL, with other homes in Princeton, NJ, and Fredericktown, MD. Brian's interests include amateur radio and skiing, and he's "still hoping to get the 'Odd Jobs' (softball) infield to Key West for a reunion."

Honolulu attorney **Ken Kupchak**, JD '71, who lives with wife **Patty (Geer) '67** in Kailua, HI, helped plant 1,500 native trees at 6,200 foot elevation on Hawaii's iconic Mauna Kea volcano, part of an effort to restore the habitat of the Palila, a honeybee species unique to Hawaii. Coincident with that, Ken's sole activity listing is

hiking. Back at sea level, Ken was recently honored as "best lawyer" (by what organization, he doesn't say) in five categories: construction, business, eminent domain, land use, and commercial litigation. Ken was back at Cornell last June for his law school class's 40th Reunion. He and Patty have two sons and four grandchildren. **Gerald Lazar** hasn't retired yet either, but writes that he has cut his psychiatric practice back to four days a week. Jerry also writes that he's active in a men's group, a book club, and a wine tasting group. He and wife Elise still live in Salt Lake City. In 2010, he had a great time when he returned to Staten Island for his 50th high school reunion.

Charles Zambito (Thorofare, NJ) still works as a produce broker, buying and selling truck and car lots of fresh fruits and vegetables in Delaware Valley and the Northeast. Chuck was reappointed as a trustee of the board of the New Jersey Agriculture Society, and was appointed to the board of the New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger. Chuck and wife Barbara enjoy following the Phillies and spending time with their four grandchildren; they recently toured south Florida. Chuck adds, "Looking forward to 50th Reunion!" **Lynn Friedhoff** Feigenbaum, who you may remember matriculated with us but didn't graduate until just two years ago, writes, "Though I'm now officially a member of Cornell's Class of 2009, my heart still belongs to '64." Lynn adds that she's still getting a formal education, now halfway toward a master's degree in humanities at Old Dominion U. in Norfolk, VA, adjacent to her home in Virginia Beach. Other than studying, Lynn says she's watching her grandchildren get close to college age. Lastly, attorney **Ed Bittle** writes that while he retired in 2009, he still enjoys singing in barbershop quartet (now more commonly known as barbershop harmony) organizations; he's performed in Philadelphia, Denver, and Des Moines, IA, where he and wife Barbara live. He's also on the board of a theatre company in Grand Lake, CO.

That's all for now. Please take a few minutes to share your news via this column. Also be sure to visit our class website (<http://www.cornell1964.org>). Send news to me at home or online at: ☒ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 Thanks again to everyone sending in news! Please remember to send your class dues and to encourage others. If we have more than 400 dues-paying subscribers, we get more space in the column, helping us to include more of your news each time—and in a more timely fashion.

Lawrence and **Judith Hughes** (Bluffton, SC; LJhughes2@gmail.com) do volunteer work managing the regional farmers' market and participating in the state advisory council for Clemson Cooperative Extension. They have enjoyed several Caribbean cruises and summer on Tybee Island, GA. Lawrence recalls great times with his brother **Phi Delts** at Cornell. **Donald** and **Janet Dana** (Moir, NY; jddana@wildblue.net) are still dairy farming and meet summer and winter with Algonquin Lodge members **Thomas Dumas**, **Jim Schiebel '67**, **MPS '74**, **Jeff Shaw '67**, **Norm Parks '67**, **William Basan '67**, **MS '71**, **David Lauzon '68**, and **Bill Johnson**. A fond memory for Donald is the view from the suspension bridge. Walking over the suspension bridge is what **Jane E. Harris** recalls. Jane and husband **Joseph Longino** live in Pennington, NJ (janeellenharris@yahoo.com). Jane does part-time

consulting and takes wonderful science and arts classes—such as a senior-level molecular biology and bioengineering course—at Princeton U.

Bruce Bennett and wife **Ellen** Case live in Oakland, CA (bbennett@ohlone.edu). "At the end of my teaching career, I'm finally teaching the courses that the Cornell honors English classes prepared me for—a survey of English lit: Chaucer, Shakespeare, Jane Austen, James Joyce." Bruce has traveled to Costa Rica and Mexico and cycled from the Pacific Ocean to Yosemite. He has some contact with **Jill Munroe** Fankhauser and **Richard Kalvar** and would like to find **Paul Epstein**. Fellow Californian **Stuart Ross** (stuross@calit2.uci.edu) recalls "good times with roommates, the Debate Association, and exciting classes." Stuart and wife **Priscilla** live in California, where Stuart is assistant director for research development at California Inst. for Telecommunications and Information Technology at UC Irvine. **Michael Schwarting**, MArch '68 (Port Jefferson, NY) writes, "I have stepped down as director of the graduate program in urban and regional design at New York Inst. of Technology in NYC, but will continue to teach." From his office at Campani and Schwarting Architects, he is working on a grant from New York State for an urban design to connect the village of Port Jefferson to its harbor.

Dianne Zimet Newman (diannen@ywcagri.org) and husband **Martin** Newman live in Providence, RI, where Dianne is executive director of the YWCA Greater Rhode Island. She recalls covering celebrity visits to campus for the *Cornell Daily Sun* and playing a lot of bridge in her sorority house. Further reflections include the level of political activism regarding the civil rights movement and the way the campus reacted to JFK's assassination and then RFK vs. Keating campaigning on campus. Also remembering her experiences at the *Cornell Daily Sun* is **Susan Frank Weitz**. Susan and husband **Alexander** live in Midland, MI. They were in Italy for three weeks in May on an art and architecture tour of Venice, Verona, and other Italian cities. Young grandson **Ethan Weitz** lives in NYC with his parents.

Christy Reppert Sacks and husband **Stephen** (Brooklyn, NY; christysacks@earthlink.net) announce a new grandson, **Shreyas Sacks**. The name means "excellent" in Sanskrit and his dad is **Jacob Sacks**, '97, MS '98. **Michael** and **Mary Gimbrone** live in Boston, MA (mgimbrone@rics.bwh.harvard.edu). Mike is preparing to step away as chairman of the Dept. of Pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, but will remain a professor at Harvard Medical School. "We are enjoying a second grandson, who is a validation of life and an explanation of why we had children in the first place!" Michael was inducted into Lafayette High School's Wall of Fame in Buffalo, NY. His fond memory of Cornell is the wonderful breadth of the student body. At the moment he'd love to be sipping wine in his grandfather's home village in Sicily with **Mary McCarthy**, his lovely Irish wife of 40 years. Wishing he was retired, **William Pope** writes he is principal program manager at EMS Defense and Space. He and wife **Callahan** are in Atlanta, GA (wspope1@yahoo.com).

Henra Solomon Briskin (Pittsford, NY; Henpen20@aol.com) is volunteering, traveling, visiting grandchildren, and singing with the Rochester Jewish Chorale. Her son **Seth Briskin '91** and daughter-in-law **Shelly (Hood) '91** have two daughters, ages 10 and 7. Her younger son, **Craig** (Harvard '94), and his wife, **Liz**, have a son, 4, and a baby daughter, 10 months. Henra enjoyed travel

to Italy and Vancouver and summer vacation in Chautauqua, NY. She's kept in touch with roommates **Barbara Selzer** Lewis, MAT '67, and **Dorothy Brown** Janis. Thanks again to everyone who sends in news! ☐ **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanhpj@comcast.net; and **Ron Harris**, Rshchop@aol.com.

66 Hello, everybody. Every time I write a column, I remember back to whatever season it would be when you receive the issue, and add something about that season from our time in Ithaca. You'll receive this issue in the winter. For this particular column, there were no, as in zero, items that you'd sent in that had not been included in previous columns. What to do, what to do? Answer: write classmates for whom I have e-mail addresses and ask them what they remember about winters at Cornell, plus their latest news. Here we go!

Neil Chafetz (oracleimaging@yahoo.com) wrote, "I continue to practice spine and joint imaging in Southern California. Since it took so long to find someone foolish enough to put up with me (understandably), I have relatively young children for the Class of '66. My daughter, a varsity golfer and 2011 graduate of Amherst, now resides outside Shanghai, working part-time and studying Mandarin full-time. We communicate sometimes by Skype, but mostly by check. She spent a year in Madrid perfecting her Spanish and is considering 'B-school' in France. This should go a long way to explaining my current work status. Lest this be insufficient evidence, I should mention that my next child is a current Amherst College student and varsity tennis player. My third child, not to be outdone by his older siblings, is a junior at a

private school and could have served as the archetype for Alvin Rosenfeld's book on the overscheduled child. While I shall refrain from delineating his myriad lessons, I rest my case. On a happier note, we look forward to hosting a scholarship dinner on October 22 at our home on behalf of the Cornell Club of Los Angeles, at which my musician wife and musical theatre son (there is a little paycheck!), as well as another amateur and a professional singer, will perform French-themed Broadway favorites before our guests imbibe French wines and consume French food."

"My lasting memories of Cornell winter," Neil continues, "include leaving the Straight and walking into the cold evening air carrying my winter coat over my arm, which concealed a cafeteria tray for use on the snow that covered Libe Slope. I'm sure I have friends from that era who harbor the belief that I made headlong contact with a tree trunk and am exhibit one on why the administration decided to place hay on the upside of the base of the larger trees. Winter is optional in this region; apart from driving to the California mountains to ski and attending northeastern family functions—which are inconsiderately planned during the biting cold—winter remains a beautiful but distant memory."

Last summer **Chuck** (Cornell@SFcalif.us) and **Barbara Davidson Weiss** took a Black Sea cruise where they stepped onto Romanian soil, where his maternal grandparents originated. They also visited Odessa, Ukraine, home of his paternal grandmother, and saw a synagogue from that time. **Bob Kehr** (rlkehr@kscllp.com) writes, "I continue to practice law in L.A., as I have for the past 40-plus years. My wife, Ellen, retired after a career as an appellate lawyer for the California attorney general. My daughter Katherine (Bryn Mawr '99) is practicing law in L.A., and my daughter **Emily '03** (Arts) is a newly minted MBA who has begun working for the mouse (Disney). The sky is blue, the sun is bright, and all is well."

Alice Katz Berglas (AKB66@aol.com) wrote, "My mother always said I never sounded happier in my four years at Cornell than the night I called to tell her that our January finals were cancelled senior year because of SNOW (mega-inches) for the first time in Cornell's history. My sorority built a snow fort with the fraternity house next to ours. I don't think we had ever spent time together before. As a Manhattan girl, I had never seen so much snow fort-able snow. We had a ball. Interesting about my mom's reaction—that I had never sounded happier. Moms know stuff." To this winter greeting, Alice adds: "I hope the warmth of Reunion has lingered—whether celebrated on campus or from afar! I want to welcome and 'introduce' **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, and **Jeanne Brown Sander**, officer names familiar to most of you, but who have joined together for the next five years as VPs for membership. As we head happily (if incredulously) toward our 50th Reunion, it is Rolf and Jeanne who will be encouraging you to stay close to the class and to Cornell through your news and dues in support of '66. If you have already responded to the fall mailing, THANK YOU. If not, please do so today! And visit our class website, newly recreated by **Roy Troxel** (<http://cornellclassof66.org/>), and our Facebook page, overseen by **Herb Fontecilla**, ME '67. Stay close! Exciting '66 and Cornell happenings just around the corner! My best to each/all."

Your co-correspondent **Pete Salinger**, MBA '68 (pete.sal@verizon.net) and wife **Ruth (Dritch) '67** celebrated their 45th anniversary last summer by

going west (from Bethesda, MD) to visit Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. They went hiking, saw many wild animals, ate well, and had a great time during perfect weather. Pete continues volunteering on his homeowners' board, and also on the board of his UU congregation. "We are happy campers." ☐ **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; and **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu.

67 Remember: our 45th Reunion is June 7-12, 2012! Contact reunion chair **Dave Darwin**, MS '68 (dd69@cornell.edu) to get in on the planning and to help out in general. You said you'd make it next time? This is next time!

Robert Hastings, BArch '68, MS '72 (Wallisellen, Switzerland; robert.hastings@aeu.ch), who is now a speaker and writer, reports that he's been "assessing plus-energy houses, carbon-neutral houses, and solar-active houses and their ability to help achieve a sustainable energy future. The insights I have developed into presentations for diverse conferences. Also, I've been developing a history of solar use in architecture since the beginning of the 20th century in Europe and North America." As for what he'd rather be doing now: "Reading *Homer and Langley* to answer the assigned questions from the Cornell reading discussion." And for a Cornell memory: "Tray sliding down the Slope, then returning to Willard Straight to have lunch on the tray."

Ralph Blanchard (Rutledge, GA; ldirr@gmail.com) announces, "The second edition of my book has been released under the new title, *Creating Wealth With a Small Business: Strategies and Models for Entrepreneurs in the 2010s*. It has been completely revised and updated to reflect the transformation of the US and global economy since the financial meltdown of 2008 and the subsequent recession. Despite the fact that we are now in a 'new normal' that is expected to last for several more years, small business remains a viable pathway to personal wealth accumulation either as an owner/operator or angel investor."

Some retirements: **Kathia Sloughter** Miller (Naples, FL; Kmprofcomp@hotmail.com) in August 2010 as an English professor at Edison State College, and **Robert Miles** (Hampden, CT; rmiles6514@sbcglobal.net) from his position as director of career services at Gateway Community College. "I have started a career counseling practice with my wife, Diane Swift, a psychotherapist who sees adopted and foster children; we married in December 2009."

Others have definitely not retired: **Richard Weisman**, PhD '73 (rnw1@lehigh.edu) writes, "I'm still a faculty member at Lehigh U. with no plans to retire. In addition to the day job, I'm playing my trumpet in the university orchestra, a brass group, and a mariachi band." Richard also helped found Lehigh's chapter of Engineers Without Borders. "We do our projects in Honduras." **David Ayres**, MBA '70 (Riverside, CT; david.ayres@sothebyshomes.com) writes, "I ended my corporate career in 2002 when I passed up the opportunity to move to Newcastle, England, and have been selling real estate in Greenwich, CT, with Sotheby's and serving on the board of the Nathaniel Witherell, a Greenwich-owned and operated nursing home, for the last eight years."

Phyllis Bell Jonas (Atlantic Beach, NY; phyllisbj@aol.com) continues "teaching secular kindergarten classes at the Brandeis School—my 29th

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year. I love the kids and planning old and new activities." She adds, "I'm staying put. My daughter, her husband, and their three children live behind my house; older son, wife, and their three kids live in Manhattan, as does my Cornell '97 son." She'd love to hear from **Carolyn Garmise** (Bethesda, MD), **Jonathan Cohen** (Prior Lake, MN; cohen004@umn.edu) is still doing research at U. of Minnesota, "where we have a promising anti-cyanide compound in the works." He's heard from **Barry Batzing**, "who retired from Cortland State but still taught a bio course at Cornell Summer School. My daughter **Ilana '06** passed her orals and is a PhD candidate in bio at U. of Washington." Jonathan would like to hear from **Phil White**.

Cornell's Adult University advises that **David Campbell** was present last summer for the short course Focus on Aesthetics: A Photography Workshop; **Susan Crotty DeLong** was aboard for study tours to Belize (The Tropics Next Door: Ecology of Reef and Rainforest) and Alaska (America's Last Frontier) in 2011. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 Several of our classmates attended Cornell's Adult University (CAU) off-campus study tours and programs, as well as on-campus summer classes in 2011. Among those attending were **Georgina Evans** Aumick, **Robert DeLong**, MD '72, **Claudia Deutsch**, **Margo Kilbon**, **Scott Reines**, and **David Stout**. It would be fun to hear from you all about your experiences in these programs!

Tom Krop, MD '72, writes that he retired from his Virginia Beach, VA, dermatology practice last summer and has moved from Afton, VA, to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains just 23 miles from Charlottesville. Tom and wife Candy met up with **Bruce Greyson** and his wife, Jenny. Bruce is a professor of psychiatry at the U. of Virginia. **Paul Chiu** (Paulchiu88@aol.com) participated in another "somewhat annual" San Francisco Bay Area Alpha Delt mini-reunion last August. **Michael Kinney**, '66, hosted **David Teeters**, MAT '69, **Gordie Evans**, and Paul in his San Francisco abode. Michael prepared an awesome Thai meal for all the men. This was such a success that the next event is tentatively scheduled for Jan/Feb 2012. Paul and his wife also enjoyed getting together with **Katharine Ku** '71 last July. Kathy is the director of technology licensing at Stanford and has been a longtime friend of Paul.

After 30 years of practicing law and raising her sons in Rochester, NY, **Susan Mascette Brandt** (susanmbrandt@gmail.com) has moved to Plymouth, MA, because her kids and grandkids live in the Boston area. Her older son and his wife have blessed Susan and husband Bill with their first grandchild, which reinforced the wisdom of the move to Massachusetts. Susan is quilting, enjoying choral singing, and babysitting, all of which are much more fun for her than practicing law. **Gregory Fried** (gregfried@gmail.com) retired from his position as NYPD Chief Surgeon and as Manhattan General Surgeon because of injuries suffered on 9/11. He is now actively interested in art, thanks to his study of the History of Art at Cornell, especially "modern" (1960s) art, which has been a major influence on his life. Greg is an advocate for premed students broadening the liberal arts component of their education.

Elliott Meisel (emeisel@msn.com) says that the first of the fifth generation of Cornellians in

his family was born on April Fool's Day. Ellie Grace (Class of 2032) is the daughter of **Michael '02** and **Sara Meisel Tranter '02**. Elliott continues to practice law and to fly on weekends. He also very much enjoys serving on the Cornell Library Advisory Council and on a zoning board of appeals, where he fields issues on the zoning code he drafted. ILR provided a good basis for the latter.

Cliff Orloff, PhD '78 (clifforloff@yahoo.com) has been living in Berkeley for the past 16 years, first as a professor and then as an entrepreneur. Ten years ago he semi-retired and joined his wife, Olga Shalygin, a former photojournalist for the Associated Press, in a documentary filmmaking (ad)venture under the name reddoorvideo.com. Digital filmmaking was just getting started then (now routine for any high school kid) and in the process of this work they have had the opportunity to have many interesting journeys to the Amazon, Afghanistan, Chernobyl, Vietnam, and the Congo. The couple has been fortunate to have five of their videos broadcast on PBS. On turning 65 this year, Cliff decided to return to his roots—software engineering—and has since launched the nonprofit venture SOSbeacon.org ("Turn your mobile phone into an SOS beacon; when your community is networked, help is nearby"). He launched a website and mobile phone apps in March 2011 and is still working out the kinks. Cliff encourages any of our classmates looking for a retirement challenge to join him in this effort. Please send me your news. ☐ **Mary Hartman Schmidt**, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 **Ann Agronoff** sends best wishes to all and writes that her daughter April is trekking through Nepal with a group from her college, Sierra Nevada College. Ann is still teaching English at Queensborough Community College in Bayside, NY, but husband Fred Anderes retired a year ago from teaching at Sewanhaka High School on Long Island. **Nancy Garlock** Edmunds has been the presiding judge in the case of *United States v. Abdulmutallab*, the terrorism prosecution against a Nigerian man who tried to blow up an airplane traveling from Amsterdam to Detroit. She recommends reading the *Detroit Free Press* index of articles about the case, as well as the many other news stories online in the *New York Times*, etc.

Nancy Jenkins Krablin took a break from her daily 15-mile bike ride to send her news. "Larry and I did our last work camp in Garrett County, MD, with Habitat for Humanity in July 2009 and took an awesome Bicycle Adventures tour from Glacier National Park in Montana to Banff in August 2009. It was our second crossing of the Continental Divide on muscle power! Grandson Zachary Hugo was born to daughter **Joanna Krablin '00** and husband Jeff on July 14, 2010. I retired from 19 continuous years—five years subbing preceded—of teaching middle school science in June 2011 and am looking forward to not rising at 6 a.m. and having 'no life' from 6 a.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Friday! I will miss the kids, the field trips, and the special events, but not the ever-increasing demands of mandated testing!"

Nancy continues: "Mom took 15 of the family on the MS *Veendam* from NYC to Bermuda just after school closed. This was our first large boat cruise—ages 11 months to almost 89 years. It was awesome! Larry and I participated in a Mission Experience in D.C. immediately after the cruise. The focus was on housing and feeding,

with one day working for Northeast Neighbors and one with Habitat, as well as at several feeding centers. Helping to orchestrate a family wedding this fall has added an unexpected dimension to my summer! I continue as a CAAAN chair, which keeps me in contact with the hopes for the future of America—great kids, some of whom are 'mine,' at least for four more years! I lost my father, **DuBois Jenkins '43**, DVM '43, in March 2010, but Mom is doing well in her house with her very outstanding black cat! I plan to collect Mom and share our reunions in 2014!"

We've been asked to spread the word about Cornell's Adult University Off-Campus Study Tours and Programs, as well as the On-Campus Summer Classes. Our classmates who attended a variety of programs were **Carolyn Ugiss** Altieri, **Bradford Butman**, **Alan Cody**, **Gary Gartenberg**, **William Hopping**, **Nancy Karch**, **Fredric Kardon**, **C. William Lake**, **Jeffrey Olesen**, and **Patricia Beck** Reines. The programs range from bird-watching to politics to trips to exotic places. Check out next year's schedule! All best wishes for a happy and healthy 2012. ☐ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl@optonline.net.

70 I certainly hope your holidays were happy and good. And now here we are into a new year—2012 already! Be sure to keep up with Class of 1970 news and events on our website at our new address: <http://cornell70.org>. The class leadership team will meet in Washington, DC, on Jan. 27-29, 2012 for CALC (Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference). We'll have a class meeting on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 28, which you can attend via conference call. If you have topics you would like to add to our agenda, please let me know (cfm7@cornell.edu or cell: (610) 256-3088). If you are interested in being part of our Class Council and would like to be part of the meeting or call, let me know that too, and we can discuss arrangements. Enjoy your winter, whether it is in a warm or cold location!

Dennis Vane (St. Louis, MO; denvane@gmail.com) is surgeon-in-chief at Saint Louis U. He is the chair of pediatric surgery at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. Author **Merry** "Dee Dee" **Bloch** Jones and her husband, Robert, live in Gladwyne, PA, outside of Philadelphia. Her latest work, a suspense thriller, was published August 1, 2011. *Summer Session* is set in Ithaca on Cornell's campus and is the first in a new series. A previous series, the Zoe Hayes mysteries, is now available on both e-books and print-on-demand (from CreateSpace). Both of her daughters are graduates now (BA and MS.) Visit Merry at MerryJones.com or contact her at merryddjones@gmail.com. **Grace Denton** Holmes (graceholmes@roadrunner.com) still works for Basset HealthCare. She says that changing to electronic records has been a challenge. She and her husband, Tom, live in Norwich, NY. They enjoy traveling, and their children play a big part in that. In 2011, their son was married in Chicago and is presently doing post-doctoral work in Southern California. Their daughter is doing graduate work in Washington, DC. Both are great places to visit. Grace wonders if anyone has heard from **Belen Samper**, who was from Colombia.

Arthur Litowitz (New Smyrna Beach, FL; ANL DMD@aol.com) is studying yoga and becoming a yoga teacher and therapist! He sold his group orthodontic practice and is now part-time as needed. He travels extensively: China in March 2011, London in July, and Israel in the fall. Although he

seems to enjoy all that he is doing, he also enjoys music (aka playing the piano), golf, reading, writing, walking, hiking, and photography. Arthur reports that he thoroughly enjoyed our 40th Reunion, staying in the new dorm at the foot of Libe Slope (William Keeton House, named after his (our!) freshman Biology 101/102 professor), and reconnecting with older and newer alums and students. He would really like to hear from **Ernest "Chip" Reveal**. Arthur always loved the Music Room at the Straight. **Kathy Landau** Cornell (Glen Ellyn, IL; cornellkathy@gmail.com) has a new business venture, Cornell Consulting Inc., in Chicago. She is consulting for nonprofits doing major gift fundraising and coaching volunteer boards in becoming better ambassadors and fundraisers. She works with her older daughter, Amy. Kathy focuses on clients in the Midwest, but she is available nationally. In addition, she serves on several local boards, including in a recently elected position on the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners. She also serves on two theatre boards and a local preservation board and she is part of our Class Council Leadership Team. Kathy's younger daughter, Amanda, was married ("to a really great guy!") in May 2011.

Stephen Ritchie passed away on June 14, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. He lived in Lafayette, CA. His wife, Eleanor Karn, wrote to tell us of his passing, but more to tell us about his life. Stephen is also survived by his sons, John and Scott, as well as his brother and sister and his dog, Teddy, and cat, Bud. He grew up in South Jersey and loved to take things apart to see how they worked. His good math skills may well have led him from Pennsauken High to a degree in Engineering from Cornell, where he made many friends and loved college life. "Since it was, after all, the '60s, he attended many concerts and parties, but still found time to study and graduate," wrote Eleanor. Stephen moved to California after Cornell and worked at Bechtel Corp., where he met Eleanor on his first day; for the last 12 years, he worked at Cisco Systems, after jobs at Structural Software Development, One Point, Lorimar Studios, Wells Fargo Nikko, and Digital Equipment Corp. At One Point, a startup company, Steve developed a program that enabled people to purchase almost anything online in various shopping malls. Although the company went under, he was a man ahead of his time—online shopping is now an everyday thing! At Cisco, he was a technical leader in engineering and a pioneer of data center virtualization and cloud computing. Steve loved being a husband and found fatherhood very gratifying, whether it was sports or Scouts, sharing a love of special effects and sci-fi, or just hanging out with his sons. He had many and varied interests, and those who knew him will remember him as a gentle soul with a wonderful and wry sense of humor. ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Congratulations are in order for our outgoing class president, **Laurie Berke-Weiss** (laurie71@bwp-law.com), who was included on the list of New York Super Lawyers-Metro 2011, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from various practice areas. Laurie had the added recognition of being on the list of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in the group. She is delighted to have her daughter **Alex '06** back in New York, attending law school at Fordham. **Jody Bolz**, MFA '73, moved to the D.C. area nearly 35 years ago and never left. She taught creative writing for more than 20 years at

Washington U. and worked as a magazine editor for both the *Wilderness Society* and the *Nature Conservancy*. Since 2002 she's edited America's oldest poetry journal, *Poet Lore* (www.poetlore.com). She and husband Brad Northrup were delighted to visit Ithaca often during the years their children were at Cornell. You may contact Jody at jodybolz@aol.com.

More D.C. news. As a follow-up to a casual class dinner this summer in the D.C. area, **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas**, **Nina Gordon Schwartz**, and **Sally Clark** Shumaker organized a get-together on September 9 at Gaffney's Restaurant. Classmates enjoyed several sets of the Bob Schwartz Quartet (find them on Facebook under "BSQ - The Bob Schwartz Quartet"). In his rising side career, Nina's husband **Bob** sings, plays flute and saxophone, and introduces the music and musicians—who include Nina! By day, Bob is a law partner at Constantine Cannon. Bob and Nina celebrated their 40th anniversary this summer with a long trip to Scotland. Their two grown kids (and grandchildren) live in Ann Arbor.

Elisabeth filled us in on the evening's festivities: "**Michael Cornfeld's** Heritage Investment Advisors office is next door, and he and **Janet (Lynn) '72** helped welcome Cornellians. The Cornfelds have three grown daughters, one living nearby in D.C. and two in New York. **Art Spitzer** arrived, straight from the ACLU office in D.C., where he is still the legal director. We were also happy to welcome Susie and **Bruce Turnbull '73**, who live nearby in Bethesda. Bruce is also a technology lawyer and has worked with Bob since the early '80s. They have two grown sons. **Jonathan**, JD '74, and **Ruth Zafren Ruskin '75** celebrated their 35th anniversary. Since 1978 Jonathan has been a lawyer with the Board for Correction of Naval Records, which resolves civilian grievances against the Navy and Marine Corps in non-adversarial proceedings. He has also become a professional bowler. Ruth and Jon's son David was married in September."

Elisabeth continues: "We were happy to see **Gary Gilbert** and his wife, Trinka Coster, together at this event because the last time we saw Gary, Trinka, an internist and epidemiologist, had been deployed overseas by the Army to take care of the medical needs of war detainees. Son **Matt Coster '15** lives in Donlon this year. **Carolyn Green Eichberg '80** rounded out the group, and we all enjoyed the companionship, conversation, food—and especially the jazz!" Sally Shumaker, networking VP for the Class of 1971, encourages classmates all over the country to get together and network at gatherings like the ones she helped organize in the D.C. Metro area. If you wish to have a class networking gathering in YOUR area, Sally will be happy to make it happen for you by e-mailing and calling the classmates where you live and taking care of details on marketing your event. Contact Sally at scshumaker@aol.com.

We received news from **Arthur Mintz** (am21@cornell.edu), our new class treasurer. He reports, "I retired from Cornell in the fall of 2006 after 20-plus years in administrative information systems. In fall 2009 I took on a special six-month project for the VP for Finance, which, while interesting, convinced me that I really enjoyed being retired. This fall will be my 26th season as the public address announcer at Schoellkopf Field for Cornell football, and my 25th season as PA at Lynah Rink for men's hockey. I am also on the board of directors of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Ithaca Area, and I've volunteered for many years helping out at new student registration in the fall

and commencement weekend in the spring." Last summer Arthur took a trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and this August traveled to Scotland with the Cornell Alumni Association.

Gayle and I are enjoying writing the class column to help keep you up to date on the news of your classmates. Please send us a quick e-mail and tell us something about yourself—and we will include it here. ☐ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com.

72 Were you overly upset by the Big Six-0? Do you envy younger people who are celebrating the Big Five-0? Do you secretly long for the days of the Big Four-0? Well, believe it or not, the Big Four-0 is STILL AHEAD OF US. Our 40th Reunion: June 7-10, 2012. BE THERE.

Jennifer Cleland, PhD '99, reports: "I have written a book (with my husband, Bob Stundtner), just out last fall, on the history of Sage Hall at Cornell and its renovation in the 1990s, for which Bob was the project manager. The title is *Sage Hall: Experiments in Coeducation and Preservation at Cornell University*. Sage Hall was built as a women's residence in 1874, so it made coeducation at Cornell possible, which was of course a controversial issue at the time. The renovation was also controversial—because it replaced the interior, but kept the historic brick exterior walls. I earned my PhD at Cornell in Romance studies and Bob is now director of capital projects at Cornell. We were interviewed for WSKG's 'Off the Page' program in October (link: <http://wskg.org/radio/off-the-page/2011-10-11.aspx>) and the book is available at the Cornell Store."

Patricia Weiss (pweiss@yu.edu) is associate dean for institutional advancement and alumni affairs at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva U. in Manhattan. **Elizabeth Post Falconi** (betsyfalconi@earthlink.net) is very happily involved in the Bowmans Hill Wildflower Preserve in New Hope, PA, as president of the board of trustees and secretary/treasurer of a small landscape construction company specializing in native plantings and natural stone hardscapes. She also enjoys helping with her two grandchildren. **Rosemary Perley-Kwauk** (Rye, NY; rosepk@aol.com) practices anesthesia at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Greenwich Hospital and has been looking at colleges with her teenage son. **Christine Perryman Schaller**, MS '73 (chris3884@aol.com), a nursing home administrator and quality consultant in Rochester, NY, has been renovating an old house. From her Cornell days she remembers the friends she made freshman year at Rislely and good days at Alpha Phi with roommate **Cindy Kagarise Sherman**.

Michael Maas (Mikegmaas@aol.com) is a member of several regional arts councils near his home in East Patchogue, NY, and coordinates scholarships and exhibitions for high school seniors and children with learning disabilities. On October 2, 2011 he retired as an art teacher in the special education division of East Suffolk BOCES. Michael exhibits his own paintings, drawings, and prints at various galleries on Long Island, is studying printmaking "to take it to the next level," and is trying to improve his ability to speak German. **Oliver Williams** (Rushville, NY; osw3@frontiernet.net) has eight grandchildren and retired from teaching in 2006. He now works with Lions Club Int'l at the district and state levels and has completed a

term as council chair for New York State. He remembers walking through the Cornell campus to see wildflowers during the spring and says he recently came across the nest of a red-eyed vireo, which was a favorite of the late field natural history professor **Richard Fischer, PhD '53**.

James Blume (jblume@bfsnlaw.com) is an attorney/mediator with Blume, Faulkner, Skeen & Northam PLLC, a law firm in Richardson, TX. He enjoys sailing and has a 33-foot boat on Lake Ray Hubbard (east of Dallas) and a 44-foot boat on Lake Texoma. Jim traveled to Stuttgart, Germany, where he visited the Porsche factory and the new Porsche Museum. **Mark Weadon** (Mark.Weadon@yahoo.com) is chief scientist at AvMet Applications, a support contractor to the Federal Aviation Administration in Reston, VA. He traveled to Mali in Western Africa to visit his son. **Barbara Posner Jungman** (djungman@gardere.com) lives in Houston and is a math instructor at Lone Star College. She and husband David traveled to Spain and Portugal.

Jeri Whitfield (jeri.whitfield@smithmoorelaw.com) is an attorney with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC, and has been appointed chair of the North Carolina State Bar's Board of Legal Specialization. The Board was created to certify attorneys who excel in a specific field of law as legal specialists, and is one of only 18 state legal certification programs in the country. Jeri was an early leader in organizing the North Carolina workers' compensation specialization committee and litigates complex occupational disease claims before the North Carolina Industrial Commission and appellate courts. Her civil practice includes handling toxic tort and asbestos-related litigation and premises liability claims before the trial and appellate courts.

Garrison Cottrell, MAT '75 (gary@ucsd.edu) is a professor at UC San Diego. He writes: "I'm a cognitive scientist collecting a computer science salary, which is the right way to do that—you don't want it the other way around! This summer Joan and I went to Australia for the first time, for 12 days. We snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef—it's like swimming in an aquarium! I dove down and stuck my hand in a giant clam and lived to tell the tale. When we came back I flew to Minnesota for a week-long canoe trip in the Boundary Waters with my daughter Tess, 13. She stopped counting after 50 mosquito bites—she never wants to go outside again. My son Kyle, 16, is a song-and-dance man; he is attending the Coronado School of the Arts, where he is in the musical theatre department." **Gary L. Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

73 Greetings! I hope that many of you took the opportunity to cheer yourselves hoarse in our Class of '73 block of seats as the Cornell hockey team battled Boston U. on Thanksgiving weekend at Madison Square Garden.

Did you know that our class established a scholarship fund at our 15th Reunion? Since then, primarily through small donations added to class dues, we have created a fund with a book value approaching \$125,000; it has provided one or two scholarships annually as financial aid to undergraduates. As we have reached or approach our 60th birthdays, our class officers have focused on the legacy that we should leave to Cornell and have found three recurring themes: scholarship, mentoring, and public service. We have asked for recommendations of classmates who have made

contributions to their communities through public service. We are also mentoring the officers of the senior class and recently graduated classes to aid in the transition from student to active alum, as well as our scholarship recipient by inviting him to meet with officers when we are on campus, as well as funding his travel to, and participation in, the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference later this month in Washington, DC. As for scholarship, we have set the goal of raising the book value of

earthlink.net) has both an MS and an MBA. He is also a member of a rock band that plays in Los Angeles, CA. He writes, "It's the best thing I ever did in my life." He also is a professional magician and magician/member of the Magic Castle in L.A. Joel has long used his magic skills to complement his teaching skills while in the more traditional career of college professor, experiencing very positive response from students when he minimized their math anxiety with applications

‘Joel Greenman has long used his magic skills to complement his teaching skills.’

Pamela S. Meyers '73

our scholarship fund to \$1 million, which would provide full tuition for a financially strapped student every year. Please consider making a donation to the Class of 1973 Scholarship Fund. This is a way you truly can see your donation work, as we highlight our scholarship recipient on the class website (www.cornell73.com) and track our progress toward our goal.

Are you one of the 40 percent of classmates who has not provided Cornell with a valid e-mail address? In these tight economic times, one of the most cost efficient ways for your class to communicate with you is through e-mail. We cannot afford the printing and postage to communicate regularly, but through e-mail we can keep you in the loop regarding class activities, initiatives, and reunion updates. Please consider logging into the Cornell website and updating your personal information, including e-mail address. Better yet, sign up for a Cornell e-mail address. Then if your e-mail address changes, you only have to post the new address in one location.

Our 40th Reunion will be June 6–9, 2013. Reach out to your Cornell buddies and encourage them to join you for a weekend of reminiscing, re-connecting, and re-energizing. Reunion is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones who share your Cornell experience. I had a blast at my first reunion in 2008! If you are interested in serving on the reunion committee, please contact **Ron** (rls73@comcast.net) or **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko** (lskalko@comcast.net). And for anyone in the Washington, DC, area: watch your mail for an invitation to join the Classes of the '70s at a cocktail party when the officers are in the area on January 27 for the Leadership Conference.

On to news from your classmates. **Andrew Cook** (andy.cook@areva.com) and wife **Christine (Rehfuß) '74** live in Rome, ME, on a beautiful little glacial lake. Chris works for the Maine PUC and Andy commutes to work all over North America as senior vice president for customer relations and marketing with AREVA Inc. They have offices in Bethesda, MD, and Lynchburg, VA. Son **Mac '05** is a surgeon in Portland, OR, and daughter **Betsy '11** is going to Duke for graduate school in forestry management. They loved last spring's Cornell graduation and were impressed especially by former Mayor Giuliani's speech.

Flexible Cornellians know that it never is too late to switch gears: **Joel Greenman** (statman7@

of magic to discussion topics. As a lecturer at national academic conferences over the years, he even did some magic at those conferences and enjoyed watching the audience's reaction. Joel also has achieved a third degree black belt in martial arts. So check out the stages of L.A. for magic and music and mathematics with a classmate who has chosen to pursue many diverse interests professionally.

Nanci Levy Palmintere (nanci.palmintere@gmail.com) retired in January 2011 from her position as VP finance, director of global, tax, and site selection for Intel after almost 32 years. She avers that she will not miss the 250,000 miles per year she was traveling for her job. She and her husband, also retired, sold their house in Silicon Valley; their new living arrangement is spending the winters skiing at their condo in Park City, UT, and the balance of the time in Henderson, NV, a suburb of Las Vegas, where they are in the process of building a new home. Their daughter is a junior at Barnard College at Columbia U. Although they enjoy being empty-nesters, note that they love visitors. **Glenn Peterson** (glenn.peterson@comcast.net) is looking more and more like he is retired, as he continues selling off his rental properties to free his time for more world travel and other fun. His wife Sandy retired from her training development career last June. Glenn became a City of Kirkland planning commission member last year, which keeps him occupied around home so that Sandy can pursue her quilting passion.

Bill Welker, MBA '75 (bill.welker@us.nestle.com) enjoyed a lovely summer trip to Ithaca, where son **Stephen '08** married **Suzanne Clark '08**, BS Ag '07, on June 25. The wedding was held in Sage Chapel, with a reception at the Memorial Room of the Straight, a picnic at Cass Park, and the rehearsal dinner at the Andrew Dickson White House. All of the family members and friends had a marvelous time, and there was LOTS of singing, including an "Arch Sing" the night before the wedding, as the Glee Club, Hangovers, and Nothing But Treble of that era were well represented. They wound down the weekend with a winery tour on Sunday. The weather cooperated, and the campus was beautiful and quiet. **Eric Rothenberg** (erothenberg@oarlayers.com) writes that he is the executive producer for the movie *Tiny Little Lies*, which is now available on Netflix and many other Internet sites. His distributor, Vanguard Cinema, just signed a contract with a Disney affiliate

to have it converted to 3-D. It's an indie movie made in L.A., but it all takes place in a NYC apartment—a murder mystery drama along the lines of *Rear Window* and *Rope*. It has won awards at three film festivals. Check it out at <http://tinylittlelies.com/home/>.

By the time you read this column, I will have returned from my October trip with fellow Cincinnati Art Museum docents and our curator of Asian art to China (Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai) and Taipei (where many of China's great art treasures reside in its National Palace Museum). My son **David Greenberg '05** has returned to NYC law practice after his one-year clerkship in Columbus with a judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. It was a joy having both children in this area for a year, but now I have a nice place to stay when I visit NYC! 📧 **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 I start with thanks to co-correspondent **Helen Bendix** for sending out an e-mail request for news, which brought many return messages from our classmates. An early response came from old friend **Wally Howard**, ME '76, who wrote of his attendance at a couple of Cornell lacrosse games in the spring. Wally was at the Yale game in New Haven along with **Peter Kaplan**. He also attended the Harvard game in Boston with his son **Brian '04**; there he met up with **Vern Grabel**, not to mention yours truly and my daughter **Jessica '10**, ME '10. The rides to the games were easy for Wally, who maintains homes in both Connecticut and Boston, where he is CEO of VC-backed Ze-gen, a renewable energy company. Peter Kaplan wrote independently to say he is doing fine after a second hip replacement surgery and to trumpet the success of his Westhampton Beach Junior and Adult Tennis Academy. The Academy has been selected top academy in the East for the sixth year running and is among the top 20 worldwide.

Keeping with the theme of my prior columns, I like to report news of our classmates from far and wide. While still within the continental US, **Mike MacNeil** reports from Miles City, MT, that he was awarded the Pioneer Award by the Beef Improvement Federation and the Rockefeller-Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics by the American Society of Animal Science. News from across the Pacific comes from **Dave Yahn**, ME '75, in Singapore. Dave is operations manager for ExxonMobil's polyolefin plants. He and wife Vicky enjoy the great scuba diving in Asia and traveling around the region.

From Greenville, SC, **Karen Spencer** informs us of her June nuptials to Gene Turner. She continues to work for Marsh & McLennan, where she has been for more than eight years. She is pleased to report that "life is good!" Closer to our collegiate home, **Robin Berke** Adler began training as a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, finding use for the many Art History classes she took while at Cornell. Also from New York City, **Andrew Peck** informs us of his appointment for a third eight-year term as a US Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York. Besides lecturing on issues relating to electronic discovery at conferences in Zurich and London, he spends time away from the legal world as an active member of the Baker Street Irregulars, the Sherlock Holmes literary group, and as a member of the board of directors of the Mystery Writers of America (NY Chapter).

As is not unusual, we have gotten word that a number of our classmates in this Notable Class of '74 have received honors or been appointed to Cornell-affiliated councils or committees. A recent announcement of new inductees to the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame included eight-time Ivy champ—including '72, '73, and '74 all-around champion—gymnast **Dave VanDyke**. Dave's induction will bring the total of classmates in the Hall to ten. The founder of CBORD Group Inc., **John Alexander**, MBA '76, was named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year for 2012. And earlier in the year, **Moira "Dolly" Hearne** Hintsa was appointed to the Johnson Museum of Art advisory council, joining **Don Opatrym**, **Peter Robbins**, and **Evan Stewart**, JD '77, in that endeavor.

What would a class column be without some news from our former and longtime correspondent **Bill Howard**? A while ago, Bill was term-limited off the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* committee. Have no fear, as he continued to be active, being named chair of the CAM ad hoc committee seeking university support for wider distribution. Due in no small part to Bill's efforts, the university signed off on supporting an electronic edition of the magazine that includes an iPad and Android version. Check out the latest issue at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. As a result, and now that the appropriate interval has passed, he will be rejoining the CAM advisory committee. In personal news, Bill advised that his household will now have some divided loyalties at the next Cornell-BU hockey game. Son Greg is a newly minted freshman at Boston U., studying hospital-ity management in their hotel school.

To end on a more somber note, in the last column I authored I reported current activities of **Nora Bredes**. I now must report on her untimely passing in August 2011. Nora had been active in New York State politics as a member of the Suffolk County Legislature and in 1996 she ran for US Congress. More recently she was director of the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership at the U. of Rochester. She is survived by her husband, Jack Huttner, and three sons. 📧 **Jack Jay Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu.

75 As I write, it is a beautiful fall day here in New Jersey. Fourteen miles away, the Occupy Wall Street protests continue. The media has likened these to the protests in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Agree or disagree?

Lots of items from e-mail messages. **Sue Ford** writes that she was interviewed by Armen Keteyian for a chemical terrorism investigative piece on which he was working for "CBS News" with Katie Couric. Sue notes that while she was interviewed for 20 minutes, the editors ran only 20 seconds of her interview. Catching up since graduation is **Keith Jarett** (kjarett@gmail.com). He earned his PhD in electrical engineering from Stanford in 1979. From there, he remained in California, working for Boeing Satellite Systems, the unit created from the former Hughes Space and Communications Group. Keith and his wife, Regine, have two children. Son Mylan is now in his junior year at California Maritime Academy, where he has had the good fortune to sail the world's three largest oceans. Daughter Natasha is in her sophomore year at UC Davis. Keith's daughter from his previous marriage, Jessica, expects to complete her PhD in

marine microbiology next year at the U. of New Hampshire. Keith's travels include a trip to Japan with Regine to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the introduction of Honda's NSX sports car. Keith looks forward to hearing from fellow Cornellians.

Moving to California are **Peter Porpiglia** and his wife, Trudy. Peter is heading up the global development function for American Vanguard Corp., hence the relocation from Putnam Valley, NY, to the West Coast. **Abby Nash** writes that he has started a photography book project while teaching Cornell Adult University classes. He has led CAU groups to the wine regions (his next trip is to France's Loire Valley in September 2012) and returned from a terrific CAU Foodies Guide to Paris this past May—how terrific was that! Abby is busy with his antiques business and assorted other food and beverage speaking engagements. **George Hagedorn** writes from Giles County, VA, not too far from Pembroke, VA, which is, in his words, "the middle of nowhere." Even so, he has enjoyed his work of the last 31 years on the faculty of Virginia Tech, in its mathematics department (www.math.vt.edu/people/hagedorn). His research interests included molecular quantum mechanics. Following in Dad's footsteps, his son **Charlie '04** is a graduate student at the U. of Washington, studying physics. George's favorite hobby is high-altitude mountaineering. He's climbed to nearly 23,000 feet in Argentina and he's climbed 51 of Colorado's 54 14,000-foot mountains. Charlie has accompanied Dad on these treks—Libe Slope in the winter is a piece of cake!

Living on one of the Finger Lakes is **Linda Skirvin** Smith. She notes, "If it weren't for having gone to Cornell, I don't think I would have even heard of the Finger Lakes." She and her husband bought a summer getaway home on Keuka Lake eight years ago. Now that she has taken an early retirement from Anheuser-Busch, she and her husband have launched Smithink, a consulting business. This venture lets them continue to advise clients from both the spectacular lake home and their primary residence and office in St. Louis, MO. She chuckles when she recalls many a fun party at Sigma Chi, when some of the brothers talked about dashing off to Keuka College (then an all-girls school) to find a date for a party. Her home now looks at that same college, across the lake. She holds up her glass of Finger Lakes wine to toast her old friends at Sigma Chi!

Ed Gogol (gogole@umkc.edu) brings us up to date on his happenings since graduation with a terrific note. He earned his PhD in molecular biophysics and biochemistry at Yale, after which he took off for a couple of protracted but very enjoyable postdoctoral stints on the West Coast—first at Stanford, then at Oregon. In the process, he split from his first wife and found the woman whom he subsequently married, Janet Monday. Ed took his first academic appointment at U. of Texas, Dallas, then escaped to Kansas City, where he has been on the faculty of the School of Biological Sciences at U. of Missouri, Kansas City for the past 17 years. During that time, son Peter graduated from the U. of Kansas, the Midwestern school whose campus most closely resembles Cornell's (and at a much lower cost!). Peter met his future wife at KU and they eventually settled in a nearby suburb of Kansas City—shortly before Peter's wife gave birth to Ed and Janet's first grandchild, Clementine. Meanwhile, Ed's daughter Juliana is navigating the waters of middle school, occasionally babysitting her niece, and performing in piano recitals. Ed relived a particular fond

memory of his freshman year at Cornell last month when he saw Byrds co-founder Roger McGuinn at the Folly Theater in Kansas City. The Byrds concert in Barton Hall was Ed's most memorable musical event of 1971-72. Forty years later, in a solo performance, Roger brought back some of that magic by playing, for example, "Mr. Tambourine Man"—first in the folksy style of Bob Dylan, and then with his 12-string electric Rickenbacker, just like he did with the Byrds. Ed says it was terrific. He hopes to get back to Ithaca soon.

C. Shawn Southern (SShouthern@southernwine.com) gives us the latest news from his household. Older son **Daniel '10**, BS ORIE '11, graduated in May (the well-known five-year program). Happily, he's already landed a job in midtown Manhattan at a fairly large engineering firm, where he'll be able to work in his major and practice his skills in 3-D modeling, simulation, and optimization. Younger son Chris also graduated in May from the U. of Central Florida with a business major. In an ironic twist of fate, he is now totally submerged in the restaurant business as the GM of a 150-plus seat Turkish/Mediterranean restaurant on Park Avenue in Winter Park, FL, outside Orlando. Both boys plan on getting their master's degrees—Dan (hopefully at Cornell Engineering) after a year in the industry, and Chris at Rosen Hospitality at UCF while he continues to work. Needless to say, it was a very busy May with graduations in both Florida and New York State. Things are status quo with Shawn and wife Becky. She continues to pursue her consulting in Lean Six Sigma up and down the East Coast, and Shawn is still with Southern Wine & Spirits in Florida (he finds it hard to believe it's been almost 24 years with them). Becky and Shawn have thoroughly enjoyed their trips up to Cornell to see Dan over the past few years. It was especially good to get reacquainted with **Rick Adie** at the Statler, as well as some other classmates, and they hope to continue their periodic visits up to campus—especially in the fall months. He writes, "It's true that part of you never leaves Cornell."

Our daughter Austen earned her Airborne wings at Jump School at Fort Benning this summer, and in October she won her first bout as a member of the US Military Academy's women's boxing team. Keep in touch! ☐ **Karen Boroff**, karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, Japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com.

76 Thank you to those who filled out the News Forms last spring and summer. It makes writing this column so much easier and more interesting! **Susan Pancost** McAdam participates in CAAAN and enjoys talking with prospective students. One of her interviewees has been accepted! As for other volunteer work, Susan serves on a foundation board for Hearts for Honduras, a primary school in La Entrada, Honduras. They are trying to provide an education to poor children and she will be assisting the first two former graduates to attend college in 2011. She also participates in an advisory committee for Ramapo for Children, Ramapo Training. This is a behavioral management program for classroom teachers to enable them to manage their classroom better and therefore enhance the teaching environment. During high school and college Susan worked at the Ramapo Camp for special needs kids. They have a very effective program and she is delighted to help them get their program

into classroom settings. Susan's husband, Lowell, was made president of Verizon Communications. He is very busy with his expanded role and new leadership opportunities. For a vacation they went scuba diving and had a fun and challenging time. They are building a lake home in Western Virginia and plan to reside there upon retirement.

Cameron Munter expects to be in Pakistan for the next couple of years. He has been the ambassador to Pakistan since October 2010. A press release from May 2011 reported that **Ilene Sherwyn** Cooper was presented with the adjunct professor of the year award at Touro Law's commencement ceremony. The graduation committee is composed of administration, faculty, and students and reviews the nominations and selects the award winners. Ilene has been a professor at Touro for 17 years and also serves on the school's board of governors. She has also joined the steering committee of Friends of Karen. Their mission is to provide financial, emotional, and advocacy support to families of children with life-threatening illnesses. Another press release brings news that **Charles Schlumberger** is recognized in *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers* in the area of general commercial litigation for 2011. Charles is a managing member of Quattlebaum, Groom, Tull & Burrow PLLC in Little Rock, AR.

Ellie Friedland was chair of the Dept. of Early Childhood Education at Wheelock College and has resumed teaching again; she is enjoying this. She co-edited *Come Closer: Critical Perspectives on Theatre of the Oppressed*. She moved to Boston from an hour outside the city when she got tenure at Wheelock. Ellie does activist work as an LGBT ally and does theatre of the oppressed work. **William Belter** finished and published *A Walk Through Eternity*, and he invites you to call with questions or comments on the book. He has been in Houston, TX, for 30 years and has been a bivocational pastor for five years. **Wendy Schlessel Harpham**, married to **Edward, PhD '80**, is writing books and articles. Both of their daughters were married last spring.

On April 27, 2011, **Carla Holder** survived the tornados in Alabama with minor damage. It hit near her home, but spared the house. She says that she will never forget that roar. Also in April, **John Banner** ran his first marathon—the 2011 Boston Marathon. Congratulations! **Debra Hertz** is working in the field of international labor rights at Verité in Amherst, MA. She remembers the frequent and very enjoyable trips to Ithaca to visit daughters **Laura Southerland '06** and **Erica Southerland '10**. **Marise Lada** Textor, MS '78, and husband Roy have been enjoying vacations at their mountain home in southern New Mexico.

Michael Elpert is building and opening a new veterinary emergency center in the Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach, FL, area. **Leah Ward** Sears is married with children, 24 and 28. She has retired as chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. **Pam Coulter** Mason rejoined CBS News Radio after 13 years at ABC and eight months at NPR. She was so happy to attend reunion, especially after surviving a car wreck. Last year she volunteered at Walter Reed Army Medical Center helping to organize and staff events for patients and their families. She chose to do this because she is thankful that her sister came back from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan unhurt, as well as to honor her father, **William Coulter '45**, BME '49, a WWII vet. ☐ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net.

77 **Craig Gold** has been a deputy district attorney for the L.A. County DA's Office for more than 21 years. His field of prosecution is money laundering and civil asset forfeiture associated with narcotics trafficking investigations. He also trains law enforcement officers and prosecutors locally and statewide. Recently, he organized and served as a moderator for a Cornell Club of L.A. brunch and panel discussion on developing state and federal public policies on alternative energy programs during challenging state and federal budgetary times. Craig also notes that his precious twin sons, Jared and Lucas, 4, are doing well in pre-school. His wife, Marietta, works part-time as a speech therapist at Cedars Sinai Medical Center.

After graduation, **Tom Devine** earned an MAT from Colgate U. He initially taught at Greenwich High School in Connecticut, but since 1980, he has taught social studies at two high schools in West Hartford. He married his wife, Liz Ferro (Niagara '77), in August 1980 and has children Matt, Chris, and Katherine. Tom is still in love with upstate New York and has hiked, camped, and canoed extensively around Saranac Lake. He has also taken family vacations to Yellowstone, Mt. Rainier, Glacier, Southern California, Provence, and Tuscany and school field trips to Germany, Central Europe, Greece, Italy, and England. Tom writes that he still imagines himself sitting on the Quad waiting to go to a LaFaber or Silbey lecture in Goldwin Smith.

Stuart Anderson reports that son Greg (Colgate '07) received his MS in political science at Binghamton last spring. Son **Ross '09** was still working on his engineering PhD at MIT and starting on a conference circuit with presentations in Michigan and Sweden. Stuart's first boat is up for sale and he has uploaded three novels, including *At The Threshold of a Dream*, to Amazon Kindle. The first two novels take place, in part, at Cornell. Stuart's wife, **Marcy (Fallick)**, MS '79, is still trying to provide the very best possible public education to the children of Central New York, teaching sixth grade and writing numerous grants for enrichment programs.

Co-correspondent **Howie Eisen** writes, "It is with great sadness that I report the untimely passing of **Jonathan Widom** in July. Jonathan was born in Ithaca, the son of two chemists, the venerable professor emeritus **Benjamin Widom, PhD '53**, and his wife, **Joanne McCurdy Widom '53**. His own BA in Chemistry was followed by a PhD in biochemistry from Stanford in 1982 and a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Cambridge. Since 1991, he had been on the faculty of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences of Northwestern U. and

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at the time of his death was the William Deering professor of molecular biosciences. He was also head of the Physical Sciences-Oncology Center, one of only twelve established nationally by the National Cancer Inst. to develop novel strategies for defeating cancer. Jonathan's research focused on the way in which genes are packaged in cells, how this packaging affects how genes are read, and how mutations in areas of the DNA that do not encode proteins can lead to disease. His research had been continuously supported by the NIH since 1985 and he garnered many scientific awards. It was not just Jonathan's scientific prowess that distinguished him, but his ability to mentor younger scientists and to foster their careers. He was also a valued collaborator and colleague whose work and approach to life was infused with great enthusiasm. In addition to science, Jonathan was a devoted fan of the opera and an avid chef. To his wife, **Daphne Schneider '75**, and his parents, brother, and sister, I send our deepest condolences.

John Molinda traveled to Ithaca last summer for the graduation of daughter **Jennifer '11**, a newly capped engineer. "Things looked dicey weather-wise all month—and we dodged hurricanes on our way up—but the weather miraculously cleared up in time for both the convocation and the commencement itself." These past four years, he's looked for every possible excuse to travel to Ithaca to catch up on what he's missed since graduation: "biking through the Plantations; hanging out at the Chapter House, the Nines, etc.; windsurfing

on Cayuga Lake; dropping in on old profs at Phillips Hall (believe it or not there are still some there); catching football, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, and basketball games; gazing at the old buildings; and having flashbacks to all the things that happened in those buildings back in the '70s." On his visits, he crossed paths with **Mike and Joan Salzman Grant** (parents of **Steven '12** and **Allison '15**) and Marty and **Vanessa Duenas Wolfson (William '11** and **Ysaura Elise '14**). John also keeps up with **Stu Soffer**, **Ken Koenig**, ME '78, and **Dave Hunter**. "Stu's house on Long Island Sound in Brantford, CT, is a frequent site for mini-Cornell reunions corresponding to hockey and football games. I also managed to catch up with **Mark Halper** on one of his rare trips home from England." John anticipates logging a few more treks from Pittsburgh to campus, as his daughter has decided to stay for an MEng. If you live in Ithaca, John would like to connect with you at jmolinda@aol.com.

Stephen Yale-Loehr, JD '81 (Ithaca, NY) teaches immigration law at Cornell Law School and practices in the field as well, as an attorney of counsel at Miller Mayer in Ithaca. When he wrote in mid-October, he'd just finished *Green Card Stories*, a book of 50 stories and photos of recent immigrants and why they came to America—look for it on Amazon and in bookstores. Stephen would like to hear from **Amy Birnbaum**, **Sarah Masters** (Hanover, NH) has co-authored a new series of American Girl books that introduce the historical characters Cécile Rey and Marie-Grace

Gardner. To launch the books in August, which are based in New Orleans, American Girl partnered with Kate Connick, 13, and her father, Harry Connick Jr., to create the original song "A Lot Like Me," which draws on themes in the books. Sarah, whose previous work includes stints as a newspaper reporter and editor, advertising copywriter, and community relations writer for a public hospital, authored the books about Marie-Grace.

In September, **Annette Mulee** (Lake Oswego, OR) was battling the heat in the Northeast while traveling to birthday celebrations and for a visit with her Cornell roommate in Bucks County, PA. In mid-August, **Sandra Gong** (sgong@gongsloan.com), husband Victor Sloan (a U. of Chicago grad), and daughters Mei-lin and An-lin traveled to Cape Canaveral, FL, to watch the Juno spacecraft launch: "It was spectacular." Sandra also heard **Bill Nye**, the Science Guy (and new executive director of the Planetary Society) at the Kennedy Space Center. "If I had had professors as entertaining and informative as Bill, I might have done better in my chemistry courses. He graciously posed for a picture with my daughters (thanks again, Bill)." Since retiring from her post as VP, human resources after 18 years at Merck, Sandra worked for a while from home for an out-placement firm. "I call myself a recovering workaholic and thoroughly enjoy being available for chauffeuring the girls to their after-school activities. I can't quite call myself retired, so I've started a resumé development/writing business.

I hear from **Doreen Yen**, **Mary Chay**, and **Karen Zelkind** Buglass from time to time. Please feel free to contact me even if your resumé doesn't need any updates." Keep sending your news to: [Annette Mulee](mailto:AnnetteMulee), annette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

Healthy Habits

Karen Rose Tank '79

Karen Rose Tank's career had always been focused on food, from promoting alternative farming practices at Cornell Cooperative Extension to working as a food, land, and agricultural policy economist at Rutgers University. But at age thirty-nine, she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes—and her relationship with food changed forever. Tank had long struggled with weight and body image issues; now she had to re-evaluate her eating and exercise habits to manage her diabetes. "I learned a lot in the process," says Tank, "and eventually I wanted to share it with people who are struggling with the same things."

Tank went back to school for a certification from SUNY Purchase's Institute for Integrative Nutrition. Fifteen years after her diagnosis, she owns Rose Health Coaching, a Princeton, New Jersey, business that primarily helps clients stabilize their blood sugar and control their diabetes. Tank notes that doctors often tell newly diagnosed patients that they must lose weight to manage their disease—a challenge that tends to inspire panic. Her coaching program incorporates guidance about food and nutrition along with behavior modification strategies to help clients focus on healthy living rather than just weight loss. At each session, Tank helps the client map out an action plan that includes diet and exercise goals for the week. "When people eliminate their dependence on carbohydrates and sugar," says Tank, "they begin craving interesting things like cabbage and kale."



— Katie Dreier '12

78 Happy 2012 from the Upper Left Coast! My 2011 was filled with travel to scientific meetings (Honolulu, Washington, DC, and Berlin) to disseminate our migraine research results. After Berlin, we had five days in Switzerland and a week in Paris. Now all I have to do is co-write the manuscripts and finish another study. While I was in Honolulu, I caught up with **Cynthia Kubas**. A good time (not to mention drinks) was had by all. I even served as a consultant for Cynthia's eventual bike purchase.

In my last column, I weighted the news heavily toward the West. This time, in deference to the heat wave, earthquake, and hurricane (what, no plague of frogs?!), we're heading East for news. My co-correspondent, **Ilene Shub** Lefland (Stratford, CT), got a bit nostalgic as Hurricane Irene headed her way: "I was a radio news reporter during Hurricane Gloria in 1985—the last big one in Connecticut—and remember broadcasting around the clock and sleeping in the radio station lounge. This time, I'll be home in my bed at least—power or no power!" Class president **Roger Anderson**

reported that his daughter wanted to go to the shore to watch the hurricane come in; fortunately, the Garden State Parkway was closed.

Enough talk of natural disasters. In the legacy department, **Laura Day Ayers**, MBA '86's daughter **Kathleen '11** graduated in May from the Hotel school. Laura (lauraa876@aol.com) reported, "The Ithaca weather cooperated, amazingly enough, and it was a beautiful ceremony and a wonderful weekend! She even invited me to accompany her to Ruloff's and the Palms on Friday night to meet her friends (and I was asked to dance at the Palms by a law student!). Definitely felt like I was reliving my days on the Hill!" Laura bumped into **June Drake Hayford** across from Barton Hall after graduation; June's son **Tom '11** also graduated. "We hosted a reception on Saturday evening in the beautiful new Physical Sciences building adjacent to Baker. **Mark McAllister** joined us with his family." **Sarah Thole Fischell**, ME '79 (Fair Haven, NJ; estee@comcast.net) and husband **David '75**, PhD '80, vacationed with daughter **Erin '10**. Sarah and David's other daughter, **Jennifer**, will graduate from Cornell in 2013. Sarah saw **Tom**, ME '79, and **Marilyn Groll Gaska**, MS '79, at Homecoming 2010.

Elaine Zajac Jackson (Wilmington, DE; Jack six1@comcast.net) is an affiliate services training coordinator for the Kendal Corp., working on implementation and training of electronic health record software for continuing-care retirement communities—including the one in Ithaca. Her son **Aaron '06** is completing a PhD in materials science at the U. of Illinois. **Patty Stone Ortenberg** (San Francisco, CA; patty@stonesupport.com) and husband **Charles '77** co-own a company that helps people navigate medical claims, paperwork, and elder care.

Elizabeth Grant (Burke, VA) was appointed to serve as a judge on the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, which adjudicates contract disputes for the Dept. of Defense. In her spare time she volunteers at the local animal shelter and has adopted a cat that lost a leg to a gunshot wound. She reports that "we all are adjusting." Elizabeth would like to hear from **Marilyn Meder** Montgomery. Farther south and west, **Fay Nakashima Pye** (Katy, TX; fay.pye@gmail.com) does project management for oil, gas, and chemical facilities. In her spare time she teaches math and science and plays in her church's handbell choir. She'd like to hear from **Patrick Baughn**, **Vic Janas**, MS '79, **Burton Au '75**, ME '76, and **John Humpton '76**.

Other random notes: **Rich Cavanagh**, ME '79 (Amherst, MA; racavanagh@comcast.net) started a temporary assignment in St. Petersburg, FL, for his employer. On the other coast of Florida is **Lynne Kolton Schneider** (Boca Raton, FL; dryllynne@hotmail.com). She'd love to hear from classmates living in South Florida or passing through on vacation. **Alexandra Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85, vacationed with her daughter in Spain and England at the end of the summer. Alexandra works as a biology professor. **Ilana Schmitt** (née **Ellen Levenson**) is a pediatrician at UMass, Amherst. She'd like to hear from '78ers who were Russian majors.

As you'll recall from my last column, our former webmaster **Paul Bonner** passed away in July. **Marie Hagen**, JD '81, has taken over temporarily. Paul was also webmaster for the Cornell Asian Alumni Association. **Kent Sheng** organized a fund drive to name one of the group study rooms in Uris Library in memory of Paul. Room #404B is one of a series of three in the lower level of the library adjoining the study lounge area with the curved windows that overlook Libe Slope. The room is 133

square feet with a table, blackboard, and chairs. It is heavily used by undergraduate students studying or doing group work. The funds for naming the room are in hand; however, if you would like to make a contribution in memory of Paul or another classmate, please consider a donation to undergraduate financial aid—particularly the Class of 1978 Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to Kent for spearheading the drive to honor Paul. That's all the news for now. ☒ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 Greetings—and welcome to 2012. Hard to believe that, 36 years ago, we were spending our first winter climbing up and down Libe Slope and walking back and forth to North Campus! Mark your calendars: June 5-8, 2014 is our 35th Reunion. Let's have the largest turnout for a 35th yet!

We heard from **Paul O'Shaughnessy**, BS '82, who is living in Lexington, MA, with his wife, Diane, and working as the director of quality assurance at Covaris Inc. in nearby Woburn. Paul would like to hear from classmate **Chris Bartos**. He enjoys fencing classes and participating as a Revolutionary War reenactor with the 10th Regiment of Foot in Lexington. He also serves as a board member at the Lexington Historical Society and as a technical director and lighting designer at the Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain, MA. **Jonathan Hanft** is the community health program supervisor/Ryan White program coordinator for the Hennepin County, MN, Human Services and Public Health Dept. He leads the Ryan White Part A grantee office for the Minneapolis-St. Paul grant area. Recently Jonathan has served as a NASTAD Ethiopia HIV program technical advisor. Jonathan enjoys hiking, gardening, and attending the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra classical music series. He would like to hear from **Jane Mt. Pleasant '80**, MS '82.

George Rogers is a lawyer at the Inter-American Development Bank and has started teaching at Georgetown Law School in Washington, DC. He has also been urging his youngest daughter to apply to Cornell, but to no avail thus far. **H. J. Frank** lives in Florida and works at Personalized Power Systems, which supplies emergency standby generators. **Joanne Simon** (Elmhurst, NY) serves as the director of pensions for Sony Music Entertainment. She has been traveling frequently to the Midwest on business. At home, she teaches religious education for the confirmation program at St. Adalbert's. **Aubrey Charasz** is chairman of the Dept. of Anesthesiology at Saint Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers. He got back to Cornell recently for the Homecoming football game. Aubrey is raising three sons: Daniel, 14, Adin, 11, and Nathaniel, 8.

Gregg and Joan Discepolo Popkin live in Chappaqua, NY. Gregg is COO at a real estate private equity firm, recently working on real estate development in NYC and in Hamburg and Frankfurt, Germany. Joan is the principal of JDP Interior Design. Gregg and Joan enjoy visiting their two daughters, who are both at Cornell in the College of Human Ecology: **Jaclyn '11** (MS expected in 2012) and **Chelsea '14**. At home, Gregg and Joan keep busy with fundraising for several charities—including Cornell, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Special Olympics—and with yoga, biking, and going to shows and the beach. Gregg would like to hear from **Ed McGowan** and **Howard Bleichfeld**.

Jeffrey Oppenheimer and wife Missy live in Boca Raton, FL, with their four children, ages 6, 9, 17, and 22. Jeffrey, a neurosurgeon, enjoys

acting, tennis, boating, and weightlifting in his spare time. **Joanne Reisch** lives in White Plains, NY. When she wrote, Joanne was taking a class in NYC on neuropsychology at New York U. Movies, hiking, and traveling are her favorite activities when she has some free time. **Michael Feinberg** is executive director of the Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition. He has been supporting the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations and traveling to Chicago, Washington, DC, and London. Michael's interests include theater, travel, reading, music, and politics. He would like to hear from **Jim McCue '78**. **Donna Wiesner** Keene is the Washington, DC, liaison to TheTeaParty.net and has been busy writing op-eds. She served in the Reagan Administration and in both Bush administrations. Donna enjoys swimming, boating, and traveling with her husband, David, who is president of the National Rifle Association.

Connect to our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of '79), and send news to your class correspondents to keep this column filled. Send updates to classof79@cornell.edu or directly to your class correspondents: ☒ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 Hurricane Irene—how did it affect you? I hope you escaped with minor damage. My basement decided to flood after 20 years of Sahara-like conditions. The benefit, however, was that I was forced to do an archeological dig of sodden memorabilia, which uncovered my 1976-80 time capsule. My advice to you is to check out your Cornell mementos and put them high and dry. I was able to save a few things such as the first Cornell T-shirt that dyed my laundry pink, and a few mugs from the Nines, but had to part with my treasured (?) Thermo book and a multitude of texts that I really should have sold back to the Campus Store. At least it gave me a minute to reflect on my first days on the Hill. Now, do you remember these classmates?

Jeffrey Pargament continues to practice labor and employment law at Pargament & Hallowell PLLC, in Washington, DC, and serves on a number of nonprofit boards. He chairs the Maryland Hospital Association board, is a board member of Adventist Healthcare, and is on the board of governors of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. In addition, he is involved in the college search with daughter Michelle, 17, and is trying to steer her to the alma mater! **Jeffrey Lindy** practices law in Philadelphia and Montgomery County, specializing in criminal defense (mostly white-collar) and commercial litigation. He runs his own small firm. The proud dad notes that his oldest, Isaac, is finishing up his freshman year at Vassar and his daughter, Olivia, is in tenth grade. Wife Nancy works in advertising and marketing. He reminisces that his Modern European History class taught by Prof. John Weiss is still pertinent today with regard to trends and social movements that he studied. He reconnected with **Derrick Mancini '78**, **Marina Budhos '83**, and **Saly Glassman**, courtesy of Facebook!

Daniel Troy enjoys being general counsel of GlaxoSmithKline, based in Philadelphia, London, and North Carolina's Research Triangle Park. **Salvatore Moscatello** left his established medical practice to start his own solo GI practice in Charleston, SC. Thinking back to college days, he loved squash, but cannot play now due to a bad knee. He volunteers

on several local boards including Trident Technical College and Goodwill Industries. **Craig Tendler** writes from New Jersey, where he heads up the oncology clinical development and global medical affairs organizations for Johnson & Johnson. His group has been instrumental in developing a new drug, known as Zytiva, for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer; it was approved by the FDA in April 2011. In his spare time he hopes to resume piano lessons after a hiatus of 30 years. He and his wife are empty-nesters as his older daughter, Helena, graduated from the U. of Rochester and his younger daughter, Amanda, is a freshman at Emory U.

Stacey Freeman's present "day job" is director of major gifts at the American Red Cross in the Los Angeles region. She enjoys yoga, walking, reading, and travel. **Hugh, BArch '81**, and **Peggy Hoffmann Connolly** check in from Hopewell, NJ, where Peggy is active in the community as the treasurer of the local town harvest fair and sewing dresses for patients of a medical clinic in Haiti through her church, in which she is a deacon. Hugh's business, Connolly Architecture LLC, celebrated its second anniversary of serving residential and commercial clients and emphasizing sustainability. Their two children Erin (U. of Pittsburgh, BS '06; WVU, MS '09) and Hope (Princeton, BS '09; Columbia, PhD '15) are nearby. Erin works as a community counselor and Hope is studying environmental engineering. Hugh is on the Hopewell Valley Green Team and on the board of the Hopewell Harvest Fair.

Maria Di Gregorio, MAT '82, is a veterinarian in Oklahoma. She and her husband own two clinics, one a small-animal practice and the other a mixed-animal practice. They like the variety, as the mixture of people in their rural vs. urban practice is enjoyable. Maria is learning how to drive horses and loves it. She has also started running again, now that her two children are in college. She would like to hear from **Kathy Richter** Weitze. After focusing on the college application process last spring, **Kathy Dixon-Leone** has a Florida boy who could not see himself going north of Carolina and is now a freshman at UNC, Chapel Hill, where he is playing lacrosse.

As a technical crop advisor for 4,000 acres of fresh Florida citrus, **Thomas Stopyra** makes recommendations for fertilizer and crop protection chemicals to ensure that the fruit is clean, fresh, and wholesome. He plays tennis twice a week and has been involved in writing a food safety-good agriculture practices plan for Florida citrus growers. The national GAPs standard from Cornell has been an excellent guide and source for information regarding food safety. He would like to hear from his old friend **Jim Aesch**. **Roberta Burstein-Markel** would like to hear from **Beth Jones Lee** and **Martin Liu**.

Luc Chabot is an engineering consultant for the oil industry enjoying solving technical challenges related to deepwater floating production systems worldwide. His after-hours activities include ice hockey, photography, and international travel; he would like to maintain contact with his Sigma Pi frat brothers. **Leslie Feldman, PhD '90**, is a professor of political science at Hofstra U. and has published *Spaceships and Politics: The Political Theory of Rod Sterling* (2010). She is doing a round of lectures and interviews for the book and enjoys reading and writing in her spare time. **James Ferwerda, PhD '98**, has been appointed Xerox endowed chair at Rochester Inst. of Technology. He is an associate professor in the Center for Imaging Science and will use the three-year appointment to create displays that are characteristic of real materials and to explore the optical properties of "programmable matter," an emerging technology

that will shift display technology from flat screens to three-dimensional objects.

A few of our classmates discovered the joy of attending Cornell's Adult University (CAU) off-campus study tours and programs, as well as on-campus summer classes in 2011. **Debra Giorgi** Anderson participated in Kayaking; **Maura Kates-Rutkin** explored Rio, El Salvador, and the Amazon; and **Robert Lanza, ME '82**, stayed in Ithaca for a pre-reunion seminar entitled Meeting the Neighbors: Fifty Years of Planetary Exploration. **Cynthia Adonizio-Bianco, caa28 @ cornell.edu**; **Leona Barsky, Leonabarsky @ aol.com**; **Dik Saalfeld, rfs25 @ cornell.edu**; **Dana Jerrard, dej24 @ cornell.edu**.

81 Greetings from Spring Lake, NJ! This is my first column as a class correspondent, so I hope you enjoy the news. It's difficult to write this knowing that when it's published, most of us will be in the midst of winter gloom. For now, summer has lingered and the chill of autumn is just beginning to arrive. The children are back in school after several long weeks off, full of sports and travel. My oldest, son Chris, is a high school senior living at Blair Academy (in Blairstown, NJ, near the Delaware Water Gap); son Charlie is a high school sophomore at Ranney (a local, private day school); and our youngest, daughter Calli, is in sixth grade at Mountz (our local public school). Both Chris and Charlie had a great time at Reunion while my husband, Jim, stayed home and did dance recital duties with Calli. View Charlie on YouTube jumping 40 feet off a Beebe Lake bridge one afternoon (thanks to direction from **Xander Cooper '10!**) and longboarding during the Broadway Bomb, a renegade skate event, in New York City on October 8. Serenity now . . . breathe!

Reunion is a distant memory, though more fun than we "50-somethings" should have in a weekend! Isn't 52 the age when we should be playing with a full deck? Despite so many physical changes on campus, it is good to know that life on the Hill continues much as it has since we all were there, and **John Walsh** is still "JW." (Our freshman dorm, U-Hall 2, had a good turnout for reunion.) It was terrific to catch up with **Karen Levine** Whitman and daughter Jordyn, whom we never get to see often enough. Karen is still with Hilton Hotels and lives in Swampscott, MA. Also in Massachusetts is **Aimee Lamb** Southworth.

Vonnah Weems Hollands and daughter Katherine came up from St. Pete, FL, and **Renee Malcom** Weir traveled from Virginia. **Anne Snyder** Marone and **Susan Rehm** Gatto '80, MBA '81, were at the KKG reception during the sudden rainstorm Saturday afternoon. I relaxed on the upper outdoor terrace of Olin Library overlooking the Arts Quad with **Edna Eidelberg** Rosloff and her husband, Curt; had lunch at the Plantations tent with **Lori Salzman** Kleppe; ate vegetarian during the barbecue dinner under a West Campus tent with **Paul Gleichauf**; rode the bus with **Daryl Georger** to learn about his duties as the NCAA compliance officer for Pennsylvania and how to promote our children's pre-college swimming "careers"; and watched **Mike Staun, ME '82, MBA '83**, rally some classmates to raid the midnight pizza snacks of a neighboring reunion class. Where was **Matt Grady**? How about the venerable one-time mayor of Ithaca, **Alan Jay Cohen**? I also missed seeing fellow Spring Lake resident **Sheila Gorman** Steffel, and finding out how her life in Michigan compares with mine.

I recently had some free time to visit with friends. **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea '79 joined me in

Easthampton last September for breakfast while I was visiting there by boat with some Jersey Girls. She and her husband, Jay, both attorneys, have active practices and two sons, one in college and one a senior in high school. Cindy keeps in touch with **Suzanne Carter** Kramer '79, whose son Blake is a sophomore at Lehigh; Cindy's older son, Garrett, is a junior there. **Karen Prescott** Dalby (kdalby@comcast.net) coordinated a mini-reunion with **Deb Osgood** and me in Atlantic City in October. Karen and her husband, Bert, live in Wayne, PA, where they are officially empty-nesters. Their youngest, daughter Brooke, left in August to join older sister Julia at UVA. Their son, **Brian '10, BS Honor '11**, lives and works in Denver. Deb has two seniors, a daughter at Boston U. and son Oberon in high school. She and I obsessed over the college application process both of our sons are struggling through, especially as the early decision deadline looms. It will be a distant memory by the time you are reading this column! **Jane Sanders** Markson and **Cathy Cosentini** Bonczek were not able to join us, so we are planning another gathering next summer when we all are free. While in Atlantic City, we noticed that the ECAC Men's Hockey Championships will be at Boardwalk Hall on March 16, 2012 and thought that could be a great opportunity to get together again and cheer on the Big Red. Consider joining us if you can make it!

Wendy Rosenthal Gellman (New York, NY) practices law in the Big Apple. She is senior counsel and senior policy advisor to US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand (NY), who, coincidentally, was a Kappa at Dartmouth. Wendy's older daughter, Lindsay, is a Kappa at Yale, and her younger daughter is a freshman at Harvard. Wendy also serves on the Cornell KKG Foundation Board. **Susan Peterson** (wesolimon@excite.com) wrote from Averill Park, NY, where she is director of communications for the NYS Senate in Albany. When she isn't working, Susan is busy raising sons Wesley, 15, and Oliver, 11, and pursuing her interests in skiing, hiking, gardening, and photography. New Yorker **Franny Osman** (frannyola@aol.com) is married to **Bill Freeman, MS '81**. She is a transportation volunteer working on "getting public transportation going in her town and region." She is also pursuing her interest in creative writing. Franny fondly remembers climbing around the gorge while she was at Cornell.

Heading northeast, **James Carmody** (james.carmody@seaportboston.com) is vice president and general manager at the Seaport Hotel and Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, MA. Also in Massachusetts, **Melissa Storne Maina** (West Newbury; MelissaLMaina@verizon.net) is a pharmaceutical consultant married to **Claude, PhD '84**. Melissa spends time horseback riding, hiking, gardening, dancing, and raising her family. Even further north, **Mary Machamer** (gmannard3002@rogers.com) wrote from Toronto, ON, where she is a family physician with Taddle Creek Connection. She is also the "activities coordinator" for her daughter, 10. Mary and husband George Mannard plan an addition to their house and would rather be "on vacation at the beach." She would like to hear from "everyone," especially **Anthony Barone '82**. **Sharee Umpierre** (sumpierre@gmail.com) wrote from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Sharee is the division director of gynecologic oncology at the U. of Puerto Rico and married to Dr. Rolando Colon. She lists her present after-hours activities as "boating, fishing, and kid chauffer and ATM." Sharee would like to hear from **Grace Jenkins**.

Lorraine Brennan (London, England; lbrennan@jamsinternational.com) is an adjunct professor at

Georgetown Law School and managing director at Jams Int'l. She is "very happy" and fondly remembers hanging out at Cornell with **Maryann Faccenda**, **Debby Lennon**, **Jo Buyske**, **Laura Fratt**, and **Bernadette Mullins** Burns. Lorraine would like to hear from **Brian Buck**. **Mark Jordy**, MBA '93, has finished his work in Beijing with Wellington and moved to London with wife Lauren and children Jim and Jill. They think London is great, but were sad to leave their lives in China behind: "Our four years there were filled with interesting experiences that belied a very different China than is portrayed in the news media here in the West."

Time to go for a run on the boardwalk, or what is left of it after Irene unleashed her fury and destroyed about a mile of it. Months on the treadmill loom once the nice weather is gone until next spring. It is great to hear from everyone! If you were at Reunion and didn't see your name or news reported, please send an update. All others, keep in touch! ☐ **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **Joann Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

82 **Charles Krell** and his wife, Daisy, sent in a great picture (which I unfortunately can't paste into the column) of them and their daughter **Isabella '15**, taken at the Arts Quad during Orientation Week this past August. Isabella is a third-generation Cornellian following in the steps of Dad and her grandparents **William '57** and **Olga Duntuch Krell '57**.

Ed Ku sent in some timely news: after working in marketing and advertising for more years than he can remember, he made the switch to interior design. Together with his architect partner, he opened a design firm in New York City called Coffinier Ku Design. They specialize in residential work involving architectural renovation and custom furniture design, as well as traditional interior decoration. In addition to recent projects such as the restaurant Picholine, in Lincoln Center, Coffinier Ku Design can claim the recent designation as one of New York Spaces' Top 50 Designers. Ed looks forward to our 30th Reunion this year and is working hard to recruit classmates. He mentions recent mini-reunions in New York with friends **David Weiss**, **Anthony Barone**, **Debby Geis**, **Kathy Moore**, and **Lloyd Roberts '82**, BS '81, but emphasizes that he wants to see everyone in Ithaca this June.

Jennifer Gardiner Liguori shares with us that she was divorced this past July and two months later moved to Charlotte, NC, where she is building a house near Lake Wylie. In spite of the move and house building, she continues as the director of the Northwest Arkansas Tax Center and as the qualified tax expert for Legal Aid of Arkansas's Low Income Tax Clinic. In Charlotte, she is working to establish a volunteer income tax assistance center and would love to hear from classmates with a bit of financial background and a desire to give back. She looks forward to connecting with Cornellians at the local Spirit of Zinck's events as well as reunion.

Writing from Connecticut, **Kristan Peters-Hamlin** tells us that she sent daughter **Brittany Hamlin '15** off to Cornell as a member of this year's Arts and Sciences freshman class, where she'll be pre-med. Celebrating the renewed Cornell connection, Kristan hosted a party on October 9 through Cornell of Fairfield County for all Cornell freshmen from Fairfield County and their parents. Also living in Connecticut, **Steve Mendell** is working hard

as president of acquisitions and development for HEI Hotels & Resorts. Steve notes that in spite of the difficult economic environment, HEI has been doing very well and has grown to a medium-sized company with 40 hotels. Currently, he's in the middle of investing their third hotel fund, this one with approximately \$500m in equity from university endowments. On the personal side, all three kids (Jordan, Jamie, and Jenna) live and work in NYC, which gives Steve and his wife, Ellen, ample

attend. In the meantime, here is the latest news from our classmates.

Chris Pothier (Brooktondale, NY; chrishopthier327@hotmail.com) retired in May 2010 as executive director of the Loaves and Fishes kitchen in Ithaca, then spent a year at the Cornell Ceramic Studio making pottery. She spent the summer of 2011 working on the exterior of her house (scraping paint, replacing wooden siding, sanding, patching, painting) and volunteering at the Immaculate

‘Check out your Cornell mementos and put them high and dry.’

Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco '80

opportunity to see them. In this day of kids leaving the nest for places far and wide, this is a nice bonus that many of our classmates will appreciate.

Warren James, BArch '82, is principal at Warren A. James Architects + Planners in New York City. Warren was selected for the jury of Reimagining the Waterfront, an international ideas competition for the redesign of Manhattan's East River shore from East 59th to 125th streets. This project, which was launched by CIVITAS in September, aims to transform the entire East River pedestrian experience. **Scott Irgang** and wife Carole live in Pleasantville, NY. Scott is director of labor relations for Pitney Bowes in Stamford, CT. On the leisure side, Scott mentions that he and Carole enjoyed trips this past summer to the wine regions of Napa, CA, and Rioja, Spain. And on the volunteer side, Scott lists time spent coaching out-of-work executives and managers on how to effectively interview and re-enter the job market.

Sharon Sitrin-Moore lives in Elmira with husband Scott and is able to make frequent trips to Ithaca to enjoy the Farmer's Market, Taughanock Falls, Purity Ice Cream, and the Moosewood Restaurant, to name just a few of the things that will strike a chord with our readers. Sharon lists her time spent with Cornell-in-Washington as a pivotal part of her Cornell experience. Indeed, she continues to work in the public sector, currently as the district director for her local state senator. **Stephanie Steinberg Sobel** and husband **Mark, MS '90**, live in Merrick, NY. Continuing a common thread, Stephanie lists her Cornell-in-Washington experience as something that continues to play a role in her life, as she frequently spends time with other alums of the program.

With the last few words I have remaining, I'll mention that my wife, **Lisa Mummery Crump**, and I were able to celebrate the Cornell graduation of our second daughter, **Erica '11**, last May. Amidst threats of thunderstorms, the sun shone and the weekend was great. To all of our classmates out there, please keep the news coming. ☐ **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; and **Douglas Skalka**; dskalka@nplmaw.com.

83 Happy New Year! As you read this, 2012 has just begun and our 30th Reunion is only 1-1/2 years away. It will be here before you know it, so start preparing now! Reach out to people you were friends with on campus and encourage them to

Conception food pantry and the Town of Caroline pantry. "I enjoy working with members of my community and parish to help our neighbors." In September she started working on a project, Books for Bolivia, that requests local donations to purchase books for abandoned/homeless children in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and traveled there in November to volunteer through January 2012. **Juliet Tammenoms Bakker** (jlbakker@longitudecapital.com) and her spouse, Holt Thrasher, live in Greenwich, CT. Juliet co-founded an asset management firm, Longitude Capital (www.longitudecapital.com), that invests in life sciences companies. Occasionally, a Cornell student calls for advice, and she says those calls are fun. "It's rewarding to be helpful. I am now on PCCW (President's Council of Cornell Women) and serve on the advisory board for the Dyson School in CALS."

Suzanne Townsend Cuccurullo (SCuccurullo@bentley.edu) has lived in the Boston area for over 20 years. Two years ago she left her career in financial services and started a new career in college admissions as executive director of undergraduate admission and marketing. "It has been one of the most rewarding experiences. I work for a business school outside of Boston called Bentley U. Perfect timing since my daughter just started her freshman year at New York U. Luckily, I still have a son at home, a sophomore in high school. I have been married to **Mike '82** for 25 years next year. Life is good!" Look for Suzanne at the 30th Reunion. **Chad Crandell** (CCrandell@CHMHotel.com) has been in the Boston area for over 25 years. It was meant to be a two- to three-year plan—at least that's what he told his wife when they moved from New Orleans! It just turned out to be a great place to work and raise a family. Chad and his wife have three children. The oldest, Jacob, graduated with a hospitality degree from Endicott College last May and is working in the area. Daughter Ashlynn is in her final year at U. of Colorado, Boulder. Their youngest, Elias, is a freshman at Beverly High School. Chad is the co-founder and president of Capital Hotel Management (CHM), and they just celebrated their 11th year as a hotel investment and asset management company. Working with him are a number of Hotelies, including **Michael Doyle '79**, **Peter Keim '69**, **Roger Clark, MPS '82**, **Derek Olsen '92**, and **Lisa Mazzanti '07**.

In November, **Mark** and **Kim Osborn Rhodes** attended a reception/dinner at the Cornell Club (with nearly 100 other HumEc alumni) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cornell Cooperative

Extension, a program that brings the College of Human Ecology to the communities. The NYC Food and Finance High School (sponsored by CCE) prepared delicious appetizers and engaging conversation. After a decade on Wall Street, Kim has returned to her roots and is now teaching high school family and consumer science. New York City resident **Mark Spiegel** (markspiegel@gmail.com) left investment banking a couple of years ago to focus solely on investing, and in June 2011 opened Stanphyl Capital Partners, a microcap stock long-short hedge fund. "It feels great to wake up every day doing exactly what I want to do—and, even better, not having to squeeze into the downtown #6 train!"

In more New York City news **Duncan Huyler** (duncanhuyler@yahoo.com) recently started as the CFO at Bozell & Co., an Asia-focused hedge fund. He and his wife, **Erica (Nichols) '82**, are on the board of directors for Friends of Karen, a children's charity serving families in the Metro NY area that have children with life-threatening illnesses. **Carlo Frappolli** (ckvdd@ameritech.net) is now head of talent and development at JPMorgan Chase, commuting to NYC from Chicago while their son completes his senior year in high school (and hoping Domenic gets accepted at Cornell!). Twin daughters are sophomores in college, Danielle at the U. of Richmond and Tori at Texas Christian U. Carlo is proud of his wife, Kim, who manages all the logistics of living in two cities and coordinates the activities of the entire family.

On a personal note, I continue to work as an executive recruiter for a local firm, Domari & Associates. We are growing rapidly and I am leading the healthcare recruiting team. My daughter is now 13 and hopes to be admitted to Sarasota Military Academy for high school next year. No, really, she wants to go! In my spare time, I am very involved in the local music scene and in November helped with a benefit for Dan Toler (of Allman Brothers fame) since he was stricken with ALS. Local and national acts performed, including Artimus Pyle from Lynyrd Skynyrd, Warren Haynes (Allman Brothers and Government Mule), and Dickey Betts and Great Southern, to name just a few. It was a great privilege to be there. Come on down to Sarasota, FL—the live music here is fabulous and the weather isn't bad either. See you all at our 30th Reunion. And if you didn't see your news in this column, stay tuned to the next issue—the response to our e-mail solicitation was tremendous. Keep the news coming! **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 **Rainerio "Rai" Reyes** has been spending a lot of time on musical theatre production lately. One of his projects is a current Broadway musical called *Catch Me If You Can* (www.catchmethe musical.com), based on the autobiography of Frank Abagnale Jr. and the hit movie that starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. "We were fortunate to receive four Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical, and to win Best Actor in a Musical," writes Rai. "Next time you're looking to see a Broadway show, I hope you will consider ours!" **Dorean Gordon** Williams is working hard because she just sent her oldest child off to college. She hopes to find time between work, married life, and raising children to re-engage in her favorite activities that she enjoyed at Cornell. She also volunteers at the Carrolton Schools.

Michael Whiting is the director of global strategic operations at Johnson & Johnson, working

on developing enterprise-wide supply chain capabilities for the consumer, medical device and diagnostic, and pharmaceutical sectors. Mike writes, "Shortly after resuming rowing last fall and after a 25-year lapse, I introduced my 16-year-old daughter Amelia to the sport. She has done exceptionally well and even competed at the US Rowing Youth Nationals in a four with coxswain and placed 10th in the nation." Mike and wife **Wendy (Zeh) '85** have remained in the northern New Jersey area with their two daughters. **Myong-Hun Chang** (m.chang@csuohio.edu) is a professor of economics at Cleveland State U. He lives in Bay Village, OH, with wife Si-Yun.

Ed Martinez has been working for Medco Health Solutions for more than seven years as the senior director of secondary benefits. He and his partner, Barry Bullis, have adopted their fourth child. The children are Marco, 11, Alejandro, 10, Jessica, 7, and Maria Celeste, 22 months. Congratulations, Ed and Barry! **David Goodman** is the vice president and treasurer of Petro-Chem Development Co. Inc. He still plays tennis, a little golf, and has now added fencing, thanks to his kids. David would like to hear from **Jeff Silver, Steve T., Gary H., and Rich Lipschutz**.

Han Chiu (La Jolla, CA) is the founder and CEO of VAVICHI Health Solutions. He started this company in order to solve the simple problem of why good curative and wellness therapies are not making it to market. **Keith Kefgen** is opening new offices of HVS, executive search, in South America and Africa this year. He still stays in touch with the football program, Hotel school functions, and the Cornell Club in NYC. Keith also volunteers and contributes to "Small Voices," a program in NYC that helps underprivileged children. **Gene Pellett** is the owner of Environmental Resources LLC, a wetlands consulting firm. He is a volunteer coach of youth sports in Spencerport, NY.

Sharon Toll Rubinson is an associate at a multi-doctor small animal veterinary hospital in central New Jersey. She's been practicing for nearly 25 years and still loves what she does! Last summer, she packed up her oldest son, **Ethan**, and sent him to Cornell Engineering, Class of 2015. Sharon was a member of the Cornell Women's Tennis Team and still plays as often as possible on a socially competitive level. She has been living in Englishtown, NJ, since 1988 and hopes to relocate to the beach once her youngest son, John, finishes high school. **James MacKenzie** is an agriculture consultant in Virginia. He has built two machines for the wine grape industry. One incorporates chemicals into the root zone. The second is for grape root borer soil drench. James enjoys building machines for specialized crops. **Andrew Foster** is studying advanced bibliography at UCLA while maintaining an antiquarian book trade. He has moved to the Caltech neighborhood of Pasadena, CA. **Karla Sievers** McManus, klorax@comcast.net; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 I am so grateful to whoever in Alumni Affairs decided to ask two questions on our News Form that generate terrific responses: "What would you rather be doing now?" and "What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell?" First, the wish list:

Linda Messinger Manos, DVM '90, a veterinary dermatologist at the Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado, says she'd rather be "playing with

my children more." **Paul Jensen** confesses that he'd rather be "singing with the Cayuga's Waiters alumni." Instead, he pens beautifully scripted lines for his lucky PR clients at Weber Shandwick. Internal medicine physician **Robert "Charlie" Monteiro**, the newly elected president of the North Carolina Medical Society, has evidently been infected by some of the local NASCAR fervor: Charlie says he'd rather be "driving my Ferrari around the track." (Dr. Monteiro would like to hear from **George Diaz, Bill Wong, Chris Stoia, Mark Irgang, and Eileen Bartol**. Catch him if you can at drmonteiro@embarqmail.com.)

Frederic Johnson has such a great gig volunteering at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, where he works on high-altitude weather experiments and "runs Star Parties," that you'd think there would be nothing he'd "rather be doing," right? Wrong. Frederic says he'd rather be "working on a theoretical physics project of a slightly relativistic quantum mechanical system." Paging Dr. Who (and/or **William Shillue**, who resides somewhere in our galaxy, and from whom Frederic would like to hear) . . . **Anita Jaffe** reports that not much has changed from her undergraduate days: "Riding horses" is now, as it was then, what she'd still rather be doing. Her co-workers at MVP Health Care probably suspect this poorly kept secret, given that in her spare time, Anita owns and manages Stockade Polo & Saddle Club, a 57-acre property where she and her husband run a series of horse shows from May to September.

Unlike Anita, whose wishes and hobbies have remained constant, for **Thomas Yazdgerdi**, change has been the constant. Thomas has spent the last 20 years in the US Foreign Service, through which he has been posted to assignments all over the globe, from Panama to Albania, from Greece to Kosovo. He is now deputy political counselor at the US Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. Understandably, what Thomas says he'd "rather be doing" is "not getting shot at." Here's hoping, most sincerely, that Thomas gets his wish, and that he hears soon from **Mike Beller '84**, the Cornell buddy with whom he'd like to reconnect.

From wishing to recalling: When asked, "What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell?" **Chun Pak**, an insurance statistician with American General, replied, "Being on the gymnastics team." Fellow Big Red athlete **Steve Garrison** can relate; he misses "time spent on the varsity football field and at the Delta Upsilon house with my fraternity brothers." Steve now spends his days as regional member executive for the Ritz Carlton Destination Club. **Jim Good**, who was promoted to EVP at Veolia Water North America, said that what he remembers most fondly from Cornell is "the seasons. We don't have them in California. Also, the certainty among the vast majority of students that the world is their oyster." Ah, yes, the confidence of youth! **Jeff Cantele** and **Rachel Kessler** Park can relate all over again: Jeff's daughter is in the Class of '14, and Rachel's son **Solomon** is Cornell Engineering '15. **Tracy Williams** Anarella, who works in television production, gets nostalgic over the memory of "going for late-night sandwiches at the Hot Truck." She'd like to hear from her truckin' buddy **Andy Rothschild**.

One classmate who spares us the full force of his Big Red memories is **Rob Tchack**. He confesses that his favorite Cornell experiences are "not suitable for a family magazine." A nation of grateful alumni readers thanks you, Rob, for your restraint. For a bit of what we are missing out on

here in this column, Rob invites us to view his “warped, comical blog, <http://sternblog.garnerdavis.net>.” Perhaps I can entice at least one classmate, Rob’s freshman roommate **Alan Weber**, to check it out, and then reconnect with Rob, as he requested.

OK, I’ve now done my bit for the blogosphere and class camaraderie. If you’d like to share your artistic . . . talents . . . with the class, shout out to friends from whom you’ve not heard in awhile, or just get us caught up on your daily doings, please drop your friendly class correspondents a line: **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Roberta Farhi**, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz** cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 Some great updates from classmates this month courtesy of the class’s annual “News and Dues” mailing. We are always hungry for more information, so please send in your own news or news of friends.

Ann Schiavetta, DVM ’00, is the deputy director of the veterinary medicine division of the US Army Medical Research Inst. of Infectious Diseases. She is an active duty Army officer, now a lieutenant colonel. She lives in Maryland and, as of the time of this column, was eagerly awaiting the return of her husband, Kelby Mowery, from a one-year overseas deployment. Ann is enjoying league tennis and softball and anything outside. She remembers Cornell fondly, especially walks in the gorges and long conversations with friends. She would most like to hear from her former roommate **Bonnie Light**.

Also in Maryland is **Sandy Caro** DeCain, who lives in Chevy Chase, MD, with her husband, Scott. Sandy has two “day jobs”—as the commissioner of the Bethesda girl’s lacrosse program and as a sales representative for Turfer Athletics. Turfer supplies customized sports apparel, uniforms, jackets, and accessories for school teams and colleges. In her spare time, she keeps busy raising a family and still finds time for yoga, tennis, paddle tennis, golf, running, and boating. Wow! She wrote about memories on the Slope. Another Maryland-based alumna is **Millie Rivera-Rau**, who works as an attorney advisor with the EEOC, where she has worked for the last 20 years in different capacities. She keeps busy outside of work with the Rock City Church Clown Ministry and the National Federation for the Blind. Millie has two adult stepchildren with her husband, Michael Rau.

Esther Goldbas, JD ’90 (Sands Point, NY) works as an attorney in Port Washington focusing on employment litigation. Esther is married to Daniel Tanenbaum and has four children, ages 12 to 16, and a dog. Esther has been busy splitting her time between depositions for work and attending soccer tournaments, dance recitals, and such for her children. Esther remembered Prof. LaFeber and Johnny’s Big Red. At the time she wrote, she was facing significant pressure at home to add a new puppy or puppies to an already busy schedule. We are facing the same discussions in the Isdale/Ryan household—with one child about to go off to college and another two years behind, and a 10-year-old border collie, it’s a challenge to think about starting over with a new puppy! If classmates have weathered the empty-nest syndrome, please share your thoughts! A new baby is definitely out of the question!

Carol Wells (Saratoga Springs, NY) runs her own jewelry business and rehabs historic businesses.

She included a brochure for Beach Boutique, her retail store in Provincetown, MA; her designs are really beautiful. Her business has both wholesale and retail branches, and Carol travels the world for pieces for the collection, which she designs. To date she has restored seven historic buildings and is about to start her eighth project. She is married to William Browne; they enjoy travel, skiing, antiquing, and going to art galleries and the beach. Carol also remembers the beauty of Cornell and would like to hear from **Arlyn Diaz** Vogelmann. **Hadley Harper** Witcher, BFA ’87, lives in Villanova, PA, with husband Robert. She works for a lobbyist during the New Mexico Legislative session. She is also busy with yoga, friends, gardens, and museums when she can find time to enjoy them. Hadley and Robert have two children: Cora Elizabeth, 2, and son Avery, 4. Hadley wanted to reconnect with **Molly Schmitt** Garner ’85 and remembered most the lake and the gorges at Cornell, as well as times with great friends and the fabulous faculty of the Fine Arts department.

Grace Tien Hwang’s fondest memory of Cornell was meeting her husband, **Tony** ’87, on the campus bus. Grace is an executive director with Morgan Stanley in New York, where she is the chief operations officer for their America operations. She and Tony live in Fairfield, CT, and have children Christina, 17, and Peter, 12. **Ron Schiller** was recently appointed senior VP for business development at Lois L. Lindauer Searches. He also launched his own company, Aspen Executive Fundraising Advisors. Ron lives in Aspen, CO, with his partner, Alan Fletcher, a Princeton alum, who is in his sixth year as president of the Aspen Music Festival and School. They are looking forward to the visits of several Cornell friends for ski season.

Speaking of memories of Cornell, there are some amazing pictures of the Slope and other campus locations posted from Reunion last summer on the Cornell alumni pages (www.alumni.cornell.edu). The university also was asking alumni to post photos from their days at Cornell. So check out the Reunion pictures and perhaps pictures from our days on campus as well. If you want to reconnect with a classmate directly, log into CornellConnect (<https://www.cornellconnect.cornell.edu/>), where you can update your information with Cornell and find contact information on other alumni from any year. It’s easy to sign up—and the help line is very efficient and used to dealing with alums who can’t remember their ID numbers!

Please send your news and information for future columns! You can drop me a note at the address below or post it directly on our Facebook page (Cornell University Class of 1986) or on Twitter (@CornellClass86). If you have not paid your dues, please consider supporting the class. You can do this online at <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/dues>. **Holly Isdale**, Isdale@mac.com; **Michael** and **Lori Spydell Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com.

87 First up: details about our upcoming 25th Reunion. **Melissa Hodes** and **Scott Pesner** traveled to Cornell in September to attend the annual Reunion Kick-off Weekend, where all reunion chairs for June 2012 went to officially start the reunion planning process. Melissa and Scott met with caterers (those who provided the best samples were hired) and began to put together our plans for reunion. They’ve told us that once again our class headquarters will be in Hans Bethe House

on West Campus, but that we’ll also have rooms in the other dorms throughout West (including the newer dorms), so there’s plenty of space for our classmates and their families. Scott and Melissa have asked all classmates to spread the word about reunion—June 7-10—and to please subscribe to our class Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cornell1987, because that’s the quickest way for us to get out the word with updates. And please make sure we have an up-to-date e-mail address for you! Our reunion chairs continue to look for classmates to help with reunion; Scott’s e-mail is sjp17@cornell.edu.

On to the class news. **Cheryl Berger** Israeloff is an optometrist and has become a partner at Optical Image Plainview in Plainview, NY. Cheryl mentioned that she saw **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, **Liz Brown**, JD ’90, and their respective spouses at the Pleasantville Music Festival. **Greg Bortoff**, a radiologist, lives in Raleigh, NC, with wife Amy. **Jennifer Block** Sheffield is managing director, head of the transaction advisory group for Citigroup Global Markets Inc. in NYC. Jennifer has a son, 3. **Peter Poggi**, MBA ’88, is a senior VP of global procurement at Contec LLC. Peter and his family plan to move from Chattanooga, TN, to the Albany, NY, area.

Hadley Harper Witcher (Villanova, PA) is the mother of two and a part-time student. She also has a part-time job working for a lobbyist in New Mexico, where she used to live. Her son, 4, and daughter, 2, keep her busy when she’s not studying in the MFA program at Rosemont College for Creative Writing. Hadley says she misses “chillaxing at the Palms” and wonders where **Natalie Albanese** Tessier is. **Anthony Kochis**, BArch ’88, is project manager for Glass Construction Inc., a residential remodeler in Washington, DC. Anthony continues to run A. J. Kochis Co. LLC and spends a good amount of his free time working on the extensive hardscaping and landscaping of the backyard of the home in Mt. Rainier, MD, that he shares with spouse Jason Donaldson.

Last, some very happy news comes from **Tom Tseng**, ME ’94. Tom served as best man at the wedding of **Brent Vallat**, ME ’89, and the beautiful Sylvia Wee on September 24, 2011. Brent and Sylvia live in the Sea Cliff neighborhood of San Francisco following a fantastic honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii. Congratulations!

One last plug for our upcoming reunion. It’s going to be fantastic and it will be more fantastic the more classmates attend. So I challenge you to reach out to classmates with whom you’ve lost touch and make plans to be in Ithaca next June. I’d also like to invite those of you who have never made it back to a reunion: we want you there! In the unlikely event you won’t be joining us, make sure to drop us a line to tell us about your job, family, volunteer work, trips, interests, or hobbies! Continue sending your news through the link on our Class of ’87 website, through our Facebook Group (“Cornell University Class of 1987”), or through e-mail. **Heidi Heasley Ford**, hfh6@cornell.edu; and **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, bfn26@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, Class of 1988. I hope you are doing well and that you enjoy reading this and catching up on some class news. Before you know it, we will be talking about our next reunion. Believe it or not, we are only a year and a half away from our 25th Reunion. I truly cannot believe we have been

out of college that long and I'm constantly amazed to hear about all the friendships that have lasted for so long. I know I'm grateful for my college friends and although we don't see each other often, it's nice to know that we always share a special connection from our time at Cornell.

Amy Rosenstein (arsenstein@hotmail.com) is a third-grade teacher in Riverdale, NY. She enjoys spending her free time at the gym doing spinning, total body conditioning, and yoga. She was recently profiled in an article about cutting edge uses of technology in the classroom. She and her students have been Skyping with people around the world. She loves what she is doing and would love to share information with others in the education world. She fondly remembers the sunsets at Cornell and would love to get in touch with old friends **Jeff Herrema '89** and **George Renkert '90**. In Upstate New York, **Michael Fishman** has changed jobs and now works for Barton and Loguidice PC as a senior managing environmental scientist, overseeing the ecological service section of the company. He wrote that the most important and valuable course he ever took at Cornell was Field Biology.

In New York City, **Stacey Max** is busy selling residential real estate and managing the Greenwich real estate office for Bellmarc Realty. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1998 and so far has been very lucky. She has been active with the National MS Society and Walk MS ever since. In 2011 she was ranked 37th in fundraising in all of New York City and southern New York State for the organization. Congratulations, Stacey. That is amazing! She is proud of her accomplishment and will keep walking as long as she can on behalf of all those with MS who have not been as lucky as she has. Stacey has enjoyed staying in touch with classmates and sorority sisters on Facebook. **Rebecca Schmidt** Haydock is now in Charlottesville, VA, after moving twice in seven months. Rebecca has been busy renovating her home, and she started rowing crew—her new home is two doors away from the UVA boathouse. When she's not rowing she is still busy as an artist. She has had her work sold on two fly-fishing websites and is painting rain barrels to raise money for American Rivers. She enjoys donating various works of art to different charities.

Writing from Madrid, Spain, **Dale Fuchs** enjoys taking care of her daughter, 4, and is busy juggling work (freelance writing for newspapers and teaching) with parenting abroad. She misses friends and family in the States. Dale is putting the Spanish classes and writing workshops she took at Cornell to good use. She would love to hear from anyone who is traveling through Madrid for business or pleasure, so feel free to contact her at fuchsdale@hotmail.com. Thanks for all the news! Feel free to contact any of your correspondents if you have something you'd like to share with your fellow classmates! We love to hear from you and so do your friends! **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu.

89 Our classmates are all over the world, making a difference everywhere. I feel so privileged to be part of this prestigious class. **Joel Seligman**, MPS '00, moved to Washington, DC, where he's now vice president at Maguire Associates Inc., a higher education research and consulting firm. **Bruce Smith**, MS '98, reports, "I've hit the 12-year mark

raising money for Dartmouth College. With a recent move to assistant vice president, I will be steeped in planning for the next campaign. Beyond that, I dabble in art—just enough to decorate the house. Son Tristan is a sophomore at Taft and joined their a cappella group. Woohoo! (So which is it, nature or nurture?) Daughter Avery is in seventh grade and loves horses, Irish step-dancing, singing, and being her innovative fashionista self. My wife, **Amy (Tietjen) '88**, still works part-time with a nonprofit that connects local businesses with public school students and teachers. After many years as a troop leader, she is slowing down her Girl Scout volunteering and ramping up her work with our church's annual 'Christmas Market with a Difference' selling domestic and international crafts from nonprofit and service organizations, with 100 percent of the proceeds returning to the artists and organizations. Great fun, lots of work. I get exhausted just thinking about her to-do list."

Mary "Em" Parente completed a PhD in social work in May 2011. She lives in Charlottesville, VA, and is now adjunct faculty at Virginia Commonwealth U.'s School of Social Work. **Karen Louis Sochaczewski** has gone back to school in a three-year program that certifies her as a couples and family therapist. "It is strange, but nice to go back after so many years. The people are really nice and the subject is very interesting." Karen is in Montreal with husband **Michael '88** and their three lovely daughters. **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan took her family out to Wegmeyer Farm in Hamilton, VA, to pick their own pumpkins. **Harriet Pimm** Wegmeyer '99, a CALS graduate, has a beautiful farm she owns with husband Tyler (Michigan State) and their three boys. They also grow strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries. After pumpkin picking, they met Lynn's sister **Suzanne Weidberg** Klein '96, with her husband and kids, **Matt '96** and **Bonnie Meyer Altman '96** and kids, and **Mike '96** and **Janine Abrams Rethy '96** and their kids at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Museum.

Stanley Trepetin '90, BA '89, is now VP of information security at HSBC Bank in Jersey City, NJ. We haven't seen Stan since he visited a while ago. **Sherry Peck** Kirsche retired from the Navy in March 2011 and relocated to Jacksonville, FL. Her oldest son started his freshman year at UC Fresno and their other three children are doing well in 11th, seventh, and second grades. Husband Steve started a new job as a middle school science teacher, and Sherry is a stay-at-home mother, volunteering as a Cub Scout den leader, Girl Scout cookie mom, second grade class photographer, and Arts-in-Action facilitator. She also volunteers in the middle school guidance office and band and is active in the PTO and school advisory committees for all three schools. This past summer Sherry traveled up the East Coast and had a wonderful reunion with **Carol Borack** Copenhaver and her family. LTC Dr. **Luis Ramos**, MS '94, reports he is on his second deployment to Afghanistan. He is the public health and nutrition advisor, USFOR-A J9 Kabul Civil-Military Team.

Michael Thomas joined iSonea Limited as their new chief executive officer. iSonea (www.iSoneaMed.com) is an Australian publicly traded medical device manufacturer (ASX:ISN) that has developed and is marketing an innovative diagnostic and monitoring technology for asthma, sleep apnea, and COPD. They are relocating the company's corporate offices from Melbourne to Annapolis, MD. During fundraising efforts for his company, Michael ran into **Jeff Sacher '87** and **Rich Owens '91**, MBA '92. He says, "I keep in contact with Phi

Psi brothers **Larry Smith '87**, **Vic Fernandez '87**, **ME '88**, **MBA '89**, **Dan Picciano**, **Jeff Doughty '86**, and **Scott Kenney**, MBA '90. I also ran into **Bruno Nardone** in the Philly airport on my way to Dublin, Ireland . . . small world." **Michelle Fried** Berti has been living in Hong Kong with her husband and two kids (ages 9 and 8) for the last three years. She works for J.P. Morgan as the market manager for cash management treasury services in Asia Pacific and says, "I'm enjoying my hobby of dragon boat racing, a very Hong Kong kind of sport. I'm always thrilled when Cornell alumni pass through Hong Kong and visit or just say hi."

Please make sure to tag your Cornell correspondence so it doesn't get marked as junk mail or SPAM when it hits your computer. I'll admit I had the university send out a request for news—and my copy went right into MY junk mailbox! Ouch. Some of us need some help in the technical department. **Trevor Steer** has done a great job updating our class website—I'll have to ask my former co-RA for lessons!

Mark your calendars for our big 25th Reunion in 2014, June 5-8. Right now it looks like a long way off, but we know time has this way of flying when we least expect it. Even if we haven't all been able to make it to previous reunions, I hope more of us will try to make this one. Don't forget to keep your class correspondents in the loop on your latest exploits. When you change jobs, move locations, or volunteer at something awesome, it inspires all of us and gives us ideas. You can get in touch with classmates via the Cornell website or you can contact your class correspondents and we'll put you in touch. Keep the news coming via e-mail or snail mail or, yes, you can even pick up a phone and call us. Think of it like the good old days of grabbing an ice cream at the Straight with a friend—before there was texting! **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Lavovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net.

90 **Mitchell Baker** wins this issue's prize for most exotic answer to the "What I've been doing recently" category on the Class of 1990 News Form: "Homeschooling in Rwanda while on sabbatical." He didn't say why he was in Rwanda, but perhaps there is a clue in his job title: associate professor of biology, Queens College of CUNY, studying animal behavior and insecticide resistance evolution. When not in Rwanda, Mitchell can be found on his farm in Dryden, NY. Fellow academic **Andrew Donson** is an assistant professor of history at UMass, Amherst and has published the book *Youth in the Fatherless Land: War Pedagogy, Nationalism, and Authority in Germany, 1914-1918* (Harvard U. Press).

Andrea Hale gave her job title as director, annual fund and donor relations at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva U. in New York. She added, "Little did I know that my calling for the Cornell Fund all those years ago would have an impact on my professional life." **Michael Hong** also reaped an unexpected benefit from his Cornell days. He raced in the Washington, DC, Triathlon in June, was preparing for the Nation's Triathlon in September, and planned to do a true Half Ironman along with the Marine Corps Marathon in 2012. "Who would have thought that climbing Libe Slope every day would help me later on with triathlons? Great hill training," he wrote.

Congratulations to **Eugene Lee**, who was promoted to associate professor of surgery, specializing in endovascular and vascular surgery, at UC Davis Medical School in Sacramento, CA. He wrote, "I enjoy going up to Lake Tahoe with my wife, Jennifer, and daughters Madeline, 7, and Olivia, 4. We enjoy skiing, hiking, and swimming. I have been working on my golf game and hope to try the Cornell golf course." Congratulations also go out to **Tim Lynch**, who proudly reported that wife **Lisa Hazard '91** was promoted to associate professor of biology at Montclair State in New Jersey. They attended Lisa's 20th Reunion with daughter Katherine Erin Hazard Lynch, Class of 2027. Said Tim, "A lot has changed—but a lot hasn't. Got caught in an epic downpour and drenched to the bone—that made me feel like I'd really come back! And having Katherine say, a mere two hours into our trip, 'I *LOVE* Cornell!' made the whole weekend!"

More congratulations are in order for several new parents. **Stacey Pelinka**, a professional flutist and Feldenkrais Method practitioner in Berkeley, CA, welcomed daughter Annabelle on Oct. 28, 2010. **Paul Hunt** and wife Sarah Danforth of Amity, OR, can't stop beaming over their first child, Henry, who was born in June. Technically speaking, **Julian Ha** and wife Annett aren't new to the parenthood club, but did have their first daughter, Vivienne Helena Kuester-Ha, in June; she joined brothers Cyrus and Ellis.

Barry Jon Beck wrote from Bethesda, MD, that he's chief operating officer and founder of Bluemercury, which our friend Google says is a retailer of luxury beauty goods. Bluemercury's website says Barry is married to Harvard and Berkeley grad Marla Beck and they have three young children. Also scratching the entrepreneurial itch is **Amy Schrier**, who's been busy launching a humanitarian and travel website, Mission.TV.

Virginia is for Big Red lovers: From Haymarket, VA, **John Shannon III** wrote that he is married to Sonia and is a program manager for BAE Systems and a captain in the Virginia Army National Guard. In Reston, VA, **Anne Loehr** creates leadership development programs for clients including Facebook, Morgan Stanley, and the Red Cross. She is the proud author of *Managing the Unmanageable: How to Motivate Even the Most Unruly Employee*, published in July. Anne is married to Neel Inamdar and they have a daughter, 6. And in Midlothian, VA, **Karen Prymak-Oldick** is a relief small animal veterinarian, school volunteer, mother, and wife to **Bradley Oldick '91**. When Karen wrote to us last July, she was keeping busy taking son Brock to swim and gymnastics lessons, the library, the beach, and friends' parties. Speaking of friends, she'd like to hear from **Erica Schorr-Evans**. Also seeking old friends is **Ana Petrovich**, former director of human resources at Gansevoort South Beach hotel in Miami, who'd like to hear from **Marc Koutoufaris '91** and **Gregg Gaines**.

Jennifer Agnello Long, owner and managing partner of the Red Lion Restaurant in Vail, CO, and mother of two, would like to reconnect with **Kim Klimczak** Lisboa. In Lafayette, LA, otolaryngologist **Lisa Baylor David** is married to **Bob '89**. They have two kids, Bean and Kate.

We end with sad news of **Christopher Taylor**. His wife, Laurie Alfonso, wrote, "Chris passed away on June 9, 2011 after a long illness. He was incredibly brave." Our condolences to Laurie. You can contact her through class correspondent Amy Wang Manning at the following address: ☐ **Amy Wang Manning**, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose**

Tanasugarn, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net.

91 Greetings from Silicon Valley! Since this is my first Class Notes column, let me start with my own update.

My name is **Charles Wu**, and my claim to writing fame is that I wrote for the *Cornell Daily Sun*, so it's good to be writing about Cornell again. After graduation I moved back home to Colorado and 11 years ago I moved to Mountain View, CA, to join the Internet boom. Many jobs later, I now work for a company that specializes in reconnecting alumni and others over the Internet and served as an inspiration for a Hollywood movie. In August, I was in Shanghai for work when **Monica Huang, MS '03**, invited me to join an alumni brunch, where I was amazed by how many Cornellians there were in China. The lesson being: if you travel, be sure to look up Cornell clubs where you are going. You never know who you might meet. While I think Facebook is a great way to keep alumni in touch, old-fashioned mail works, too, so keep those class updates coming in.

Liz Mirabile-Levens (Cheshire, CT) is a pulmonary and critical care physician. In the category of things classmates do that make you feel you should get off the couch department, Liz, along with husband **Doug Levens '92** and sons Peter, 10, and Eric, 7, consider participating in triathlons a family activity. **Eric Bluman**, of Boston, was elected to the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society's board of directors. He's an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at Harvard, as well a staff surgeon at Dana Farber Cancer Inst., among many other roles. Congratulations to Eric for being recognized by his peers.

Kelly Lawas Fairbairn (Simpsonville, SC) is continuing a Cornell tradition of giving back to the community—she is a member of the board of Project Hope Foundation, which serves children with autism and their parents. This is in addition to her running her own company, PPS International, that specializes in international training and development. **Alan Lehto** is keeping Portland, OR, moving as the director of project planning for Trimet, the regional transit authority. He must be doing a good job, since I used it without problem on a recent trip there. Alan and wife Tracy have daughters ages 5 and 7. He also is a proud supporter of the local Major League Soccer team as a member of the "Timbers Army." Speaking of reasons to be proud, **Zina Spezakis** shares happy news from New York that daughter Hypatia Athena was born on October 5, 2011. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Jason and Margaret "Meg" Chen Spielman are busy working on home improvement projects in Austin, TX, when they are not looking after daughters Catelyn, 10, and Amelia, 5. Meg is a dietitian at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Jason is director of Web technologies at PayPal. Also in Texas, **Susan Starowitz** Williams and husband Neil live in the delightfully named city of Humble. Susan is a Pilates and yoga coordinator at Lifetime Fitness and would love to hear from **Virginia Hoskins, DVM '95**.

A note from overseas: **Johnny Tseng** is based in Hong Kong, where he has been busy launching a new fashion brand at the clothing export company where he serves as managing director. Like many of us, he fondly remembers the friends back on the Hill. On that note, **Janet Sullivan** Meaney (Dundee, NY) has a shout out to **John House** to

get in contact with her. Janet fondly remembers being active in the Social Work Practice Group at Cornell and has continued in that vein by volunteering for the local community services board and chairing the "Our Town Rocks" committee. This is in addition to double duties for the Crestwood Children's Center and Schuyler Head Start programs. Cornellians stay busy even after leaving Ithaca.

There must something about Massachusetts and being a veterinarian for the Class of '91. **Susan Rosenblatt** practices in Waltham, MA, and appropriately writes that she is "working like a dog," but adds that she loves her job and can't imagine anything else she would rather do. **Vicki June, DVM '95**, of Otis, MA, spends her free time with equestrian competition.

Don't forget to visit our new class website (<http://cornellclassof1991.com/>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Cornell91>), or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/cornell91>) to stay up-to-date on news of our class. Best wishes in the New Year! ☐ **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Milks Coburn**, wmilkscoburn@me.com.

92 The countdown to our 20th Reunion is on! Make your reservations, block off the time at work, and check in with your classmates to let them know you'll be there. Search for our class Facebook group ("Cornell Class of 1992") and join in the conversation online. Ithaca resident **Lisa Everts** had a great time at Reunion in 2011. **Allison Bergstrom** stayed at her house in Ithaca for the weekend and they attended as members of CRC (the Continuous Reunion Club). Lisa hasn't missed a reunion since graduation and is happy to tell you more about CRC. Lisa also visited **Vicky Lattone** in New Orleans and had a great time, with delightful parades, food, drinks, and all sorts of amusements that the city has to offer.

If you don't think reunion will be enough time back on the Hill, how about Cornell's Adult University? Two classmates took advantage of the on-campus programs in summer 2011. **Erik DiGiacomo** brought the family along and participated in the weeklong Golf Clinic. **Pamela Davis Wells** came back for the Harried Gourmet: Tasty Meals in an Hour or Less. The schedule of July 2012 on-campus programs and off-campus study tours is available on their website. Inside secret: my husband, **John Torrance '90**, did a weeklong Landscape Architecture course with CAU a few years ago, and our daughter took in the concurrent kids' camp. I wasn't able to take the time off from work, so I

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holed up in the newly remodeled Mann Library for an amazingly productive—and relaxing!—week.

Can't make it to campus? Maybe campus will come to you! In October, Cornell Outdoor Education traveled to New York City's Central Park to bring alumni, family, and friends a multisport adventure, Big Red-style. **Betty Eng** and **Jon Simon** joined more than 50 people for the event; the ages represented ranged from a 6-month-old to those in their 60s. It was a glorious day as Cornellians of all ages enjoyed biking, bouldering, orienteering, and teambuilding.

Jackie Schulman Dobranski, DVM '97, lives in Washington, DC, with husband Tony. She's a veterinarian and a mom, squeezing in some much-needed yoga in between. Jackie and Tony are building a house—truly an all-consuming endeavor! Her greatest joy? Playing with her son, Rowan, 2. **Kathleen Facey** Caudill is now the workplace relations director for a 10,000-person group at her employer, SAIC. Her focus is in employee relations and compliance. She and husband George live in Des Moines, IA, with their children Catherine, 4,

Special note: If you filled out a hard copy News Form last summer but haven't seen your news in the column yet, please resend it via e-mail! There's a chance that your update was in a small stack of news that was mislaid somewhere in my office. My apologies! Please write again, and send your news to:  **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

93 Happy New Year! Hard to believe that it's 2012 and even harder to believe that our 20th Reunion will be next year! I hope many of you are already starting to think about returning to Ithaca for what is sure to be a fantastic weekend! Now on to the news.

Many of our classmates are experiencing success in business. **Steven Salm** was promoted to co-president of the Bicycle Music Company and its affiliated investment funds, the Anthem Intellec-

‘As beginning farmers, we’re always learning something new.’

Sharon Tregaskis '95

and Charlie, 2. Work, play, kids: with all that going on, she's working on getting some balance!

In June 2011, **Thomas Williams** took command as the first captain of the US Navy's newest destroyer, the USS *William P. Lawrence*, DDG110. He now lives in beautiful Coronado, CA, with wife Jessica and their children Dylan and Megan. **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, continues to publish, most recently with a new poem in the Fall 2011 issue of *Agenda* magazine. **Wendy Schkolnick** Solganik lives in northwest Ohio with her husband, Randy. Wendy owns Luscious Verde Cards Inc. and blogs at <http://healthygirlskitchen.blogspot.com>, where the first post I came across was titled "Short on Time, High on Deliciousness"—sounds great to me! Wendy blogs about health and wellness on a plant-based diet. She's eager to hear from **Rebecca Daniels** Magistad '91.

Lisa Nelson-Rangel reports that entrepreneurship has been a good run thus far. It has been two and a half years since she launched Chameleon Resumes, and she loves running a business from home, which allows her to be more available for her family than her crazy corporate job ever did! Lisa now has a 35-page e-book for job seekers available on at her website (www.chameleonresumes.com) called "The Do-It-Yourself Branded Resume Kit." Last summer Lisa vacationed in Maine and got together with **Kim Sundik** Mayon. Their husbands met and their kids played well together. Kim's second book, *Everyday Gluten-Free Slow Cooking*, is due to be released any day now. Her previous book, *The Everyday Low-Carb Slow Cooking Cookbook* sold more than 100,000 copies!

John and I and daughter Emily, 9, headed back for our second Insectapalooza at Cornell in October: six hours at Comstock Hall with every bug in sight—living or dead—pulled out and on display. Last time, we came home with a tarantula and a cockroach. Who knows how many creatures we'll bring home this time!

tual Property Fund and AFCC. Also a founder of the funds, he oversees the investment and management of a \$100m portfolio solely geared toward investments in music copyrights, master recordings, image and likeness rights, and grand stage rights (www.bicyclemusic.com). In October 2010, **Jeffrey Hammer** started at the MITRE Corp., a nonprofit firm serving the public interest via work with the federal government. He leads projects affecting some of the largest healthcare issues America faces today. In June 2011, he purchased a new home in Arlington, VA.

Ryan Smethurst writes, "This year I was named one of Law360's Rising Stars in Insurance. This award was given to five lawyers nationwide who are under 40 years old and who practice in the insurance coverage field. I received the award due to my lead role in settling 10,116 personal injury cases brought by members of the FDNY, NYPD, and construction unions against the City of New York and the 140 contractors it hired to assist in the rescue, recovery, and debris removal efforts at Ground Zero and nearby locations on and after 9/11. In 2007, I served as liaison counsel to 12 insurers of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles with respect to the largest settlement of Roman Catholic clergy sexual abuse cases in history. I am a partner in the Washington, DC, office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP. I live in Alexandria, VA, and am married to Christi; we have children Vaughn, 9, and Lexy, 6."

Robert Bennett was hired as the chief marketing officer of Nature's Variety, a leader in holistic pet food. In this newly created position, he will oversee new product innovation, brand strategy and development, and marketing communications. Robert worked at Burt's Bees for 12 years managing marketing initiatives before joining Nature's Variety. **Philip Yuan** writes, "I am a practicing orthopedic spine surgeon in Long Beach, CA. I have received patents on a device to treat vertebral

compression fractures in the elderly. I am happily married and have two sons ages 4 and 1-1/2." **Matt Kelman**, JD '97, sent this update: "I'm chief global multimedia counsel for Bloomberg LP in New York. I live on Long Island (in Merrick) with my wife, Karen, and my kids Caroline, 8, and Ryan, 5." In June, **Mark Hemmerdinger** purchased Crestwood Country Day School and Camp in Melville, NY, a day camp he has been running since 1998.

Elizabeth Wilson e-mailed, "After ten years in death-penalty defense, I have now twice been happily put out of business by my state's abolition of the death penalty. I have changed gears and am the legal director of Cabrini Green Legal Aid in Chicago and love it. With both of my children now in school (Nathan, 8, has already decided that he's going to attend Cornell), I am getting used to my new role as a single mom and am relishing the new possibilities in my life." As the commanding officer of the NOAA ship *Thomas Jefferson*, Cmdr. **Shep Smith** has been honored with the Admiral of the Ocean Sea award for leading his ship in the rescue of a downed pilot off of Key West, FL. Congratulations!

Other classmates have been celebrating personal events in their lives. **Peter Joson** writes, "I married Eileen Balanza on Oct. 1, 2011 in Anaheim, CA. Cornell alums in attendance were **Corazon de la Paz**, MBA '65, **Sandy Oak Lee**, **Greg and Maia Albano Coladonato** '92, **Rachelle Bernacki** '94, **Patrick** '92 and **Johanna DeGroot Thomas**, **Joseph Desloge** '92, and **Assaji Aluwihare** '92. In September, I became a partner at the ophthalmology practice Tayani Eye Inst. in Orange Co., CA." **Caroline Madden** and wife Maria Thorpe were pleased to announce the birth of their son Connor Tate Maddenthorpe. "Connor was born Aug. 25, 2011 in Pasadena, CA. He joins a very excited big brother, Sean Allan, age 3." **Chris Miller** enjoyed a 40th birthday celebration. He writes, "I ran into fellow alumni recently at **Doug Brown's** 40th birthday in Miami, including Doug, **Mazen Hanna**, **Bill Belleville** '94, and **Eric Brinkley**, MCE '95. Good times." Please keep the news coming, and best wishes for the New Year!  **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtecsottile@yahoo.com.

94 Pick a city, any city, and I'll find you a Cornellian with news to share. Like the sun (not the *Cornell Daily Sun*, the actual sun), we'll rise in the East and set in the West as we travel in search of news. First, the Far East: **Sean Alexander**, MBA '01, is the division director, Asian equity sales for Macquarie Capital Securities Management in Hong Kong. In his off-hours, he plays rugby and trains for triathlons—he's training for the Taiwan Half Ironman and recently toured New Zealand during the Rugby World Cup.

Now let's hit the stateside cities. Buffalo: **Mark Beardi** is diving in feet-first to establish himself in his hometown of Buffalo, NY, after living in NYC for nine years. Not only is he active in the Cornell Club of Buffalo, enjoying golf, tennis, and skiing as the seasons allow, and following football (Bills), hockey (Sabres), and baseball (Yankees) as the seasons allow, he's also building a full-service financial services practice with the Alliance Advisory Group. Boston: Check in with **Samina Choudhury** Karim—that's Prof. Karim. You'll find her on the campus of Boston U. as an assistant professor in the strategy innovation department in the School

of Management, where she studies how businesses can best organize themselves to create more value. She and husband Shah took a break from work last summer to visit the Yucatan Peninsula for an entire month and explore Mayan ruins.

Philly: **Jeanne Ramage** Rentzelas recently returned to the Philadelphia area to join the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia as VP and general counsel. She and husband Ed make their home in Cherry Hill, NJ, where they enjoy attending soccer games and Cub Scout meetings in support of sons Evan, 8, and Matthew, 5. She's also taken up running again, and is training for a 10K. Washington, DC: Catch up with **Jeff Green**. He's president of his own lobbying firm on Capitol Hill, J.A. Green and Co. The firm focuses its lobbying efforts on strategic and critical materials issues and the US defense industrial base. He and wife Natalie live in Bethesda, MD.

Don't worry, we're not going to leave out the heartland. **Reuben Perin III**, BArch '94, is living in Mission Hills, KS, and working in the commercial waterproofing field as a chief estimator and senior project manager. He also volunteers with the Boy Scouts, coaches lacrosse, and enjoys cycling and fly-fishing. He'd love to hear from **Derek Bloom**, BArch '94, and **Matt Moscati**, BArch '94.

Now, the West Coast. Seattle: **Lila Nichols** O'Mahony stays busy with the power combo of parenting her own children and caring for others' sick kiddos as a pediatric emergency medicine physician in Seattle, WA. She reports that she's "working too much, but loving watching my kids grow, enjoy school, and discover all the amazing things about growing up in the Northwest." Los Angeles: We have classmates and their progeny galore. On July 26, 2011, **Tara Roth** McConaghy welcomed baby boy Dane to her family. Dane joined big brother Finn in the McConaghy family. Tara is the executive director of the Goldhirsh Foundation, which funds brain cancer research. She's seen plenty of Cornellians while enjoying sunny Los Angeles, including **Andrea Savage**, **Leah Puidokas**, **Leigh Gallagher**, **Lexi Conrad**, **Kiran Gaiind**, **Dorothy Kim**, and **Sarah Huston** Kessler.

Jordan Wallens lives in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles. He's a VP of asset management at Goldman Sachs, but he and wife Idoya are busy with an active toddler and a dog—2-year-old Atticus (the toddler) and 6-year-old Humphrey (the basset hound). He also fits in time for writing, restaurants, hiking, and enjoying college football. Head closer to the water and you might run into **Lisa DeLeo** in Marina Del Rey. She's working as a producer for Mr. Big Film Inc., and regularly travels the world making television commercials, documentary shorts, and print ads. When not moviemaking, she serves as both a yoga teacher and a volunteer at Y.O.G.A. for youth, a nonprofit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing urban youth with tools of self-discovery that foster hope, discipline, and respect for oneself and the community.

San Diego: **Lillian Ho** Skidmore is staying pretty busy with her newborn baby boy, while also enjoying beach volleyball (she's in San Diego, after all) and hiking. She also works as a scientist at a biotech company. Irvine: Give a shout-out to newly tenured **Don Patterson**, ME '95, who is now an associate professor at UC Irvine. According to his faculty profile, Don's areas of research interest lie at the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and ubiquitous computing, and he has applied this work to transportation and activity assistance. I am sure he puts that transportation experience

to work juggling his kids' activities, which include ballet, piano, Scouts, and youth group.

And last but not least, I want to welcome you all to 2012—also known as the Year We Turn 40. Bring on the birthday celebrations, folks. And let us know what YOU are doing to celebrate the Big 4-0! ☐ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, Jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com.

95 Abra and I were thrilled by the response to our last plea for news. If your news did not make it in this column, have no fear, it will appear soon.

Our fellow alums seem attuned to the late, great Steve Jobs's sentiment, "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." **Tiffany Willoughby-Herard**, an assistant professor in African American studies at UC Irvine, and her spouse adopted Salim Antoine and Solomon in November 2010. Tiffany writes, "Our lives are changed forever for the better." **Takashi Yoshimatsu** was married last year, and he and wife Samantha became parents in December to Sayaka Linda. A few years back, Takashi returned to the San Francisco Bay Area and bought a commercial B2B print shop, www.allegrasfo.com, where Cornellians get 10 percent off! As Takashi ponders his options for the future, he would love to network and reconnect with classmates. **David Anderson**, bursting at the seams, declared, "I'm a daddy!" His daughter, Charlotte Sophia, was born on May 4. Charlotte may be the star of David's world, but his company's Carmageddon T-shirts (in response to the closing of the L.A. Freeway) were featured on CBS's "Early Show" and a few international TV stations. David was even able to put his Cornell German to use.

An impressive array of our classmates shared their feats of strength and endurance. **Erica Chapman** completed her first Ironman (Ironperson?), a race of 140.6 miles (2.4 swim, 112 bike, and a marathon), in Louisville, KY, on August 28. Erica did the Pittsburgh Marathon in May (**Thelma Romano** Kranyak did the half-marathon as well) and completed the NYC Olympic Triathlon. She will compete in the NYC Marathon in November as part of the Team for Kids Charity. **Brent Alspach**, MS '97, and **Matt Amster** are participating in Ithaca's Triennial Relay (<http://home.roadrunner.com/~nrw/O/tri2011.html>). Brett says, "Matt and I, along with other Cornell friends, have been participating in this race every three years since graduation. Though our team (the appropriately named 'Bottomfeeders') is not as competitive as we once were, it's really turned into more of a mini-reunion. We've made traditions of a pre-race dinner at Thai Cuisine and hanging out at the Farmer's Market the morning after the event." Matt and his wife, **Rebecca (Cantor) '97**, completed last November's NYC Marathon and the Goofy Race and Half Challenge in Disney World in January of this year. **Charles Ufford** will take part in a biking marathon, the New York Century (<http://nyccentury.org/>), a 100-mile ride (participants can complete routes of different increments) in NYC this October. He hopes to bump into some Cornellians before, during, or after (I hope everyone remembers the secret handshake). Charles has been working as greenhouse grower at Kurt Weiss Greenhouses in Utica for 12 years now; the greenhouse headquarters are on Long Island.

Continuing in the vein of healthy living, **Brett Blumenthal**, MBA '04, started a company called Be Healthy Inc., which holds urban wellness

retreats in the heart of cities in order to build healthier communities. The first retreat is Be Healthy Boston, at the end of January (www.behealthyboston.com). Amazon re-published Brett's first book, *Get Real and Stop Dieting!*, last year. Her second book, *52 Small Changes: One Year to a Happier, Healthier You*, will be released at the beginning of 2012. Brett is a regular contributor as a healthy living expert on Better Connecticut-WFSB, and she will soon perform the same role on Fox 25-Boston. **Sharon Tregaskis** worked for *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for several years after graduation. Since the fall of 2004, she has been a full-time, self-employed freelance reporter and editor. Sharon writes about medicine and the environment and authors a regular column for *Organic Gardening* magazine called "Animal Tracks," about backyard animal occupants and visitors. She writes, "In 2008, my partner and I bought 40 acres in Ithaca and launched Tree Gate Farm, where we grow small fruits and vegetables, as well as pastured pigs and a flock of Australorp chickens—gorgeous, with their iridescent black plumage. As beginning farmers, we're always learning something new and delighted to be doing it on our own schedule, out of doors, in a town where small, family farms are valued. It seems most of the farmers in our social set have Cornell ties, as does one of our favorite customers: Felicia's Atomic Lounge, a bar in town co-owned by **Amelia Sauter '92**, a fellow Human Ecology grad. They use our veggies on flat bread pizzas, put our plums and berries in signature cocktails, and feature our horseradish in their 'Zen Mary,' a bloody Mary with a kick."

Nathan Merrill owns and operates Stuart Farm LLC, a 250-cow dairy in Stratham, NH, with Judy, his wife of 19 years, and his parents. Nate and Judy were national Young Farmer of the Year finalists in 2006. Nate continues to work in land conservation efforts and serves on the UNH Cooperative Extension Advisory Council. Nate and family, including daughters Hannah and Sammy, traveled to Empire Farm Days in August and had an opportunity to visit Cornell. Abra and I look forward to hearing more about the triumphs of our classmates. Happy New Year! ☐ **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu.

96 Happy New Year! Hope you welcomed in 2012 with a bang . . . and a resolution to send in a class note or two!

Beginning with our new family additions, **Al Pizzica** and wife Meghan welcomed Gwyneth Zayda to the world on June 1. Gwyneth joins big brother Albert (aka "Ace"), 4. The Pizzicas live outside Philadelphia—AL is working while studying for his executive MBA at Villanova. **Dan Rech** and wife **Tiffany Foster**, MBA '08, welcomed Eliana Frankie to the world on September 23 (coincidentally the proud dad's 37th birthday!). She joins big sister Talia and Walter, their beloved dog! The Rechs live in Arlington, MA, where Dan works for Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as the PeopleSoft applications manager.

Ashley Weaver (Lakewood, OH) is an attorney at Ulmer Berne LLP in Cleveland. She ran "the" marathon in Greece with **Jose Siri**. **Catherine Dillon** Frank (cate.dillon@gmail.com), married to Matthew, lives in the Windy City and works in marketing at Abbott Laboratories. **Lauren Gasparo** Anton (blanton2006@sbcglobal.net) now lives in Culver City, CA, with husband Ben and works as

a registered dietitian at A New Journey Eating Disorder Center in Santa Monica. **Elizabeth Boll** (elizabeth.boll@ramstein.af.mil) has four kids and has been traveling in Europe for both work and pleasure. She is in international relations, building partnerships for US Air Forces in Europe. Elizabeth remembers exploring the beautiful Cornell campus back in the day, as well as the great gym classes and instructor **Mark Wysocki, MS '89**. She would love to hear from **Jen Savage** Torretti.

Alexandra Clinton, our beloved co-class president, married **David Kornreich, PhD '01**, at the John Joseph Inn in Lansing, NY, on October 15. A number of Cornellians were in attendance, including Alexi's brother, **Gregory Clinton '01**, and her father, Prof. Emer. Kevin Clinton, as well as bridesmaid **Staci Nugent** and groomsman **Mark Anbinder '89**. Other Cornellians present for the festivities were **Andres Arroyo, Jason Woodward '03, Viola Holownia, ME '09, Travis Marshall '11, Louise Silberling, MS '92**, and professors Martha Haynes, Riccardo Giovanelli, **Richard Lovelace, PhD '70**, and Marina Romanova. Alexi just accepted a position as a dietitian at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca.

My husband Josh and I took a quick trip to Los Angeles last fall, where we had the pleasure of seeing **Keith Adler** and wife Sabrina Rubin (MIT '98). Keith is working on a variety of film projects while also doing Web design for a home tutoring

company located in Brentwood. We also joined a packed house at Brooklyn Bowl a few months ago to see **Alex Brose '98** perform in his 14-piece Michael Jackson cover band, Foreverland (foreverland.com), based in San Francisco. The band was incredible, and it's amazing that the group has time to tour while holding "real" jobs. Alex is currently associate vice president for advancement at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

We ran into **Michael Banino '94**, who retired from the Internet business two years ago, earned a master's in education from Columbia, and has embarked on a career as a middle school science teacher at an all-honors public middle school in Manhattan. He told us, "It's incredibly rewarding, and possibly the most difficult job I've ever had." He has moved from New Jersey to Riverdale, in the Bronx. Recent trips include several weeks in Panama this past summer. **Jeanine Schoen** has also been continuing her adventurous travels, with trips to Seville, Portugal, and Africa on a safari. She works at Unilever in New Jersey and lives in Manhattan.

On the personal front, we moved from Massachusetts to Roslyn, NY. In February, we joined my father and mother, **Susan Perlstein Lustig '61**, in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Additional Cornellians in attendance at the party included Teri and **Irwin Bardash '57** and **Alisa**

Shirvan Studley '82. Please be sure to send along your updates—moves, kids, marriages, travels, Cornellians you've recently seen . . . all your news is welcome! ☑ **Carin Lustig-Silverman, CDL2@cornell.edu**; **Ron Johnstone, raj6@cornell.edu**; **Liam O'Mahony, liamom@yahoo.com**.

97 This column finds you in the midst of winter's chill, and if you're already looking forward to a warm-weather, spring-break getaway, or wishing you had one on the calendar, I invite you to think a few months farther down the road to June, a time of year when Ithaca is a lovely spot to visit. Less than 200 days away, now is the time to put our 15th REUNION on your calendar and make plans to come back and celebrate your Cornell experience with those friends who helped you forge it. In the coming months, check in with old roommates, hallmates, teammates, sorority sisters and fraternity brothers, friends, and classmates and encourage each other to come and make this reunion our most successful yet! We have a lot of things to reminisce about and share with new and old friends. So bring your +1, pack up the Pack n' Play, and plan to see each other for a reunion getaway! What better way to catch up on "news" than in person in Ithaca!

To help facilitate your reunion planning, be sure to check out our newly updated class website: <http://www.cornell97.com>. From reunion details to online Class Notes submissions, it has been revamped to serve as a helpful resource for the Class of '97. The website also offers classmates an easy way to give back to Cornell with a charitable donation.

Kudos to **Jason Brantman**, who partnered with Bruce Levitt (professor and former chair of Cornell's Dept. of Theatre, Film, and Dance) and **Anaiza Morales '00, ME '01, MBA '02**, to produce and direct Cornell Theatre Night in midtown Manhattan in early June. The Sept/Oct 2011 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* featured an article about the evening of short plays written, directed, performed, designed, and produced by Cornell alumni and current Cornellians. Jason was the evening's director. The event was part of NYC Cornell Alumni in Entertainment and provided a great showcase of Cornell theatrical talent. On another note, Jason directed a show in Cancún, Mexico, in June called "Summer with the Stars." It was a week-long series of events and concerts involving Joey Fatone and 18 stars from "American Idol," "High School Musical," "Hannah Montana," and "Step Up 3D," including Ruben Studdard, Corbin Bleu, Cody Linley, and Blake Lewis, among others. Jason shared these links with classmates: <http://vimeo.com/25324483> and <http://vimeo.com/25325158>.

In September, classmate **Kris-ten Taylor** was promoted to senior designer at Buffalo, NY-based advertising agency Flynn & Friends Inc. She will lead the agency's website

Close Shave

Anthony Tsai '96 & Hubert Tsai '96

Working as Wall Street equity traders for more than a decade, Anthony and Hubert Tsai were no strangers to luxury. They drove expensive cars, dressed in designer suits, and dined at posh restaurants. But in the midst of enjoying the finer things in life, the identical twins found that one part of their daily routine—shaving—didn't quite meet their standards.

So in 2010, after four years of research and development, the pair launched TwinLuxe, a California-based line of men's luxury shaving and skin care products. Their two-piece shave sets, created in collaboration with the designer of the Rolls Royce Phantom, include either a chrome, black stainless steel, or white ceramic razor and a brush made from silvertip badger hair. Intended for the "affluent modern man," the sets sell for \$800 to \$1,600. "It's all about the experience and how you feel when you use our products," says Anthony, a former chemistry major and the company's president. "TwinLuxe brings the modern spa and barbershop experience into your own bathroom."

The company's skin care products are similarly high-end; one set, which includes shaving cream, facial balm, and "booster serum," is priced at \$174 and has been featured in gift bags at NBA All-Star games, the Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Invitational, and the 2011 Grammy Awards. "We've been working as a pair ever since we graduated from Cornell and entered Wall Street," says Hubert, a former biology major and the company's CEO. "We think alike and we're all about perfection. When you have two minds working together, that's a lot better than working by yourself."



Hubert (left) and Anthony Tsai

— Nicholas St. Fleur '13

and graphic design work, and coordinate printers and website developers on behalf of clients. Kristen joined the agency in 1997. Congratulations on your new position! **Subha Dhanaraj** Lembach checked in from Columbus, OH, where she lives with husband Michael and 8-year-old daughter Elizabeth Sunita, and has been very active in her community since graduating from Fordham Law School. As the juvenile justice community planning initiative director at the Franklin County Juvenile Court, Subha works to reduce racial disparities in the juvenile justice system through policy change, program development, community engagement, and advocacy. She serves on several boards, including the Association of Junior Leagues Int'l, the Cornell Alumni Association board, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, the Buckeye Ranch service board, the Columbus Museum of Art women's board, Columbus Children's Theatre, TWIG of Nationwide Children's Hospital, and the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Association board. Subha was also appointed to the national NOW Global Strategies and Issues Advisory Committee and served as an Ohio delegate to Vision 2020, a national movement focused on gender equality. She has also received several honors, including Business First's 40 Under 40, Young Catholic Woman of the Year, Wendy's Championship for Children's Service for Children Award, Northwest Columbus Woman of the Year, and Nationwide Children's Hospital Volunteer of the Month. Congratulations on your achievements and accolades, Subha. Keep up the great work!

Heather Brill Skolnick sent in an update in September on her growing family. Heather and husband Neal added identical twins Andrew and Ryan on August 10, 2011 to their Westchester, NY, household, which also includes big sister Lila and dog Freddie. Heather writes of the boys, "We hope they will be part of the Class of '33!" Heather works for Bloomingdale's central buying office and keeps in touch with **Stephanie Shaps** and her children Loden and Max; **Angie Datta** Kamath and her children Soraya and Kiran; **Jill Akst** Sheflin and her boys Ryan and Brandon; and **Sandy Loeb** Salsberg, MD '01, and her children Evie and Asa.

If you enjoyed this column, do your part to make a future issue interesting! Find a minute and send in some news. Classmates want to know what's going on! Send photos you would like to share on our class website to cubigred97@gmail.com with "website pictures" in the header (.jpg files). Interested in serving as class correspondent? Step up and become an integral part of your alumni class leadership by helping us stay connected! Reconnect via Facebook: join the Cornell Class of 1997 group! [Erica Broennle](mailto:Erica.Broennle@cornell.edu) Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; [Sarah Deardorff](mailto:Sarah.Deardorff@cornell.edu) Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 Writing this column in the fall of 2011 and knowing that it will be published in the New Year, I can only imagine what great things will transpire within that time frame! For example, by January 2012, my son, 2, will have finished his first semester of "pre-college." (He is currently enrolled at the Early Childhood Center at Sarah Lawrence College.) My daily schedule will inevitably be filled with more toddler activities (maybe even play-dates with other Cornell mommies and their toddlers) while my PC and smart phone will be completely taken over by my tech-savvy son, if it hasn't been already.

No matter how many years have passed since our time "far above Cayuga's waters," one thing

remains true: Cornellians make things happen! For instance, April 2011 found **Jennifer** Betit **Yen** playing a feisty "good time girl" on stage in Alisha Silver's *Paper Dragon* at the Manhattan Theatre Source. In May, Jen also co-produced and acted in *The Problem of Gravity*, a film about the magic of childhood, in conjunction with actor/screenwriter Trevor Zhou. She also accepted a board position for the Asian American Film Lab (NYC) and served as a judge for the 72 Hour Shootout and Asian American Int'l Film Festival in August 2011. Also in the world of the arts, **David L. Williams** traveled to St. Louis in September 2011 to see the world premiere of his original full-length play, *The Winners*. In 2010, HotCity Theatre chose *The Winners* as one of three scripts, out of 250-plus submitted plays, for their GreenHouse New Play Festival. David and two other playwrights journeyed to St. Louis for a week to workshop their plays, and a staged reading of the plays was held for a public audience. Following the festival, *The Winners* was the play selected by HotCity to be part of their 2011 mainstage season.

Alexis Ewing Douglas writes, "I was working for Constellation Wines US as their fine wine specialist representing the luxury tier of the portfolio for the Southern California region and met my future-husband-to-be, Michael Douglas, while working at a charity event as the sommelier at the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Beach on Sept 11, 2010. He was also working the event—he is 'American Idol' winner Taylor Hicks's attorney and manager, and Taylor was performing at the event. We dated long-distance until we decided I should move to Birmingham. We got married April 30, 2011." Several Cornellians joined the celebration: **Michelle Stevens** Oates, **Lauren Bockino** Ungar, **Natalie Posteau** Stein, and **Margaux Pierog '02**.

David Munson took on the role of director of education programs at a great new science and education tech startup called Project Noah. Sponsored by National Geographic, Project Noah is a mobile platform for wildlife data that is connecting citizen scientists around the world with researchers. Learn more about it at www.projectnoah.org. **Susan Sepenoski** is the sole veterinarian at the Rumney Animal Hospital, which she bought in 2010. While the bulk of her patients are dogs and cats, she also treats birds, reptiles, rabbits, rodents, ferrets, goats, chickens, alpacas, llamas, sheep, and pigs in New Hampshire! Susan is also raising goats and chickens at her house, which is next door. She is an active CAAAN member, interviewing prospective Cornell applicants. **Katherine Wrobel** is a patent attorney living in Portsmouth, NH. **Kathrynne Teeter** completed 35 years working at Cornell and is in phased retirement working on Cornell's new financial system implementation. She is about to start the second year of a two-year registered nursing program. Here's to happy beginnings!

On the baby front: **Rachel Valente Sherman** and husband **Matthew '99** welcomed their third child, Isabelle Joy. The family moved several years ago from Boston to Corning, NY, where Rachel is now director of client service at Market Street Trust Co. Jakob O'Donnell was born March 4, 2011, to Sean and **Gayle D'Alessandro** O'Donnell. Big sister Sofie is a great helper! **Yishen Kuik** has moved from New York to Hong Kong with his wife, **Julia Zheng '99**. They had a baby girl in 2010. Julia is with Goldman Sachs, and Yishen runs Katong Capital, a quantitative investment management company. Yishen is also learning to surf at Big Wave Bay and has taken up swimming in the

open water for recreation. **Simon Arpiarian** and wife Felicia welcomed son William Heinz on June 8, 2011. **Michael Raffaele**, wife Kathleen, and big sister Maeve, 2, welcomed baby girl Finley Margaret on July 28, 2011. In related news, Maeve has named all of her previously unnamed dolls and stuffed animals "Finley."

Please continue to send news of your many adventures and celebrations to: [Uthica Jinvit](mailto:Uthica.Jinvit@cornell.edu) Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; [Molly Darnieder](mailto:Molly.Darnieder@cornell.edu) Bracklen, mbd4@cornell.edu; or [Karen Dorman](mailto:Karen.Dorman@cornell.edu) Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu.

99 A lot of great news from our classmates in the D.C. area! **Peter Lallas** became assistant US attorney for the District of Columbia. He and fiancée **Susie Samet '01** met at a fundraiser in D.C., where they both live. Also in the D.C. area are **Liese Meier** and **John "J.T." Haran**, who were married this past March in Sage Chapel. Congratulations! They met at Cornell as members of the horn section of the Big Red marching band. J.T. popped the question following a walk around Beebe Lake. **Jennifer Lamontagne Pelletier '01** and **Diana Rawstrom '00** were in the bridal party. J.T. is a patent lawyer and Liese is attending Georgetown U. for a nursing degree. **Lowell Frank**, MD '03, and his wife, **Samantha (Klein) '96**, also live in D.C. with their son, Max. Lowell is an assistant professor of pediatrics and attending in pediatric cardiology at Children's National Medical Center, where he completed fellowships in pediatric cardiology and advanced cardiac imaging. He plays the trumpet regularly with the Alexandra Citizen's Band, even though it is not quite the Big Red Band!

Another congratulatory note to **Bill Chudd**, JD '02, who was elected partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, a global law firm. Bill is a member of the corporate department in New York, concentrating on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and related matters. His experience includes a wide variety of US and international mergers and acquisitions transactions. **Ari Sobel**, BS '05, was promoted to a director of food and beverage with Cannery Casino Resort's Meadows Racetrack and Casino, which is near Pittsburgh, PA. Ari's wife, **Christina Drum '91** (Ag Biology) is a data architect and manager of metadata for the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas. Ari visited the Cornell DKE house this past spring and thought the actives have done an amazing job of improving the physical plant and strengthening the overall brotherhood.

Sara Best Monaco is a pathologist at the U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She and her husband, Eddie, along with their children Eddie IV and Julia, welcomed their third baby, Nicholas Anthony, into the world on June 26, 2011. Another summer baby was welcomed by **Colleen Vogt** Trevisani and husband Joseph on July 16, 2011. Colleen teaches theology at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester, NY. **Sophia Francis** is also in New York in St. Albans. She has a daughter, Christina, 4, and works in the field of early childhood education, operating childcare centers in Brooklyn, NY. For fun, Sophia has taken up snowboarding and motorcycle riding. Most winters you can find her on the slopes out West. Speaking of the West, **Kevin Gamble**, MILR '01, and his family have resided in beautiful Fort Collins, CO, since 2001. Kevin works for a property management company as their director of HR. Once a month Kevin attends a get-together for Cornellians and friends at a local place called Cafe Vino.

Quite a few of our classmates live abroad. **Anthony Rosen** has moved to Australia. He finds that it is a big change from London, but he loves his new laid-back Aussie lifestyle. He is also enjoying living on the beach and catching a ferry through Sydney harbor on his commute to work as a director at Deloitte in their corporate restructuring team. Tony is searching for fellow Cornellians Down Under, so please get in touch with him if you are in the area. **Dhruv Luthra** now lives in London after spending time in D.C., Mumbai, and places in between. Dhruv refuses to join Facebook in the hope that serendipity will lead him to former classmates. **Ali J. Siddiqui** lives in Dubai, UAE, and would welcome contact from other Cornell alumni. Since 2003, he has been running his own investment firm, JS Private Equity, which invests in businesses in South Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Ali is in touch with a number of Cornell alumni including **Ali Raza Siddiqui '02** (his brother!), **Saad Faruqui '98**, **Naveed Chowdhry '98**, **Patrik Kempe '00**, and **Zach Iscol '01**. Ali completed his most important personal test—he skied to the North Pole in 2008! On the philanthropy front, he is a board member and supporter of the Acumen Fund, a social enterprise fund that invests in businesses that serve the underprivileged in Africa and Asia.

For the last three and a half years, **Nina Kulander** has been based in the French part of Switzerland, an area she loves due to its magnificent nature, large expat community, and high quality of life. She now runs her own coaching company, Authentic Life Choices (www.authenticlifechoices.com), in the Vevey-Lausanne-Geneva region, focusing on both work and private life. She finds it truly rewarding and fun! **Jessica Rodriguez** is another entrepreneurial classmate. This past year, she co-founded and launched her own media venture, LLERO (www.llero.net)—pronounced Ye-Rho—an online Latino men's magazine. She says the magazine has the fun of *Maxim* with the utility of *Men's Health*, all with a Latino twist. If anyone is interested in learning more about the website or wants to share comments, please feel free to contact Jessica at jrodriguez@jawscommunications.com. **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com.

OO “High on a hill with our feet on the ground.” Such an eloquent, not to mention oh-so-accurate, depiction of our dear alma mater. And it was high on a hill that I first heard these words spoken—standing atop the newly built Physical Sciences building in the center of East Ave. It was October 20, 2011 and the beginning of this past year's Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM). They were my first steps back on campus since our 5th Reunion, and as I heard those words, I stood in silence, taking in the breathtaking views of a campus I once called home.

It was a memorable and informative weekend, packed with events ranging from academic presentations and tours to an energy-filled gala dinner at Barton Hall. But perhaps the most poignant moment for me was the Trustee-Council Joint Meeting coupled with the inspirational State of the University address from our esteemed president, David Skorton. At that moment, I began to realize that I was part of a most dedicated group of Cornell leaders. And what made me most proud was that I was not alone. Six other members of our great

Class of 2000 were also appointed to the University Council, and in this edition's column, I would like to acknowledge those six classmates who have made such enormous strides in the short ten years since our graduation.

Since graduating from Columbia Business School in May 2008, **Andrea Wasserman** has been living in Seattle and is having the time of her life in her new role as national bridal director for Nordstrom. Andrea spends her days visiting the 18 wedding suites in Nordstrom stores, buying beautiful wedding gowns and accessories across the country. When not working, Andrea and her husband, **Ezra Marbach '97**, enjoy spending time on the Seattle waterfront, day-tripping to ski resorts, and taking annual vacations to Hawaii and Asia. Perhaps Andrea will get a chance to visit fellow Council member **Stanley Tao-Hung Sun**, MBA '05, on one of her trips out East. After completing his degree at the Johnson School, Stanley returned to Hong Kong to join his family business in development and marketing of photographic products. He has also served as the president of the Cornell Club of Hong Kong and organized the first Asia leadership conference. Stanley and his wife, Jacqueline, are busy remodeling their home and celebrating the one-year anniversary of their company's new skincare business. In addition to all that excitement, the couple's daughter, Annabelle, just started school this past August and has been happily enjoying her first steps into the academic world.

After returning to her home in Washington, DC, from TCAM, class president **Rebekah Gordon** rushed off to Tampa, FL, where she spent the week working at the annual Coast Guard Innovation Expo, and topped it off with a birthday celebration at Disney World! Rebecca reports a close tie for the highlight of TCAM—between holding Rebecca Johnston's women's ice hockey gold medal from the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics and getting to wine and dine in the beautiful new Milstein Hall with architect Rem Koolhaas. Former class president **Emanuel Tsourounis II**, JD '03, was elected to Council in 2010. Eman is presently directing his Cornell efforts on revitalizing CUGALA, Cornell's LGBT alumni organization, and serves as CUGALA's representative to the Cornell Alumni Association and MOSAIC. After years of working at Stroock and Akin Gump, Eman left to start his own firm, the Law Office of Emanuel Tsourounis PC. As a solo practitioner, he focuses primarily on commercial and residential real estate matters and general corporate/small business matters.

Natacha Carbajal is currently living in Dumbo, Brooklyn, and has been incredibly busy working as an attorney for Baker Hostetler. Since joining the firm in 2010, she has been part of the team representing Irving H. Picard, trustee for the SIPA liquidation of Bernard Madoff Investment Securities. Natacha serves as the national mentoring chair for the Hispanic National Bar Association and deputy regional president for their New York region. She is also a member of the board of directors for the Fordham Law Minority Mentorship Program. A “triple red” alumna, **Anaiza Morales**, ME '01, MBA '02, left her hometown of San Juan, Puerto Rico, for NYC in 2008. Since then, Anaiza has been developing the Cornell Alumni in Entertainment Group of NYC and continuing her consulting practice in business development and strategy for Angel Investors. On top of all that, Anaiza also recently got married in Istanbul, Turkey, to Can Yazicioglu, whom she met at Cornell Summer College 17 years ago!

As for me, I am still living in Manhattan and loving my job as a tax and bankruptcy litigator for the New York City Law Dept. 2011 brought me lots of good news: in addition to my appointment to the University Council, I was also appointed to senior counsel by corporation counsel Michael Cardozo this past September. I hope all of you had just as wonderful a year, and here's hoping for another great one in 2012! We love hearing from you, and we love writing for you, so be sure to send us all your incredible news in the New Year! **Andrea May Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Happy New Year, Class of 2001! I hope this finds you well and that you were able to ring in a new year of health and happiness! Congratulations to **Michael**, MPA '02, and **Susan Mueller Hanson**, ME '02, who had their second child, Elisabeth Lucille, on August 11, 2011. She joins big brother Christopher. Congratulations also to **Joshua** and **Melissa Hantman Pheterson**, who welcomed daughter Abigail Paige on June 29. She joins big brother Samuel Isaac. The Phetersons live in Rochester, NY, where Melissa is a freelance writer and Joshua practices law. They regretfully had to miss our 10th Reunion, on doctor's orders, but look forward to taking both children to our 15th!

We are so proud to have a classmate who has made an incredible gift back to Cornell. Libe Café has been renamed after **Amit Bhatia**, whose \$500,000 donation to the cafe and library system was announced this past summer. Amit's donation is his first to Cornell and is meant to “provide for scholarship and socialization in John M. Olin Library.” While an undisclosed portion of the donation will support the actual café, the majority of the money will be used to support Cornell's libraries, specifically in acquiring collections. Money will be allocated to the libraries with the greatest need, said Jennifer Sawyer, director of library alumni affairs and development. Amit decided to donate to the libraries because of the role they played while he was a student, where it gave him an opportunity to socialize with his friends. Amit said he wanted to give back to a facet of the university that had aided his friends and himself in thriving at Cornell. “The naming of a café was appealing to him,” university librarian Anne Kenney said. “He had done well and wanted to give back.” His current job is running Swordfish Investments and Swordfish Capital Management. He is also a member of the Queen's Park Rangers' board of directors.

Jason Adaska is a research scientist for Numerica Corp. He is leading his company's efforts to create a sense-and-avoid capability to safely integrate unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into the national airspace. Jason's research team has developed novel methods for producing robust and reliable trajectory predictions over the long term. The Numerica scientists are working with Colorado Engineering Inc. to model its USTAR collision avoidance radar for feasibility testing. Congratulations to **Laurel Braitman**, who is completing her doctorate at MIT about animal behavior and also writing a book. Catch up with her on her blog at www.animalmadness.com. At our 10th Reunion **Trina Lee** caught up with **Kelli Terry Bronski** and learned that she and husband **Peter** are co-authors of two cookbooks, *Artisanal Gluten-Free Cooking* and *Artisanal Gluten-Free Cupcakes*. They also write an acclaimed blog, “No Gluten, No Problem.” Their website: <http://www.artisanglutenfree.com>.

Erin Colling married Floyd Cleofe on July 16 in Seattle and was excited to have many Cornellian attendees. These included **Kristina Mzesky Gibbs**, **Alison Solomon** Mainhart, **Jessica Pearl**, **Erin Tobin**, **Jake Chun**, **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, **Salil Gupte**, **Nate Brown**, **Bernard Rissmiller**, **Dan Borrus**, **Ilene West Borrus**, **Alison Burke**, and **Hae Won Lee** Ritchie. Also in attendance were her parents, **Ken '67**, MBA '69, and **Jean Smiley Colling '68**, **Ralph '64**, MBA '65, and **Betty Vedder Colling '64**, **Margaret Colling Wicks '70**, **Ed Miller**, MPA '69, and **Mary Wicks** Kwasniewski '97. An amazing Cornell representation! Congratulations to Erin and Floyd.

Andrea Hoberman Martinez checks in from Cincinnati, OH, where she has been raising her 18-month-old daughter, Talia (which includes watching lots of Elmo), and getting settled in her new hometown. She and husband Alan relocated from New Jersey to Cincinnati for Alan's fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. Andrea was fortunate to find a job as an outcomes manager for the Pulmonary Medicine Division at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She has found that Cincinnati is a very family-friendly place and they've been keeping busy, getting settled, and visiting the aquarium with Talia. Andrea would love to connect with any other Cornell alumni in the area. **Julie Contino**, MAT '02, checks in from New York City, where she works as a senior science curriculum and teacher preparation specialist. She earned her EdD in science education from Teachers College, Columbia U., in May 2011 and has been working on a new master's degree that prepares Earth Science teachers at the American Museum of Natural History. They are currently in a planning year and will accept their first cohort for June 2012.

The class officers hope that everyone can participate and contribute to class dues. Please encourage your friends to be a part of it, too. Donate online at <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/dues/>. We love to hear from all of our classmates. Please share your good news! E-mail me at classof2001@cornell.edu or at the address below. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, prosperous, and exciting start to 2012! ☑ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 Welcome to 2012, the year of our much-anticipated 10th RE-UNION! I hope everyone has blocked off June 7-10, 2012 for a trip back to school. I know there are several of you out there who just have to admit how much freaking fun our last reunion was in 2007. It truly was an amazing time, and this year's will top it! Whether you're bringing the crew back together to dance on tables at the Palms (so you can read what's on the ceiling tiles, of course), looking to reignite an old flame, or show your new spouses or little ones where it all began, good times are basically guaranteed. Look for more information in your inboxes and mailboxes, and don't miss the most fun of the year!

I am super-pleased to share more news of marriage and babies! "I got married on September 10, 2011 to Tim White (not a Cornell alum, but it's OK)," wrote the one and only **Tony Fracasso**. In attendance at their Connecticut affair were **Elizabeth Gingold** Greenman, **Rose Kwok**, and **Katina Varzos**. "It was great to see everyone and we can't wait for our 10th (yikes!) Reunion!" The newlyweds live in Silver Spring, MD, where Tony

works for the National Weather Service (Hydro-meteorological Prediction Center) with **Paul Kocin '77** and **Faye Barthold '06**. **Corinne McGown Meli** and hubby **Graham** had their first child, Benjamin Henry, on July 2, 2011. **Stephen**, ME '02, MBA '07, and **Alissa Bovee Terry** were thrilled to share the news that daughter Avilene Elizabeth was born in July also. "Big brother Fletcher, almost 2, is doing well with all the chaos. We are still enjoying life in Connecticut."

Fellow UNSW-Sydney study abroad classmate **Neera Chanani** recently moved from Las Vegas to Mumbai, India, and received a warm welcome from the Cornell Hotel Society Mumbai Chapter. "I'm really enjoying my work as the South Asia head for Caesars Entertainment—expanding the Caesars brand to the region via hotel, entertainment, retail, dining, and other interesting developments. Traveling throughout India has been exciting and I'm looking forward to the adventures ahead." Neera would love to connect with anyone traveling to India. After about five years with Molinaro Koger doing hotel brokerage in Phoenix/Scottsdale, **Jeremy Allen** left in June 2011 to start his own hotel valuation and consulting firm, Allen Global Hospitality. Right now the focus is on hotel appraisals and feasibility studies; however, they are also developing a green hotel consulting arm in a partnership with Greenlodge.org, an online guide to green hotels. "Check us out online at www.allen-globalhotels.com. On a more personal note, my son, Tyler, recently celebrated his first birthday. It's been an exciting year for us and we're looking forward to wherever this takes us next!"

Novelist **Carrie Salo**, in Princeton, NJ, is thrilled that her debut novel became available for purchase as of November 2010. "The *Sounding* is a supernatural thriller. I began it under two Cornell professors in my senior year: Robert Morgan and Stephanie Vaughn. One of the most suspenseful scenes in the book takes place in the deep, underground heart of an old library—modeled after Cornell's Olin Library!" Look for *The Sounding* on Amazon, in stores, or at carriesalo.com. You can also follow Carrie on Facebook. Fellow Spanish 101 classmate and best nicknamer **John Zeltmann** shared some great news about his wife, **Rebecca (Ehrlich)**, who passed the registration exam and became an official registered dietitian. After completing her MS in nutrition, she took a job as a clinical dietitian at a hospital and is thrilled to finally be working in the field and gaining experience after four years of school. John adds, "I am still with RegentAtlantic Capital, an independent, fee-only wealth management firm based in Morristown, NJ. I fulfilled my work requirement and am now able to use the letters CFP (Certified Financial Planner) after my name. I'm currently working toward the Chartered Financial Analyst exam. On a personal note, we bought a house last year and enjoy making it a home!"

For all you Computer Science majors out there, check out **Dan Storms**, who has been working as the head of engineering at Red Rover, a NYC-based startup, for a year. Dan and the Red Rover team went through the inaugural TechStars NY program and built a lot of excitement for their peer-to-peer learning platform. "Having been at Cornell and worked for Big Red Ventures during the last tech boom, it's exciting to be in the middle of the latest one. Things are moving fast, and we are building out a great system to connect people in big companies to each other and to best practices and knowledge around the company." **Danielle Guarracino** completed her PhD in

chemistry at Yale in 2008, followed by two years as a postdoctoral teaching and research associate at New York U. "I have finally begun my official, independent career in chemistry. This past year, I became an assistant professor in the chemistry department at the College of New Jersey." Danielle teaches general and organic chemistry and biochemistry, in addition to beginning mentorship of undergraduate research students on a chemical biology project. "It has been both challenging and fulfilling. In my spare time I've taken to some non-science hobbies: I play flute in a local volunteer community symphonic band; the ages of the members span seven decades!"

Check out the Class of 2002's reunion website at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/> for more info, and I'll see you all at CTB, Ithaca Bakery, and Rulloff's! Reunion here we come! Send news to: ☑ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; and **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu.

03 The Class of 2003 has been busy and we have a lot of news to report! **Tom Pipala** has moved to Brooklyn and is nearing his sixth anniversary with Integro Insurance Brokers, a startup insurance brokerage firm founded in 2005. Tom encouraged friends to contact him at his Manhattan office. **Tim Altier** returned last summer from an enlightening first trip to Israel to stand in support of the Jewish people and their homeland. Tim reported, "We all know that this is a very contentious situation, but when you travel there, you realize the truth. All those who come in peace are welcome. It's a beautiful country, and if you like learning about history or just want

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to put a visual with the stories in the Bible, Israel is a place you need to visit soon. E-mail me if you want to learn more: timaltier@gmail.com."

Tim Leung wrote, "After graduating from ORIE in 2003, I went on to get a PhD in operations research and financial engineering at Princeton, followed by an assistant professorship at Johns Hopkins U. This July, I joined Columbia U.'s IEOR department as a tenure-track assistant professor." Over in San Francisco, **Maurice Hernandez** works at Accel-KKR and recently attended a birthday party for **Damian Wolos** in Ibiza. **Marian Vidaurri** (mlv22@cornell.edu) shared some wonderful family news: "My husband, **Julio Rank, MA '03**, and I welcomed our second child. Born on April 6, Felipe is a beautiful and happy baby boy." Congratulations, Marian!

Rachel Money continues to work for Procter & Gamble and has relocated to Fayetteville, AR, to become the Walmart International Asia export leader. Rachel writes, "I will be focused on exporting our iconic brands to Japan, China, India, and South Africa with Walmart. It is a very exciting opportunity and challenge that I am looking forward to." **Nina Kryuk Grigoriev** (nina.grigoriev@gmail.com) shared that she and husband **Dmitry** have returned to New York after a year abroad working on their graduate degrees, and are now working in new positions. Nina earned her master's in public policy from the U. of Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain, and now works in international communications at the reproductive health research and policy think tank Guttmacher Inst. She previously ran marketing groups at various online startups in New York City. Dmitry earned his MBA from ESADE in Barcelona and now works in the strategic incentive planning group at American Express, in the commercial card division.

Derek Berner has joined EDO Interactive (<http://www.edointeractive.com/>), a tech startup specializing in online discounts, in Nashville, TN, where he works alongside **Thomas Bernstein**. **Jean Lee** shared this: "I haven't been keeping in touch with Cornell as much as I should . . . I graduated from ILR and have had a pretty unusual career path, starting out with the UN/ILO, foundations, international NGOs, etc. I'm actually starting a new job at the Actors Fund as their corporate relations manager, which may be interesting since it's supporting everyone in the entertainment business nationwide—film, theatre, television, music, opera, circus, dance, etc."

Congratulations to **Jen Weston**, who was married to Marbree Sullivan last July in Topsfield, MA. The couple now lives in Cambridge, MA. Jen writes, "As of December 6, 2010, I'm working for Griffin Hospital doing the NuVal Scoring System (this system ranks foods from 1-100 based on a nutritional quality index)." **Caroline Hegarty** Mahoney and her husband had their first child in May, "a happy little boy named Finn—and hopefully a future Cornellian. I still live in the Boston area and work as a planner for construction projects at Harvard U." **Michael Berger**, JD '06, married **Anna Aronova '06**, MD '10, on April 9, 2011, at the North Ritz Club in Syosset, NY. Groomsmen included **Josh Strugatz**, MPS '04, **Justin Karlitz-Grodin**, and Michael's brother **Matt Berger '00**. Also present were **Jeff Trovato**, **David Fisher**, JD '06, and **Robert Cirino**, JD '06, and many Cornell alumni from other years, including Michael's dad, **Larry Berger '66**. Anna is a surgery resident at NewYork-Presbyterian/Cornell.

Stephanie Moore Stone gave birth to her second daughter, Lorelei Lydia, on June 2. Stephanie

writes, "Her big sister is Penelope, 2. My husband is **Peter '01**. We are all doing great, living in Short Hills, NJ." **Kate Russell** Irving reports, "My family (husband and kids ages 3 and 5) and I moved to Fort Rucker, AL, last month because Steve has been assigned to teach at the Army's Aviation Captains' Career Course. I have a job teaching yoga at a local gym and am working on my 1,000-hour yoga therapy certification. Steve and I ran the Country Music Marathon in April and we're running the St. Louis Half-Marathon in October, but we're super-excited because we're training for a Tough Mudder competition, which is being held in Tampa in December. It's a ten- to 12-mile course with 25 obstacles designed by ex-British Special Forces soldiers. Should be a good time." Last but not least, **Chris Hsu** happily announced that he and his wife, Yuri, welcomed daughter Adelyn on Jan. 2, 2011. Congratulations! Please give us a shout with your news. **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, swnoonan@gmail.com; **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

04 Thanks to everyone who sent in a News Form from our class mailings last fall. And if the hard copy form isn't your thing, write me any time of year in the e-mail address below. Here's the latest.

Jennifer Itskovich Shtainer (jennifer.shtainer@db.com) and husband William live in New York City, where Jennifer is VP in human resources at Deutsche Bank. "I support the capital markets group, which includes equity and leveraged debt capital markets and commodities. I was recruited out of ILR into the Deutsche Bank HR grad program in 2004 and have been here ever since. I was recently in London presenting at the HR induction for the 2011 grad class!" Jennifer keeps in touch with her Cornell friends and enjoys the gym, yoga, and family time, with some reality TV thrown in. "I am recently married, so am practicing how to cook as well!" Also in NYC, **Todd Fellerman** (tfellerman@me.com) is a senior marketing strategist in the financial services/advertising sales division at Google. **Gregory Studer**, ME '05, checked in from NYC as well. And nearby, **Raymond Ortiz II**, MPA '06 (Edison, NJ; ro23@cornell.edu) is a financial advisor/portfolio advisor at Merrill Lynch.

Melanie Young Schad (Rockville Centre, NY; melanie.schad@ymail.com) is a mathematics teacher at West Babylon Senior High School. She and husband Mike got married in Rockville Centre on July 10, 2011. Maid of honor was **Monica Mehra**. Out on the West Coast, **Emilee Thoner Morehead** (chefemilee@hotmail.com) and husband **Justin '03**, ME '04, live in Alamo, CA. Emilee is a stay-at-home mom and childcare provider who enjoys cooking, traveling, and spending time with family. After hours, she is active in her church and tutors disadvantaged students. Also in California, **Meridith Barker** Bryan (mbryan@thompsonhotels.com) and husband Christopher are in Los Angeles, where Meridith is director of finance at the Thompson Beverly Hills hotel. "I got married June 25, 2011 in Malibu, with numerous Cornellians in attendance. Since returning from our honeymoon, my husband and I have started cooking classes and attending USC games. Learning to play the saxophone has kept me busy—that and being a newlywed!"

Carolyn Fredericks, ME '05 (carolyn.e.fredericks@gmail.com) and husband Scott Weigle live in Centennial, CO. Carolyn is an operations research analyst at SAIC, Science Applications Int'l Corp.,

where she does math modeling, simulation, analysis, and report writing and presentations. When she wrote, she was training for a half-marathon in her off-hours, as well as hiking, reading, skiing, camping, and traveling. **Dar Caldwell** sent news from Shaker Heights, OH. Following graduation, he served as CEO of a landscape architectural design-build firm, the Smiling Dutchman, in Cleveland, but later co-founded a business accelerator to support local entrepreneurs, which grew into LaunchHouse in 2010 (www.launchhouse.com). Dar describes LaunchHouse as "a unique public-private partnership that invests in new ventures and recruits talent to the Northeast Ohio region," providing pre-seed money and assisting entrepreneurs with educational programs on topics such as raising capital, bookkeeping, marketing, networking, and optimizing Internet tools. "We've proved that a small investment in a business can get them from an idea to up-and-running in 90 days." Dar adds, "I credit a majority of my success to my experience at Cornell."

Back in New York State, **Jacqueline Antonious** (jackie@antoniouslawfirm.com) has her own law firm in Glendale. **Daniel Hormaza** (deh25@cornell.edu) writes from Rochester, NY. "I work at Xerox as a remanufacturing fuser engineer. I develop a process to remanufacture (similar to refurbish) fusers down in Mexico from Rochester. My projects have saved Xerox millions of dollars!" Extracurricular activities include indoor soccer, and Daniel has started on his master's degree in product development at RIT. "I travel when possible around the East Coast of the US and Canada. I also have a lovely girlfriend and I just visited my first nephew—unfortunately, he's all the way in Boise, ID." Daniel would like to hear from **Daniel Zarzar**." Send your news to: [Anne C. Jones-Leeson, iamannejones@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.C.Jones-Leeson@iamannejones.gmail.com).

05 Happy winter, everyone! I'm experiencing my first winter in Berkeley, CA, which has been my home since August. After graduating from the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service last May, I became an analyst with the US Government Accountability Office, the independent, nonpartisan agency that advises Congress and executive agencies about ways to make government more efficient, effective, and responsive. I considered it icing on the cake that the position is in the agency's San Francisco office. My dream of living in California has finally come true! I took a two-week road trip to move out here, during which I enjoyed amazing food and sights across 12 states. (If you have never been to the Arches National Park, I highly recommend it.) I got out here just in time to attend a Cornell NorCal Welcome Picnic, hosted by the Cornell Alumni Association of Northern California. It was great to run into **Bryan Chen** and **Dave Klein**, ME '06, and meet other Cornellians. I've also enjoyed reconnecting with **Briana Rogers**, who is now a manager of Chrome operations at Google.

Beyond the Bay Area, our classmates are working on some exciting projects. **Raul Bermeo** lives in Mexico City, Mexico, where he founded and directs Terrafertil, a dried fruits and nuts company that oversees their products from planting until final packaging. Learn more at www.terra-fertil.com. Raul would love to welcome visitors to Mexico City—you can e-mail him at raul.bermeo@gmail.com. In July, **Melanie Manoach** (ILR) became the manager of labor relations for

the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport). **Mike LePage** writes, "I'm still in D.C. and working at the US Chamber of Commerce's Inst. for Legal Reform, where I started last summer. I'm currently in the process of applying to part-time law school (which means no life for the next four years) and enjoying every minute of living in D.C. during a truly eventful time."

Ankit Patel writes, "I'm completing my seventh year in the Tri-Institutional MD-PhD program between Weill Cornell, Rockefeller U., and Sloan-Kettering Inst.—and I hope my final year of PhD work. [I have a] continued interest in nephrology, medical education, and science! Also trying to keep up with my golf game in between. Let me know if you live in NYC and are interested in playing (ankitpatel@gmail.com)!" As the senior manager of digital business development and marketing solutions for Live Nation Entertainment, **Samantha Sichel** was featured in *Billboard Magazine's* "Top 30 Under 30 Power Players" issue. According to *Billboard's* July 2011 issue, Samantha "built Live Nation Entertainment's largest hotel partnership to date . . . It's estimated that [she] has secured more than 14 percent of Live Nation Entertainment's currently booked 2011 sales and marketing revenue, plus more than \$7 million and counting toward 2012 revenue." Join me in congratulating Samantha for being recognized as one of the top 30 most powerful players in the music business under the age of 30!

I hope you're all doing well in your respective locations, jobs, and endeavors. Stay tuned for class-specific events near you and visit our Class of 2005 Facebook page (Cornell University Class of 2005). As always, remember to submit your updates at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> or to any of us at: **Michelle Wong**, mrv29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof2005.cornell.edu/>.

06 Happy New Year! In 2012, why not make a resolution to reconnect with Cornell? I'll get you started by giving you the latest on some of our classmates. First, there's me, **Tory Lauterbach**. I attended the U. of Texas School of Law and am a third-year associate at the D.C. office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, in the energy and commodities practice group. I split my time between Houston and D.C., so if you are a Cornellian in either city, please look me up! I attended the gorgeous wedding of my roommate from Clara Dickson Hall, **Hope Forbes**, and **Steven Hecht**. Hope and Steve were joined by friends from TKE, AOPi, and Clara Dickson Hall. **Ann Panteleev** was a bridesmaid. Congratulations, Hope and Steve!

Speaking of weddings, we've had a lot of them lately! Congratulations to our senior class president, **Michael Zuckerman**, JD '09, and **Megan (Belkin)**; they now reside in Chicago. **Rachel Kerwin** and **Victor Nemchenok '05** wed and relocated to D.C., where Rachel paints and Victor is finishing his PhD at U. of Virginia. **Shannon Delaney** and **Andrew Holmberg** married in June and live in Boston. Congratulations are also in order for **Elie Track** and **Eve Schaming '08**, **Kevin Brodsky** and his wife Laurie, and **David Gura** and his new bride, who were accompanied at their wedding by groomsman **Wyatt Nelson**.

Bill Culley, ME '07, married Colleen Wahl, whom he met at a NYC rock climbing gym in 2010.

Bill is back in Ithaca attending the Johnson School; prior to that he built a successful solar energy startup. Bill enjoys glass blowing and plays on the Cornell club squash team. Other Cornellians are also excelling in the world of athletics: **Ana Maria Techeira** ran the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco and is working in human resources for the Sygma Network; **Yanni Hufnagel** is an assistant coach for Harvard men's basketball. (We'll wish you luck, Yanni, if you'll be a good sport when our Big Red beats your Crimson.) **Jennifer Munhofen** played with the US National Women's Inline Hockey Team in the world championships in Rocarasso, Italy, this summer, and the US team won the gold! When she isn't winning gold medals for the US, Jennifer is at U. of Georgia earning her MS in biomedical and veterinary sciences.

The Class of 2006 is thriving worldwide. **Peter Choi** works for Morgan Stanley in Tokyo. **Anthony Merlocco** is a pediatrics resident in Toronto. Anthony writes, "I love being back in the land of milk in bags and ketchup chips but am considering returning to the States for fellowship training." **Kelvin Chun Hong Yap** is an officer with the Singapore Armed Forces and studies defense technology and systems at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. **Natasha Qamar** works in Karachi, Pakistan, with Shell as a communications and Web advisor, started her own baking business called Double Roti Dreams, and has been active with Acumen Fund, a social venture capitalist fund. **Sam Port** performed in the Ogunquit Playhouse's production of *Miss Saigon*, and now sings the songs of Frankie Valli onboard Norwegian Cruise Lines. **JS DeMeo** is stationed in Germany with the Air Force. **Tanneasha Gordon**, MPA '07, is a manager at Deloitte; she started a nonprofit, Zimbabwe Education Fund, that helps schools in rural Zimbabwe.

Back stateside, **Brian Warshay** returned to NYC after completing a master's degree at the Masdar Inst. in Abu Dhabi and now does clean-tech research at Lux Research. **Monique Markoff** earned her master's in school leadership from Harvard and is the dean of academics at a school in San Jose, CA. **Chris Repole** is a staff attorney at AFTRA, the TV actors' guild. **Angela Zimmerman** works in Lancaster County, PA, as a crop and soil consultant for Homestead Nutrition. **Shoshanna Lenski** and **Sam Firke** welcomed daughter Ilana on Jan. 24, 2011. Sam works in education policy for the New Teacher Project and is an avid home-brewer, winning several national home-brewing competitions. Shoshanna earned her MS in sustainable systems at U. of Michigan and works for DTE Energy in Ann Arbor. **Josh Katcher** quit his NYC corporate law job to move home to Northern Virginia, where he plans to

become a state prosecutor. In addition to lawyering, Josh works in local politics and is a member of the Class of 2006 Council. **Michael Lerario** is a neurology resident at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. **Jackie Baik** returned to Philadelphia after earning her master's degree in interior design in Italy and is the director of development for COOK, a collaborative kitchen classroom. **Olga Kupriyanova** lives in Omaha and is the regional manager of decision support for Caesars Entertainment.

Back in the classroom, **Jenna Goldstein** is at U. of Michigan law school and spent the summer in Denver with the US Attorney's Office. **Michael Weiss** is getting his MBA at Stanford. **Amanda Mirto** is getting her MS in animal science from U. of Wyoming. **Taras Czebinik** is at Berkeley Law and plans to play in the Berkeley campanile, continuing his bell education since leaving Cornell Chimes. Keep sending your news to: **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; or **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

07 This New Year finds me, **Marianna Gomez**, back home in Austin, TX, spending much-needed time with friends and family before heading to Puerto Rico for perhaps the final journey in my adventures in graduate school. I received a global health service fellowship through the Dept. of Global Health at George Washington U. that covers half the costs of my travel while working as a research assistant for the Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences. You can read more about my recent travels, wanderings, and wonderings on my blog: <http://theolivesparrow.blogspot.com/>. Our classmates, likewise, have had a flurry of their own adventures.

I received a copy of an article from the *Ithaca Journal* on **Morgan Uceny**, former 800-meter runner for Cornell track and field. Morgan won first place in the 1,500-meter US Championships in June 2011, scoring a position on the team of 1,500-meter racers competing for the World Championship in Daegu, South Korea, in August and September 2011. A professional runner for Adidas, Uceny hails from Plymouth, IN, and currently resides in San Diego, CA. This past year she also won first place at the Diamond League championship in Switzerland and finished with a personal best at 4:00:06. Since then she has gone on to win several other races and has ranked second in the world in the 1,500-meter category. There is a buzz that she could take home a medal in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Matthew Levey, ME '08, moved to Durham, NC, to pursue a better job opportunity as an

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engineer at Dragados USA and also to be closer to his fiancée, Amy Braunz. Amy is pursuing an MBA at Duke U. They also value giving back to the community through their involvement with Habitat for Humanity. **Alicia Zahn** married Stephen Deitz in October 2010 and the two are happy to be living in their new home in Arnold, MD, very near to where they both grew up. Alicia is a facilities planner for the workplace solutions group at T. Rowe Price and Associates. As one of her job perks, she travels to London every few months to assist with a headquarters expansion project. Last year, Alicia served proudly as president of the local Jaycees (Junior Chamber) organization. She says it provides an important opportunity “for young adults to network, while also giving back to the community.”

Since graduation **Shane Dunn** has hung his hat in Boston, MA. He earned a master’s degree in higher education administration from Boston College in 2010. While pursuing the degree, he also put in his time at the Radcliffe Inst. for Advanced Study at Harvard U., where he worked as a program assistant for the office of annual giving and outreach, and as an alumni relations officer at Tufts U. He began a new job last fall in alumni relations and annual giving at the Massachusetts Inst. of Technology (MIT) Sloan School

the upcoming issues approaching our 5th Reunion, we would love to hear about your favorite Cornell memories. Just shoot an e-mail anytime to your class correspondent: [✉ Marianna Gomez, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com](mailto:MariannaGomez@gmail.com).

08 Happy New Year! January 2012 means we are just a year and a half away from our 5th Reunion; be sure to mark your calendars for June 6-9, 2013! We look forward to catching up in person about all of the tremendous things the Class of 2008 has been up to in the “real world.”

Wedding bells are ringing. **Carolyn Marin Lundholm** writes, “I got married Oct. 15, 2011 at Sage Chapel to **John Lundholm ’01**. Three of my bridesmaids were **Lizzie Bryant, Lori Maida, and Brenda Cannizzaro**, and three groomsmen were **Elie Gamburg ’01, BArch ’02, Mike Zito ’01, and Amit Bhatia ’01**. The reception was held in the Johnson School atrium.” **Harley Glazer, JD ’11**, shares that following her Cornell Law School graduation, she and **Jason Raff ’06** said their vows on Aug. 20, 2011 in New Jersey, with **Charlie Niesenbaum** and **Allie Reimer** in attendance. Harley began her legal career at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in New York City this past fall.

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Julie Cantor ’09

of Management. But he hasn’t forgotten his roots. Shane is still actively involved in the Cornell alumni network as the programming chair of the Cornell Club of Boston and is a class gift committee co-chair and class reunion co-chair.

Having traveled the past four years, **Olivia Dwyer** has finally settled in Boulder, CO. Since graduation she has lived in New Zealand, Australia, London, and California and has visited Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and India, contributing to various outdoor sports and skiing magazines along her journey. In Boulder she is the assistant editor at *Mountain Magazine*, a subdivision of Mountain Media (<http://www.mountainonline.com/>); it’s a thoughtful magazine dedicated to sports and the outdoors, with an environmental bent. At her new job she has been given the opportunity to complete the Grand Traverse of the Tetons—a tough four-day hiking and rock climbing trip over ten summits and 230-ft. rappels in the Rocky Mountains. Her experience will be written into *Mountain Magazine’s* summer issue. During this winter season she is also covering freeskiiing for ESPN online, which can be found here: espnaction.com/freeskiing.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Class of 2007 5th Reunion, set for June 7-10, 2012. Your reunion co-chairs—Shane Dunn, **Alvin Liu**, and **Rob Pavlenco**—will be sending out event updates and details via e-mail, Twitter (@Cornell2007), and Facebook (Cornell Class of 2007 Alumni), so keep a look out for more information.

Thank you for sending in your updates for our class column and please keep ‘em coming! For

Marielle Macher, BA ’07, and Dave Rothstein, PhD ’07, were married in May 2010. Marielle says, “Classmates at our wedding included **Ilana Goldowitz, Alexander Sperber ’07, Steven Dilamani, Nathaniel Rabkin, Gillian Paul, Aaron Bloomfield, Michelle Schamberg, and Amanda Dropkin, ME ’08**. I graduated from Harvard Law School in May 2011, and Dave and I have moved to Scranton, PA—home of ‘The Office’! I’m clerking for Judge Thomas Vanaskie on the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and Dave is a software developer for Acquia.” Marielle, if you see Andy Bernard around Scranton, be sure to give him a Big Red hello on behalf of the Class of ’08! Rounding out our couples news are **Amanda Colon** and **Evan Smith**. Amanda writes, “Evan and I got married on Sept. 11, 2011 in Brooklyn, NY. My new name is Amanda Colon-Smith. We are both still teaching in the Bronx.”

Even if the groom wasn’t a Cornellian, **Morgan Beschle, BA ’07’s** wedding was another mini-Class of ’08 reunion. **Lindsey Gael** writes that she had a wonderful time celebrating with **Benjamin Winger ’07, Nikki Gusz, Alexandra Buerkle, Brian Connolly, BArch ’07, MRP ’08**, and others at Morgan’s July 2011 nuptials. Lindsey is enrolled in the U. of Pennsylvania’s master’s program in city and regional planning, where she studies affordable housing development. Morgan and husband Griffin have moved to Boston, where she is an analyst at Tufts Health Plan. In her spare time, she has launched a new photography site with her father, www.FranklinCirclePhotography.com. Morgan says, “If

anyone is living in the Boston area and wants to grab a drink, I’d love to get in touch!”

Congratulations, Carolyn and John, Harley and Jason, Marielle and Dave, Amanda and Evan, and Morgan and Griffin! By the way, while some classmates are planning weddings, **Brittany Haas** has entered the nuptials business. She co-founded Something Borrowed NY, “the premiere online wedding shop that rents designer bridal accessories at a fraction of the retail price.” Check out her website at: www.somethingborrowedny.com.

Professional opportunities have taken classmates all over the map. **Jennifer Soffen** has been developing the next generation of high-speed Internet networks and working on the Google Fiber project. She’s been spending lots of time in Kansas City, MO, site of the first city build and encourages classmates to check out the project at <http://googlefiberblog.blogspot.com/>. After returning to Cornell to complete his master’s in Industrial and Labor Relations, **Hotellie Justin Sun, MILR ’11**, moved to Winston-Salem, NC, where he is a human resources representative supporting the finance team for PepsiCo. Getting a taste of the South and working in the consumer products industry has been a unique experience for Justin after working in the more “fast-paced” East Coast in the hotel industry. **Jane Forman**, another ILRie, also works for PepsiCo as a human resources manager; she lives in Atlanta, GA, and has been “soaking up what the South has to offer!”

Other ’08ers are juggling full-time jobs with part-time graduate school. **Danielle Haigh** writes, “I live with my Pi Phi sister **Tara Young, BS HE ’07**, in Washington, DC. I’m working at Georgetown U. as a program coordinator for the human science department while pursuing my master’s in communication, culture, and technology. I spent three weeks in Geneva, Switzerland, this past summer for an intensive program on trade, technology, and development.” Danielle also shares a fantastic D.C. routine: “We’ve started a ‘Wine Wednesday’ tradition, along with several of our fellow Cornellians and new D.C. friends, and get together weekly to enjoy different wines from regions around the world. It’s a great excuse to catch up with friends and put into practice all of that knowledge we learned in Wines class.” Prof. Mutkoski (**Stephen Mutkoski ’67, PhD ’76**) would be so proud!

ILRie **Jade Doyle-Winfrey** also pursued graduate studies at Georgetown. She says, “Time flies! Since graduating I got married, earned my master’s in public policy from Georgetown U., and began work at the Government Accountability Office, a research arm of Congress, in Washington, DC. I find myself pining for the beautiful study and reflective spaces at Cornell, but my Cornell banner displayed proudly in my ‘cube’ offers some of the same spirit.” Keep sending in your news—we’d love to hear from you! [✉ Elana Beale, erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:ElanaBeale@cornell.edu); [Libby Boymel, lboymel@gmail.com](mailto:LibbyBoymel@gmail.com).

09 **Cooper Hawley** is a 2L at Wake Forest U. School of Law. He has just accepted an offer to work for Harter Secrest & Emery in Buffalo, NY, this coming summer. When he’s not studying, Cooper is exploring the woods and waterways of North Carolina. **Julie Cantor** is a 1L at American University’s Washington College of Law, along with **Catherine Bourque** and **Ernie Jolly**. Despite expectations to the contrary, Julie loves law school and wishes it would last forever.

Sindri Kinnier arrived in South Africa in January to serve with the Peace Corps and was delighted to discover two other Cornell alumni in her cohort: **Matthew Henning '03** and **Robin Remick '95!** During the long hours of training, they enjoyed reminiscing about their time on the Hill. They are all serving with the Community HIV/AIDS Outreach Program for two years, assisting local NGOs in stemming the HIV epidemic in South Africa. They thought the alumni magazine might be interested in this fun story: halfway around the world, even in rural Africa, you can find a fellow Big Red grad making a difference.

Meli Mathis is in nursing school at Simmons College. She loves living in Boston, where she is the head rowing coach for Somerville High School and a coxswain for the Gentle Giant Rowing Club. Off the water, you can find her watching Cornell hockey games with other former Lynah Faithful when the Big Red travel to New England. **Justin Reed** is working on his MFA in fiction at Florida State U. When he's not working on his novel, he's teaching composition to first-year students. **Mikey Tomechko** is working toward completion of his master's degree in construction administration at Columbia U. and is slated to graduate in spring 2012. He also holds a part-time job as a FedEx Express Courier delivering in Mt. Kisco, NY. When not at work or school, Mikey spends time at Eastchester EMS as a volunteer EMT, or working on neighborhood beautification projects.

Sam Schueler is a third-year medical student at SUNY Upstate. He writes, "I'm the student government president here and for the previous two years I was the president of a student organization called Community Outreach and Preventive Education (COPE), which educates disadvantaged youth in the city of Syracuse about healthy decisions and life practices." He is also a co-founder of *Upstate of Mind*—a student-run, student-focused magazine at Upstate. The first issue was slated to be released within a few weeks of when he wrote. Congratulations, Sam! He's interested in doing an internal medicine residency and a hematology/oncology fellowship. **Lisa Stout** lives in Philadelphia, where she is a manager at Vynamic, a healthcare industry management consulting firm. (They're hiring experienced management consultants—e-mail LStout@vynamic.com for more information). In her free time, Lisa takes martial arts classes, buys way too many Groupon deals, and enjoys walking her dog around Penn's campus while wearing Cornell apparel.

Linda Willett works for Ernst & Young and lives in New York City. She made a trip to Egypt, where she discovered a love for riding camels and was fascinated observing the country in transition. Send news to: [Julie Cantor](mailto:Julie.Cantor@cornell.edu), jlc252@cornell.edu; [Caroline Newton](mailto:Caroline.Newton@cornell.edu), cmn35@cornell.edu.

10 Every time your class correspondent sits down to write a class column, he hits shuffle on his iPod, curious as to what will inspire him. In previous columns, he's been inspired by everything from classical opera left over from his late night Uris Library study sessions, '60s period rock copied from WVBR's vinyl collection, a Top 40 hit he heard at a fraternity party, and everything in between. This time, the song that came up was Paul Simon's "Slip Slidin' Away," which has the memorable lyric, "You know the nearer your destination, the more you're slip slidin' away." The song was perfect because it embodied the quantity of responses he got. You

see, dear classmates, with so little response to the latest e-mail solicitation for news, your class correspondent felt that we are slipping away from each other. As we near our destinations in life, new jobs, new places, new faces, one may say that it is inevitable that it will happen. However, your class correspondents will make sure that the class, even as we move further away from where we started, is as close as ever. So please, send your notes and keep us all from slip slidin' away!

Many of our classmates are trying to reach their destination through new endeavors. **Brian Crandall** writes, "I am doing graduate work in meteorology at SUNY Albany. It's a bit of a Cornell bubble, since **Chris Castellano**, **Leon Nguyen '09**, and **Kristen Corbosiero '97** are also in my department." He would love to hear from Cornell Meteorology alumni or any of his fraternity brothers from Alpha Zeta. **Jamie Hacker** is a 2013 JD candidate at Boston College Law School.

For others of the Class of 2010, they haven't just neared their destination, they've changed it. **Deborah Feld** has moved to Harrisburg, PA. **Ben Eisen** moved to New York City from Washington, DC. He is now a reporter covering the municipal debt market for *Debtwire*, a business news publication that is part of the Financial Times Group. **Sukman Lee** has moved to New York City, but still works in financial instruments, structured products, and real estate for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

For **Brian Mick**, his intention to slide away was intentional. He writes: "Three weeks after graduation I handed my brother the keys to my car and waved goodbye to my parents as they drove away, leaving me with 45 pounds of gear in a place where Google Maps says, "We could not calculate directions to that location." I hiked south nearly 2,200 miles on the Appalachian Trail during the summer and fall of 2010. I had a great time, met a lot of cool people, ate a ton of food, and saw some great views." Brian now works for Blodgett Ovens in Burlington, VT, as an engineer, and misses his classmates, especially the "Ninja Death Squad." Speaking of the Appalachian Trail, **Brandon Imp** has just completed a documentary detailing his travels along the same trail. He says that *Beauty Beneath the Dirt* is getting a lot of hype on the independent film festival circuit.

For another of our classmates, slip slidin' away was the method of survival and victory. Upon graduating, **Rebecca Hazel** competed in the reality television series "Mantracker." The show airs on the Science channel, and her episode premiered in December. Keep an eye out for her. Of course, for a few of our classmates, it may be a bit harder to slip out of view. Like **Colin Greening**, who writes that he's still playing hockey for the Ottawa Senators.

Finally, from your co-class correspondent **Mike Beyman**, he hopes that you all tune into CNBC's Pepsi's Challenge, which he has been working on for close to a year. He urges you to check your local listings . . . and to send in your notes. Thanks to all of you who have sent in the hard copy News Form from the recent class mailings. They will make their way to us in time for the next column. [Michael Beyman](mailto:Michael.Beyman@cornell.edu), mjb262@cornell.edu; and [Rammy Salem](mailto:Rammy.Salem@cornell.edu), rms84@cornell.edu.

11 Who knew it was possible for life to get busier after Cornell? Only five months out and Cornellians are celebrating successes around the globe. **Sana Maheshwari** is in India on a Fulbright student

research grant, studying what motivates individuals to get reconstructive surgery and how that surgery affects social stigma. Her specific focus is on women and leprosy rehabilitation at a variety of leprosy homes, colonies, and hospitals.

B. Taylor Sands lives in Medford, MA, with her boyfriend Matthew (UNH '11). She works as a clinical laboratory technician with Partners Healthcare. Taylor writes, "As a clinical laboratory technician, I spend each week going through anywhere from eight to 12 patient cases. Using Affymetrix resequencing microarray technology, I hybridize patient DNA to microarray chips. I'm always reminded of how well prepared I was to step out into the real world, thanks to Cornell." She gives shout-outs to **Hera Li**, **Andrew Staron**, **Kim Phan**, **Jimmy Zhou**, **Frances Huang**, and **Amy Yerdon** and wishes them all the best in their post-grad adventures!

Parish Felder and **Stephen Heller** live in Rockville Centre, NY. Parish works for Mikasa Dinnerware doing design and product development for the formal dinnerware division, and Stephen is enrolled at Hofstra Law. The two have welcomed a new member to their Big Red family—Tucker the puppy. **Dana Seidel** has begun her master's in biological sciences at the U. of Alberta in Edmonton, studying elk home range development. Dana writes: "The East Coast beat us to snow this year, but I'm sure the winter I'm in for can rival anything Ithaca had to offer during my four years there!" **Evan Carney** is working toward a master's at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, all the while "representing the Cornell spirit in the heartland of our biggest hockey rival" and still finding the time to see Jay-Z and Kanye in concert at the TD Garden.

Molly Warren and other Cornell alums in the D.C. area are gearing up for kickball on team Palms O'Clock. After graduation, **Gabe Sulkes** spent a month in NYC writing for ILR professor Sam Bacharach and another month on a cross-country road trip, during which he visited San Francisco, Portland, Glacier National Park, and Yellowstone National Park. A week into the trip, he received a phone call from the office of the governor of Illinois offering a year-long fellowship doing environmental policy. He now lives in Wicker Park. Cheers to **Justin Hauser**, who ran the New York Marathon in November and who is otherwise working at Credit Suisse.

Cornell's annual fall "Twilight" concert was graced with the presence of eight chorus alumnae from the Class of 2011: **Zoe Proom**, **Margeaux Wallace**, **Sonja Gabrielsen**, **Tiffani Burgess**, **Elena Moreno**, **Gillian Bader**, **Sarah Dalton**, and **Samara Levy**, all of whom traveled back to gorges Ithaca from as far as New Orleans. Zoe Proom notes that with Reunion and the chorus's beautiful music, it was "one of the best weekends since we graduated in May!" **Tina Chou** continues her dedication to 161 Faces of Cornell, a project she began during her time at Cornell. 161 Faces of Cornell released a Fall 2011 edition on November 11, as well as a Homecoming edition. If you haven't checked out the project yet, you're missing out: <http://161faces.cornellsun.com/>. Finally, **Daniel Sanchez** lives in the East Village and has been "living vicariously through **Phillip Feliciano** as he caught all 150 Pokemon and became the poke-master." Anytime, anywhere, send along your news to your class correspondents: [Kathryn Ling](mailto:Kathryn.Ling@cornell.edu), KEL56@cornell.edu; [Lauren Rosenblum](mailto:Lauren.Rosenblum@cornell.edu), lcr46@cornell.edu; and [Michael Stratford](mailto:Michael.Stratford@cornell.edu), mjs465@cornell.edu.

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'29 BA—**Bella Maisel Goldin**, Charlotte, NC, July 1, 2011

1930s

'30 BS Ag, MS Ag '32—**Nisar A. Khan**, Ghaziabad, India, June 25, 2011

'31 BA—**William M. Vanneman**, South Yarmouth, MA, April 26, 2011

'33 BA—**A. Halsey Cowan**, San Diego, CA, February 20, 2011

'33 BS HE—**Marion Ford Fraser**, Wilmington, DE, June 7, 2011

'33—**Irene Hawley Hagerman**, Pitman, NJ, October 26, 2010

'33 BME—**Joseph H. Hodgson**, Stratford, CT, May 2, 2011

'34 DVM—**Joseph J. Merenda**, Las Vegas, NV, July 13, 2011

'35 BS Ag—**Wilfred R. Kelly**, Ferrisburgh, VT, July 1, 2011

'35, BA '36—**Ruth Sleeper Parker**, Vero Beach, FL, July 5, 2011

'36 BS Ag—**Ruth Griffiths Bennett**, Omaha, NE, May 27, 2011

'36 BCE—**Harry E. Bovay Jr.**, Houston, TX, May 24, 2011

'36 MS Ag, PhD '38—**Wendell E. Keepper**, Makanda, IL, June 22, 2011

'36 BS Ag, MEd '46—**Albert E. Palm**, South Kortright, NY, May 4, 2011

'36 BA—**Eleanor M. Switzer**, Springfield, OH, December 10, 2007

'37 BA—**Leonard R. Casner**, Ocean, NJ, May 14, 2011

'37 PhD—**Norman F. Childers**, Gainesville, FL, April 24, 2011

'37 BA—**Shirley DeVoe Corney**, Hilton, NY, April 9, 2011

'37 BA—**Alfred M. Freedman**, New York City, April 17, 2011

'37 MA—**Theodore W. Hatlen**, Santa Barbara, CA, April 25, 2011

'37 BA—**Arthur Laurents**, Quogue, NY, May 5, 2011

'37 BS HE—**Florence Bradt Schubert**, Troy, NY, May 20, 2011

'38 BS Ag, MS Ag '41—**Alfred W. Boicourt**, Easton, MD, July 4, 2011

'38 BS HE—**Helen Reichert Chadwick**, Middletown, RI, April 3, 2011

'38 BS Ag—**Samuel N. Friedman**, New York City, February 7, 2011

'38 BA—**Monroe R. Lazere**, Scarsdale, NY, May 18, 2011

'38 BA—**Morris I. Michael**, Rockville, MD, May 23, 2011

'38 BA—**Constance Davis Pierson**, Yonkers, NY, November 14, 2010

'38 BA—**Julia Sze**, Santa Monica, CA, June 19, 2011

'38—**Ruth Barclay Wright**, Cape Porpoise, ME, June 7, 2011

'38 BME—**Philip H. Yawger**, Scottsdale, AZ, August 7, 2011

'39—**Helen Cooney Bourque**, Chicago Heights, IL, May 7, 2011

'39 BA—**Richard S. Brockway**, Dublin, OH, July 23, 2011

'39 BA—**William J. Brown Jr.**, Needham, MA, May 23, 2011

'39 BS HE—**Sarah Steinman Harms**, Amherst, MA, April 10, 2011

'39, BA '40—**John T. Miller**, Easton, MD, June 27, 2011

'39 BME—**Frank D. Reese**, Erie, PA, July 19, 2011

'39 BA—**Rev. Virginia Campbell Thomas**, Bakersfield, VT, April 30, 2011

1940s

'40 MA—**Dorothy Buckpitt Anderson**, Ithaca, NY, June 3, 2011

'40—**William B. Bond**, St. Petersburg, FL, July 9, 2011

'40 MS Ag—**Webster A. Chandler**, Griffin, GA, June 4, 2011

'40—**George D. Curtis Jr.**, Tampa, FL, June 26, 2011

'40, BS HE '50, MS '52—**Wilma Mehlenbacher Dondero**, Ithaca, NY, June 13, 2011

'40, BArch '47—**Paul F. Fox**, Rochester, NY, May 15, 2011

'40 BME—**William H. Habicht**, Glastonbury, CT, April 25, 2011

'40 BA, MD '43—**Irving B. Harrison**, Los Angeles, CA, February 14, 2011

'40 BS Ag—**Carol Riordan Kennedy**, South Bend, IN, May 23, 2011

'40 BS Ag—**Carl E. Schoenacker**, Waterloo, NY, June 16, 2011

'40 BS HE—**Kathryn Ball Smiley**, Wilmington, NC, May 23, 2011

'40 BA, LLB '42—**Marvin S. Tanenhaus**, Binghamton, NY, May 12, 2011

'40 BA—**Peter T. Wood**, Summit, NJ, June 1, 2011

'41 BS Ag—**Richard A. Chauncey**, Blossvale, NY, December 20, 2008

'41 BCE—**Richard G. Davis**, Franklin, VT, June 16, 2011

'41 BA—**Rudolph D. Deanin**, Westford, MA, August 7, 2011

'41 BS Ag—**Irving Drantch**, Beverly Hills, CA, April 13, 2011

'41 BME—**Colin C. Eldridge**, Menlo Park, CA, April 19, 2011

'41 BEE—**Edmund E. Friedrich**, Deerfield, MA, May 30, 2011

'41 BA, BChemE '42—**Robert Herrmann**, Cockeysville, MD, May 23, 2011

'41 BS Ag—**George V. Kershaw Jr.**, Walpole, NH, July 10, 2011

'41 MEd—**Richard D. Morrison**, Huntsville, AL, July 30, 2011

'41 BA—**Martha Lawson Morse**, Houston, TX, June 21, 2011

'41 BA—**Wellington L. Ramsey**, New Sharon, ME, July 16, 2011

'41 BS Ag—**Elaine Yaxis Reinke**, Massapequa, NY, April 22, 2011

'41, BA '42—**Emanuel Segal**, New York City, February 12, 2010

'42—**Peter Corson**, North Bay Village, FL, September 21, 2008

'42 BME—**Carl Green**, Belleair Bluffs, FL, May 12, 2011

'42 BS HE—**Barbara Holt Haller**, Dexter, NY, May 17, 2011

'42 BS HE—**Marion Pergande Jax**, Springville, NY, June 6, 2010

'42, BS Ag '43—**Murray A. Kaplan**, Syracuse, NY, July 19, 2011

'42 DVM—**Grace Kinney Loomis**, Warsaw, NY, May 22, 2011

'42 BCE—**Richard L. MacDowell**, Odessa, NY, June 10, 2011

'42-43 SP Ag—**Norman L. McIntyre**, Perry, NY, June 5, 2011

'42 MA—**Julia Flohr Metzger**, North Manchester, IN, June 19, 2011

'42, BS Ag '43, MEd '47, PhD '49—**John C. Murphy**, Trumansburg, NY, June 20, 2011

'42 MSVM—**Ralph R. Romo**, Belvedere, CA, August 2, 2011

'42 BS Ag—**Lee Selbst**, North Hollywood, CA, May 8, 2010

'42 BA—**Henry A. Supplee**, Fredericksburg, VA, June 11, 2011

'42, BS Hotel '46—**Wells M. Tanner**, Urbana, IL, April 18, 2011

'42-43 SP Ag—**Paul M. Tretter**, Portland, MI, July 3, 2011

'43 PhD—**Barnard H. Bissinger**, Middletown, PA, May 15, 2011

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'43 BA—**Anne Patterson Cochrane**, Buffalo, NY, June 4, 2011

'43 BME—**Arthur B. Eddy**, Albion, NY, April 24, 2011

'43 MA, PhD '50—**Anna Weber Heyboer**, Chapel Hill, NC, July 31, 2011

'43 BA—**Carol Bowman Ladd**, Poolesville, MD, June 27, 2011

'43 BA—**Stanley H. Levy**, Scarsdale, NY, June 20, 2011

'43 MD—**John W. Shepard**, Naples, FL, September 10, 2010

'43—**Charles F. Smith**, Allendale, NJ, January 21, 2011

'43 BME—**Jarl R. Swanson Jr.**, Wilmington, DE, May 27, 2011

'43 BME—**Thomas G. Turk**, Pasadena, CA, February 16, 2010

'43—**John W. Walchli**, Phoenix, AZ, May 29, 2010

'43—Lt. Col. **Philip O. Works Jr.**, Nashua, NH, June 25, 2011

'43 BA, JD '44—**Donald P. Yust**, Newport Beach, CA, May 14, 2011

'44 BA—**Roger B. Cartwright**, Amherst, MA, August 9, 2011

'44—**Bernard S. Cayne**, Durham, NC, May 12, 2011

'44, BS Ag '43—**Mary Fish Ferry**, White Plains, MD, July 9, 2011

'44, BS Hotel '49—**Alvin W. Gershon**, Clifton, NJ, December 29, 2001

'44—**William J. Girardi**, Katonah, NY, June 21, 2011

'44 BME—**William A. Hugenbruch**, Conyngham, PA, May 25, 2011

'44 BS Ag, MNS '48—**I. William Lane**, Port Orange, FL, April 29, 2011

'44 BA—**Marjory Underwood Marker**, Penney Farms, FL, May 5, 2011

'44 BS ORIE—**William F. Minnock Jr.**, Slingerlands, NY, April 7, 2011

- '44, BA '48—Stacy C. Mosser Jr., East Aurora, NY, May 17, 2011
 '44—Jarvis W. Nichols, Clinton, CT, May 13, 2011
 '44, BS Ag '49—Roger W. Preston, Henderson Harbor, NY, March 20, 2011
 '44 BS HE—Kathleen Pierce Putnam, McGraw, NY, May 16, 2011
 '44 BS HE—Elizabeth Hannum Reinke, Penfield, NY, May 8, 2011
 '44 BS HE—Alice Gallup Stout, West Springfield, VA, July 25, 2011
 '44 BME—John M. Voitovich, Grain Valley, MO, March 15, 2009
- '45 PhD—Morton E. Bitterman, Honolulu, HI, May 10, 2011
 '45 BS Nurs—Elisabeth Smith Borchers, Haddon Heights, NJ, July 17, 2011
 '45—Mary Frost Cooley, Winchester, VA, May 19, 2011
 '45 BEE—Conrad F. DeSieno, Westerville, OH, May 11, 2011
 '45, BA '44—Lenore Kennedy Duncan, Carlisle, PA, July 14, 2011
 '45—Charles R. Fetter, Penfield, NY, November 12, 2010
 '45, BA '48—John Fink, South Bend, IN, April 1, 2011
 '45, BS Nurs '46—Betty Burlingame Goddard, Chattanooga, TN, May 16, 2011
 '45, BA '48—James M. Jenks, Shelter Island Heights, NY, July 18, 2011
 '45, BA '44—Theodora Uelzmann Longnecker, Wyomissing, PA, August 2, 2011
 '45 MS—Clarence B. Mansky, Grand Blanc, MI, June 18, 2011
 '45—Donald J. Metzger, New Hartford, NY, August 2, 2011
 '45 BS Nurs—Marita Mayers Silverglide, Simsbury, CT, May 13, 2011
 '45 BS HE—Ernestine Rowland Whiting, Malvern, PA, July 30, 2011
 '45 BA—Richard L. Zimmern, Delray Beach, FL, April 9, 2011
- '46—Mary Gridley Allaben, Dryden, NY, December 6, 2010
 '46—Walter F. Ballinger II, St. Louis, MO, April 29, 2011
 '46-47 SP Ag—Marie Allen Curtis, Sterling, PA, April 23, 2011
 '46, BS Ag '48—Herbert P. Dechert, East Aurora, NY, July 12, 2011
 '46 MD—Thomas C. Hill Jr., Salisburg, MD, June 4, 2011
 '46—Richard T. Hough, Lake Forest, IL, March 2, 2011
 '46, BA '45—Myron E. Mendelson, Kent, CT, August 13, 2010
 '46 BS HE—Jean Kennedy Philo, Queensbury, NY, May 27, 2011
 '46 DVM—Carl L. Schenholm, Sedona, AZ, August 5, 2011
 '46—Richard C. South, Pittsburgh, PA, July 2, 2011
- '47, BA '46, MS '48—Donald J. Asher, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 25, 2010
 '47 BS Nurs—Eugenie Springer Beauieu, Belton, MO, July 27, 2011
 '47 BA, LLB '49—James D. Benson, Poughkeepsie, NY, May 10, 2011
 '47, BME '46—James H. Breckenridge, Melbourne, FL, July 30, 2011
 '47 BS Hotel—Robert D. Flickinger, Williamsville, NY, May 5, 2011
 '47 MS Ag, PhD '54—Robert N. Hampton, McLean, VA, July 26, 2011
 '47 LLB—Charles H. Price, Jamestown, NY, June 17, 2011
 '47, BA '46—Maurice R. Raviol Jr., Bronxville, NY, February 28, 2011
 '47, B Chem E '50—Charles A. Strack, Lakewood, NJ, May 1, 2010
 '47-48 SP Ag—Frances M. Walbridge, St-Ignace-de-Stanbridge, Quebec, Canada, August 17, 2010
- '48—Beverly Shepard Agard, Ithaca, NY, July 27, 2011
 '48, BS Ag '50—Richard S. Archibald, Locust Grove, VA, June 21, 2011
 '48 BA—Edward K. Bispham III, Rockland, DE, June 5, 2011
 '48 BA—Ruth Grant Bryant, Rockville, MD, June 17, 2009
 '48 BS HE—Mary C. Coble, New Cumberland, PA, May 24, 2011
 '48 BS Ag—William J. Copeland, Hamilton, OH, July 8, 2011
 '48 BA—Gail Grant de la Motte, Brunswick, ME, July 10, 2011
 '48 MS HE—Martha Parce Fraser, Houston, TX, June 21, 2011
 '48 BA—Louis J. Gartner Jr., Palm Beach, FL, June 5, 2011
 '48 BA—Mareidith Nims Gubb, Irvington, NY, June 2, 2011
 '48 BS HE—Dorothy Hirschhorn Hertz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, June 13, 2011
 '48 BA—James R. Hyatt, Chambersburg, PA, July 17, 2011
 '48 BME—Glenn R. Jordan, Pisgah Forest, NC, November 16, 2010
 '48 MS HE—Dorothy Chuan Lee, Highlands Ranch, CO, May 18, 2011
 '48 MS, PhD '51—Jack Long, West Lafayette, IN, July 6, 2011
 '48 BS HE—Anjani J. Mehta, Mumbai, India, April 29, 2011
 '48, BA '49—Paul Micou, Montclair, NJ, July 17, 2011
 '48, BS Ag '50—Livingston T. Mulligan, Avon, NY, June 27, 2011
 '48 JD—Will J. Schaaf Jr., Erie, PA, July 5, 2011
 '48 BS ORIE—Harry B. Scott, Orange City, FL, July 15, 2011
 '48 MS—Dorothy Fawcett Smith, Bluffton, SC, May 12, 2011
 '48—Agnes Klein Tanneberger, Westport, NY, June 15, 2011
- '48 BS Ag—Dorothy Hope Tanner, Pittsfield, MA, May 14, 2011
 '48 BA—Prentice M. Troup, Wolfeboro, NH, July 9, 2011
 '48 MS ILR—John C. Triesdale Jr., Annapolis, MD, July 3, 2011
 '48 BCE—Frederick A. Westphal, Rumson, NJ, July 28, 2011
- '49 BA—Barbara Sverdluk Barron, Tucson, AZ, July 4, 2011
 '49 BS Hotel—George T. Bird, Clarkston, MI, April 30, 2011
 '49 BA—Alvin Bodenstein, Boynton Beach, FL, March 10, 2010
 '49 BS Ag, MS Ag '50—Franklyn Cism Jr. of Harpursville, NY, January 10, 2011
 '49—Madeleine Agee Dinmore, Honolulu, HI, October 2, 2008
 '49—Jean Gehring-MacFarland, Media, PA, June 25, 2011
 '49 BA—Jane Tily Gimbrone, South Windsor, CT, April 12, 2011
 '49 BArch—Bruce C. Graham, South Hamilton, MA, January 19, 2011
 '49 BS Ag—Harold P. Hecken Jr., Garden City, NY, July 11, 2011
 '49 MEd—Dwight C. Moody, Torrington, CT, July 23, 2011
 '49 BA, MD '53—Catherine Friedrich Root, Brainard, NY, June 27, 2011
 '49 BEE—Donald B. Strang, Harvard, MA, June 21, 2011
 '49 MS—Edward E. Terrell, Frederick, MD, August 1, 2011
 '49 BEE—Lewis C. Thomas, North Plainfield, NJ, May 24, 2011
 '49 BCE—Robert R. Young, Palm Coast, FL, April 11, 2011
- ### 1950s
- '50 BA, MNS '52—Norwin H. Becker, New City, NY, May 30, 2011
 '50 BEE—Allan A. Bettcher, Virginia Beach, VA, May 13, 2011
 '50-51 GR—Frederick M. Braden, Willits, CA, March 13, 2011
 '50 BA, MBA '52—Bernard F. Burgunder Jr., Sarasota, FL, August 7, 2011
 '50 BA, JD '53—Frank M. Chupp, Binghamton, NY, June 3, 2011
 '50 MD—John A. Crago, Gainesville, FL, April 28, 2011
 '50 BS Ag—Edwin L. Hamlet, Sheridan, NY, April 17, 2011
 '50 BA—Frank C. Harding, Williamsville, NY, July 16, 2011
 '50 BA—John M. Hollis, Merrick, NY, July 26, 2008
 '50, BEP '51—William E. Jahnsman, Santa Rosa, CA, June 2, 2010
 '50 PhD—George A. Johannessen, Danville, CA, July 9, 2011
 '50 BS ILR—John F. Lamb Jr., Linden, MI, August 9, 2011
 '50—Grace Rawson Leskinen, Uniontown, PA, July 15, 2009
 '50, BA '51—Edward J. McNamara, Buffalo, NY, July 13, 2011
 '50 BS Ag—Maurice E. Mix, Brattleboro, VT, June 16, 2011
 '50—William D. Nelson, Cape May, NJ, April 2, 2011
 '50 BME—Robert W. Potter, Oneida Castle, NY, June 15, 2011
 '50 JD—Robert F. Quimby, Charlton, MA, July 30, 2011
 '50 BS HE—Rita Cummins Sappenfield, Newtown, PA, June 1, 2011
 '50 BA, MD '53—Gerald M. Silverman, New York City, May 30, 2011
 '50 BS Hotel—John F. Wieser Jr., Venice, FL, May 21, 2011
 '50 BS Ag—Elder S. Wolfe, Avon, OH, June 17, 2011
- '51 BS Ag, MEd '68—Raymond D. Briggs, Cobleskill, NY, Aug. 3, 2011
 '51—Jean Raymond Campbell, Sutton, Quebec, Canada, April 7, 2010
 '51 MS, PhD '56—Robert W. Carney, Atlanta, GA, May 9, 2011
 '51 BA—Michael F. Chayes, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 4, 2011
 '51 B Chem E—Dean R. Dickinson, Kennewick, WA, May 20, 2011
 '51 MS HE—Constance Cuthbert Ellison, Benham, KY, June 3, 2011
 '51 BS Ag—W. John Leveridge, Glen Allen, VA, April 24, 2011
 '51—Loring K. Manley, Valley Cottage, NY, July 2, 2011
 '51 BA, MBA '53—Thomas R. Turner, St. Augustine, FL, May 28, 2011
 '51 MRP—James T. White Jr., Melbourne, FL, August 9, 2011
- '52 MS HE—Tsun Kwan Bhagat, La Verne, CA, July 23, 2007
 '52 PhD—George V. Downing Jr., Warren, NJ, May 30, 2011
 '52 BA—Alma E. Guinness, New York City, May 5, 2011
 '52 MD—Leston L. Havens, Cambridge, MA, July 29, 2011
 '52 BA—Daniel J. Horowitz, Naples, FL, June 21, 2011
 '52, BS Ag '55—James E. Howe, Lake Placid, FL, December 7, 2010
 '52 MD—Russell S. Hoxsie, Wilbraham, MA, July 30, 2011
 '52 PhD—James C. Ingram, Chapel Hill, NC, May 8, 2011
 '52 BS Ag—Mark H. Klafehn, Brockport, NY, July 6, 2011
 '52 BA—Edward Leo, South Yarmouth, MA, May 25, 2011
 '52 BS HE—Bettie Buell Lyon, Waikoloa, HI, March 26, 2006
 '52 MA—Ralph W. Nary, Arlington, VA, July 21, 2011
 '52 BA—James N. Orton, Annapolis, MD, June 23, 2011
 '52 MS Ag—Abbot Conrad R. Rausch, Lacey, WA, August 9, 2011

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'52 BA—**Rema Reyes Symons**, St. Petersburg, FL, September 16, 2010
'52, BME '53, MME '59—**Eugene A. Zeiner**, Los Angeles, CA, June 6, 2011
- '53, BA '56—**Arthur S. Brown**, Sandwich, MA, May 20, 2011
'53 PhD—**William A. Chantry**, Kinston, NC, July 2, 2011
'53-54 SP ILR—**Helmut P. Echtermann**, Barneveld, NY, May 28, 2011
'53 BA—**Helen Cole Field**, North Augusta, SC, March 16, 2011
'53 MBA—**Robert W. Heyer**, Brighton, NY, July 27, 2011
'53 BS HE—**Ethelyn Mallan Pinchbeck**, Litchfield, CT, August 5, 2011
'53 PhD—**Milton Potash**, Burlington, VT, April 17, 2011
'53 BA—**Roberta Torrance Tovar**, La Mesa, CA, September 26, 2009
'53, BCE '52—**Frederick W. Trask**, San Francisco, CA, May 11, 2011
'53-55 SP Ag—**Gerald L. Turk**, Homer, NY, May 3, 2011
'53—**Read Wilcox**, Perysburg, OH, May 2, 2011
'53—**Donald G. Williams**, New London, NH, June 12, 2011
'53—**Frank H. Wint**, Denver, CO, July 21, 2011
- '54 BFA—**Thomas N. Armstrong III**, New York City, June 20, 2011
'54 BA, JD '58—**John R. Buchanan Jr.**, Williamsburg, VA, May 10, 2011
'54 BS ILR—**Harry S. Butler**, Carmichael, CA, May 9, 2011
'54, BEE '55—**Wayne Close**, Boise, ID, April 23, 2011
'54 MD—**Louis J. Dougherty Jr.**, Woodcliff Lake, NJ, September 19, 2010
'54 LLB—**Frederick R. Edmunds**, Vero Beach, FL, June 5, 2011
'54 BA, LLB '58—**Andrew H. Greenstein**, Hilton Head, SC, May 9, 2011
'54, BS Hotel '55—**George R. Hollis**, Roslyn Heights, NY, Sept. 3, 2010
'54 PhD—**Gottfried O. Lang**, Abiquiu, NM, June 9, 2011
'54 BS Hotel—**George A. Mills**, Eugene, OR, May 26, 2011
'54 BS Ag, DVM '58—**Harry S. Russell**, Springville, NY, May 28, 2011
'54—**John N. Stone**, Centerville, MA, May 11, 2009
'54, BS Ag '53—**Stanley J. Titus**, Farmville, VA, April 15, 2011
'54—**Robert L. Virobik**, Centralia, IL, July 9, 2009
'54 BA—**Jane Shanklin Warter**, Wallingford, PA, August 5, 2011
- '55 BA, MBA '56—**Guy H. Bedrossian**, Wethersfield, CT, July 5, 2011
'55 MS—**Nathaniel R. Dickinson**, Altamont, NY, June 15, 2011
'55 BS Hotel—**David C. Dorf**, Paralimni, Cyprus, June 7, 2011
'55 BS HE—**Hannah Ullman Dushay**, Fayetteville, NY, June 1, 2011
'55 MD—**Robert R. Engisch**, Williston, VT, July 3, 2011
'55-57 GR—**Harold G. Heiney**, Monroe, CT, August 7, 2011
'55 BA—**Harry J. Kaplan**, San Jose, CA, June 2, 2011
'55 BS Ag, PhD '69—**Anne LaBastille**, Elizabethtown, NY, July 1, 2011
'55 BA, MD '59—**G. Billie Campbell Lerner**, Washington, PA, Aug. 4, 2011
'55—**Robert B. Moses**, Lexington, VA, July 7, 2011
'55, BS Ag '56—**John J. Parker**, Belfast, NY, May 29, 2011
'55 BS ILR—**George N. Riordan**, Pasadena, CA, May 27, 2011
'55, BEE '56—**Donald E. Scheer**, Oakley, CA, February 19, 2011
'55 BS Ag—**Rev. William B. Wilcox**, Henderson Harbor, NY, July 6, 2011
'55 BA, MD '59—**William G. Winters Jr.**, Port Chester, NY, Feb. 24, 2011
'55 BS Ag—**Stanley O. Youngman**, Elmira, NY, July 27, 2010
- '56 PhD—**Clyde W. Bresee**, Athens, PA, July 16, 2011
'56—**Michael R. Caruso**, Utica, NY, July 20, 2011
'56 BS Ag—**Joan P. Cassavant**, Frederick, MD, April 1, 2011
'56—**Richard W. Constantin**, Teaneck, NJ, August 4, 2011
'56—**William H. Drum**, Billings, MT, May 12, 2011
'56, B Chem E '57—**Robert O. Dunn**, Grove, OK, June 23, 2011
'56 MS—**Mark H. Dyott**, Gainesville, VA, June 28, 2011
'56—**Nellie E. Guernsey**, Stamford, CT, April 16, 2011
'56 MS HE—**Delores Norwood Handy**, Harbeson, DE, June 30, 2011
'56 BA—**Marlene Hazle**, Lexington, MA, June 7, 2011
'56, BA '57—**John J. Lavelle**, Long Branch, NJ, June 14, 2011
'56 BS Ag, DVM '59—**Eric W. Mendel**, San Jose, CA, May 3, 2011
- '56—**Constantine A. Perialas**, Ithaca, NY, May 9, 2011
'56 JD—**Jack M. Quartararo**, Millbrook, NY, May 27, 2011
'56 PhD—**Trevor Robinson**, Amherst, MA, May 12, 2011
'56 DVM—**Thomas T. Sanford**, Poughuag, NY, March 27, 2011
'56 BA—**Steven P. Shearing**, Las Vegas, NV, July 10, 2011
'56 BA—**Michael V. Sobel**, Tiverton, RI, July 4, 2011
'56 DVM/PhD—**Robert A. Squire**, Vero Beach, FL, May 27, 2011
'56 BS ILR—**Eric H. Truhol**, St. Petersburg, FL, August 2, 2011
'56 BFA—**Sandra Albert Wittow**, Englewood, CO, August 6, 2011
- '57 MEd—**Charles F. Abbott**, Noblesville, IN, August 8, 2011
'57 MBA—**Terence W. Crowe**, Calgary, AB, Canada, October 23, 2010
'57 BS Ag—**Patricia Bly Davis**, Hannawa Falls, NY, June 19, 2011
'57, BME '58—**Albert A. Patterson**, Dallas, TX, June 29, 2011
'57 MFA—**Cornelius C. Richard Jr.**, New York City, NY, June 10, 2011
'57 BA—**Joanna Russ**, Tucson, AZ, April 29, 2011
'57 BA—**Milton C. Smith Jr.**, Bradenton, FL, October 28, 2008
'57, BEE '58—**James J. Whelan**, Clarence, NY, May 26, 2011
- '58, BEE '59—**David W. Curkendall**, Altadena, CA, May 11, 2011
'58 DVM—**Mark J. Gerard**, Wellington, FL, June 21, 2011
'58—**Minor I. Hughes Jr.**, Blue Bell, PA, July 5, 2011
'58 MD—**J. Thomas McKnight**, Syracuse, NY, May 31, 2011
'58 MS—**Edmond E. Seay Jr.**, Camp Hill, PA, August 6, 2011
'58 BS Ag—**Patricia Lychalk Thompson**, Baraboo, WI, May 9, 2011
'58 MA, PhD '64—**Eugene A. Vance**, Seattle, WA, May 14, 2011
'58 MS Ag—**S. B. White Jr.**, Cary, NC, April 19, 2011
'58 BA—**Richard S. Wimmer**, Agoura Hills, CA, May 18, 2011
- '59 BA—**Donna Mason Drummond**, Portland, OR, January 3, 2011
'59 PhD—**Leonard W. Feddema**, Bonita Springs, FL, May 28, 2011
'59—**Laura L. Flanders**, Hyannis, MA, November 4, 2009
'59 BA—**Peter K. Kellogg**, Round Rock, TX, April 28, 2011
'59, BArch '60—**C. Bradley Lynch**, Hyde Park, NY, July 19, 2011
'59 MS—**William A. Prouty**, Hilton Head, SC, May 31, 2011
'59 LLB—**Donald G. Purple**, Georgetown, SC, May 10, 2011
'59, BEE '60—**Peter M. Sacerdote**, New York City, July 31, 2011
'59 BA—**Samuel F. Schoninger**, Coral Springs, FL, August 8, 2011
- 1960s**
- '60, BA '61—**Sarah Shean Bollinger**, Winchester, MA, April 13, 2011
'60, B Chem E '61—**Charles A. Gray**, Princeton, NJ, July 22, 2011
'60 PhD—**John I. Green**, Canton, NY, July 23, 2011
'60 BS HE—**Judith C. Rooney**, Geneva, NY, June 30, 2011
'60 BA, PhD '63—**Lawrence W. Rosenfield**, Lincoln, NE, June 24, 2011
'60 BS ILR, JD '63—**Kevin Seits**, High Springs, FL, May 21, 2011
'60 BS ILR, MILR '61—**Frank C. Sola**, Lake Monticello, VA, Aug. 10, 2011
- '61 BS HE—**Carol Eaton Bartlett**, Gansevoort, NY, October 28, 2009
'61 BA—**William J. Drake Jr.**, Newtown, CT, May 7, 2011
'61 LLB—**John J. Petrucci**, Conway, AR, March 14, 2011
'61 DVM—**Calvin E. Rofo**, Middleburg, VA, May 11, 2011
'61—**Jeannette Smith Smith**, Panama City, FL, May 19, 2011
'61, BME '62—**Alan T. Snyder**, Estes Park, CO, June 2, 2011
'61—**L. Robert Stukenberg**, Scottsdale, AZ, May 20, 2011
- '62 MS Ag—**Rev. Robert C. Alter**, Wooster, OH, June 19, 2011
'62 LLB—**Nelson I. Crowther Jr.**, Alexandria, VA, May 21, 2011
'62 BA—**Denis A. Dunne**, Winnetka, IL, February 21, 2011
'62 MS Ag, PhD '64—**Robert W. Gardner**, Orem, UT, July 22, 2011
'62 PhD—**Roger Hahn**, Berkeley, CA, May 30, 2011
'62, MD '66—**O. Scott Hume**, Houston, TX, April 27, 2011
'62 MS, PhD '64—**Gosta I. Nilsson**, Gaborone, Botswana, Feb. 12, 2011

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- '63 MPA—Jerry B. Coffman, Phoenix, AZ, June 18, 2009
- '63—David J. Colburn, Little Falls, NY, May 30, 2008
- '63—Robert F. Smyth, San Antonio, TX, April 1, 2011
- '64 LLB—Frederick Bittner, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 13, 2011
- '64 MD—Robert J. Capone of Clifton Park, NY, June 29, 2011
- '64 BA—Natalie Kessler Greene, Houston, TX, May 6, 2011
- '64 BS Ag—Bruce J. Sartwell, Albion, NY, May 5, 2011
- '65 BA—Walter M. Feldman, Amherst, MA, August 2, 2011
- '65 BS Ag—Oers E. Kelemen, Dryden, NY, July 30, 2011
- '65 MA—Anton M. Moeliono, Jakarta, Indonesia, July 22, 2011
- '65 BA—Sandra Kenyon Smith, Wilmette, IL, May 3, 2011
- '66 JD—Dennis A. Cipriano, Basking Ridge, NJ, June 26, 2011
- '66 PhD—Norma J. Diamond, Gainesville, FL, March 30, 2011
- '66 MS, PhD '69—Edward J. Dudewicz, Syracuse, NY, Sept. 22, 2010
- '66 BA—Martha B. Grinnell, Quesnel, BC, Canada, April 29, 2011
- '66 BA, MBA '68—John G. Miers, Bethesda, MD, June 2, 2011
- '66 BA—John J. Sullivan, Natick, MA, March 25, 2011
- '66 MS HE—Carolyn Y. Worthington, Vero Beach, FL, July 3, 2011
- '67 BS HE—Laura Roberts Crawford, Mississauga, ON, June 1, 2011
- '67—Paul J. Eisenbarth, Hanover, ON, Canada, March 2, 2011
- '67, BFA '69—Martha S. Wright, New York City, July 13, 2011
- '68 MS Ag—Wallace S. Reed, Bar Harbor, ME, July 3, 2011
- 1970s**
- '70 PhD—Carl A. Lichtenstein, New York City, July 7, 2011
- '70 BS ORIE—Steve D. Ritchie, Lafayette, CA, June 14, 2011
- '70 MD—Henry E. Streifeld, Berkeley, CA, April 26, 2011
- '71—Lawrence P. Allen, Cheektowaga, NY, April 22, 2011
- '71—David M. Fallon, Shaker Heights, OH, April 9, 2011
- '71 BA—Demmon E. VanTyle, Wilmington, NC, August 3, 2011
- '72 BA—Jeffrey S. Erickson, Davidson, NC, May 31, 2011
- '72 BFA—Simone M. Siemon, Williamsburg, VA, May 5, 2011
- '73 BS HE—Susan Harrington Gervase, Hamburg, NY, July 2, 2011
- '74-75 GR—John S. Conover, Anchorage, AK, May 4, 2011
- '74, BS HE '75—Susan Martinson Davidson, Lansing, NY, July 24, 2011
- '74 BS Ag—Richard G. Fesko, Skaneateles, NY, May 23, 2011
- '74 BS Ag, MBA '77—William T. Greene, Roslyn, NY, May 24, 2011
- '74 BA—James E. Hooper, Roanoke, VA, June 27, 2011
- '74 BS Ag—Garland E. Morey Jr., Fort Lauderdale, FL, August 1, 2011
- '74-75 GR—Roselle Gluck Oyer, Ithaca, NY, July 1, 2011
- '74, BArch '75—Gilbert A. Rosenthal, Philadelphia, PA, June 27, 2011
- '74 BS Ag—Mary Williams Sundman, Basel, Switzerland, July 19, 2011
- '75 BS Hotel—John R. Bramble, Cato, NY, May 22, 2011
- '75 BA—Anu Stephanie Chow, San Francisco, CA, May 15, 2007
- '76, BA '77—Mary Musgrove Blasiak, Greenfield, MA, August 11, 2011
- '76 BS Ag—Marco T. Fonseca, Griffin, GA, July 13, 2011
- '76 BA—Dana A. Haverkamp, Miami, FL, July 22, 2011
- '76 BS Ag—Marc M. Merman, Glide, OR, July 1, 2011
- '77 BA—Jorman D. Granger, Ashburn, VA, August 6, 2011
- '77 BA, JD '81—Austin J. Hoffman II, Fayetteville, NY, April 24, 2011
- '77 PhD—Barton Sensenig III, Potomac, MD, June 22, 2011
- '77 BA—Jonathan Widom, Evanston, IL, July 18, 2011
- '78 BA—Paul D. Bonner, New York City, June 30, 2011
- '78 PhD—Robert E. Moeller, Oxford, OH, May 22, 2011
- '78 BS Hotel—Ronald N. Winarick, Linwood, NJ, June 25, 2011
- '79, BS ILR '86—Kris G. Marshall, Wilton Manors, FL, April 10, 2011
- '79 BS Ag—Stephen J. Petzen, Cuba, NY, April 27, 2011
- 1980s**
- '80 BA, MBA '84—Mario F. Alfano, Boston, MA, April 18, 2011
- '80 MA, PhD '82—David G. Goodman, Champaign, IL, July 25, 2011
- '82 MA—Cecilia A. Cavalier, San Anselmo, CA, February 22, 2009
- '83 BS Ag—Frederick W. Frank, McNeal, AZ, August 12, 2009
- '83 MS Ag—Ronald L. Keith, Mankato, MN, August 25, 2007
- '83 BS Ag—Monica Kalilec Palacio, Rochester, NY, March 13, 2010
- '84 MS—Lorna M. Allen, Honolulu, HI, March 29, 2010
- '85 JD—M. Cristina Celada, New York City, May 18, 2011
- '86 BS Hotel—Dwight A. Scholl, Delray Beach, FL, February 24, 2011
- '86, BA '88—Cydra A. Swinton, Cross, SC, June 24, 2011
- '87 PhD—Wayne R. Grossman, Bemus Point, NY, July 31, 2011
- '87 BS Ag—Vicki J. Miller-Savard, Manchester, NY, May 17, 2008
- '88 MPS—Maureen Ahern Peterson, Cincinnati, OH, June 25, 2011
- '88 BS Ag—Cynthia Walker Fenner Phoenix, Brooktondale, NY, May 16, 2011
- '89 BS Ag—Thomas D. Perreault, Niskayuna, NY, July 29, 2011
- '89 MA—Scott E. Tillson, San Diego, CA, May 19, 2011
- 1990s**
- '90 BS Hotel—Christopher Taylor, Cornwall on Hudson, NY, June 9, 2011
- '95 BS HE—Ronald E. McLane, Auburn, NY, July 3, 2011
- '96 BA—Andrew S. McNeill, San Francisco, CA, May 7, 2011
- 2000s**
- '01 BS HE—Roderick B. Pitts, Elmhurst, NY, November 7, 2009
- '02 BS Chem E—Brock A. Tuczynski, Thiells, NY, May 8, 2011
- '03 BS Ag, MAT '04—Alfa Choice, Ithaca, NY, July 12, 2011
- '03, BA '04—Meghan Ann Murphy, Ithaca, NY, February 5, 2011
- '03 BS ORIE—Adam D. Webb, Hampton Bays, NY, June 14, 2011
- '07—Danielle L. Martinez, Brooklyn, NY, May 9, 2011
- 2010s**
- '10 ME—Harsh Atul Gosalia, Jersey City, NJ, June 5, 2011
- '11 BA—Kendrick A. Castro, Reston, VA, May 30, 2011
- '11—Brian Lo, East Rockaway, NY, May 6, 2011
- '13—George B. Desdunes, Brooklyn, NY, February 25, 2011

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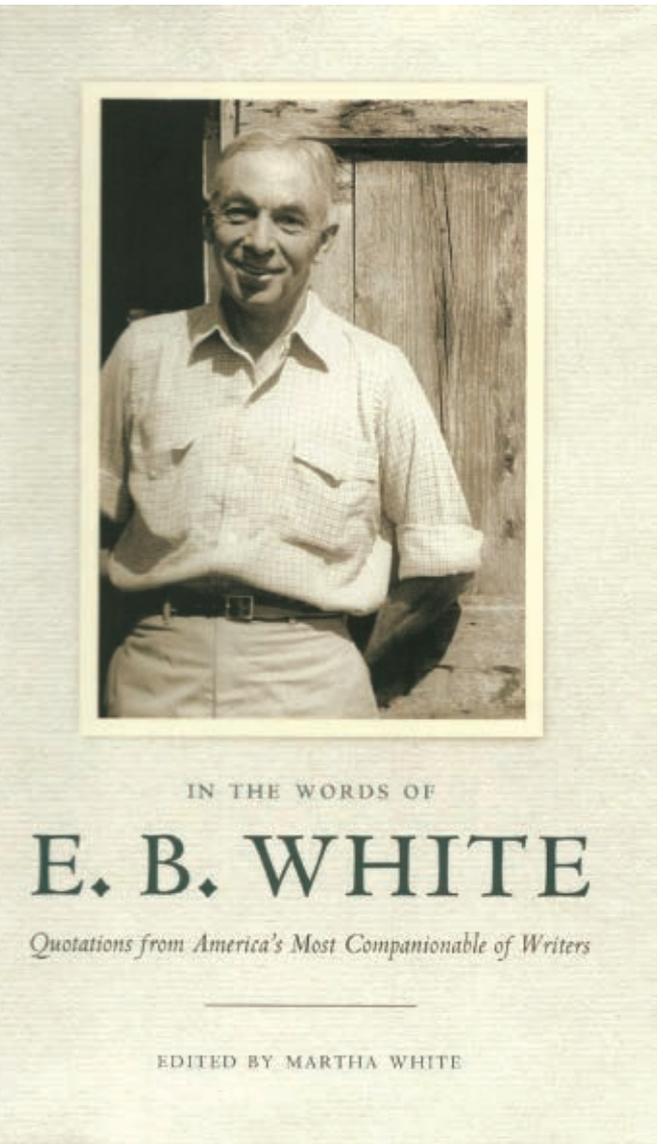
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E. B. White's quotations

In *Charlotte's Web*, a spider saves a pig's life by weaving a few well-chosen words. Like his beloved character, author and essayist E. B. White '21 touched millions with his deft, straightforward prose. Now readers can peruse some of his sayings—both famous and obscure—in *In the Words of E. B. White*, published by Cornell University Press and edited by the writer's granddaughter, Martha White.

Many modern readers know White for his classic children's novels—*Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little*, and *The Trumpet of the Swan*. But his literary legacy owes as much to his prolific career as a *New Yorker* essayist during his years in the city and, later, in rural Maine, where his family still resides. That state provided inspiration for much of his work, and many of the quotations in *In the Words of E. B. White* are taken from poems, essays, and novels written during these later years. "I would really rather feel bad in Maine," he wrote in a 1937 letter, "than feel good anywhere else."

The book includes White's thoughts on such subjects as old age, New York City, language, and rural life. His words are often funny: "I was lucky to be born abnormal," he wrote. "It ran in the family." Each quote is characterized by the same no-frills phrasing that he and Cornell professor William Strunk Jr., PhD 1896, drummed into generations of English students with their grammar guide, *The Elements of Style*. "He had the ability to speak great truths with a minimalist style," says CU Press's Jonathan Hall, who likens reading the new collection to "talking to an old friend." The book is the first in a series featuring quotes from notable figures; future subjects include Theodore Roosevelt and Frederick Douglass.

In the Words of E. B. White was completed in about a year, thanks to Martha White's familiarity with her grandfather's work as the executrix of his literary estate. She initially hesitated to publish his quotations, she says, but agreed in the hope of familiarizing readers with some of her grandfather's lesser-known work. "It's ironic that this book will probably be used in great part by public speakers," she adds, "because my grandfather



never liked to give speeches." She notes that, especially later in life, White objected to having his work excerpted, for fear it would be taken out of context. "All I hope to say in books . . . is that I love the world," he wrote to a *Charlotte's Web* fan. "I guess you can find that in there, if you dig around."

White once remarked that as a child he was taught to be seen and not heard—but as an adult, he would rather be "heard and not seen." But as he wrote in the foreword to an essay: "Whoever sets pen to paper writes of himself, whether knowingly or not, and this is a book of revelations."

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