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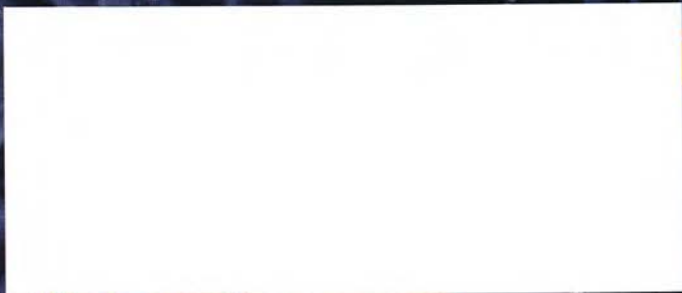
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BETH SAULNIER

When Ken Kunken '72 was paralyzed from the neck down in a Big Red football accident, doctors gave him little hope for the future. In the intervening decades, he has more than proven them wrong. Today, Kunken has a career as a prosecutor and motivational speaker, a happy marriage, and three-year-old triplets.

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LIZ SHELTON '09

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# Focusing on Graduate and Professional Education

**W**HEN WE THINK OF CORNELL students we tend to think of undergraduates, who now number more than 13,000 on our Ithaca campus. But those engaged in graduate and professional studies are also an important part of our campus population, making up about a third of our student body. More important than sheer numbers, however, graduate education in its many ramifications defines the research university and is increasingly a focus for students, faculty, and administrators at Cornell.

Our graduate and professional students come from around the world and contribute greatly to the University's diversity, thus enriching the Cornell experience for all. In the 2006–07 academic year, nearly 18 percent of our professional students and more than 40 percent of our graduate students came from outside of the United States, compared to approximately 8 percent of undergraduates. These graduate and professional students play a multifaceted and critical role in all aspects of our university. They are not only preparing themselves to become the next generation of leaders in their fields—whether in industry, academia, or other areas of national and international importance—but are also serving as teachers, mentors, and role models to undergraduates, particularly in their positions as teaching and research assistants and as instructors for freshman writing seminars. Graduate and professional students are active in outreach and public service on campus and beyond, and they serve as resident fellows in our West Campus residences and as “near-peer” fellows for our fraternities and sororities. And, as they develop their knowledge and skills as investigators and scholars, they become effective partners with faculty members and postdoctoral associates in the process of discovery.

From my meetings with the leadership of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) over the last year and a half, I have come to appreciate that our graduate and professional students are talented, high-integrity individuals who work not only on their own behalf but also to have a positive impact on graduate and professional education at Cornell for generations to come. And in addition to these activities, many are balancing family responsibilities with their studies.

In general, I believe the graduate student experience at Cornell is superb and that our students are treated with respect, whether in terms of workload, compensation, or other considerations. However, areas of concern remain, and these are currently the focus of



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active investigation by the administration, faculty, and graduate and professional students themselves. The GPSA's Vision Statement for a Graduate Community Initiative, presented to the Cornell community and the Board of Trustees last March, outlined three areas of need: an expanded graduate student center; a career resource center for students and their families (to help prepare for academic and professional careers and to serve spouses/partners while in Ithaca); and more opportunities to develop contact with and learn from graduate and professional students and professors outside of their immediate field and thereby to develop social cohesion.

The GPSA also identified some broader issues of concern including housing, transportation and parking, childcare, mental health, and the special needs of graduate and professional students in locations other than Ithaca (including Geneva, New York City, and Qatar). Mao Ye, a graduate student in economics who is a student-elected trustee, has also spoken publicly, as have others, on the need for more affordable health-care benefits for graduate student families.

Since the GPSA issued its vision statement, Graduate Dean Alison Power and Vice President Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, have been working diligently with students and administrative units across campus to evaluate our services to graduate students, focusing on such areas as career services, graduate student housing needs, and communication among the students and across the campus. David Hajjar, executive vice provost at Weill Cornell Medical College and dean of the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, is working on similar issues with the graduate student population at the Medical College.

In addition, it is clear that we need more graduate fellowships if we are going to recruit and retain the best graduate and professional students, recruit and retain the best faculty, further enhance our already strong research and teaching programs, and improve the overall graduate student experience. These goals are important to graduate and professional students and postdoctoral associates on all of our campuses. I invite you to share your thoughts with me and my colleagues on ways in which we can continue to attract and retain the world's best graduate and professional students and postdoctoral associates, and thereby ensure the quality of the Cornell experience.

— President David Skorton  
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# Losing Faith

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MUSLIM AT CORNELL?

IN THE ARTICLE "HAVING FAITH" (November/December 2007), Sharon Tregaskis '95 reported some odd and contradictory findings. Concerning Islam, she notes that "the faith itself emphasizes personal interpretation of the Qur'an over central authority." While it is true there is no central authority, the Qur'an presents the total, complete, and final revelation of Allah, which is not subject to "personal interpretation" or modification. As Mohammed himself said, "There is no mercy for those who change the religion of Islam after me! Islam cannot change!"

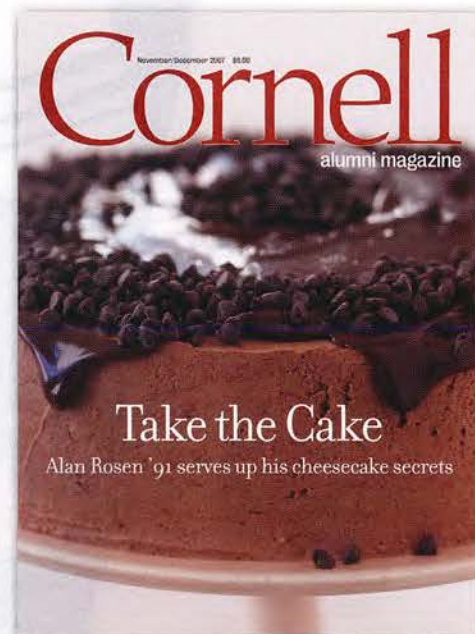
As for Nimat Hafez Barazangi, PhD '88, and her assertion about "democratic feminism," she is speaking of religious rules that require a woman to have sex whenever her husband wants it, allow divorce only if the man desires it, forbid a wife to leave the home if the husband does not permit it, and so on. Since this is a family magazine, I will not delve into acceptable clitoral circumcision, beating of a wife, Mohammed's relations with his child-bride Aisha, and permitted sexual slavery. Mohammed said, "If at all there is a bad omen, it is in the horse, the woman, and the house." Elsewhere he said, "I have not left any affliction after me more harmful to men than women." Either Ms. Barazangi is correct or Mohammed is correct, according to the tradition.

*Taqiyyah* is religiously sanctioned dis-

simulation, and *kitman* is telling an incomplete truth if it will advance the faith. Ms. Tregaskis may not be a Muslim, but she has presented superb and clear examples of *taqiyyah* and *kitman* to the non-Muslim world.

Harold Reisman, MS '59  
Carlsbad, California

*Sharon Tregaskis responds: A social scientist might have interviewed a random sample of all Muslims at Cornell for a statistically robust analysis of Mr. Reisman's claims. My article relied on anecdotal accounts drawn from fifteen interviews with students, alumni, and faculty active in Cornell's Muslim community and willing to talk with a reporter. While my sample may not be representative, I was struck by the theme that emerged in each interview: the challenge of navigating a life of faith on a secular campus largely unfamiliar with—and sometimes unsympathetic to—the tenets of Islam, as seen in considerations such as whether to forgo meat in the absence of halal options in the dining halls, whether to attend Friday classes or congregational prayers, whether to wear hijab outside of religious services, how to approach an assigned reading deemed blasphemous by Muslim elders, how to fit five daily prayers among classes, whether to date or socialize*



*with members of the opposite sex. Each also struggled to balance personal beliefs with the dominant image in American media of Muslims as violent and politically extreme. In each case, students necessarily made judgment calls to integrate their reading of the Qur'an, their family's cultural traditions, and personal inclinations. "So many things have been going on in the Muslim world that people suddenly have become aware of, and the vast majority of those things are not very positive," one student told me. "It's impossible for me as a young*



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*person to change the minds of people in this country of how they perceive Muslims in Iraq or Palestine or wherever. The only thing I can do is be a better Muslim and show a better face of Islam in this country."*

AS CORNELL'S INTERIM MUSLIM CHAPLAIN, I applaud Sharon Tregaskis's article on Cornell's Muslim community. Her excellently researched article accurately presents the realities on campus. Even more important, it offers a balanced perspective on Muslims in America amidst disturbing trends of increasing Islamophobia in mainstream media and culture. Now more than ever, we need to deconstruct monolithic and xenophobic characterizations of Islam, particularly through responsible and informed journalism.

Omer Bajwa, MS '03, MA '06  
Ithaca, New York

### Undesirable

YOU PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH Rich Baum '91, secretary to New York State Governor Eliot Spitzer ("Right-Hand Man," *Currents*, November/December 2007), despite the fact there have been numerous reports that Spitzer and his aides engaged in a plot to "embarrass a political rival" (as you put it). Are you now going to grant the other side equal time and interview State Senator Joseph Bruno?

Your choice of subjects leaves something to be desired. If Mr. Baum indeed assisted in this alleged scam, it is shame on all Cornellians (and especially on members of Telluride House) to have been part of his misguided education. Where did we go wrong?

Michael Nolan '77  
Montclair, New Jersey

### Observation

I WAS SURPRISED THAT YOUR ARTICLE about the Arecibo Observatory ("Sky's the Limit," September/October 2007) failed to mention the Angel Ramos Foundation Visitor Center, located within the complex. This facility was developed as a joint venture between the Angel Ramos Foundation and the Government of Puerto Rico about ten years ago. Although the primary purpose of the observatory is research, the Visitor Center receives more than 100,000 visitors each year and serves as the place

where visitors can learn about the work carried out at the observatory in addition to educating them in other matters related to science and engineering. Every year, hundreds of elementary and high school students are given tours of the observatory and exposed to science in an effort to stimulate their interest—thus, the center serves as an important educational facility for the residents of Puerto Rico.

If the observatory is closed, there will be no reason to continue to have the Visitor Center there; Puerto Rico and the world will lose an important asset in the promotion of the study of science and engineering. This is another important reason to keep the observatory in operation.

Gonzalo Ferrer '57  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

### A Few Questions

I NOTICED A BLURB IN THE LAST ISSUE headed "Africa Bound: A Degree in Ethiopia" (From the Hill, November/December 2007). This twelve-line piece declared that Cornell students would earn a master's degree in agricultural development and administrative subjects at Bahir Dar University, and that Professor Alice Pell was assuring us that "systems we have at Cornell will work in Ethiopia." Having spent three weeks this past April traveling throughout Ethiopia with an Ethiopian graduate of a midwestern college, I have to ask: Is this political correctness gone mad? A sign of the gullibility of the intelligentsia? A failure of the Cornell administration to ask a few pertinent questions?

I will pose the queries:

1. What will the students be taught about how the Southern Region has become desolated, despoiled, and barren after centuries of agricultural capacity?

2. What will they learn about decisions that have resulted in the destruction of more than 95 percent of all African wildlife?

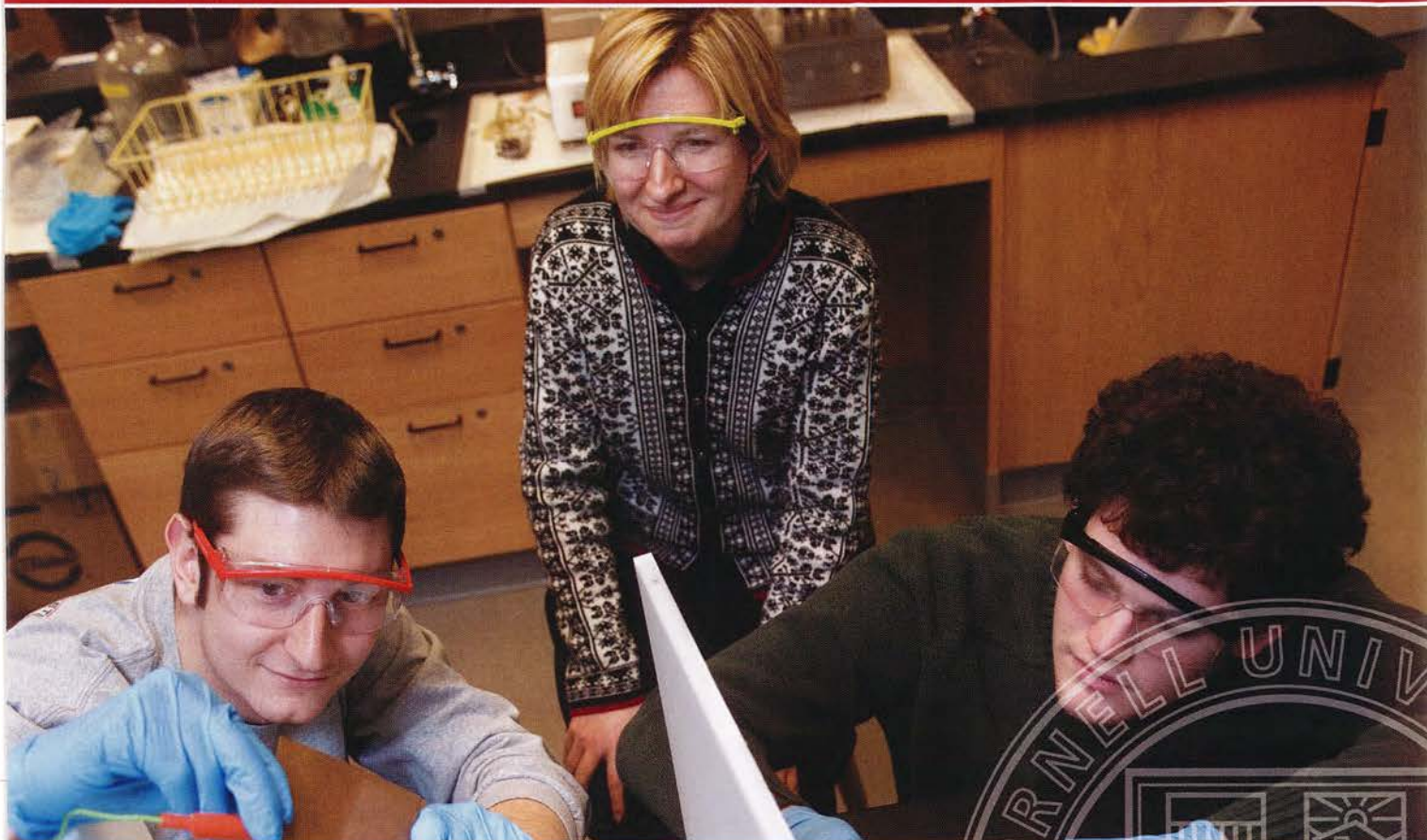
3. What will they discover about the forced relocation of hundreds of thousands of people from their historic homelands?

4. What wisdom will they acquire from the way the Ethiopian Army has been used to fight for the CIA in Somalia?

5. What will the university teach them to explain the jailing of moderate democracy-seeking educators and political



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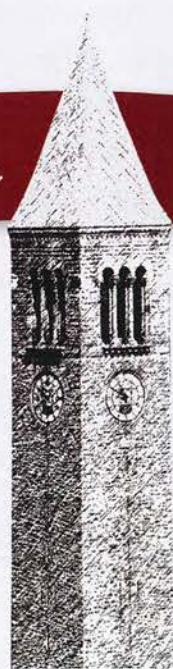
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opponents of the regime?

I could go on, but I think your readers get the point. Ethiopia once made a unique contribution to civilization. Thousands of years ago, it was a repository of many of our greatest religious traditions and produced unparalleled art and architecture. Today, it is a poverty-stricken, wasted, despotically controlled "tourist destination."

Stanley Scheinman '54  
Westport, Connecticut

## Ezra Was There

THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF Ezra Cornell's birth became something of a surprise party for the Cornell Club of the Greater Capital District. The surprise was learning of a large portrait of Ezra Cornell in the State Education Building in Albany. The painting by John Colin Forbes was commissioned by the State Legislature in 1893 "as evidence of the grateful appreciation of the people of the State of New York for his eminent services in behalf of the cause of higher education." It was featured on invitations to the event, held on October 14 in the Huxley Theatre at the New York State Museum, near the State Capitol building, where Ezra Cornell first met Andrew Dickson White.

The guest of honor was Cornell trustee Ezra Cornell '70, who brought along items used by his forebear—a portable writing desk, planes, and a wire cutter—and introduced *Ezra's Unreasonable Vision*, a video of the Reunion 2007 lecture by President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes. David Griggs-Janower '74 led the singing of the alma mater, accompanied by Shirley Richards Sargent Darmer '41. Alumni were welcomed free of charge, and gifts to the scholarship fund of the Cornell Club of the Greater Capital District were encouraged.

Nancy Radick Lynk '52  
Delmar, New York

**Clarification**—November/December 2007 "Having Faith," page 44: A reader questioned our inclusion of the phrase "Palestinian-Jewish conflict" in this article. While it is true that this is more commonly referred to as the "Palestinian-Israeli conflict," the phrase in question was a direct quote from Omar Afzal, PhD '86.



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SO...DID THE SIXTIES MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



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IN NOVEMBER, *NEWSWEEK* PUBLISHED AN ISSUE THAT saluted “1968: The Year That Made Us Who We Are,” complete with psychedelic cover art by Peter Max. It got me to thinking. (For one thing, I wondered why they published it in 2007 instead of 2008.) The issue wasn’t that profound, and its analysis of the importance of 1968 didn’t entirely explain my introspection. So why did I keep going back to it?

Maybe it was because I was nineteen in 1968, a sophomore at Cornell, and my son is now nineteen, a sophomore at Boston University. That parallel makes me grateful that 2008 isn’t more like 1968—I wouldn’t want him to live through events like the ones of that year: the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, the Vietnam War (and the draft), the riots at the Democratic National Convention, the election of Richard Nixon as President of the United States, the constant campus unrest. It’s not that 2008 looks as if it’s going to be easy—we’ve got another war that won’t end, economic jitters, and a presidential race that seems to be focused on trivialities rather than substance. But maybe 2008 will mark the kind of turning point that we had thought 1968 would be. I hope so.

“The Sixties were not necessarily, as some baby boomers would have it, America’s defining moment,” Jonathan Darman wrote in that *Newsweek* issue. “But they were an era when a generation held sustained argument over the things that have always mattered most: How should America show its power to the world? What rights were owed to African Americans, to women, to gays? What is America and what does it want to be?”

Those of us who grew up then are often accused of being narcissistic, of thinking that what we did during that infamous

decade was somehow important—so we vastly overrate the significance of the Sixties out of personal vanity. Maybe so. Or maybe it’s just too soon to tell. Much of what’s happening now, it seems to me, is still evolving from changes that were set in motion in the Sixties, from profound shifts in the social fabric of the U.S. to the expression of truly revolutionary ideas about politics, science, economics, and culture.

As is often the case, the arts seem to be taking the lead in the kind of analysis that will ultimately influence historians to decide if the Sixties were a time of significant change or just an anomalous blip. I’m thinking of some of the fascinating artistic reconsiderations that have surfaced recently, such as *Love*, the Beatles “soundscape” assembled by George Martin and his son, Giles Martin. (It was created to accompany a Cirque du Soleil show but stands alone as a musical work.) If you haven’t listened to the Fab Four in a while, give it a try—you’ll hear the music in a new way. And if your reaction is anything like mine, you’ll be amazed at how fresh and smart and relevant (to use a good Sixties word) it sounds today. Other examples of this genre would include the recent films *Across the Universe*, another Beatles-based mélange, and *I’m Not There*, inspired by the life and music of Bob Dylan, as well as much of what has been written about *The Armies of the Night* since Norman Mailer’s death.

Whether the best political, economic, and social ideas of the Sixties will be revisited in a similar way—bringing a positive influence to bear on those “things that have always mattered most”—remains to be seen. I don’t think I’ll find out in my lifetime, but maybe my son will.

—Jim Roberts ’71



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### The Cold Shoulder

#### PROTESTERS DISRUPT ASHCROFT TALK

FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT GAVE A talk on national security in late November in which he roundly defended the Patriot Act—but its most memorable moment came from the audience. About fifteen minutes into his speech, a group of students and community members rose from their seats in Statler Auditorium, donned black hoods, and turned their backs to the stage in protest of the Bush Administration's treatment of Arab Americans. The protesters—estimates of their numbers varied between fifty and more than a hundred—stood silently for another quarter-hour, blocking the view for some audience members, before walking out en masse. “Good,” Ashcroft said in response to their exit, to applause from supporters. An editorial in the *Ithaca Journal* condemned the stunt, saying it “has more in common with an elementary school playground than a university forum.”

### Legal Matter

#### FORMER PRESIDENT PAID \$785,518

IN NOVEMBER, THE *DAILY SUN* REPORTED THAT THE UNIVERSITY paid former Cornell President Jeffrey Lehman '77 \$785,518 for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2006. He received base compensation of \$763,469 plus benefits of \$22,049. For the same period, Interim President Hunter Rawlings received total compensation of \$709,932. The figures were obtained from the IRS Form 990 filed by the University, which is a matter of public record. In 2003–04, his first year as president, Lehman earned \$675,027. For the following year, which ended with his resignation, his total compensation was \$1,004,034. University spokesperson Simeon Moss '73 told the *Daily Sun* that Lehman's 2005–06 compensation was “part of his employment contract with the University” and noted that the former president held the position of professor of law during that fiscal year. The only alumnus ever to serve as Cornell's president, Lehman was in office from 2003 to 2005.



## Record Breaker

### SKORTON TALKS MONEY IN STATE OF U

FISCAL YEAR 2007 WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING year in Cornell's history, President David Skorton reported in his State of the University address in October, with \$754.8 million raised in the year that ended June 30. The Cornell Annual Fund also broke a record, with \$18.4 million in 2007, a 29 percent increase from 2006. After thanking donors and listing Cornell's achievements, Skorton exhorted the capacity audience in Statler Auditorium to invest more in Cornell's \$4 billion "Far Above..." capital campaign. The University is approaching the halfway mark to its goal, with \$1.78 billion raised by the end of October.

## Fulbright Fellows

### STUDENTS WIN RESEARCH AWARDS

TWENTY-ONE CORNELL UNDERGRADS HAVE RECEIVED 2007–08 Fulbright awards, tying Harvard for sixth place. The students will travel to such countries as Poland, Mongolia, China, Namibia, and the Netherlands to investigate a wide variety of topics, from body mass index in children to silk-worm breeding. Four Cornell grad students received Fulbright-Hays fellowships, funding six to twelve months of doctoral research abroad.

## Alienated?

### FEMALE FACULTY EXPRESS DISCONTENT

WOMEN FACULTY ARE GENERALLY LESS SATISFIED WITH their jobs than their male counterparts are—mostly because they feel alienated from the University community. According to a report from the CU-ADVANCE Center released in December, female professors are more likely to feel unhappy with opportunities to collaborate, stressed by internal politics, ignored in their departments, and unable to navigate the unwritten rules of faculty life. They were also more likely to have considered leaving Cornell for a more supportive work environment. However, male and female faculty were equally satisfied with rank and salary. "These are measures that really get at the social and psychological experience people are having in their departments at Cornell," says sociology professor Shelley Correll, ADVANCE's co-principal investigator.

Women fill just 10 percent of full professor positions in the sciences, engineering, and math, and 23 percent in the social and behavioral sciences. The center, which aims to increase the traditionally low number of women in those fields, is funded by the National Science Foundation. Its 2006–07 annual report drew on data from a 2005 Faculty Work-Life Survey and from the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

## The Light Fantastic

### FESTIVAL BRIGHTENS JANUARY GLOOM

LIGHT IN WINTER, A WEEKEND FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE AND the arts, will celebrate its fifth anniversary January 18–20 in venues throughout Ithaca. Cornell faculty are among the array of poets and physicists, singers and chemists who will examine this year's theme, "Identity," through the prism of science and art. They include David Shalloway, a professor of biological sciences who will perform in an interactive dance workshop, and assistant professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering Hod Lipson, who will explore the relationship between robots and humans, with musical interludes played by robotic instruments. Festival founder and artistic director Barbara Mink, MA '85, teaches communications at the Johnson School.

## Sports Survey

### BIG RED LAUNCHES NCAA ASSESSMENT

A CAMPUS-WIDE STUDY OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS at Cornell is under way as part of the NCAA's regular recertification program. Over the next nine months, the University will examine athletes' commitment to NCAA standards as well as their academic integrity and all-around well-being. Conducted every ten years, the recertification will involve committees of administrators, faculty, and students. "It is time to look again at whether we are supporting student-athletes appropriately," says President Skorton. For more information, go to [www.cornell.edu/NCAA](http://www.cornell.edu/NCAA).

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At the ready: Emergency personnel Alec Johnson '08 (left) and Daniel Maas '87 examine the triage bags in the University's new mass casualty incident unit, a sixteen-foot trailer that can support the treatment of 100 people in the event of a disaster. Unveiled in October, the unit has 20,000 bandages, a generator, floodlights, and more.



## Supreme Visitor

### O'CONNOR SPEAKS (AND FISHES)

RETIRED U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'Connor maintained her reputation as a humorous, down-to-earth scholar during an October visit to her former law clerk, Stewart Schwab, now dean of the Law School. As the school's 2007 Jurist in Residence, O'Connor spoke to an overflow crowd in Bailey Hall on topics ranging from the importance of oral argument in the Supreme Court process to her childhood on a ranch in rural Arizona, where she learned to play poker from ranch hands. She also gave a talk with Provost Biddy Martin on women in leadership, spoke to government and civics classes at Ithaca High School, and presented a paper she co-authored with Schwab on the future of affirmative action. Before she arrived on campus, the seventy-seven-year-old O'Connor stopped in the Catskills for a day of fly fishing with Schwab and another former clerk, law professor Mitchel Lasser. During her D.C. days, O'Connor regularly took her clerks fishing along the Potomac.



Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

## Give My Regards To . . .

### These Cornellians in the News

**Robert Langer '70**, awarded the National Medal of Science, the country's highest scientific honor, for work in tissue engineering and synthesis of new materials that have led to novel medical treatments, including ways to administer drugs to cancer patients.

Professors **Bruce McCandliss** (psychology), **Brian Kirby** (mechanical and aerospace engineering), and **Chekesha Liddell** (materials science), recipients of Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers.

**David Russell**, chairman of microbiology and immunology in the Vet college, elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**T. Michael Duncan**, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, named New York State's Professor of the Year.

**George Malliaras**, associate professor of materials science and engineering and director of the NanoScale Science and Technology Facility, winner of a Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists from the New York Academy of Sciences.

**E. Gun Sirer**, associate professor of computer science, named one of the "Brilliant 10" of 2007 by *Popular Science* for recognizing the Internet's vulnerability to hackers and reorganizing computer servers to better protect it.

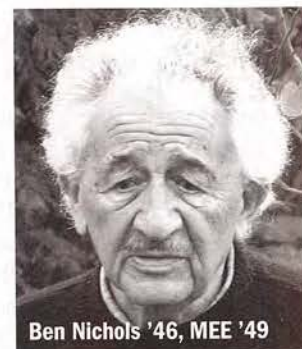
**Michal Lipson**, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, elected a fellow of the Optical Society of America for her work with silicon nanophotonics.

## A Mayor, Mourned

### BEN NICHOLS DIES AT 87

HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CORNELL BEGAN WHEN HE ENROLLED as a freshman in 1937 and continued for seven decades—sometimes thorny, but always passionate. During his three terms as mayor of Ithaca, electrical and computer engineering professor Ben Nichols was one of the few members of the Democratic Socialists of America to hold public office. He passed away in November from complications of lymphoma and leukemia.

A "red diaper baby" born to Communist Party members on Staten Island, Nichols interrupted his undergraduate education for service in World War II; he earned his BEE in 1946 and his MEE in 1949. (His PhD came from the University of Alaska.) He became a full professor at Cornell in 1959 and retired with emeritus status in 1988.



Ben Nichols '46, MEE '49

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Nichols served as Ithaca's mayor from 1989 to 1995, making national headlines with the passage of a domestic partnership law that granted equal benefits to gay and lesbian couples. He also convinced the University to make significant financial contributions to city coffers in lieu of taxes—occasionally using the issuance of building permits as leverage. He remained politically active after he left office, including protests in 2005 against Cornell's razing of Redbud Woods for a parking lot; he was ticketed for trespassing during a sit-in. "Cornell and Ithaca are intertwined," Nichols said when he was first serving on the city's Common Council in the late Eighties. "It goes without saying that Ithaca wouldn't be anything like it is without Cornell. Cornell as an institution does not feel quite the same way about Ithaca."



## In the House

### ILR PROF NAMED DORM DEAN

JEFFERSON COWIE, AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LABOR history at the ILR school, has been named house professor and dean of Keeton House on West Campus. Cowie, who specializes in the history of labor and the working class, has taught at Cornell since 1997. He has won numerous teaching honors, research awards, and fellowships. Keeton House, scheduled to open in August, is named for the late Cornell biologist William Keeton, PhD '58.

## Kids on Campus

### NEW CHILDCARE CENTER SLATED

PARENTS IN THE CORNELL COMMUNITY HAVE LONG struggled to find adequate daycare for their children. Now a facility for 158 children of faculty, students, and staff is set to open just north of campus, in the Village of Cayuga Heights. Cornell has contracted Bright Horizons Family Solutions, which runs more than 600 centers around the world, to operate the 16,240-square-foot facility. With a groundbreaking this past November, the center is scheduled to open in fall 2008.

## On the Wing

### ANNUAL COUNT NEEDS BIRDERS

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT IS SET for February 15–18. Organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, the event helps scientists keep track of bird populations and migrations across the U.S. The project relies on bird watchers—from novices to experts—to inventory birds for as little as fifteen minutes, then submit their counts online at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc). Last year, more than 11 million birds were recorded.

## Report Card

### 'GREEN' GRADE GOES UP

CORNELL IS DOING MORE TO OPERATE SUSTAINABLY THAN it did last year—but it could do better, according to a report card from the Sustainable Endowments Institute. The University earned an overall grade of B, up from last year's B–, thanks to its efforts in the categories of climate change and energy and green building. They included Lake Source Cooling, the Combined Heat and Power project, and green housing on West Campus. The institute rated 200 universities in eight categories, from transportation to recycling. More than two-thirds earned higher grades, especially in endowment transparency, investment priorities, and shareholder engagement.

## Potential Partner

### SKORTON & RHODES IN SAUDI ARABIA

IN A MOVE TO EXPAND CORNELL'S PRESENCE ABROAD, President David Skorton joined President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes in Saudi Arabia in October to attend the groundbreaking of that nation's first independent, graduate-level research university. Slated to open in 2009, the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) was funded with the monarch's \$10 billion endowment. Rhodes wrote the university's charter and serves on its International Advisory Council. Cornell is one of sixty universities worldwide invited to participate in KAUST's Global Research Partnership, a peer-reviewed funding program that will support new research centers, investigators, and research fellows in science and engineering.

## R&D

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

The stress of living in poverty causes long-term health problems in children, says human development professor Gary Evans. He compared hormone levels and blood pressure in 217 low- and middle-income children for the study, which was published in November's *Psychological Science*.

Naps improve daytime performance and mood without affecting nighttime sleep. In a study by Patricia Murphy and Scott Campbell of Weill Cornell Medical College's Human Chronobiology Laboratory, subjects did better on tests after napping than on days without naps.

The federal standard for lead levels in children's blood may not be low enough. A study by nutritional sciences professor Richard Canfield, published in *Environmental Health Perspectives*, shows that even very low lead levels can reduce a child's IQ scores.

Brown root rot—a serious crop disease that attacks alfalfa and clover—has been detected across the Northeast, says plant pathology graduate student Michael Wunsch, but an effective control remains elusive. The work was published in October's *Plant Disease*.

A team from Weill Cornell's Global Infectious Disease Training Program has identified the protein responsible for leptospirosis, a bacterial disease that infects a half-million people annually. Published in *Public Library of Science: Pathogens*, the discovery may help scientists create a vaccine.

Transplanting embryonic heart cells into the cardiac tissue of mice can reverse damage from heart attacks. Vet dean Michael Kotlikoff collaborated with researchers from the University of Bonn on the study, which was published in the December issue of *Nature*. The research could lead to treatments for cardiac patients.

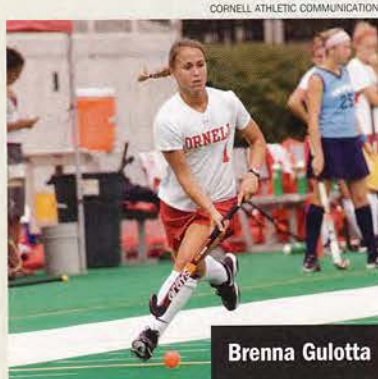


**HOOP DREAMS** High expectations are nothing new for Cornell's winter athletic teams, but never have hopes been quite so high for the basketball squads. For the first time, the men's team was tabbed as the favorite to win the Ivy League title in the preseason media poll. Cornell's only Ivy championship came 20 years ago, and the 1987-88 title team was honored during halftime at the Big Red's season-opening win over Lehigh. The Big Red returns three starters and 11 letter-winners from the squad that finished third in the league last season, including the reigning rookie of the year, **Ryan Wittman '10**. In addition, 2006 rookie of the year **Adam Gore '09** is back, after missing all but the first game of last season with a knee injury. The Cornell women were picked to finish second in the preseason media poll, their best showing ever. They tied a school record with an 8-6 league mark last season, and this year's team returns four starters.



Ryan Wittman

**AUTUMN HONORS** The Big Red field hockey team took second in the Ivy League, tying the school record for wins in a season. Four Cornell players were recognized with All-Ivy honors: **Belen Martinez '09** was a unanimous first-team pick after anchoring the defense and became the Big Red's first three-time All-Ivy winner since **Emily Robb '99**. **Brenna**



Brenna Gulotta

**Gulotta '09** also earned first-team honors after leading the squad with five goals and 14 points. **Kate Thompson '11** and **Catie De Stio '11** both received honorable mention.

**BAD BREAK** The Big Red wrestling team was named fourth best in the country in the *W.I.N. Magazine* preseason rankings, based largely on the return

of seven national qualifiers and three All-Americans: **Troy Nickerson '09** at 125 pounds, **Jordan Leen '09** at 149, and **Josh Arnone '10** at 184. But the team was dealt an early blow when Nickerson, who finished third in the nation last year, was sidelined for the season by a shoulder injury.

**FORE!** The golf team reached new heights this fall, earning a seventh-place regional ranking, ten spots better than its previous high. The Big Red finished in the top three of all four of its tournaments this season, taking first at both the White Clay Creek Scotty Duncan Invitational and the Big Five Invitational and posting a 42-5 head-to-head record in those events. **Robert Cronheim '10** was ranked 11th in the region and among the top 300 golfers nationwide.

**SWISS MISS** Former Big Red hockey standouts **Ryan Vesce '04** and **Charlie Cook '05** took time from their European seasons to represent the United States on the men's select team at the 2007 Deutschland Cup in

## Big Game November 24, 2007

On the Saturday night after Thanksgiving, a sellout crowd of 18,200—almost all of them wearing red—packed Madison Square Garden to see the Cornell men's hockey team take on Boston University. The game was the culmination of a two-year effort by athletics officials and alumni from both schools to renew a rivalry that had faded since 1983, when BU departed the ECAC to join Hockey East. While the New York crowd was tilted heavily in the Big Red's favor, the game was dominated by the Terriers. BU jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first period and kept up the pressure, out-skating and out-shooting Cornell to earn a 6-3 victory. Even so, the entire event was a great success—and talk has already begun about staging a sequel.



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Hanover, Germany. The U.S. was undefeated but finished second after losing a shootout to Switzerland in the title game. Vesce was named the U.S. player of the game in that contest after recording a goal and an assist. Cook and Vesce are teammates for HIFK Helsinki in the Finnish National League.



Rebecca Johnston

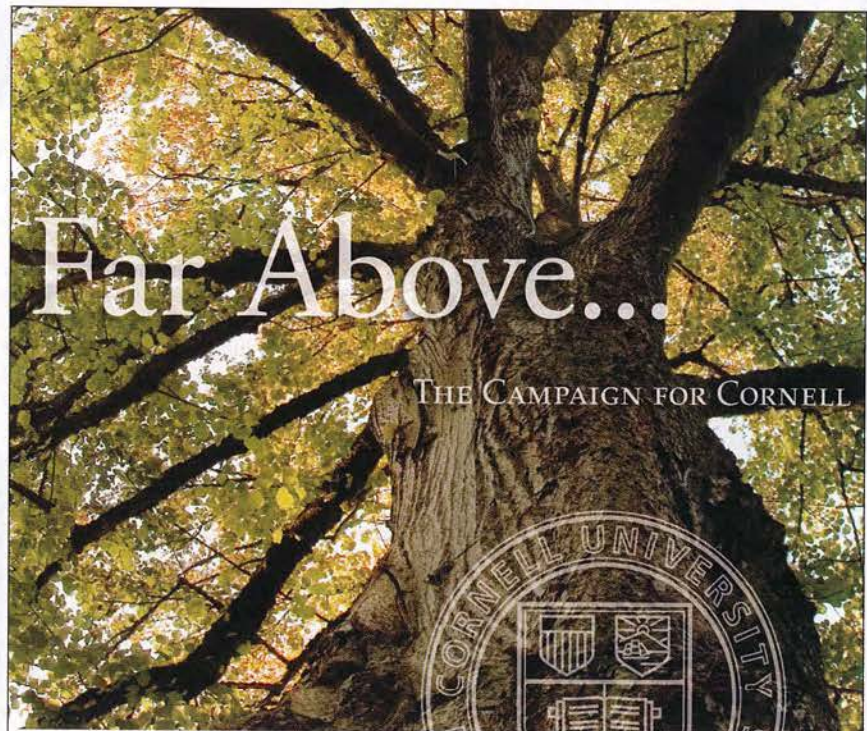
**GOOD, EH?** Rebecca Johnston '11 was the youngest player on the Canadian national women's hockey team that took first at the Four Nations Cup in November. The undefeated Canadians won the tournament for the 10th time in 12 tries. Johnston also had a goal as the Canadian Under-22 national team swept a three-game exhibition series with the United States in August.

**STRONG START** Matt Moulson '06 made a quick impression on the National Hockey League, scoring the go-ahead goal in his debut with the Los Angeles Kings. Moulson earned the call-up to the Kings after scoring a team-high five goals in eight games for the Manchester Monarchs of the American Hockey League. He spent all of last season with the Monarchs, collecting 25 goals and 32 assists in 77 games.

## FALL TEAMS

### Final Records

Field Hockey	10-7; 5-2 Ivy (T-2nd)
Football	5-5; 2-5 Ivy (7th)
Sprint Football	4-2; 2-2 CSFL (3rd)
Men's Soccer	7-9-1; 1-5-1 Ivy (7th)
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Volleyball	9-16; 6-8 Ivy (6th)



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# Wines of the Finger Lakes

## Featured Selection

### 2006 PENGUIN BAY WINERY VALVIN MUSCAT

Cornell's grape-breeding program has added another success to its ever-growing portfolio of contributions to the wine industry. Valvin Muscat, the result of a 1962 cross between the hybrid grape Muscat du Moulin and the *vinifera* grape Muscat Ottonel, was officially named and released on July 10, 2006. More winter hardy than Muscat Ottonel, it's also capable of rendering compelling wine, as exemplified by the 2006 Penguin Bay Winery Valvin Muscat (about \$15 for a 375-ml bottle).

David Peterson, who "loves" the variety, is the general manager of the two-year-old, 5,500-case Penguin Bay Winery (formerly the Finger Lakes Champagne House) in Romulus; he also oversees his family's two other Romulus-based wineries, Goose Watch and Swedish Hill—the latter being the source for Penguin Bay's Valvin Muscat grapes. Not con-



vinced that it's a candidate for "late harvest" in most years, Peterson believes that there is a window within which Valvin Muscat's flavors peak. "We are still learning to grow it," he says, "and particularly how to 'nail' the Muscat flavor with respect to harvest date."

"Learning" indeed. Having earned a "Best of Class" award at the 2007 New York Wine & Food Classic in Napa Valley, this sweet, medium- to full-bodied white wine, insofar as Valvin Muscat is concerned, appears difficult to surpass. Intensely flavored and redolent of ripe peaches with suggestions of apples and honey, it has an exotically lush palate that falls just short of being sticky sweet at 5.6 percent residual sugar, buoyed by just enough acidity. Enjoy it chilled with fruit salad, cheesecake, or by itself.

— Dana Malley

DANA MALLEY is a wine buyer and the manager of Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca.

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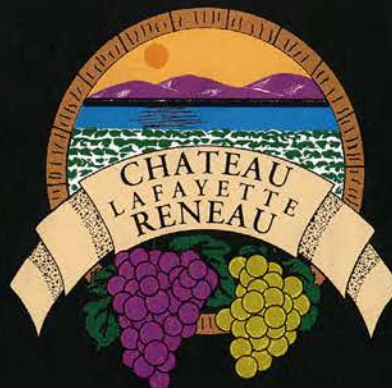
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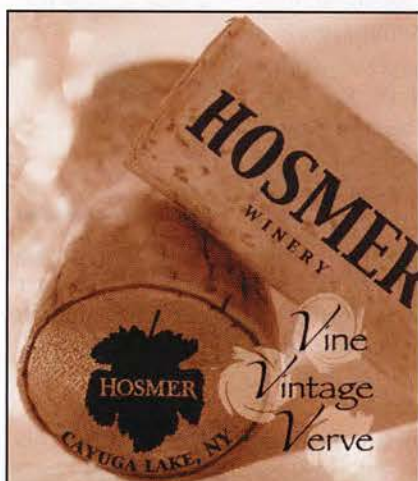
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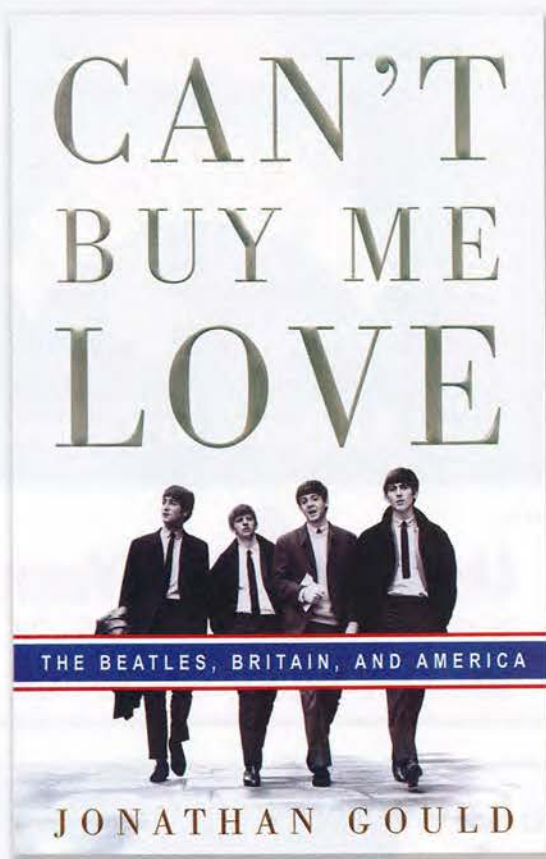
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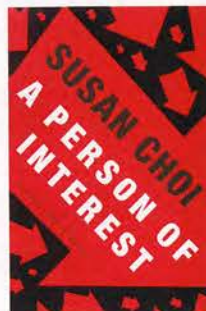
## In Brief

**CAN'T BUY ME LOVE** by Jonathan Gould '73 (Harmony Books). Gould charts the Beatles' rise from their humble beginnings in the clubs of Liverpool and Hamburg to become one of the most popular musical groups in the world. He delves into the social background of England and America in the Fifties and Sixties, and examines why the Fab Four took the U.S. by storm with their first appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." Most notably, Gould's experience as a musician allows him to analyze why, in the words of composer Ned Rorem, "the Beatles are good even though everyone already knows they're good."

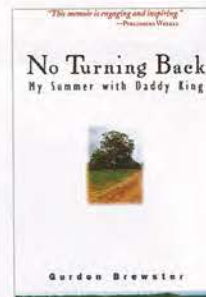
**NIGHTLIGHT** by Janine Avril '98 (Alyson Books). Avril's father was a successful chef and restaurant owner. In her junior year at Cornell, he told her he'd been diagnosed with AIDS, but claimed he didn't know how he had contracted it. During her own process of coming out, Avril discovered that her father had kept his sexuality hidden, little realizing the effect this would have on the family. "The secret that he struggled with was the same secret that I struggled with: the secret of having a need that society does not admire and furthermore vilifies."



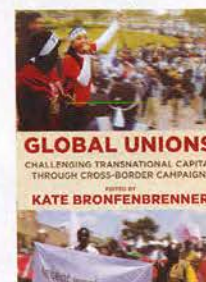
**A PERSON OF INTEREST** by Susan Choi, MFA '95 (Viking). When Professor Lee survives the bomb that kills his star colleague in the next office, he becomes an unlikely hero at his university. While the authorities suspect the work of the anti-technology Brain Bomber, a letter that Lee receives makes him think that the bomb was meant for him. As Lee recalls his failures, he begins to act strangely, and soon the FBI begins to suspect him.



**NO TURNING BACK** by Gurdon Brewster (DeChant Hughes). In 1961, Brewster was a twenty-four-year-old student at Union Theological Seminary when he went to Atlanta to spend the summer living and working with the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, an experience that changed his life. The sheltered young white man was confronted with the realities of racial oppression, but he learned from "Daddy King" to open his eyes to a vision of hope for black and white. Brewster, who later served thirty-five years as Cornell's Episcopal chaplain, left Ebenezer with the sense that he had been given far more than he gave.



**GLOBAL UNIONS** edited by Kate Bronfenbrenner '76, PhD '93 (Cornell University Press). Labor unions are often at a disadvantage when they bargain with large, powerful transnational corporations that have minimal loyalty to any one industry, product, or country. But in this book, edited by the director of Labor Education Research at the ILR school, a group of union activists, labor lawyers, and academics argues that co-operation between unions in wealthy nations and those in poorer countries can present an effective challenge to global capitalism, saying that a "united global labor movement is the single greatest force for global social change and the single greatest hedge against the global race to the bottom when unions reach across borders to realize that potential."





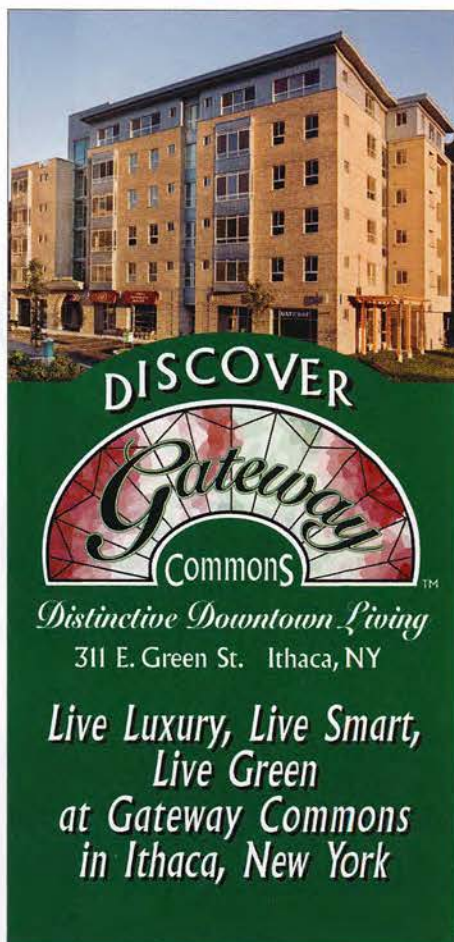
## Recently Published

### Fiction

**THE SWORD OF VENICE** by Thomas Quinn '73 (Thomas Dunne Books). In the second novel of his trilogy, Quinn sets his story against the backdrop of political machinations in Renaissance Venice. The powerful Soranzo and Ziani families must put aside their blood feud to defend the city and its fleet against threats from rival Italian city-states, the Ottoman Turks, the French, and the papacy.

### Nonfiction

**TOURISTS OF HISTORY** by Marita Sturken '79 (Duke University Press). A professor of culture and communication at New York University examines the role of tourism, kitsch, and consumerism in the American public's response to such traumatic events as the Oklahoma City bombing and the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. Sturken argues that consumer culture allows Americans to distance themselves from the realities of history without having to grapple with the root causes of violence.



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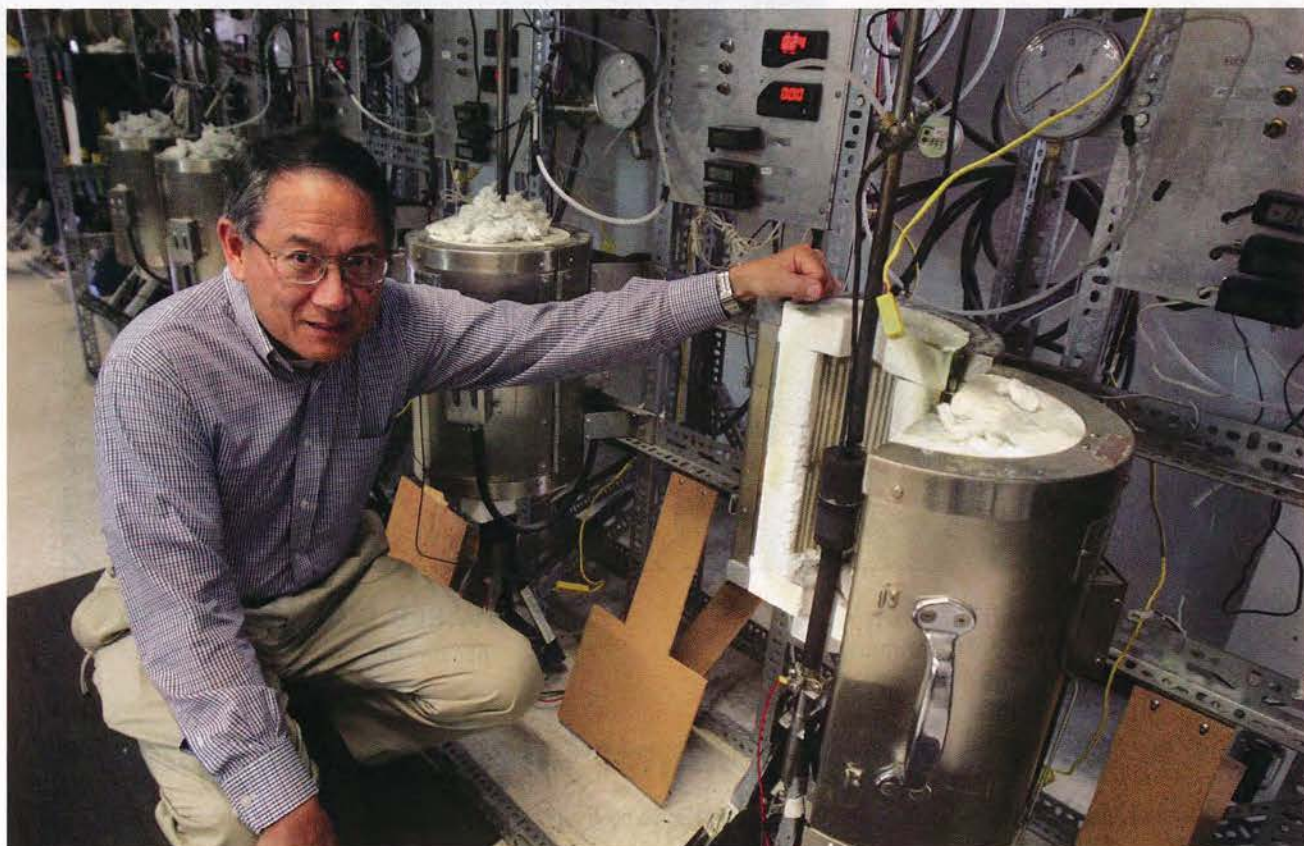
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# Forget the 'Faster Horse'

ENGINEERING (AND SELLING) THE ELUSIVE FUEL CELL



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**F**UEL CELLS PROMISE A HOST OF BENEFITS: HIGH-efficiency conversion of fuel to electricity, low emissions, and virtually silent operation. So why haven't they replaced internal combustion engines in automobiles and your local coal-burning power plant? It turns out that getting a cost-effective

fuel cell from concept to market is a lot more complicated than Welsh gentleman-scientist Sir William Grove anticipated when he built the first one in the mid-1800s. With cheap fossil fuels readily available for much of the last century, incentives to refine alternative technologies have been few and far between—

**Power plan:** Benson Lee '63, BEE '64, president and CEO of Technology Management Inc., with a row of fuel cell testing furnaces. The company is developing a fuel cell system that can turn gasses from human, animal, and food waste into electricity.



but with increasing demand for clean, efficient, domestically produced power, that's all changing.

The basics of fuel cells are simple. Unlike a combustion engine, which generates power by burning fuel to create mechanical energy to spin the turbines in an electrical plant (or animate the gears and shafts in a vehicle), fuel cells convert the chemical energy trapped in such sources as hydrogen directly into electricity. Most fuel cells rely not on pure hydrogen gas, but a source—fossil fuels, methane, even ammonia—with the element embedded in more complex molecules. A component of the fuel cell known as the reformer liberates the electrons from the hydrogen atoms for use in the cell.

Among the problems with fuel cell technology, says Newman professor of physical science Frank DiSalvo, who co-directs the forty-researcher Cornell Fuel Cell Institute, is that the chemical process that frees the hydrogen can corrode the cell's components and inhibit the action of the catalysts in a process known as "poisoning." DiSalvo's lab—which investigates poisoning-resistant materials known as ordered-intermetallic compounds—focuses on low-temperature fuel cells, the type perhaps best suited for replacing an automobile's gas engine. "It's not often you can see such a close link between the basic research and a potential payoff," says the professor, who got hooked on fuel cells when he attended a PhD defense with CFCI co-director Héctor Abruña that suggested a theoretical solution to the problems associated with platinum catalysts.

The potential of fuel cells—and the possibility of overcoming their challenges—captured the imagination of entrepreneur and former Cornell trustee Benson Lee '63, BEE '64, in the late Eighties. Then on hiatus after launching Bioelectron, a successful bone-healing technology, he was searching for a new venture when—over drinks at the Statler—a fellow trustee mentioned that a Cleveland firm was looking for a buyer for its high-temperature solid oxide fuel cell technology. (The technology is appropriate for continuous-operation applications like power generation, but ill-suited for the intermittent demands made by vehicles.) By 1990, Lee was in on the game. He formed a new company, hired a team of engineers, and charged them with refining the technology to fill a market niche: affordable 1 kilowatt cells engineered to run on a range of fuel types from propane to methane to kerosene, lightweight and compact enough to ship by FedEx, and possible for a lay person to operate and maintain without special tools or equipment.

To get around the poisoning problem, the engineers at Lee's Technology Management Inc. have focused on sulfur tolerance, which means their cell can run on a host of fuels that poison most others. The next hurdle: further reducing the size and cost of each unit and extending their field testing. But for Lee, such challenges are only part of what makes fuel cells a compelling business proposition. While NASA has used liquid hydrogen-powered fuel cells in the space program since the Sixties, and the military is interested enough to fund research, the public hasn't exactly been clamoring for fuel cells on the shelves of their local Best Buy. That meant the company had to get creative, and Lee assigns three books on entrepreneurship to each scientist he hires. The required reading explores the challenges of marketing what's known as dis-

ruptive technology—a product without a market niche, like the first telephone, the first PC, or the Internet. As Henry Ford once famously said, "If I'd asked my customers what they wanted, they would have asked for a faster horse." Lee thinks of the entrepreneur's job as creating value by making connections that aren't obvious, and it's a role he relishes. "You start with the technology first," he says, "and think critically about who would be the right customers to match up with it."

To optimize that matchmaking, Lee adopted a hub-and-spoke model, with the fuel cell at the center, and started cultivating contacts—with military contractors interested in a silent, portable power source for communications equipment; with the USDA and commercial agribusiness to convert vegetable oil and the biogas byproducts of livestock operations into cheap power; and with the nation's two largest truck manufacturers to give long-haul semis high-efficiency power for heat and refrigeration while

**'You start with the technology first,' says Lee, 'and think critically about who would be the right customers to match up with it.'**

complying with strict anti-idling laws. "Using a fuel cell instead of idling a main truck engine can save 1,300 gallons of diesel per year per truck," says Lee, "which means that in terms of dollar justification on fuel savings alone, we're at \$3,900 annually." Another of Lee's spokes targets philanthropic groups dedicated to rural development. A compact, portable fuel cell could provide electricity to power schools, health clinics, and water treatment facilities, using whatever liquid or gaseous fuel happens to be available, including methane captured from human and livestock waste.

So far, Lee's engineers have demonstrated that his technology can run on gas and liquid fuels, including propane, jet fuel, ammonia, ethanol, biodiesel, and used cooking oil, among other sources. This fall, the company demonstrated a fuel cell at the Ohio State University Farm Science Review that's powered by oil from soybeans, the state's largest cash crop. "If fuel cells were available across the Midwest's farm belt," he says, "they could enable America's small farmers to play a direct role in reducing our nation's dependency on foreign oil and consumption of fossil fuel." At the moment, however, Lee has to overcome a more immediate challenge—drumming up funding for the robust field tests that will prove his engineers have crafted a reliable system. "We have to get through the 'Valley of Death,' where you're past the hard-core R&D that the government likes to pay for, but not quite to where a big corporate player can make and sell it," he says. "Because so many companies in the fuel cell industry have overpromised and underdelivered, it's gotten tough to convince people we're legitimate. It takes some creative financing to keep plowing through before you run out of food and water."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



# Gut Check

## COURSE SHOPPING DRIVES GRADE INFLATION

**A**SSISTANT PROFESSOR TALIA BAR was leaving her intermediate economics class one day in 2003 when a group of undergrads asked what the median grade would be. Probably a C+ or B-, Bar replied. "The students were shocked," she remembers. "Immediately a large group gathered around me and said there had never been such a low median grade in this class. I said, 'How do you know?' They told me, 'It's online.'"

This interaction prompted Bar and two Cornell colleagues to study an experiment taking place in their own backyard: the Uni-

versity's 1996 decision to publish median grades of undergrad courses both online and on student transcripts. The policy began as a noble attempt to give students a better idea of their performance and make letter grades "more meaningful," according to the Faculty Senate's resolution. The Senate also reasoned, perhaps naively, that "more accurate recognition of performance may encourage students to take courses in which the median grade is relatively low." But the move seems to have backfired.

Twelve years later, median grades are still not on transcripts, due to software

problems. But online postings (under "Useful Links" at <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/>) have prompted students to shop for "gut" courses and more than doubled the rate of grade inflation, according to a new paper by Bar and her colleagues. The *Atlantic Monthly* cited their work when it called Cornell's grade reporting policy "a case study in how to pump up GPAs." As an economist, Bar was not surprised at the paper's findings. "I know that people respond to incentives," she says. "And the policy allowed students to act on an incentive."

The professors crunched 800,000 data points collected by the Office of the Registrar, analyzing the records of Arts and Sciences undergraduates enrolled between 1990 and 2004. They found that after the policy went into effect in 1998, the rate at which grades rose more than doubled, compared to 1990-97. And the median-grade Web page got more than twice as

## There's the Rub

**H**istorian Rachel Maines was researching needlework patterns in Victorian-era magazines when she came across some curious advertisements touting electric gizmos to improve women's health, beauty, and all-around well-being. They were vibrators.

This hint at the vibrator's role in women's medical and social history led Maines toward a research topic that would change her professional life. The ensuing controversy cost her a job at Clarkson University (she's now a visiting scholar in science and technology studies at Cornell) but prompted her to write *The Technology of Orgasm*, a book that became a phenomenal bestseller by university press standards. Published in 1999 by Johns Hopkins, it has sold more than 22,000 copies; the average is 600.

Last summer, a film based on Maines's book premiered to a sold-out house at New York's Lincoln Center. *Passion & Power: The Technology of Orgasm*, directed by veteran documentarians Wendy Slick and Emiko Omori, is now doing the film festival rounds. In addition to detailing Maines's research about vibrator history—the device was invented as a labor-saver for doctors performing intimate massage on female patients as a treatment for "hysteria"—the film chronicles its role in the women's liberation movement of the Seventies. It also describes the case of Joanne Webb, a former schoolteacher arrested in 2004 for violating a Texas law against selling sex toys (or owning more than five). "When we read the book, we

## SCHOLAR'S BOOK ON VIBRATOR HISTORY HITS THE BIG SCREEN

were amazed by Rachel's story and the things she discovered," says Slick, whose team was the winning bidder of fourteen angling for the film rights. "It's incredible that selling vibrators is illegal—but Viagra is sold openly, and so are guns."

While the filmmakers hope for a theatrical release, the movie is currently being sold through its website ([www.thetechnologyoforgasm.com](http://www.thetechnologyoforgasm.com)) and on amazon.com as well as in sex shops and other outlets. "What I particularly like is that it goes beyond my book," Maines says. "It summarizes it well, but it also raises important contemporary issues of women and sexuality." Although the movie is a brisk seventy-four minutes long, Maines logged dozens of hours of interviews against the backdrop of a lavishly decorated Victorian mansion in San Francisco that the filmmakers rented for the occasion. Everyone who sees *Passion & Power*, she notes with a laugh, assumes that it's her house. "Even the clothes I'm wearing aren't mine, and my hair doesn't normally look that good," Maines says. "The vibrators aren't mine either."







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many hits during pre-enrollment periods—precisely when students are most likely to need grade information to choose courses. They also discovered that students with lower SAT scores were more likely to enroll in leniently graded classes.

Overall, marks in the college rose 6.5 percent, from slightly higher than a B in 1990 to a B+ in 2004. That may not seem like much of a jump, says co-author Asaf Zussman, associate professor of economics, but in fact it's substantial. "The important point to remember is that grades are bounded from above by A+," he says. "As grades go up there is less and less room for further increases." And while conventional wisdom blames inflation on instructors grading more leniently, the authors calculate that student shopping accounts for about 60 percent of the increase in Arts college grades since 1998. "This is a very rough estimate," Zussman says. "Nevertheless, we are confident that the contribution of 'shopping' is substantial." The study, "Quest for Knowledge and Pursuit of Grades," is being considered for publication by a peer-reviewed economics journal. In the meantime, the Social Science Research Network has published it on its website ([www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com)).

Students may have some incentive to change their shopping habits soon, however. Twelve years after the Senate's resolution, the Office of the Registrar finally has a record system able to print median grades on transcripts, says David Yeh, assistant vice president for student and academic services. The grades will appear for courses taken in Fall 2008—though only for freshmen and the classes that follow. But the fact remains that a higher GPA is its own reward, and potential employers or financial-aid officers will not necessarily consult transcripts to put grades into context. Nonetheless, the policy puts Cornell ahead of its Ivy League peers in terms of transparency, says co-author Vrinda Kadiyali, associate professor of marketing. "We're saying, 'This is the grade, and this is how it compares to the others.' That's a concerted effort to show where the student stands. Holding ourselves to a higher standard than our peers, and communicating it clearly, is definitely an improvement."

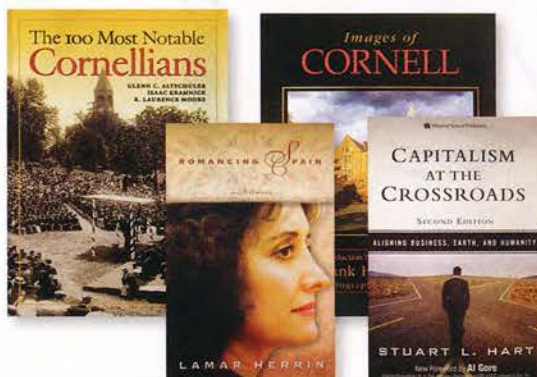
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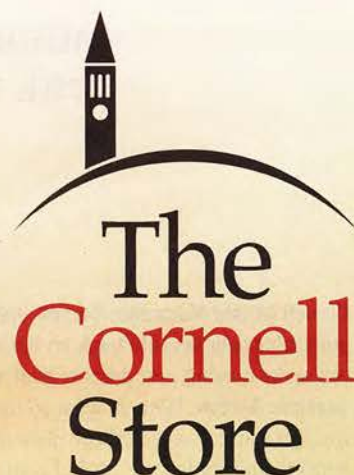
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# Bedside Manner

JOURNALIST SUZANNE GORDON '67 TAKES  
THE PULSE OF AMERICA'S NURSING CRISIS

**Cornell Alumni Magazine: Cornell University Press is publishing your seventh book on nursing in May. Why did you make nursing your primary beat as a journalist?**

**Suzanne Gordon:** When I went to the hospital to have my first baby, I expected my obstetrician to be at my bedside the whole time, and of course I never saw her. The nurses did everything, from telling me how to breastfeed to helping me learn how to take care of the baby. I began to think, "My vision of health care isn't accurate."

**CAM: What misconceptions do people have about nursing? Do they think it's just emptying bedpans?**

**SG:** Yes, or they think it's just talking to people, being nice, being the doctor's eyes and ears. Nurses have a lot of technical and medical knowledge, but most people don't know that, so the stereotype is still "lesser than a doctor."

**CAM: Is there still a gender gap, or are we past using the phrase, "male nurse"?**

**SG:** It's still huge—less than 10 percent are male.

**CAM: Are smart young people encouraged to go into nursing these days?**

**SG:** At Cornell, if a student wants to be a nurse, they'll probably be asked, "Why don't you go for the gold and become a doctor?" Most people think nurses are kind but not that smart, but you need to be really smart to be a doctor. In fact, I've analyzed TV shows over the past twenty-five years, and that attitude is getting worse.

**CAM: How so?**

**SG:** When 22 million people tune into "Grey's Anatomy" every Thursday, they learn that a hospital is all about doctors. They administer meds and take care of pain, they're there when a patient is having a cardiac arrest. In the old days doctors were center stage, but they always had a lot of nurses around. "Grey's Anatomy" has almost no nurses—except in the first season, when a nurse gave an intern syphilis.

**CAM: How serious is the nursing shortage in America?**

**SG:** The estimates are that as early as 2020 we'll be short between 800,000 and a million nurses. The average age of a hospital nurse



ANDY FRIEDMAN

is forty-seven. But this is not just a nurse issue, it's a patient-care issue. Unless we get hit by a truck or die in our sleep, every one of us will need a nurse, and there aren't going to be enough.

**CAM: But two decades ago, nurses were getting laid off. Why?**

**SG:** Employers wanted to cut health-care costs, and the easiest target was nursing; it's 50 percent or more of a hospital's labor



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budget. Spots in nursing schools were going begging because the word on the street was that you couldn't get a job. Nurses started warning about problems for patient care, and they were called alarmists. But study after study has shown that the number of nurses on a unit seriously affects mortality.

**CAM: Are hospital working conditions part of the problem?**

**SG:** There are too many patients and the hours are too long. Most nurses now work twelve-plus-hour shifts. We're also losing more than 6 percent of nurses a year because of back, neck, and shoulder injuries, because patients are getting heavier.

**CAM: So what's the solution?**

**SG:** It's simple. Pay nurses more. Reduce their workload so they can give quality care, shorten their hours, and treat them better. Doctors need to work with them in a collaborative, rather than a command-control, relationship.

**CAM: In a nutshell, how are nursing and medicine different?**

**SG:** The doctor diagnoses you, comes up with a treatment plan, and leaves. Somebody has to administer the treatment and deal with the side effects—that you can't eat by yourself, can't walk, can't eliminate, can't turn over, can't breathe. In an ICU, patients demand constant vigilance. You can have the best brain surgeon in the world, but if there isn't a nurse there measuring your intracranial pressure and making sure you don't get a wound infection or a blood clot, you're toast.

— Beth Saulnier

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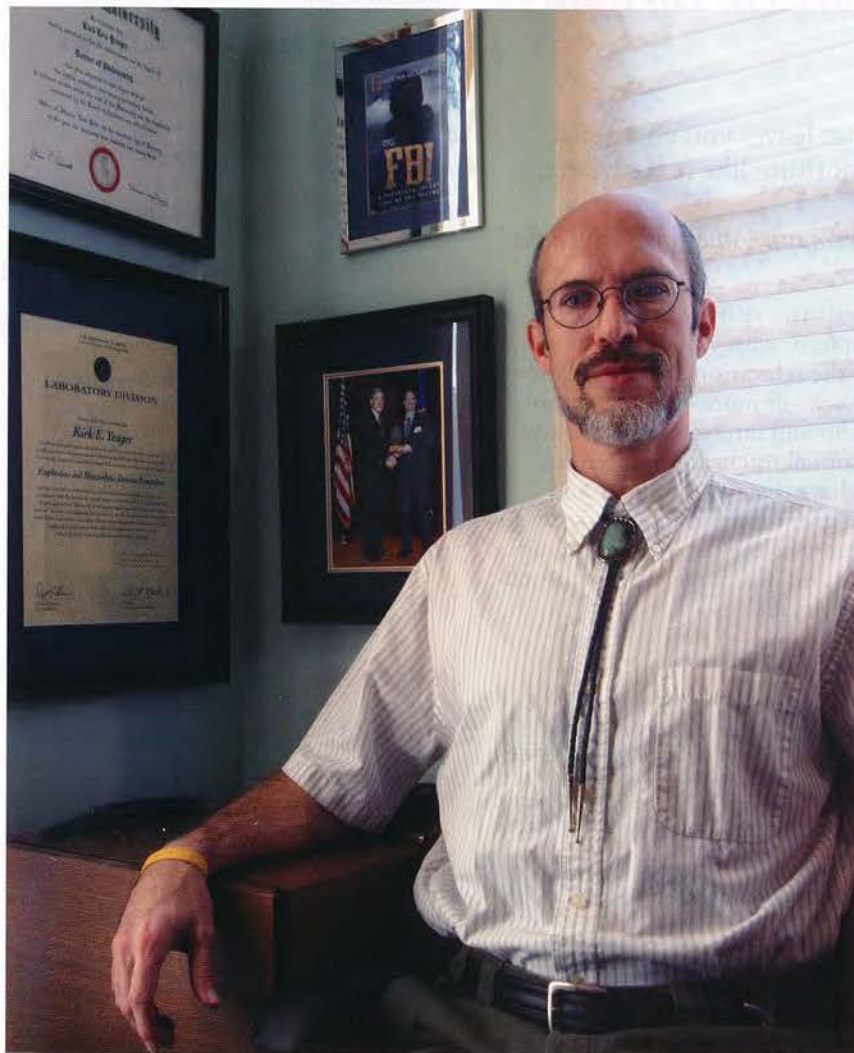
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KIRK YEAGER

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major pharmaceutical company. But it's the FBI Laboratory, a 500,000-square-foot building that houses some of the world's foremost forensics experts—authorities in everything from fingerprints to ballistics, handwriting to DNA. There are specialists in facial imaging, hairs and fibers, document forgery. One of the lab's databases contains 11,000 examples of shoe soles that can be matched to footprints at crime

scenes; another has every type of auto paint ever made.

Chemist Kirk Yeager, PhD '93, has been at the lab since 2000. But he wouldn't particularly appreciate the "CSI" reference; Yeager, like many of his colleagues, deplores what's known as the "CSI effect": jurors' increasing desire to have forensic evidence tied up neatly with a bow. "CSI glamorizes forensics to the point of making it unrealistic," he says. "The show is actually a detriment to our job. There are no magic machines that identify something in short order. There's a lot more interpretation that goes on in forensic examination, and not that kind of surety. It's trying to put together pieces of a puzzle and make the most logical inference. I have had to fight 'CSI' to try to get people to understand the real science behind forensics."

As a senior forensic examiner in the Explosives Unit, Yeager investigates bombings in the U.S. and around the world. (He's not, as he puts it, "on the sworn side of the house"—an agent who carries a gun and makes arrests.) On hours' notice, he has traveled to bombing sites in Beirut, the Gaza Strip, Indonesia, South Africa, Morocco, and more; he investigated the Bali nightclub bombings and the terrorist attack on the USS *Cole*. Domestically, he has worked on such cases as a college student who blew himself up outside a University of Oklahoma football game and the downing of United 93 on September 11. "When a bomb goes off, it's my unit that goes out," he says. "We pick up the pieces, catalogue them, bring them back, and examine them. We try to figure out what the bomb was, how it functioned, where the components came from."

Yeager, who's married with two children, spends about half his time on the road—visiting crime scenes, testifying in court, speaking at conferences, and training first-responders and law-enforcement agencies in the techniques of post-blast investigation. A leading authority on peroxide-based explosives, he keeps an eye on the latest terrorist trends; last winter, the Associated Press did a story on his work with so-called "Mother of Satan" bombs made from ingredients found under the kitchen sink. He's on call 24/7, fielding inquiries from federal agencies

**Explosive mood: FBI bomb expert Kirk Yeager, PhD '93, in his Quantico office.**



and offering his expertise to local police. "Technology changes, and you've got to keep up with that," he says. "But what's keeping us most busy right now is taking a proactive stance. I get phone calls saying, 'We have intercepts, we have this information. What can these people do? How do they pose a threat?' Since 9/11, the FBI has been heavily involved in prevention, which means you have to look at a whole pantheon of threats that are not real, and some that are very real, and do a lot of analysis along the way."

When he was studying inorganic chemistry on the Hill, Yeager hardly thought he'd end up at the FBI; he figured on a teaching career. But after earning his PhD under Professor James Burlitch, he went on to a postdoc at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, which has a specialty in energetic materials—a.k.a. explosives—eventually becoming the program's associate director before joining the FBI. Burlitch, now a professor emeritus, remembers Yeager for his scientific talent—and for blasting heavy metal music, wearing offbeat clothes, and enthusiastically decorating the lab for Halloween. "It's good that somebody is doing this hard stuff," Burlitch says of Yeager's work at the intersection of chemistry and law enforcement, "because most of us wouldn't be inclined to."

Part of Yeager's job includes re-creating bombs, even setting them off on a Marine Corps demolition range. (And, yes, he does have his own body armor.) He and his team also make facsimiles of the devices for presentation in court; one room at the lab houses an informal museum displaying, among other things, Unabomber devices, a mock-up of the Centennial Olympic Park bomb from the 1996 Atlanta Games, and an oversized model of the shoe bomb worn by Richard Reid when he tried to take down a transatlantic flight. "I don't want to sound corny, but the thing that drives me the most is actually making a contribution and a difference," Yeager says. "Through my research and experience with explosives, I can get information out to help people, from first responders—firefighters, EMTs, police on the ground—all the way up to an international level."

— Beth Saulnier



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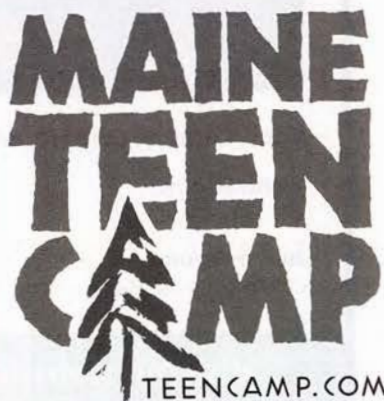
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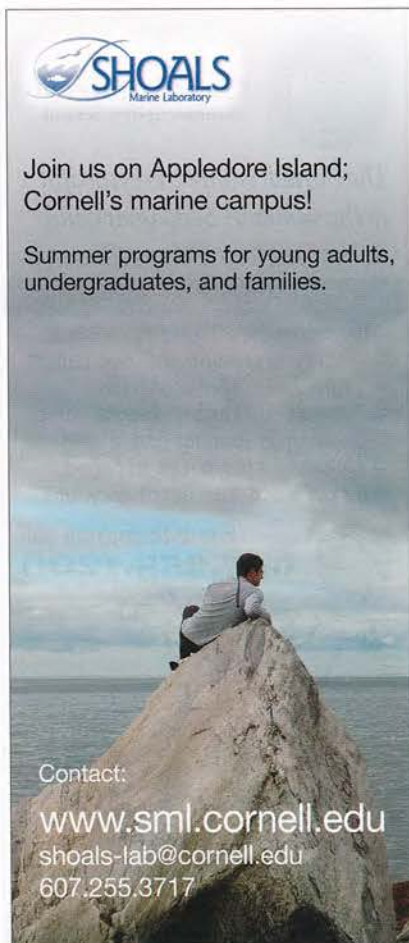
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# Stealth Wealth

Giving mood: Hotel school  
alumnus Chuck Feeney '56 is  
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## In *The Billionaire Who Wasn't*, Conor O'Clery tells how Chuck Feeney '56 gave away his fortune as quietly as he made it

**h**e is the most generous single donor in the history of Cornell University, but Chuck Feeney '56 remained anonymous for decades—and that was just the way he wanted it. But now, thanks to an authorized biography by Irish journalist Conor O'Clery, we know who he is. And we know the spectacular scope of his philanthropy.

Born and raised in a modest working-class neighborhood in northern New Jersey, Feeney considered himself fortunate to be admitted to the Hotel school, which he attended on the GI Bill. Lacking the resources of many of his classmates, he started a business selling snacks, trekking from one Greek house to another every evening and earning himself the title of the "Sandwich Man." It was the start of an entrepreneurial career that would eventually earn him hundreds of millions of dollars.

After graduating, Feeney made his way to Europe. A chance meeting with an Englishman who wanted to sell liquor to American sailors in the Mediterranean gave him his start in the duty-free trade, and he soon partnered with another Hotel school grad, Robert Miller '55, to form a business called Tourists International. It was a booming success, eventually expanding to the Pacific and beyond and taking over the operations (and name) of a failed competitor, Duty-Free Shoppers (DFS).

By the Seventies Feeney was a very rich man, yet he shunned the kind of ostentatious lifestyle that he could have easily afforded. He provided well for his family, but dressed modestly, flew coach, carried his

papers in a plastic bag, and did little that would draw attention to himself or his business success. He also began to consider what he could do with his money to help others. As this excerpt explains, his first large gift went to Cornell—the first of many, which now total nearly \$600 million.

Feeney's foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, has provided funding for the North Campus and West Campus projects, the Beck Center at the Hotel school, the Cornell Tradition program, the Rawlings Presidential Research Scholars program, and numerous other initiatives, scholarships, programs, and professorships on both the Ithaca campus and at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. It has also supported projects and programs in Ireland, South Africa, Australia, Vietnam, and Cuba as well as elsewhere in the United States. According to O'Clery, Feeney has given away some \$4 billion to date and hopes to disperse the rest of the foundation's assets—perhaps another \$4 billion—over the next decade. And Chuck Feeney still has never allowed his name to be put on a building or permitted any other formal acknowledgment of his generosity.

— Jim Roberts '71

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As he became more wealthy, Chuck Feeney began giving some of his money away in a piecemeal fashion. He was generous to colleagues and often paid for hospital treatment for staff or their kids. The earliest significant act of giving that he remembers was a donation of \$10,000 that he sent in the 1960s to his friend and former professor, Robert A. Beck '42, PhD '54, who was dean of the Hotel school from 1961 to 1981. The Hotel school had asked for \$1,000, but "I wanted to make a gift that was meaningful, and I reckoned \$10,000 was meaningful," he said.

The first instance of active philanthropy was the provision of a sports center for the Blanche de Castille Catholic school in Nice, which his children attended. Thereafter he contributed to various charities, but he was not satisfied with being just a donor. He told a persistent correspondent from *Pacific Business News* who caught up with him in Honolulu in June 1980 that his idea of helping charities was not simply handing money over but personally seeing that it was effectively used to help as many people as possible.

"I am not really into money," he told the reporter. "Some people get their kicks that way. That's not my style." He was "intensely competitive," but his motivation was derived from the creative challenge of applying a better approach to something that already existed. His definition of success, he said, was not having all the money one desired, but being able to raise a happy, healthy family. "There has to be a balance in life. A balance of business, family, and the opportunity to learn and teach."

He had already begun to tease out these themes in conversation with Harvey Dale '58. Feeney and the lawyer had become friends since Dale first advised Tourists International on restructuring company finances in the early 1960s. The New York attorney had established himself as the Feeney family *consigliere*, advising Chuck and his wife, Danielle, mostly on tax issues.

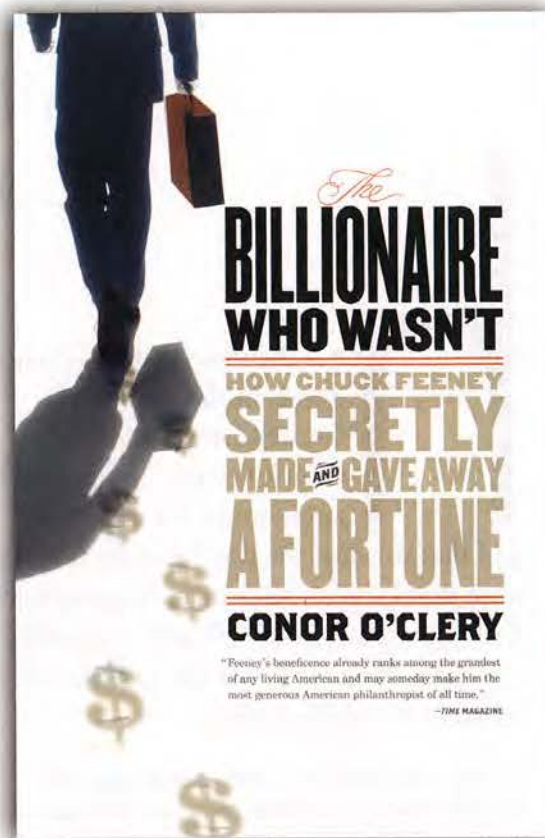
Over a number of lunches and dinners in the late 1970s, as Feeney's estimated wealth approached a quarter of a billion dollars, he and Dale began talking about serious philanthropy. It wasn't long before Dale realized that what was gestating in Feeney's mind was something radical—that while Feeney relished his continuing success in business, he wanted not just to be a generous donor but to shed the burden of wealth and assume responsibility for its charitable use.

As their conversations progressed, Dale introduced Feeney to the literature of giving. He quoted to him the advice the Reverend Frederick Gates gave to his employer, John D. Rockefeller, the world's first billionaire: "Mr. Rockefeller, your fortune is rolling up like an avalanche! You must distribute it faster than it grows! If you do not, it will crush you and your children and your chil-

dren's children!" They discussed the writings of Andrew Carnegie, the son of a Scottish immigrant to the United States, who accumulated a massive fortune providing iron and steel for American railways in the late nineteenth century, and who gave away much of it during his lifetime to fund the establishment of libraries, schools, and universities.

Feeney reread several times Carnegie's famous essay, "Wealth," first published in the *North American Review* in 1889. The philanthropist argued that there were three ways to dispose of surplus wealth: it could be left to the family, bequeathed to the government, or given away while alive, preferably to those who could use it well. The first was motivated by vanity and a misguided affection for the children, who were so burdened that it amounted to a curse; the second required the owner to die before the wealth was used and his wishes could then be thwarted; and the third ensured that surplus wealth was put to good use and not dispersed over hundreds of years in trifling amounts. The best way to use wealth, concluded Carnegie, was to provide "the ladders upon which the aspiring can rise"—such as universities and libraries. Carnegie also cautioned that a man of wealth should set an example "of modest, unostentatious living, shunning display or extravagance."

Harvey Dale, who is Jewish, also introduced Feeney to the writings of Maimonides, the twelfth-century Jewish philosopher who taught that the highest of eight levels of *tzedakah*, or giving,





was to help a fellow Jew to become self-sufficient through training and education, and that the second-highest level was giving in such a way that the donor did not know the recipient, nor did the beneficiary know where the money came from. They discussed the fact that among all religions, the highest form of giving had always been that which was not motivated by ego, or by the prospect of political or social leverage, which relieved the beneficiary of any feeling of shame or indebtedness or the expense of a public ceremony to honor the donor.

Dale guessed that Chuck wasn't initially motivated by anything that had to do with Carnegie or Maimonides, or indeed with any religious teaching. He felt it was inevitable, given Chuck's natural goodness and the culture he brought with him from his boyhood in New Jersey, that he would consider using his fortune to help others. "He just became more and more interested in giving back and not owning," he recalled.

Feeney also decided that, whatever he did, it would be done anonymously. There were two principal reasons for this, he reflected. He did not want to "blow my own horn," and he did not want to discourage other contributors from giving to the same deserving cause, which he thought would be the inevitable outcome of publicity. He had also been inundated with requests after giving sizable donations to Cornell, and he did not want that to continue.

Giving away large amounts required the setting up of a specific foundation in a carefully chosen location, especially if Feeney decided he wanted to transfer to such a foundation any of his business assets, as he seemed to be indicating, and if he wanted his giving to be international in its scope. Harvey Dale set out to do a worldwide survey of jurisdictions that would accommodate Chuck's requirements. The United States was ruled out as a base. Anonymity would be almost impossible, and the U.S. government was at that time moving to bar foundations from holding a concentration of business assets, as federal authorities had found evidence that many wealthy Americans were using philanthropies simply to perpetuate control of their corporate interests.

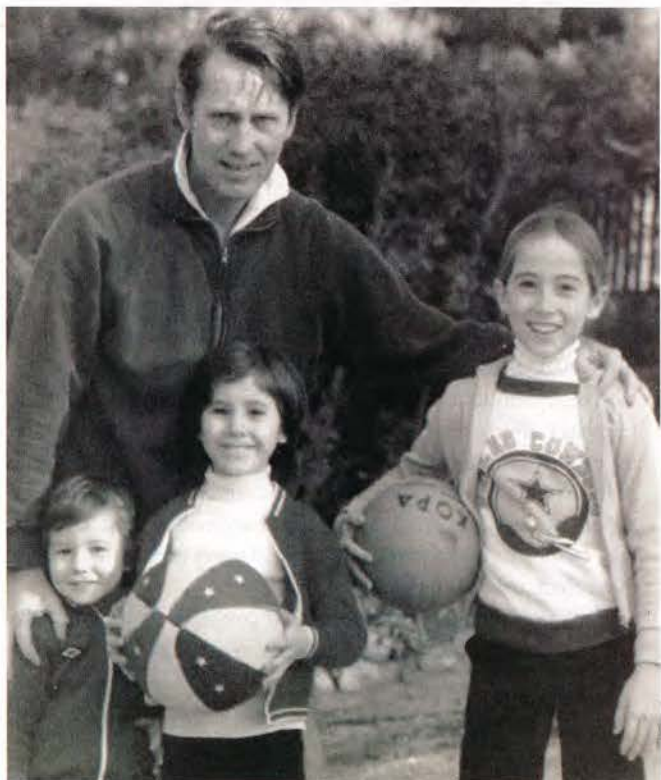
Dale considered the Channel Islands and the Bahamas and finally settled on Bermuda. The twenty-one square miles of self-governing British territory in the middle of the Atlantic imposed no direct taxes on personal or corporate income, did not levy taxes on charities or foundations, and did not require public dis-

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closure of foundations. Bermuda also allowed a philanthropy to fund good causes worldwide. It had a highly developed economy and financial structure, and Feeney's company, General Atlantic Group Ltd., was already registered in Bermuda.

But to set up a foundation in Bermuda, a person had to be a resident for a year. And that meant not just Chuck but Danielle,

**Father figure: Feeney in the 1970s with three of his five children, (from left) Patrick, Diane, and Leslie. As Diane told O'Clery: "We never have wanted to live an extravagant lifestyle."**





as everything was in her name. In March 1978, Feeney bought a large villa in Bermuda with the help of a local banker, Cummings Zuill, a member of an old Bermuda family whom he had met when Zuill was working in Hong Kong for the Bank of Bermuda. The Feeney family moved there in the summer of 1978.

Shortly after arriving in Bermuda, Chuck and Danielle created their first, named, charitable venture. They called it the Davney Fund. The word Davney was an amalgam of his mother's maiden name, Davis, and his father's name, Feeney. It was not registered as a foundation, as it was just a way of "test-driving" a system for making anonymous payments to individuals and educational and charitable organizations, prior to setting up a real foundation.

The dialogue between Chuck and Harvey, meanwhile, had evolved to the point where it became clear that he was intending to put everything into a foundation—the DFS shareholding, the businesses, and all his investments. He would make sure Danielle and the children were taken care of, and the houses would remain in the family, but that was all.

It was a progression of his thinking, a "slope line," recalled Harvey Dale, who thought Feeney reached the decision sometime between 1980 and 1982. "Chuck's time clock is different from that of anybody I know. He quite often takes important decisions and sort of lets them marinate. Time passes until he gets to some place internally where he has comfort with a direction." Feeney himself cannot remember a "going-over-the-cliff" moment. Nor did he philosophize much about his decision after he reached it. "I came to the conclusion I didn't need a lot of money because I didn't intend to live a lifestyle that required it," he said simply.

While he was mulling this over, Feeney made his first major individual gift. In 1981, he was contacted by Ernie Stern, the fundraiser for the twenty-fifth reunion of the Cornell Class of '56. At that time it was the custom for alumni from Cornell to get together to give a total gift of \$250,000 to the University on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their graduation. Stern was persuaded to aim for \$1 million by one of the wealthier alumni, Jon Lindseth, whose father, Elmer, was president of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. The Cornell development office warned him that he was setting goals that were unrealistic. Stern tracked Feeney down to help. "I remembered him vaguely as the sandwich guy. I think his main thesis was, 'not too heavy on the salami or the bologna, more bread!'" Feeney responded by writing a check for \$700,000. "We ended up raising \$2 million," said Stern.

Feeney thought the exercise made his class look good, but he felt that it didn't resolve any specific need of the University. His urge to give came with a strong belief, drawn from the example of his parents and based on his own entrepreneurial bent, that he should bring into play the talents that had enabled him to amass that money to make sure it was put to good use, which meant more than just writing checks.

Establishing a unique charity that could give anonymously, possess businesses, and operate worldwide required in the end a

special act of the Bermuda parliament. In 1981, Harvey Dale engaged an English-born lawyer, Frank Mutch, from the island's biggest law firm, Conyers Dill & Pearman, to help draft the necessary legislation. A year later, they presented their draft bill to the Private Bills Committee in the Bermuda Assembly. It provided for setting up a charitable foundation to be called the Atlantic Foundation. To reassure the parliamentarians they were genuine, the bill empowered the Bermuda Charity Commissioners to oversee the Atlantic Foundation's operations. The committee approved the Atlantic Foundation Company Act, 1982, and it was nodded through the red-carpeted House of Assembly.

The foundation documents were lodged with the company registrar at 30 Parliament Street in Hamilton, and the Atlantic Foundation was officially set up on March 1, 1982, with an initial lodgment of \$5 million and the declared aim of helping projects across the world to relieve poverty and suffering, to advance edu-

Feeney himself cannot remember a 'going-over-the-cliff' moment. Nor did he philosophize much about his decision after he reached it. 'I came to the conclusion I didn't need a lot of money because I didn't intend to live a lifestyle that required it.'

cation, and to help causes such as health, children and youth, old age, and international justice. It did not limit its activities with respect to projects and directions. Its directors were listed as Chuck and Danielle Feeney and Harvey Dale. Feeney recruited Ray Handlan '53, a former director of development for Cornell, to act as president, and a board of advisers was recruited: three Cornellians—Bob Beck, Chuck Rolles '56, and Fred Eydt '52—and Jack Nordeman.

Feeney gave all the people involved in the foundation a copy of Carnegie's essay on wealth. Although brilliant when talking about business, Feeney was never good at articulating his philosophy of life. It embarrassed him. He used quips as a defense mechanism against introspection. Acquaintances remarked that they never heard him engage in introspection and that he used his sense of humor to keep his inner self at a distance. Instead of explaining what was going on in his mind, he would give friends and family members articles or cuttings from magazines and newspapers. They had to infer the message. Giving out copies of "Wealth" was a clever way of enlightening them on the essence of his giving.

Andrew Carnegie was not a precise role model for Chuck Feeney. The Scottish philanthropist made his fortune through harsh and ruthless business methods, and he loved having his name on libraries and schools, neither of which applied to Feeney. But his basic message was clear—give while alive. Those to whom Feeney handed a copy of "Wealth" were left in no doubt that he was intent on giving away most if not all of the fortune he had accumulated in the duty-free business. ●



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**As a Cornell junior, Ken Kunken '72 was paralyzed by a football injury and given little hope for a full life. Today, he's a Long Island D.A. with four academic degrees, a happy marriage—and three-year-old triplets.**



# Father Courage

By Beth Saulnier

Photographs by John Abbott



All in the family: Kunken at home in Rockville Centre, Long Island, with his wife, Anna, and sons (from left) Jimmy, Timmy, and Joey. The Kunkens did extensive renovations to make the house accessible for his motorized wheelchair.

**T**he Kunken boys have turned their living room into a combination obstacle course and trampoline. Having taken the cushions off the sectional sofa to form a padded square, the tow-headed triplets are running and hopping and somersaulting in a manic loop. A few months shy of three years old, the brothers are a force of nature as they race around the room—falling, laughing, and picking themselves up again. Their father looks on, wearing a smile so wide it borders on the comical. Ken Kunken '72 is sitting in a motorized wheelchair, almost completely paralyzed from the neck down for the past thirty-seven years, and he is deliriously happy. "They're not putting on a show for you," he tells a visitor to the family's spacious ranch house in Rockville Centre, Long Island. "I swear, they're like this every single night."

Even in an age when fertility clinics are commonplace, the arrival of Joey, Jimmy, and Timmy in January 2005 was enough of a medical marvel that it attracted a flurry of local news coverage; there's a framed *Newsday* cover story over the mantle in the Kunkens' den. "Paralyzed Man Fathers Three Sons," announced the local CBS affiliate, declaring that the triplets prove "that the impossible is achievable." Kunken was fifty-five when his Polish-born wife, Anna, gave birth by C-section. Although the boys spent several weeks in the neonatal ICU, they emerged with no lasting health problems. "When we were talking about getting married, Anna told me that she'd like to have my baby," Kunken says. "Not just a baby, but she wanted *my* baby. She wanted to see a little Kunken running around."

They went through three unsuccessful rounds of *in vitro* using electro-ejaculation before Kunken had surgery to retrieve sperm directly from his testicles. On the fourth try, at Weill Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, doctors implanted three fertilized embryos in the hope that at least one would develop. They all survived, and the Kunkens were thrilled; both have close relationships with their siblings and were determined to have more than one child. The boys are fraternal rather than identical, and their distinct personalities have already begun to emerge. "They're very different, but





**Law & order:** Kunken at work in the Nassau County District Attorney's office with Dan Looney, a fellow deputy bureau chief. Kunken can type with his left hand using a splint; other adaptations include a device that holds the phone to his ear.

they get along great," Kunken says. "Jimmy seems to be the most adventurous. He runs around and is ready to get into mischief, is always wrestling with his brothers and trying to push the limits. Timmy is the thinker—real bright and the more deliberative one who stops and observes everything. And Joey's the biggest guy. He's the one who just wants to have a good time."

When the triplets were born, the Kunkens still lived in the same two-bedroom condo he had occupied for two decades. When they bought the house in Rockville Centre, they did extensive renovations to widen doorways, build ramps, and create accessible bathrooms. The boys still share a bedroom, their three cribs lined up in a row and the closet filled with neatly arranged (and non-identical) outfits. When they were infants, Kunken would carry one in a BabyBjörn strapped to his chest or hold all three in his lap; they still love to sit there, but these days only two can fit. A nanny helps care for the boys, and the occasional visiting relative offers an extra pair of hands. "Ken doesn't look at any of this as stressful," says his older brother, Steve. "I think he is looking at every day as the greatest thing that's happened. It's like a new life for him, having them around."

Thirty-seven years ago, when Kunken was gravely injured during a 150-pound football (now called sprint football) game on the Hill, he scarcely would have dared to dream that it would turn out like this. Back then, the medical and social conventions of the day

held out little hope: not only would he never recover, but he couldn't expect much of a future. A career as a district attorney and motivational speaker? A long shot. A successful marriage? Unlikely. And three biological children? Impossible. "When I was at the rehab center, I read a book that talked in great detail about spinal cord injuries," Kunken recalls. "It had a couple of pages on the movement you'd have depending on the level of your injury, where your sensation would be, how it affected your bodily functions. But they also had a page on careers. And the only career I remember them mentioning for someone who was hurt on my level was to sell magazine subscriptions over the telephone. And at that time, I couldn't even dial."

It was Halloween 1970 when Kunken, a 155-pound junior in his first game of the season—a sub, he had missed his first two chances to play due to a family funeral and the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur—collided with the Columbia kick returner on the twenty-five-yard line. Longtime sprint football coach Terry Cullen, MBA '66 (then an assistant under his father, Bob), remembers the moment vividly. "The Columbia player got hit by somebody else and was airborne and



came down on the back of Kenny's head," he says. "I knew what was wrong right away. I had just returned from Vietnam, so when he didn't have any feeling, I knew what it meant."

Kunken was taken by ambulance to Elmira, where the Cullens met his family in the hospital parking lot. Inside, Cullen says, the scene was worse than grim. "I remember walking in, and they had him tied up—I hate to say it—kind of like an animal. There were screws in the side of his head and they had him revolving around, trying to stretch the spinal column and maintain circulation. It was God-awful, just God-awful." Kunken had broken his neck between the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae. He was a quadriplegic—unable even to shrug his shoulders, though he'd later regain enough control of his left hand to operate his wheelchair. Despite it all, Cullen says, "he was fantastically positive—more so than anything I could relate to." Steve Kunken, too, remembers his brother's attitude as strikingly optimistic, to the point where he was cheering up his visitors rather than vice versa. "People would go to see him to offer support, and their universal feeling was extreme nervousness. 'What do we say? What do we talk about?' And universally—it chokes me up a little bit—they would come out and say, 'I feel so much better.'"

Although Kunken put on a brave face for his friends and family, he admits that he wasn't always so upbeat. In his memoir, *Still Me*, the late Christopher Reeve '74 described his despair in the first days after his paralyzing injury; for Kunken, who has read the book and briefly met Reeve after his accident, the description of those awful moments rang true. "When I was first hurt, I definitely wanted to die," he says. "It was such a devastating injury, and I was in a lot of pain for quite a while. It just seemed totally hopeless."

But after ten months at NYU's Rusk Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine—the same clinic where Reeve would undergo rehab decades later—Kunken returned to the Hill to complete his degree in industrial engineering. He lived in Sage Hall, and though he appreciated the University's willingness to convert a first-floor lounge into a dorm room for him, he still had to negotiate stairs to get in and out. At first, he says, his request for a ramp was refused. "They were very polite, but they told me they didn't want to

do it because they'd have to remove two bushes, and they were concerned that some students might protest—this was during the days when there were a *lot* of protests. And one night, during my second semester back, we had a fire drill and everybody had to evacuate the building. The next day, an administrator asked how I managed. And I told him that I was able to get out by having my aide bounce me in my wheelchair down the steps, but I felt bad because I slowed down the other students."

The Americans with Disabilities Act was two decades off.

**Evening commute: A customized van takes Kunken home from the district attorney's office in Mineola, New York.**







Although Kunken eventually got a ramp outside Sage, there were no accessible dining halls, so he ate most of his meals in his room. He relied on passing students to help carry him in his wheelchair so he could get to class. (He distinctly remembers that Bailey Hall, where he took psychology from Prof. Jim Maas, had sixteen steps.) And then there was Cornell's inescapable geography—the steep slopes, far-flung buildings, and snowy winters. It was, he says, “probably one of the least wheelchair-friendly places I could have gone.” But he stayed active with his fraternity, Sigma Nu, and remained close with his teammates. “Everyone was really helpful and I tried to participate as much as I could,” he says. “I attended all the football and hockey games and tried to go to fraternity parties. But Cornell was very difficult to get around.”

**U**nable to write, he handed out carbon paper to classmates and asked them to share their notes; he dictated his papers or typed them with a pencil attached to a splint using his left hand, twelve words a minute on a good day. Kunken got his engineering degree in 1973 and stayed on the Hill for a master's in counseling before earning another master's in psychology from Columbia. Then, he says, “I looked for a job for a year. I sent out over 200 résumés, and nobody would hire me.” He eventually became a vocational rehabilitation counselor, at an annual salary of \$10,000; at the time, he was paying his personal care attendant more than \$15,000. After two years he opted for law school, graduating from Hofstra in 1982. His brother, a

defense attorney, recommended that he go into tax law, because he was good at math and could work entirely from behind a desk. “He rejected that pretty much out of hand and said he wanted to be in the courtroom doing trial work,” Steve Kunken says. “I thought that was nuts. That's what I was doing, and it's very physical.” An internship with the Nassau County District Attorney's office led to a career as a prosecutor in which he tried sixty-five felony cases and presented more than 250 cases to the grand jury. He's now a deputy bureau chief, supervising two dozen assistant D.A.s. “He's very skilled in a courtroom,” says colleague Dan Looney. “And in his current role as a supervisor, I couldn't think of a better role model for young D.A.s. He teaches them the importance of being compassionate toward victims and the responsibility of always being prepared.”

Kunken met Anna in 1999, when she became one of his weekend aides; they got engaged two years later. With a master's in business that she earned in Poland, she had come to the U.S. to study English and graphic design. “After about five minutes, I forgot about the wheelchair,” she says. “The thing I noticed was his blue eyes, and most important, his great voice.” Lately, the couple has been working to launch Kunken's career as a motivational speaker; he gives talks in which he shares his personal history and offers advice on overcoming obstacles. “Even if people say that something's not possible, he just flies right through it,” Anna says. “People say, ‘You cannot manage, you cannot do this or that.’ And Ken says, ‘Let's just do it. We'll worry about it later.’” 📍

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# A Campus of One's Own



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Welcome to Cornell: Hauling belongings into a dorm on freshman move-in day (left). Right: The new North Campus residence halls, which offer more amenities than typical college housing.

**Living on North Campus has become a freshman rite of passage. Is Cornell's housing experiment working?**

**by Liz Sheldon**

**O**n a clear morning in mid-August, the sun glints off the fresh green paint on the newly remodeled Thurston Avenue bridge, whose completion has come just in time. Having spanned Fall Creek Gorge for generations, the bridge now links the entire freshman class on North Campus to the rest of the University—particularly on days like today, when thousands of parents roll across it in heavily laden cars to deliver the newest Cornellians to their dorms. Contrary to what most alumni remember, this ritual is no longer spread across the Hill; since 2001, all freshmen have been required to live on North Campus. The concentration of 3,055 new students in one place means a more chaotic move-in than in bygone years, and these days the exchange of cell phone numbers is the first step toward making new friends. Many of the students are moving into buildings where athletic fields stood less than a decade ago. Still, some things will always be the same: tearful goodbyes, nervous introductions, dazed-looking parents giving last-minute advice.



Unlike many of its peers, Cornell does not hold small gatherings throughout the summer, but instead waits until the whole class is assembled on the Hill for a six-day orientation. This year's theme was music, with "American Idol"-inspired events and a printed guide modeled after *Rolling Stone* magazine that promised to help students "be a rock star at Cornell." Some orientation events have become Cornell traditions: discussions of the campus-wide book project, the "dump-and-run" yard sale (where everything from shoes to mini-fridges can be had on the cheap), and the "freshman migration," a march of the entire new class across the Thurston Avenue bridge and onto central campus. In the evenings, free T-shirts and food abound at events like the Big Red Blowout, where students can sample the smorgasbord of campus activities. "Cornell goes to such lengths to make you feel welcome," says Meghan Corcoran '11, pondering the possibilities of the polo team and already sporting a Cornell shirt. "It's great to have an event where you get a chance to see what's out there and meet other freshmen."

These days, though, orientation is about much more than figuring out how to get a kosher meal or check out a library book. It's the first step in a system that was designed ten years ago, when then-president Hunter Rawlings announced his vision for a new residential initiative. That plan, the culmination of dozens of proposals for new student housing over the years, included what for Cornell was a radical concept: the housing of all freshmen on North Campus. Living on North as a freshman has since become part of the Cornell experience; the first class of seniors who all resided there during their first year graduated in 2005. "I thought it was perfect, because everyone is in the same boat," architecture major Molly Chiang '09 recalls over lunch in Goldwin Smith's Temple of Zeus. As a student in the smallest—and, arguably, most close-knit—college on campus, Chiang appreciated the broader opportunities offered on North Campus. "A lot of my friends stayed close with the people they met freshman year. It's a great way to meet people you might not otherwise, and that helps you throughout your time at Cornell, both as a student and as a person."

While the North Campus experiment is still evolving, early measures of student satisfaction have been promising. Through a survey administered to seniors every four years, administrators have been able to track reaction to the initiative—albeit indirectly. The survey compares Cornell students' opinions to those of Ivy League peers and comparable smaller colleges. Areas in which Cornell was on the lower end of the spectrum eight years ago include availability of faculty and level of student diversity. While there is no way to directly link it to North Campus, increased student approval in those areas in recent years coincides with the residential changes meant specifically to address them. Overall, general satisfaction with housing seems to be at an all-time high. "We've seen a dramatic upturn in students feeling a sense of community over a period of about ten years,"

says Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, vice president for student and academic services. "For years we've talked about Cornell being a community of communities, and we've always done a wonderful job of helping students find anchors—now we are focusing on helping them discover how they fit into the broader university."

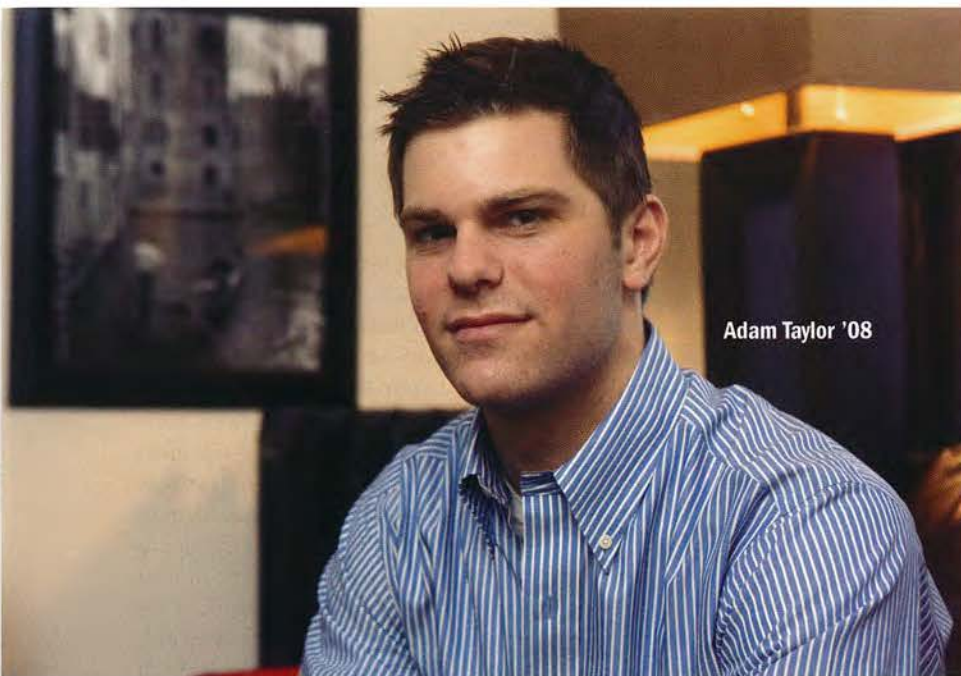
Administrators also hope that North Campus will be a lure for prospective students—that its sense of community will offset possible concerns when high school seniors are choosing between Cornell and smaller liberal arts schools. Like a surrogate family, the arrangement is designed to give freshmen the confidence to go out and take risks in the larger university. "I didn't look at North Campus when I was applying to Cornell, but once I got here it made a huge difference," says Katie Cumnock '08, a biological and environmental engineering major from Colorado. "I think I would have been more intimidated if I had to live with upperclassmen right away. A lot of my friends at other schools lived in all-freshman dorms, but they were scattered across campus, and it made it harder to form a community."

The overarching issue that unites the pieces of the North Campus puzzle is a desire to create a common experience—not an easy thing to do for a class of more than 3,000. Without first-year programming, many freshmen would never meet the majority of their classmates, particularly those in other colleges. "In terms of housing we think of the freshmen as one class, but the colleges think of it as seven classes," says Murphy. "We can't do what smaller schools can—put them all in an auditorium and do team-building exercises." Cornell has instead focused on creating intellectual and experience-based connections, like the community reading project—an effort that began by having all freshmen read the same book before coming to campus, but has grown to include not only the whole Cornell community but also area libraries and high schools. The book choices have ranged from classics like *Frankenstein* and *The Great Gatsby* to this year's *The Pickup* by South African Nadine Gordimer. And although the

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Adam Taylor '08

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reading project has had its detractors among freshmen—some of whom feel it's a premature start to their first-semester homework—Ag student Carolyn Junior '11 points out that even grouching can serve a purpose. "A lot of people I know didn't really like the book," she says of *The Pickup*. "But it still brings you together. Even if you hated it, at least you have something in common to talk about."

The most visible elements of the initiative are the new build-

ings that have transformed North Campus. Modern and angular, they include three additional residence halls and a community center. Across from Helen Newman, two of the dorms fill in the northern and eastern sides of a quad shared by Balch and Clara Dickson halls; further to the east, a larger dorm, Mews Hall, stands on former athletic fields. Nearby is Appel Commons, which houses a dining hall, fitness center, and lounge, among other amenities. The interiors of the dorms are sunny and bright, flooded with natural light and filled with cushy chairs and study rooms. "They're beautiful, and they really fit your idea of what a dorm should be like," says Arts and Sciences student Lauren Peterson '11, taking a snack break from a Sunday study session in the revamped Robert Purcell Community

Commons. But the new dorms house only about 500 students; Peterson is among the majority of freshmen housed in older buildings with fewer amenities. She lives in one of the high-rises, which are organized into suites instead of rooms on a central hall—an arrangement she finds isolating. "It's sort of like a cave," says the Minnesota native. "It's darker and people don't leave their doors open. I don't know most of the people on my floor, so if you don't get along with your suite-mates you're going to have a

## GOING WEST

### NEW RESIDENCES AIM TO LURE SOPHOMORES AND BEYOND

With North Campus in place, administrators are now focusing on making residential life more appealing to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. A key element is West Campus, whose dorms are open to all undergraduates except freshmen. Announced along with the North Campus initiative, the West Campus portion includes five new residences to replace the crumbling U-Halls. Each houses 375 students, a faculty dean's apartment, a dining hall, and study rooms. Administrators hope that living in a particular residence will give students a stronger personal connection to the University, similar to the identification with houses and residential colleges at Harvard and Yale. "Before, we were sending the message that you had to live on campus freshman year," says former president Hunter Rawlings, "but after that we wanted you to leave."

Three of the houses—named for former faculty Alice Cook, Carl Becker, and Hans Bethe—are finished, with William Keeton House opening next fall and a fifth and final house under construction; the entire project is slated for completion in 2008. (A new Noyes Community Center, including a gym and climbing wall, opened last spring.) Unlike the new freshman dorms, the West Campus houses offer suites and singles; gender-neutral housing, which would allow male and female students to share a suite, is expected to be in place as early as next year.

The cost of the new West Campus is estimated at \$200 million; although the number of beds decreased during construction, it is expected to remain constant at about 1,800, with new ones offsetting those lost in the demolition of the U-Halls. With the construction of more comfortable dorms, administrators say, Cornell has also seen increased demand, with many upper-classmen calling for the same housing guarantees now given to freshmen, sophomores, and transfer students.

Today, about 50 percent of undergraduates live off-campus. But if the current trend continues, a majority of students may soon opt to live in University housing instead of disappearing into Collegetown. This would represent a major shift, not only from current logistics but also from Ezra Cornell's original vision that students should live within the Ithaca community—which contrasted with Andrew Dickson White's desire for an autonomous campus. "They've done a good job of making West Campus more appealing," says Jaimee Lockwood '08, a bio and nutrition major. "When I was a freshman, it was nearly impossible to get into a nice dorm as a sophomore, so I moved off-campus." On-campus living, she says, "has become a much more viable option if you don't want to have to deal with landlords and leases."





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**Class conscious:** The freshman campus includes both traditional and modern architecture, from the all-female Balch Hall dorm (left) to the newly built Appel Commons. At right is Balch's Tatkon resource center, where students can have coffee or get academic help.

more difficult time making friends.”

For many alumni, a visit to North Campus may be a bit disorienting; most of what they remember is still there, but there are large new facilities filling what used to be the vast space between Mary Donlon Hall and Helen Newman. (Helen Newman itself is the last remaining North Campus construction project; it is slated to receive a facelift as part of the new capital campaign.) On a sleepy Sunday afternoon, the scene in Donlon looks similar to what it would have been two decades ago. Music blares from open doors, students play video games in rooms littered with textbooks and empty pizza boxes. But the experience is fundamentally different from that of earlier generations in that freshmen sleep, eat, study, play, and work out in a bubble dominated by their classmates. “I didn’t think about how living with only freshmen would affect me before I came here, but now I really like it,” says Peter Weiss ’11, watching a football game in an upstairs lounge. “The arrangement of Donlon as double rooms on a hall as opposed to a suite is good because if all you have is your room, it forces you to go out and meet people, and it’s great when all those people are freshmen.”

Cornell’s first-year class is diverse not only in race but in ethnic background, social class, and academic interests. While having such a broad population is an asset to the University, helping new students overcome their differences to form a cohesive class is a constant challenge. “Every year a quarter of our undergraduate population changes,” says dean of students Kent Hubbell ’67, BArch ’69. “They come from different backgrounds and all over the world, and yet they are supposed to become a part of our community. So part of that first-year experience has to be about conveying our values to students.” Imparting those values begins as soon as students set foot on campus, when they view presentations like “A Tapestry of Possibilities,” which consists of skits that encourage them to be accepting of difference. Such events—which are mandatory—are designed to lay the groundwork for other optional programs throughout the year in residence halls and the Carol Tatkon Center, a freshman resource center located where the Balch dining hall used to be. “I was aware of these programs as a freshman, but I didn’t take enough advantage of them,” says archaeology major Adam Taylor ’08, now a mentor and student manager at the Tatkon Center. “I realized how important it is to know that this community is here to support you, whatever your interests are.”

The center’s mission—to help students integrate their classes with their personal lives—embodies what has become the theme of North Campus and Rawlings’s housing initiative in general: “living and learning.” Dormitories are staffed by resident advisers and faculty-in-residence, and at least one course—the freshman writing seminar—holds some of its sections on North Campus. “We don’t want the gorge to be this demarcation between ‘when I think and when I don’t,’” Murphy says. “[Former vice provost for undergraduate education] Isaac Kramnick used to refer to the curtain that comes over campus at four-thirty, and that’s not true of today’s students. It’s a much more integrated life, and we are trying to reflect that.” And for many current students, the intensity of Cornell’s courses makes the idea of having a social life unaffected by their studies seem inconceivable. “Even as a freshman, I couldn’t have separated work from my personal life—I learned pretty quickly that I needed to be on campus doing work even after class was over,” says Cumnock. “North Campus offers a lot of opportunities to extend academia beyond just lectures, which is a good model for the time when you graduate and what you study has an impact on the rest of your life.”

In keeping with the living-learning philosophy, the faculty presence is an integral part of the new North Campus experience. Professors live in many of the dorms, organizing programming and making themselves available to residents for anything from academic help to a round of Monopoly. Near Eastern studies professor Shawkat Toorawa lives in Mews Hall with his wife and two daughters, ages ten and thirteen. He has hosted films and lectures on Islamic culture, and often simply leaves his door open or invites students over for dinner. “A lot of people are drawn to us because of the girls and my wife,” he says, “which has to do with a desire to be around a more familiar domestic arrangement, not just because I’m a faculty member.” Junior, one of his residents, has been a frequent babysitter to the girls. “They’re always having dinners and events,” she says. “It’s great to have that connection in a dorm setting.”

The initiative was designed, in part, to guide students toward such wholesome pursuits—and away from alcohol. Cornell’s large fraternity and sorority presence, combined with high stress levels, had led to a party scene that mirrored the intensity of classes. “Cornell has a well-deserved reputation for hard work, but because of that students would need to let off steam after class





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**Family life:** In Mews Hall, faculty adviser Shawkat Toorawa and his wife and daughters offer students the comforts of home.

**‘AT EIGHTEEN, LEGALLY YOU’RE AN ADULT BUT YOUR FRONTAL CORTEX ISN’T AS DEVELOPED AS IT’S GOING TO BE EVEN AT TWENTY-FIVE—YOU’RE GOING TO BE MORE IMPULSIVE AND LESS ABLE TO PREDICT CONSEQUENCES. HAVING THE STUDENTS TOGETHER ON NORTH CAMPUS HAS ALLOWED US TO CREATE MORE OF A SAFETY NET.’**

and also partied very hard,” says Rawlings. “It created this unhealthy two-culture situation—that of the classroom and the peer culture on nights and weekends.” By gathering freshmen together and offering opportunities for non-alcoholic fun—which includes everything from “root-beer pong” and movie nights to a capella shows and tours of the Johnson Museum—North Campus provides options beyond the work-hard, party-hard cycle.

The switch to an exclusively freshman campus also acknowledges recent developments in understanding how pivotal the first year of college can be: studies have found that students who have a successful first year are more likely to be well-adjusted throughout their time on campus. Greg Eells, director of psychological services at Gannett Health Center, says that having freshmen on

North Campus creates a buffer between expectations of complete independence and the reality that students often struggle to make responsible decisions. “At eighteen, legally you’re an adult but your frontal cortex isn’t as developed as it’s going to be even at twenty-five—you’re going to be more impulsive and less able to predict consequences. Having the students together on North Campus has allowed us to create more of a safety net.”

While older alums may scoff at the idea of college students needing this level of support, many of today’s freshmen have parents who are more closely involved with their college careers than in generations past—the so-called “helicopter parents” who hover over them—which can sometimes make the transition to independence more difficult. “North Campus is a great entry into Cornell,” says Taisa Priester ’09. “You have all the independence you want, but you’re aware that there are professors and people there to help you if you need it.” Priester, a pre-med student, compares going back to North Campus as a junior to visiting your old elementary school. “You make your first friends there,” she says, “and figure out who you are at Cornell.”

LIZ SHELDON ’09 is a French major and former CAM intern.





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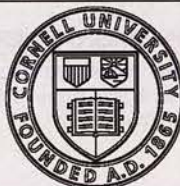
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## Remembering One of the Best *Nurses Celebrate Their School's History*

By Scott Pesner '87

In May 1977, Cornell and New York Hospital announced they would close the School of Nursing. Despite a long, proud history, a list of distinguished alumni, and a reputation as one of the top nursing schools in the country, the school closed its doors in 1979, due mostly to economic factors. Today a whole generation of Cornellians likely doesn't know it ever existed.

During the 1990s, the Nursing School Alumni Association laid the groundwork for its own dissolution—and decided what to do with the group's remaining funds. They also wanted to leave a legacy so future generations would remember the school and its contributions to nursing education. That legacy is showcased in a new book, *Go, And Do Thou Likewise: A History of Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, 1877–1979*. Written by nursing historian Shirley Fondiller, the project was overseen by a committee headed by alumna Mary Millar '54. "We want people to realize the contribution the nursing school made in improving American society," says Millar.

In 1877, the New York Training School for Nurses opened, as its bylaws said, for "women of superior character, education, and refinement." The students, most from well-to-do families, wanted to go beyond the domestic roles expected of them and participate in a social service movement that was taking place around the country.

Many alumni would go on to become distinguished leaders. Lillian Wald,

Class of 1891, along with classmate Mary Brewster, founded the Henry Street Settlement/Visiting Nurse Service (now the Visiting Nurse Service of New York), to provide health care to immigrants on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Clara Weeks, Class of 1890, wrote *A Textbook of Nursing for the Use of Training Schools, Families, and Private Students*, the first textbook written by an American nurse. And Irene Sutcliffe, Class of 1890, created the first hospital diet kitchen and the first hospital social services department.

The school's graduates also played important roles in both world wars,

working in military hospitals in the battlefields of France and the South Pacific. One was Julia Stimson, Class of 1908. During World War I, she was chief nurse of the Red Cross Nursing Service in France. Following the war, she became the Army Corps of Nurses superintendent, the first woman ever to attain the rank of major. During World War II, as president of the American Nurses Association, she played a key role in unifying nurses and nursing activities through the Nursing Council of National Defense.

In 1942, the school was renamed the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing.  
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Patient care: Practicing blood pressure measurement in Nursing Arts class, 1930s.

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**CWC/Cortland County**, Jan. 15—Kindermusik educator Lauren Mossotti-Kline on "Sharing Music Across Generations." Contact Kathy Fox, 607/756-6436.

**CC/Rochester**, Jan. 16—Book club, Barnes & Noble, Monroe Avenue, Pittsford. Contact Kristen Hallagan, kgh23@cornell.edu.

**CWC/Syracuse**, Jan. 23—*The Lieutenant of Inishmore*, Syracuse Stage, 820 East Genesee Street, Syracuse. [www.SyracuseStage.org](http://www.SyracuseStage.org). Contact Kate McMahon, kab249@cornell.edu.

**CC/Greater Buffalo**, Jan. 24—Food and wine party, Delish!, 802 Elmwood Avenue. Contact Maureen Mayer, mrmayer@buffalo.edu, 716/984-9694.

**CAA/Central New York**, Jan. 25—Tenth annual "Far Above Cayuga's Wineries" wine tasting, silent auction, and scholarship benefit. Contact Jim Miller, jgm27@cornell.edu, 315/422-4818.

**CAA/Ithaca**, Jan. 31—Fourth annual student-alumni networking event. Contact Lisa Everts, leverts@twcny.rr.com, or Alanna Burt, alh10@cornell.edu.

**CC/Rochester**, Feb. 3—OrKIDstra concert, Hochstein School of Music and Dance, Rochester. Contact Helene McMurray, helene\_mcmurray@urmc.rochester.edu.

**CC/Rochester**, Feb. 9—Hunt Hollow ski outing. Contact Jack Clarck, jrcornell@frontiernet.net.

**CWC/Syracuse**, Feb. 11—Visit to the Islamic Society of Central New York Mosque, 925 Comstock Avenue. Contact Kate McMahon, kab249@cornell.edu.

**CWC/Cortland County**, Feb. 19—Associate Professor Jane Mt. Pleasant, American Indian Program director, on "Women in Agriculture: The Three Sisters," Cortland Regional Medical Center, Cortland. Contact Marti Dumas, 607/753-7219.

**CC/Rochester**, Feb. 26—Networking event, co-sponsored with the New York/Ontario Alumni Regional Office, Nixon Peabody offices, 1100 Clinton Square, Rochester. Contact Ross Lanzafame, rlanzafame@hselaw.com, 585/654-8595.

**CAA/Central New York**, March 1—Stickley Museum and Factory tour, 300 Orchard Street, Fayetteville. Contact David Duerr, dduerr@syracusechamber.com.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, March 2—Albany River Rats vs. Philadelphia Phantoms. Contact Howard Kibrick, hkibrick@nycap.rr.com.

**CWC/Syracuse**, March 10—Ukrainian egg coloring, First Baptist Church, 408 Pleasant Street, Manlius. Contact Emily Olsenwik, scottem11@yahoo.com.

## Metro New York

**CC/Fairfield County**, Jan. 23—Knitting group, fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Carrie Makover, cwm23@cornell.edu, 203/259-5482.

**CC/Long Island**, Jan. 27—Sixth Annual Fred Hicks Memorial Lecture Series. Contact Mitch Kornet, mkornet@aol.com.

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, Feb. 3—Family bowling and pizza party, Plaza Lanes, Madison. Contact Janet Rubin, jarubin@comcast.net, 973/564-6018.

**CAA/Westchester**, Feb. 8—Second Friday lunch club, Valhalla Crossing Restaurant, Valhalla Metro North station. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com.

**CAA/Westchester**, Feb. 8—Pre-Valentine's Day chocolate tasting with Maxine Siegel, manager of *Consumer Reports'* Sensory Group, Cornell Medical Center Staff Annex II. Contact Jean Voutsinas, bpkts@optonline.net.

**CEN/Metro New York**, Feb. 19—Featured speaker: Richard Levine, president, Dow Jones Newspaper Fund. Contact Jennifer Lynham Cunningham, JBL29@cornell.edu, 607/254-7174.

**CC/Fairfield County**, Feb. 22—Men's hockey vs. Quinnipiac. Contact Bill Gratz, wgratz@optonline.net, 203/459-9923.

**CAA/Princeton**, Feb. 23—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Pam Supinski, EPLM@aol.com, 609/799-6384.

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, Feb. 23—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Wil Andersen, wha2@cornell.edu, 908/642-4682.

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**CAA/Westchester**, March 8—Tennis party and dinner, Armonk Tennis Club. Contact Laura Fratt, LDF8@cornell.edu, 914/723-5108.

**CAA/Westchester**, March 14—Second Friday lunch club, Valhalla Crossing Restaurant, Valhalla Metro North station. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com.

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**CC/Greater Hartford**, Jan. 26—Visit to the Children's Museum, 950 Trout Brook Drive, West Hartford. Contact Amy Fairchild, amfairchild@gmail.com, 860/693-1317.

**CC/Rhode Island and Bristol County**, Jan. 27—Ice skating, City Center, 2 Kennedy Plaza, Providence. Contact Sara Masri, cornellclubri@gmail.com.

**CC/Cape Cod**, Feb. 5—Luncheon, Riverway Lobster House, South Yarmouth. [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/clubs/ccocc/Events.htm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/clubs/ccocc/Events.htm). Contact Art or Georgia Gast, a.f.gast@adelphia.net.

**Northeast Regional Office**, Feb. 12—Boston alumnae dinner, West Side Lounge, 1680 Massachusetts

Avenue, Cambridge. Contact Lindsay Swain, 617/308-4950.

**Northeast Regional Office**, March 10—Boston alumnae dinner, Ristorante Lucia, 13 Mt. Vernon Street, Winchester. Contact Michele Adelman, 617/334-3919.

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**CACO**, Feb. 8—Mid-Winter Meeting 2008: two-day training for class officers, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia. Contact CACO@cornell.edu, 607/255-1988.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, Feb. 9—Centennial celebration. Contact Patricia Louison, PJL1@cornell.edu.

**CC/Maryland**, Feb. 9—National Aquarium visit. Contact Kurt Overton, kurt.m.overton@smithbarney.com.

**CC/Central Virginia**, Feb. 12—Club lunch, Byram's Lobster House, 3215 West Broad Street, Richmond. Contact Bob Warwick, raw29@cornell.edu.

**CC/Washington**, Feb. 12—Monthly board meeting, 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC (downstairs from the Cornell Center). Contact Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, Feb. 23—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Hillel Hoffmann, hjh@temple.edu.

**CC/Central Virginia**, March 11—Club lunch, Byram's Lobster House, 3215 West Broad Street, Richmond. Contact Bob Warwick, raw29@cornell.edu.

**CC/Washington**, March 11—Monthly board meeting, 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC (downstairs from the Cornell Center). Contact Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu.

**CC/Maryland**, March 15—Ivy League beer tasting, Brewer's Art. Contact Kurt Overton, kurt.m.overton@smithbarney.com.

## Southeast

**CAA/Atlanta**, Jan. 13—Annual post-holiday brunch. Contact Tyler Tatum, jtt2@cornell.edu.

**School of Industrial and Labor Relations**, Jan. 16—ILR Alumni Association's South Florida Chapter event, Boca Raton. Contact Paulette Manos, pvm1@cornell.edu.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Jan. 27—Champagne brunch, Sarasota Yacht Club. Contact Maddi Dallas, 941/379-9465.

**CC/Eastern Florida**, Feb. 6—Frank Robinson, Johnson Museum of Art director, will lead tours of the Palm Beach Art and Antique Show, Palm Beach Convention Center. Contact Marrie Neumer, mn58@cornell.edu.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, Feb. 7—Thursday lunch club, Audubon Country Club, 625 Audubon Boulevard, Naples. Contact Mary LeDuc, mleduc@cl-law.com, 239/649-3110.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, Feb. 9—*Guys and Dolls*, matinee lunch and show, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. Contact Neena Lurvey, nlurvey@comcast.net, 239/495-8576.

**CC/Greater Miami and Florida Keys**, Feb. 9—Young alumni nightclub event, Opium Garden, 136 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach. Contact Alex Miranda, Alex@thecreativecomplex.com.

**CC/Gold Coast**, Feb. 10—Polo match, Royal Palm Polo Sports Club, 18000 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Contact Lawrence Ben, bulldoglsb@aol.com, 954/961-3710.



**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Feb. 14—Joint luncheon meeting with MIT Club, featuring New College professor Meg Lowman on "Blueprint for Florida's Clean Energy Future." Michael's on East. Contact Maddi Dallas, 941/379-9465.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Feb. 16—Cornell Cares volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. Contact Maddi Dallas, 941/379-9465.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, March 12—Cornell Alumni Federation Faculty Speaker Series. Luncheon, Michael's on East. Contact Maddi Dallas, 941/379-9465.

**CC/Suncoast**, March 13—All Ivy PLUS networking event, Courtside Grille, 110 Fountain Parkway North, St. Petersburg. Contact Tom Murphy, tlm33@cornell.edu, 727/384-2727.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, March 13—Thursday lunch club, Audubon Country Club, 625 Audubon Boulevard, Naples. Contact Mary LeDuc, mleduc@cl-law.com, 239/649-3110.

**CAA/Atlanta**, March 14—Dinner with Georgia Supreme Court Justice Leah Ward Sears. Contact Tyler Tatum, 404/783-0923, jtt2@cornell.edu.

#### Midwest

**CC/Minnesota**, Jan. 15—Reading group: *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo, Caffe con Amore, St. Paul. Contact Kate Foley, kate\_foley@hotmail.com.

**CAA/Central Ohio**, Jan. 20—Big Red hockey night. Contact Paul Sanik, paul\_sanik@yahoo.com.

**CC/Minnesota**, Jan. 27—Prospective students' reception with alumni and current students, Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka. Contact Kate Fessenden, kate\_fessenden@cargill.com, 507/273-9121.

**CC/St. Louis**, Jan. 31—Applicant reception. Contact Wendy Sponaugle, wfs4@cornell.edu, 314/952-9624.

**CC/St. Louis**, Feb. 9—All-Ivy Chinese New Year celebration. Contact Wendy Sponaugle, wfs4@cornell.edu, 314/952-9624.

**CAA/Central Ohio**, Feb. 13—Board meeting, open to all members, King Avenue Five, 945 King Avenue, Columbus. Contact Eric Johnson, etj4@cornell.edu, 614/638-2382.

**CC/Minnesota**, Feb. 19—Reading group: *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan, Caffe con Amore, St. Paul. Contact Kate Foley, kate\_foley@hotmail.com.

#### Southwest Mountain

**CAA/North Texas**, Jan. 16—Alumni gathering, the Londoner Pub, Dallas. Contact Elizabeth Ferguson, eferguso@aerotech.com.

**CC/New Mexico**, Jan. 18—Monthly informal lunch, Mario's, San Pedro, south of Menaul, Albuquerque. Contact Paul Stubbe, pestubbe@aol.com, 505/797-7838.

**CAA/Greater Houston**, Jan. 20—"Strauss Eine Alpensinfonie," An Alpine Symphony: photographs of the Berchtesgarden Alps by German photographer/musician Tobias Melle set to music by Richard Strauss. Contact Bob Taylor, oprmt@cs.com, 281/494-3969.

**CAA/North Texas**, Jan. 23—Dinner and tour of Art Institute of Dallas. Contact Vickie Vaclavik, vickie.vaclavik@utsouthwestern.edu.

**CAA/Greater Houston**, Feb. 23—Cornell Reading Project: *The Pickup* by Nadine Gordimer, Brazos Bookstore, 2421 Bissonnet. Contact Michelle Free, michelle.free@siemens.com, 724/420-3768.

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Hospital School of Nursing. As part of this new affiliation, entering students were required to have completed two years of college coursework. For the next thirty-five years, the school led the field in combining clinical and academic studies for nurses.

By the 1970s, the school was in financial distress. Hospital administrators failed to foresee the need to create a large endowment to keep it running. To make matters worse, federal medical insurance regulations limited the hospital's reimbursement for the school. And because financial support came mostly from New York Hospital and not Cornell, there was little funding from Ithaca to support it.

As the Alumni Association considered disbanding in the 1990s, the members decided they were too proud of their school's history to let it be forgotten. Today, almost thirty years after the final class graduated, more than 2,000 alumni participate in Cornell activities

throughout the country. The Alumni Association's officers still meet six times per year and publish a newsletter. And 150 graduates gather annually at Alumni Day, when they present the Distinguished Alumni Award for service to the nursing profession.

The Alumni Association is headed by Linda Vecchiotti Saal '71, a program director at the School of Continuing Education for Nurses at Weill Cornell Medical Center, who extols the pride of nursing alumni. "We're very proud of our school and where we came from," says Saal. "We did have a nursing school, and it was one of the best."

*Copies of Go, and Do Thou Likewise can be purchased by sending a check, payable to CU-NYHSNAA, for \$25 to: CU-NYH School of Nursing Alumni Association, c/o Office of Alumni Affairs, 1300 York Avenue, Box 61, New York, NY 10021, Attn: Michelle Vale-Marti. Please include shipping address.*

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#### Western

**CC/Arizona**, Jan. 26—Post-holidays golf outing. Contact John Reich, jreich4@cox.net.

**CAA/Northern California**, Jan. 27—New York Knicks vs. Golden State Warriors. Contact Alex Barna, ab478@cornell.edu, 650/604-5074.

**School of Hotel Administration**, Jan. 29—Cornell reception at America's Lodging Investment Summit, Hyatt Regency Century Plaza, Los Angeles. Contact Christine Natsios, cnd24@cornell.edu.

**CAA/Northern California**, Feb. 2—NHL hockey, HP Pavilion, San Jose. Contact Bill Vederman, president@cornellnorcal.com.

**CC/Arizona**, Feb. 9—Chinese New Year dinner, Scottsdale. Contact Chris Marchell, Christine\_marchell@ml.com.

**CC/Arizona**, Feb. 12—Board of directors meeting, Merrill Lynch offices, 6730 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 150. Contact David Calvino, corvicio@aol.com.

**CC/Arizona**, March 9—Annual Music in the Garden outing and butterfly exhibit, Desert Botanical Gardens, 1201 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix. Contact David Calvino, corvicio@aol.com.

**CC/Arizona**, March 11—Board of directors meeting, Merrill Lynch offices, 6730 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 150, Scottsdale. Contact David Calvino, corvicio@aol.com.



**34** Greetings and a short note arrived from **Eleanor "Dickie" Mirsky Bloom**, former class correspondent for the women of 1934. She writes that she is still active at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden—but has slowed down a lot!

Former class president and men's correspondent **Bill Robertson** contacted the magazine by phone to report that he and wife Anne (Tuck) celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on November 19! "It was a big affair—about 150 people," Bill said, "and all of our family was there—18 of us, including six Cornellians." Held at their retirement community in Peterborough, NH, the party was hosted by Bill and Anne's son **Edward L. II '67** and daughter Anne Robertson Wheeler—a wonderful event! Their Cornellian grandchildren are: **William R. II '98**, **Edward L. III, MBA '04**, **Elizabeth Wheeler Soule '85**, and **Wendy Wheeler MacDonald '89**. Bill says both he and Anne are in relatively good health, and closed with warm wishes for the holidays.

So good to hear from both of our former correspondents! Do others of you in the classes of the early '30s have updates or reminiscences to share? Write us at: ♦ *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, Class Notes, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail: adr4@cornell.edu.

**38** With a new year in swing and the holiday season behind us, there is a lot to catch up on with fellow members of the Class of '38. Retired from Bock Laundry Machine Co., **John Clement** lives in Toledo, OH, and writes, "At 92, my activity is limited, but I do take a seven-mile bike ride every morning." John also likes to spend time woodcarving and would love to hear from **Norm Anderson**. **Helen O'Brien** Cyran of Los Angeles says she is "absolutely retired." She's been busy repotting cymbidium orchids, walking her dog, and catching up on sleep. She has warm memories of walks on campus and dances at Willard Straight, and adds that she feels lucky she can still manage for herself.

As a senior attorney at Hofheimer Gartlir & Gross LLP, **Bernard Gartlir** is still hard at work practicing law in New York and Florida. When he's not working, golf, bridge, and travel fill his time. He remembers freshman-sophomore snowball fights and proms in the "Drill Hall," and would like to hear from anyone coming to reunion this June 5-8. **Florian Ceperley** (Charleston, WV) shares in the walk down memory lane, thinking about his fun times publishing and mailing the *Cornell Engineering* magazine. Retired

from DuPont, Florian spends much of his time at home with his wife, maintaining the house and garden. He'd like to hear from **Lloyd Merrill**, MME '39, of Rochester, NY.

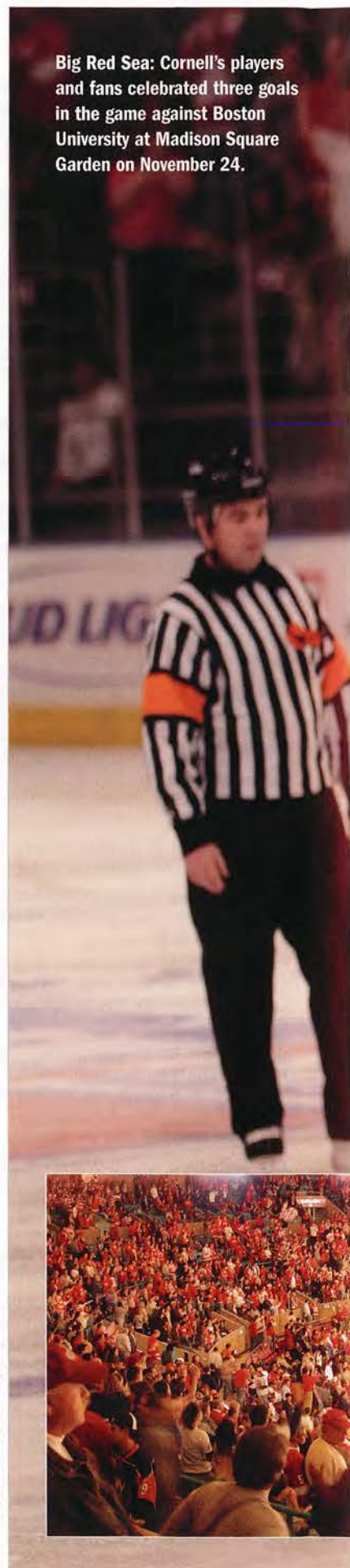
**Mabel Levy Gerhart**, MA '39, was a high school German, Latin, and English teacher and retired "after 37 years of very happy teaching." Mabel had a pacemaker installed in 2005 after a temporary heart stoppage caused her to drive off the road into a telephone pole. She's thankful she was out in the country so no one else was hurt. She walked away with just a bump on the head. Unfortunately, a TIA at the hospital left her with only half her vision, so she's very careful about walking. "I have trouble reading, but I persevere and manage, and am happy to be doing what I please and taking care of myself. I miss not being able to drive, but one can get used to it. I use the senior citizens bus (partly funded by our state lottery) to go grocery shopping." At the time she wrote, Mabel had just finished a batch of canned tomatoes and homemade ketchup!

Retired architect **Olof Dahlstrand**, BArch '39, hopes to make the 2008 reunion, traveling all the way from Carmel, CA! He recently visited relatives and friends in Colorado and Wisconsin, and has been working with the owner of one of his buildings on a bio of his architecture. Activities in retirement include drawing, painting, reading, and partying, as well as daily one-mile walks, occasional wilderness camping, and long-distance train travel on Amtrak. "I am managing the estate of the artist Charles W. Thwaites and overseeing creation of a book on his career. Also working with the Museum of Wisconsin Art on an exhibit of his work, scheduled for July/August 2008." What would he rather be doing now? "Nothing different," writes Olof, "although enjoying a few beers with '38 buddies at Zinck's would be nice."

Besides having daily coffee with friends, **William Kumpf**, MS '50, of Elk City, OK, entertains himself on his computer, but says he'd rather be traveling. He received both his bachelor's and master's in Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture at Cornell and remembers his excellent professors—Ken Post, **Ralph Curtis** 1901, MS 1906, Herbert Whetzel. **Jerry Fried** writes that he is volunteering, but at a reduced rate, and wishes he could be playing tennis. "Miss it terribly." He well remembers graduating from the Hotel school. "It shaped the course of my life and career."

Thanks to all for writing. More to come in the next issue. Send your news to: ♦ *Class of '38*, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

**Big Red Sea:** Cornell's players and fans celebrated three goals in the game against Boston University at Madison Square Garden on November 24.



CORNELL ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS. INSET BY LISA BANJAU FRANK







**39** "The time has come," the Walrus said . . . and it has indeed. After 38 years in Ithaca, **Bernie '41** and I are pulling up stakes and moving to that other Ivy League area, Princeton. We hope to be gone before the snow flies, even though we move pretty slowly these days. We will be sharing the home of our daughter **Judith Goodman Mecklenburger '71** and her husband **Robert '71**. We are too far from family now and beginning to realize, a little late, to be sure, how unwise that is at our age.

Along with that move, I am going into semi-retirement. You will no longer be reading my column regularly, only when I feel the urge to write. But our terrific editor, Adele Durham Robinette, will let me know if she hears from

Florida since we arrived 25 years ago. Gone are the black-tie events of that era, such as the Ivy League Ball. That's OK by me!

**Ed King**, Rochester, NY, is still working on proper recognition for classmate **Matt Urban's** unparalleled military accomplishments in the Great War. His latest attempt has been to contact Ken Burns and bring him up to speed on Mattie. Ken's epic World War II film, *War*, for public television would be a great place for telling the story; let's hope it happens! Ed says he's feeling great and looking forward to our 70th.

Quoting a note from **Henry Heimlich**, MD '43, Cincinnati, OH: "I am well, playing tennis and swimming half a mile twice a week. Still doing research and am particularly involved in a treatment for AIDS that has a logical concept.

**Harley '41** and daughter of **L. C. Armstrong '13**, thanks us for the privilege. The Cornell Alma Mater was sung so frequently in her home that she "caught" the spirit. Her husband was so proud of being a wearer of the "C" that he owned a one-man shell to keep in shape. Elsie lives in Decatur, AL, and took an invigorating trip to Ireland in 2006 with a Cornell alumni group.

**Marjorie Lee Treadwell**, Grosse Ile, MI, sent me a newsy letter in August—many thanks. Marge recently attended her brother **Wallace Lee '36's** memorial service, and her brother-in-law **Harry Jackson '34** just celebrated his 97th birthday—the last Cornellians of this generation in her family. The Treadwells have 14 degrees from the U. of Michigan, so she is outnumbered. Her son Jamie was with them for a vacation from his work in Europe and Lebanon with Christian families and young people—work that he loves. The family gathers for dinners, which Marge joyfully manages. Marge remembered that she came to my wedding in June 1941 with **Betty Bourne Cullen** (my maid of honor)—it was Staten Island not Long Island, Marge. Thanks for remembering, Marge. When you read this, you will be in Naples, FL, enjoying the sunshine.

Ken and I look forward to attending the bicentennial celebration of the birthday of Ezra Cornell with Cornell Trustee **Ezra Cornell '70** at the NYS Museum on October 14. It is being planned by good friends **Bob '54**, DVM '61, and **Nancy Radick Lynk '52**, and the Cornell Club of the Greater Capital District is sponsoring it. President Emeritus Frank Rhodes is speaking, and **David Janower '74** will lead us in song. The local scholarship fund will benefit from donations. A grand party! Best wishes to our great university and good health to all. ♦ **Shirley Richards Sargent Darmer**, 20 Haddington Ln., Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, Kid12054@aol.com.

## 'I miss my no-good Psi U brothers.'

WILLIAM PATY '42

you. I have had no news for the last four months, but do hope you are all well and just too busy to write. A thought: maybe one of you would like to take over for a while. [Editor's note: Right before press time, we received several items of news from both the men and women of '39 and will share these updates in the column, starting with the next issue of the magazine.]

Stay well and bless you all. ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; email, BG11@cornell.edu.

**40** Happy New Year and may it be a good one for all of us! I'd expected to have lots of news for this column, but once again I procrastinated too long in getting out our annual News and Dues letter. So I can only offer those season's greetings and the constant plea to please keep sending in your news all year! It doesn't have to be "world-shaking" or even exciting. Just a few words about yourself, your family, and your "doings"—your old friends will be glad to learn any of it. And of course, be sure to send in your dues so you'll receive *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and hear all about your classmates and what Cornell is doing in the world. Again, a happy and healthy New Year to all. ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416, Winchester, VA 22603.

**41** Last time we wrote, it was mid-August, and in Boca Raton it was hot! This is two months later—at last it is cooling off a bit, and the snowbirds are beginning to show up in town. As an even better harbinger of fall, social activities have already commenced. Last month our Cornell Club here had its first event of the season, our Second Annual Brunch. Next week, we're having a Cornell Zinck's Night. And there's lots of other stuff ahead, such as hockey games, polo games, Cornell faculty presentations, and a year-end social. It is interesting how the nature of alumni activities has changed here in South

Billions of dollars have been spent on drugs for AIDS and they have failed. AIDS is caused by a virus—no drug can cure a virus, not even a cold. We are boosting the immune system and it is yielding positive results." Sounds great, Hank. Keep us posted.

We have a note from **Alexander Walker** that he and his wife have moved from his hometown, Pittsburgh, PA, to Mt. Pleasant, SC, apparently seeking a warmer clime. Good luck in your new home, Walkers! Also, a note from **William Don's** wife Kathleen that he is home in Edenton, NC, recovering gradually from a heart attack. Bill enjoys "reminiscing about his memorable days at Cornell." Incidentally, both these guys are in the online Cornell Alumni Directory (<https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>), which is helpful when it comes to locating people. ♦ **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trail S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlansing@bellsouth.net.

May you have many blessings in 2008. If any of you sent me Christmas newsletters, many thanks and rest assured I will use them in future editions. I am writing this on a beautiful October day as a respite from raking leaves.

On a nostalgic note, many of you, I'm sure, noted that Beverly Sills had joined the "heavenly choir" and remember her delightful address, the Future of the Arts in a Downsized World, at our 55th Reunion. She will be greatly missed.

**Allene Cushing** Knibloe, our great reunion organizer, keeps busy leading the SW Florida unit of WOSL (Women's Overseas Service League). In Sarasota, where she and husband Wells live, the women are usually WWII servicewomen, but those from later wars are joining and beginning to take leadership roles in the group. The Sarasota-Manatee Cornell Club is very active, and she and Wells have joined them in painting, roofing, and other jobs for Habitat for Humanity. Bravo to you both. Elsie Armstrong Harley, our "adopted" member, wife of our late classmate **Robert**

**42** We must again thank Pres. **Liz Schlamm Eddy** (NYC) for sending us the New Student Reading Project book for this year, *The Pickup* by the well-known South African writer Nadine Gordimer. Liz keeps us current in the scholastic world as well as representing us at CACO's Mid-Winter Meeting in Philly.

Sadly, we learned of the passing of **Dick Graham**, Royal Park, MD, who continued the very active life he led at Cornell throughout his life. He served in the Army Air Force during WWII as an engineer in Iran. After the war he earned an MA at Catholic U. and a PhD from Union Inst. and U. and, with his father, developed a speed drive transmission for electric motors used in everything from food processors to medical heart devices. In 1960 he was deputy to Sargent Shriver, the first director of the Peace Corps. In the mid-'60s he was appointed to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where he worked to abolish sex-based employment ads. In 1968 they were declared illegal. He was the first VP of NOW when it was formed in 1966. In the mid-'70s he directed the Center for Moral Education at Harvard. He was president of Goddard-Cambridge Center from 1975 to 1976, where he helped form the Center for Social Change, and later was an advisor



to the Council of Research Values and Philosophy and promoted cross-cultural understanding. He is survived by his wife Nancy, two daughters, three sons, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our sympathies are with them.

**Tom Flanagan**, Norwich, NY, noted the passing of his former roommate **Tom Tausig**, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, a few years ago. Tom Tausig had a very successful TV career. He was program director for the CBS station WTOP in Washington, DC, and can be credited with hiring Walter Cronkite for his first job as a news broadcaster. In WWII he served as 1st Lt. in the 8th Air Force as a pilot and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his missions over Germany. Thanks, Tom, for telling us about his illustrious life.

**John Laird**, Little Silver, NJ, is chairman of the Laird & Co. Distillery. He fondly remembers the Chi Phi fraternity life at Cornell and being president of the Rugby Club. He's presently working at "staying alive" and wishes he were on a Caribbean cruise. **William Paty**, Honolulu, HI, is civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, Pacific Region At-large. He and Peggy have been working on their beach house and going horseback riding. Bill enjoys Pop Warner football games played by his great-grandson. They also enjoy sitting on their dock at the beach, "glass in hand, looking for the green flash." Bill is on the executive board of the Aloha Council, BSA, as well as executive boards for Trust for Public Lands, Pacific Healthy Ministries, and the Hawaii Army Museum. "The good Lord willing," writes Bill, "I'll continue doing the same. I miss my no-good Psi U brothers."

**Bill Sloughter**, Houston, TX, was an engineering manager and now he's a jazz musician. He plays the sax and the clarinet at concerts and enjoys ballroom dancing with **Carolyn (Bryant) '45** at the Petroleum Club and country clubs. Every Sunday he plays for ballroom dancers. He also likes to exercise. His Cornell memories include playing for dancing in Jimmy Scampole and Hal Hazens's bands. He'd love to hear from **Bob Dame**. **Charles Castor**'s active retirement keeps him busy overtime. He's taken six-week trips from his home in Vero Beach, FL, to upstate New York in summers to visit friends and family, and he's very satisfied with his life. He's married to **Doris (Strong) '41**, the Cornell friend he likes most to be with.

I hope all will renew their class dues. What a nice review of Reunion by chairman **Don Kent**, MD '45, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, plus the list of all our classmates and details on how the Cornell funds are used. Thanks to **George** and **Barbara Crohurst Howell**, Key Largo, FL, for all their very successful work. CACO sent me a nice Certificate of Appreciation for writing this column, which is not work but very rewarding fun. Please e-mail me if you have interesting info to report. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

**43** The **Vonnegut** Saga (cont'd). E-mail from **Kurt's** daughter Nanny: "I loved what you wrote in CAM. Thank you. Dad would've laughed. Just the other week someone asked me to speak about him at the Cornell Club, promising overnight accommodations and all kinds of special

attention. I said he wasn't really a Cornellian at all. I didn't mean to be rude; it's just a fact. He asked if I was a Cornellian and I answered that I was an artist. No wonder he didn't call back."

The **Larry Lowenstein** Saga (cont'd). "Re the *Sun's* rejection slip: Considering the fact that I didn't bring a single ad, it seemed a proper end to what could have been a great career. I was trying to multi-task. I spent most afternoons looking for the boathouse, where by 7 p.m. they finally let us 5', 6-1/2" freshmen out on a barge to row for five minutes."

The **Charles Harris** Saga (cont'd). "Miller, this is the second time you have characterized me as 'funnier than' . . . who? My cat and your dog? You are setting me up. CUT IT OUT! Incidentally, did you hear the one about . . . ?"

One-time co-correspondent **Hedy Neutze** Alles re-enters the fray: "I got on the ball this very day upon receipt of *The Pickup* plus plea for dues and news. Thanks for everything. Still walkin' the walk (slower) and talkin' the talk (non-stop). Three lively growing-up-too-fast grandsons keep Grammy in the mix. I'm blessed to have them within shouting distance. I'd like to hear from **Mary Jo Borntrager** Ray and **Mary Osborne** Holzworth. I love to write and receive letters. I'm in touch with **Joan File** Mangones, JD '47, **Lucille Jenks** McGown, **Ginny Farley** Wetherill, **June Gilbert** Klitgord, **Pauly Newcomb** Storer, **Sue Krehbiel** Horger, MD '47, **Connie Austin** Misener, **Caroline Norfleet** Church, and **Edy Newman Weinberger**."

And here's **Edy!** From Long Boat Key, FL: "You could have mentioned that we have an adorable (fifth-generation Cornellian) great-granddaughter Zoe. She lives in Orlando and visits often. What an upper for **Joe '42**. Longboat Key is deadsville—only six apartments occupied in this building and mostly Brits. They are the ones buying these days. Joe is the same good sport. He still has aides 24/7, but we do get out for lunches and dinners. I have him, so no complaints." **Charles** and **Catherine Young Good-year** (Reynoldsburg, OH) celebrated their 61st anniversary this past spring and inform us that son **David '73** knows where his next few meals are coming from. He's gainfully employed as part of the team—begun in 2005 with a projected completion date in 2010—building the Colorado River Bridge over the Hoover Dam.

From **Bruce Beh**, B Chem E '47: "After 19 wonderful years in our waterfront townhouse at Kala Point—many visits to foreign lands, including seven to England, day sailing and cruising for hundreds of miles both north and south in our old Ranger 33—Pat and I have moved to University House in Issaquah near Seattle. Marvelous facilities, including a salt-water pool with a hoist to lift you in and out. We have two bedrooms and two baths, plus a den and a small kitchen. Dinner is included, with wine and beer available or BYO. Plenty of room for you to visit for an overnighter or even longer." [Wine and beer aplenty, Bruce, but only one hoist?]

**Kyoko** and **Shig Kondo** kindly sent from Hawaii, where they'd gone on the anniversary of their daughter's death, a roasted offering of gourmet coffee. The glorious aroma of 100 percent

Premium Samurai Kona #1 arrived just in time to keep me awake for one more anniversary with first wife **Mary Louise (Snellenburg) '45**. Our 65th. Segue to: A waitress once asked me how I liked my coffee. "Just the way God made it," said I. "You wouldn't like it," said she. "It's little green beans."

Back story: 1) The editor of the *Daily Sun* was by rote always tapped by Quill & Dagger; and 2) the honor societies in our years were stocked solely with male chauvinist pigs—the acronym could've been MCPBMOH. So when I was asked by **David Dresser '60**, ME D '66, if '43 would nominate a distaff member to become honorary member of Sphinx Head (they're apparently making up for past sins), I wrote back (having copied and polled a number of our classmates): "You would like us to nominate an erstwhile coed to become an honorary member of Sphinx Head? Okaaay. As a past-my-sell-date Q&D, I hesitate to subject a classmate—even a female classmate—to the dank of Carl Sagan's basement, but who knows? **Jane Adams Wait** might be of stronger stuff. She's a worthy lady and you guys could use some pulchritude. Check her on-campus bio in the 1943 *Cornellian*, and next be aware 1) of her work at Yaddo and Yaddo Gardens, and 2) that she and husband **Newman E.** "Pete" were the dynamos behind the concept and establishment of the Saratoga Springs Performing Arts Center.

"P.S. You can't get her into Q&D?" ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

**44** It's October and the trees are beginning to shed their gold and russet leaves here. But you will be reading this in January, looking at snowy streets or basking in the relentless sun in warm climes.

Some classmates are extremely busy. **Chuck De Bare**, JD '49, writes from New York City that he and Mary are active philanthropically—Mary on the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Hospital in New York and he as vice president and member of the executive committee of the New York Service for the Handicapped. They are in good health, spending summers on the New Jersey Shore playing golf and tennis at the Hollywood Gold Club. Chuck noted the loss of a "lifetime close personal friend" when college roommate **Allen Goldring**, BME '47, passed away.

**Fred Allen**, BS Ag '47, of Stamford, NY, attended the annual American Corrections Assn. Conference in Tampa, FL. He visited with old friends and stayed with his oldest grandchildren who live in the Brandon-Riverview area. He returned home to -20 degree weather when his 60-year-old furnace blew up. Last summer Fred attended family reunions at a granddaughter's college graduation and a grandniece's wedding. Then, "back in the Catskills with a new furnace and seamless gutters, I puttered around doing landscaping and ground maintenance." Erica and **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, went to Grenada, West Indies, where he taught at the vet school and gave a course on the natural history of Grenada. (Howard still teaches Natural History as an elective course in the Cornell Vet college.) They also traveled to Madagascar and hiked in



the rainforests to see lemurs and chameleons. They saw many and enjoyed the Malagasy people.

**Bill Falkenstein**, BS Hotel '47, has been traveling (cruising) with a new wife to Greece, Turkey, Italy, and Alaska. He reports a sale in New Orleans and a purchase of a condo in Naples, FL. They spend summers in Connecticut. He saw **Paul Bailey**, BS Hotel '47, in Naples, but found him moving back to Colorado and Montana after 40 years in Naples. "Guess I ruined the neighborhood." **Aaron Waldman** remarried in 2004 (his first wife died in 1994). He says they are both retired, spending time working on their house and enjoying plays, movies, etc. "I love hearing about my former classmates." There was a big anniversary: **Virginia MacArthur** Clagett writes of fond memories when she attended the 65th wedding anniversary of **Jack '42** and **Mary Lee Stroud Laird**. Virginia had been present at the wedding of her Alpha Phi roommate. Also attending, from 72 years ago, was a next-door neighbor from Tenafly, NJ.

There are other writers among us. **Shirley Sexauer** Simons was recruited as a staff writer for the in-house newspaper of Westminster Suncoast CCRC, her home in St. Petersburg, FL. She has researched and written a 50-year history of "this beautiful garden campus." She is also a member of the library committee, which deals with thousands of books, videos, audios, etc. From **Frank Reynolds** of Springfield, MO, a new dues-paying classmate, an announcement of his new book, *Is There a God?* It is his autobiography, written with Joan Kruger. A self-proclaimed atheist early in life and a polio victim who was deserted by his father, he married and became a Christian. He and his wife pioneered several churches, and he later became national representative for Teen Challenge, an organization founded to help drug addicts. He credits God with the successes in his life. The book is available from Rev. Reynolds for \$12.00 plus shipping. Call (417) 886-7360.

There is more news, but must save for another column. If you don't find yours, please watch for the next issue of the magazine. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, Sterling, VA 20165; tel., (703) 404-9494.

**45 Remembering Cush.** From **Jerry Haddad**: **Prentice Cushing** was an easy guy to get to know and a very hard guy to forget. We were in the Class of '45 as fellow students of Electrical Engineering. Things had hardly gotten started when Pearl Harbor happened. After the dust began to settle on the campus, there was Cush in Navy uniform attending class as a V-12 student.

Cush and I got to see each other mostly as a result of his passion for extracurricular activity, especially regarding Cornell varsity sports. He focused his efforts by involvement in the administration or business side of these teams. I especially recall that he easily got most professors to OK bending the academic rules a little in order to be able to handle sports team requirements when necessary. Cush was well aware that the "Cornell Experience" went well beyond the necessary academic requirements and that a balance of student extracurricular participation was clearly needed. He knew more classmates than most others, and

did much during and after our undergraduate days to add to the cohesiveness and spirit of the class. He was a natural as our class correspondent for the *Alumni News*. The Class of '45 owes him a great debt for his passion and success at that job.

In recent times, he and I exchanged e-mails quite often, especially as regards our schedules and locations. Recently, I had again mentioned my second home in the Adirondacks at Tupper Lake. In his reply, he again mentioned that Tupper Lake was very much a part of his childhood in that he caught his first fish there. It turns out that an uncle of his was a doctor in Tupper Lake at that time and arranged a summer camp rental each year to which Cush was invited. I determined to invite him up next summer in order to see if he could catch a descendent of his first fish. No such luck. We have lost a good friend and outstanding classmate. We leave many good things undone. Farewell, Cush!

From **Bill**, BCE '44, and **Lib Mershon Hoffmann**, BS HE '44: It is sad to lose a longtime friend, especially a friendship that goes back 66 years and with the suddenness of his accident. We send our love and condolences to his family.

At Cornell in 1941, Cush and Bill (both Engineering students) were Beta pledges and brothers together. At reunions they regaled us with tales of pledge dunkings; sleeping on the open-air porch under snow-covered blankets; adventures in **Dave Hopwood's** doorless car; and several "uncensored" renditions of their favorite Zinck's or Beta basement songs. Naturally most of the tales were embellished with the colorful and caustic commentary that became Cush's endearing trademark.

Anyone who was fortunate enough to be on the Cushing Christmas letter list never really lost touch, and after being away from the East Coast for many years we were able to renew our friendship here in Annapolis and Virginia Beach. During one of our visits, Lib recalled that a mutual friend of the Cushing and Mershon families had arranged for them to meet at Cornell, which turned out to be the first Cornell date for both of them. It was a great moment for us to start a life-long friendship. (Anyone else remember the tea dances at the Straight?) Some 60 years later, while visiting Cush and wife Barbara in Virginia Beach, Cush introduced us to one of his Naval officer friends, and chose the occasion to point out that he was Lib's FIRST date at Cornell, to which Bill added that he was her LAST date at Cornell. As usual we laughed, toasted, and enjoyed our dinner and visit. Cush, we miss you!

From **Ed Cranch**, PhD '51: It was July 1, 1943, a day embedded in the minds of all those Engineering students who had enlisted in the Navy V-12 program. Whether from Cornell, Penn State, Princeton, Newark College of Engineering, or several other schools, we descended on Cornell University. Cush was from the "hometown" Cornell contingent, and assigned to live in the ex-Delta Tau Delta house on Edgemoor Lane. We were packed into the entire house—bedrooms, dining area, living room, lounge, and even the basement—sleeping in bunk beds so that 12 were assigned to the lounge. Because of the alphabetical assignment I was also in the house with Cush. In just a few days we were all conscious of Cush's

presence. When silence reigned in a formation, in a low voice Cush would utter a leveling remark that made all of us break out in laughter. As a housemate he was absolutely devoted to the welfare of the unit, loyally guarding knowledge of our exploits as we pushed beyond the limits of curfews and weekend trips "off limits." He was a great reader of personal characteristics and his ironic humor was always tempered with compassion. He was a leader in Naval Unit 12 and a deeply trusted and valued friend. ♦ **Class of '45**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

**46** **Owen Birnbaum's** laminectomy (back operation) was successful last year, but his tennis game is history. A fall on the courts could negate a year's recuperation, so Owen (Boca Raton, FL; owenclaire@aol.com) restricts his athletics to table tennis. However, he and Claire play lots of social and duplicate bridge, sometimes with **Burt '45**, BA '47, and Jacqueline **Leavenworth**. Owen admits that Claire carries the team. The Birnbaums haven't done much traveling lately, but continue to summer in Boone, NC. Owen would like to hear from Cornell friends living in South Florida.

**Jules Gagnon** (West Babylon, NY; joagann@earthlink.net) has retired from a second career as outreach coordinator in his Roman Catholic church. He continues as deacon, leading the bereavement group as an active Franciscan. Jules had planned on attending '46's 60th in '06 reunion. He was on campus earlier for his granddaughter's graduation, but her subsequent wedding conflicted with reunion. Top memories of thousands from his undergrad years were meeting his first wife at the Newman Club and camaraderie with fellow Marines. Jules would like to hear most from some of his old TKE fraternity brothers.

**Gabriel Pesce**, BCE '49, MS '51 (Port Hueneme, CA; gvp1tcl@aol.com) is busily retired. His prime extracurricular activity is with the US Coast Guard's safety and security patrol, as well as teaching seamanship and navigation. Additionally, he does research and writes technical material and memoirs on his military and professional career. Our multi-talented classmate also paints using oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pen and ink. Gabe and Lois have recently traveled to Norway, Sweden, Italy, Spain, and the East Coast of the US. Someday he hopes to return to Syria to complete an archaeology project started many years ago. The two Cornell friends he would most like to hear from are **Bob Cologgi '43** and **Betty Bilger '48**.

If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos about the 1940s at Cornell, send them to Elaine Engst, Director and University Archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax, (607) 255-9524. Without instructions to the contrary, your survivors may very well send such materials to the dump when the university might very well want to display them. It's far better to direct them to the university now. Elaine has said they have lots of material from the really early days but very little from the 1940s.



TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail me. Include your name, city, and state of residence. Send news to: ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Ln., San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, PBL22@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Ever faithful **Priscilla Alden** Clement (South Hadley, MA) keeps me posted regularly. Their "roommate gathering" took place on May 26, 2007. **Sara McKissock** Vick entertained **Virginia Dondero** Pfundstein plus their husbands and Priscilla at her daughter's condo in Rochester. Priscilla's daughter and her husband spent January to September in France. He had a grant for the spring term and they decided to stay for the summer. Bob teaches at Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley. Priscilla reported that another Cornellian, **Joan Hatch** Joshi '54 moved into the same area recently. She also included newspaper articles on Cornellian **Ryan Voiland** '00, who owns Red Fire Farm in Granby, MA. Ryan has won prizes for his organic tomatoes at the annual tomato festival.

My friends at Phoebe Berks Village here in Wernersville keep me up-to-date on the activities of **Wilbur** and **Marjorie Eberhardt Haupt**. They learned that Marjorie had been hospitalized for several weeks, but is home now in the loving care of Wilbur.

I've been on an emotional roller coaster since Labor Day. **Phil** '47, ME '48, went to the Reading Hospital for two weeks, followed by a trip to the skilled care facility at Phoebe, where he is undergoing therapy. One of the reasons we moved here was because of the three levels of care (independent apartment living, assisted living, and skilled care) all under one roof. The only problem now is that our apartment is a LONG walk from his room. I am trying to get a scooter, as my walking has deteriorated.

I do need your news. If you haven't done it yet, I hope you'll fill out the News Form from the fall mailing and send it back in the envelope provided. Happy New Year! ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

**47** Sharing the writing of this column with **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, I am **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain. **Helen Hallas** Fazio, Harrison, NY, has traveled extensively to Europe, Canada, Mexico, and throughout the US. She is also active in the American Diabetes Assoc. **Yetta Haber** Farber, Ridgewood, NJ, is a retired teacher. Part of the year she resides in Florida tutoring, volunteering, and attending courses at Florida Atlantic U. She sees **Joyce Bach** Berlow, Sylvia Shain, and **Doris Zolenge** Princenthal. **Robert Schultz**, Murrieta, CA, is an active golfer and sings in the 66-member chorus he founded 14 years ago. **Walter Merkel**, Lakeland, FL, is trying to keep active and stay away from the doctors' offices. **Arlene Thompson** Morey, BS Nurs '48, is retired and living with her son in Atlanta, GA. Also in Atlanta, **Andrew Geller** is retired from working with nonprofit organizations and helping friends share his knowledge of construction and insurance. **Amelia Streif**

Harding, State College, PA, serves on the Board of Trustees at Danville State Hospital and the board of Strawberry Fields, a mental health and provider agency.

**Sanford Reiss**, MD '51, Westfield, NJ, writes that he is "very retired." **Betty Miller** Francis, Colorado Springs, CO, is still volunteering and traveling. **Roger Broecker**, Naples, FL, and wife Martha are choral singers and also play golf and travel. **Melvin Zuckerman**, New York City, is retired and was sorry that he could not attend reunion.

**Betty Rosenthal** Newman, Short Hills, NJ, plays golf and tennis and is teaching at the Center for Lifetime Learning in Florida. **Bill Zeigler** is a retired instructor from the U. of Akron. **Donald Sauer**, Skaneateles, NY, is a retired teacher, and **Patrick O'Sullivan**, Silver Spring, MD, is still studying foreign languages—French, Russian, and others.

**Natalie Mann** Rosenstock, Boynton Beach, FL, is an avid bridge player. **Richard Leonard**, Naples, FL, plays golf and is in a jazz band. **Mary Steadman** Rothrock, Kenosha, WI, retired from teaching in 1989 and then spent ten years working in her husband's law office. **Sy Yenoff** Kingsly, BS HE '46, is still doing real estate management and spends winter in Longboat Key, FL. **Richard Jones Jr.**, BCE '46, Effingham, NH, is a traveling man with wife Mary, having gone to Bermuda, Japan, Thailand, and the Panama Canal. **Barbara Baze** Kelley, Southport, CT, works seasonally designing and maintaining flower gardens. She has traveled to Guatemala and Brazil, but enjoys the Far East the most.

**Carol Shapiro Siegler**, Longboat Key, FL, is actively engaged in humanitarian and human rights organizations with husband **Morton** '44, BCE '47. They also travel extensively. **Eileen Farley** McDonnell, Charlotte, NC, travels, gardens, and had a family reunion in Orlando, FL, attended by all eight of her children, along with spouses and ten grandchildren. **Suzanne Tettelbach** Colle, Haddonfield, NJ, is traveling and playing bridge. She writes that she has been to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and many US states. **Mary Louise Gedel**, lives in Montgomery, AL, and is into line dancing, singing, and church activities. **Charles Cox**, Pittsburgh, PA, is retired and traveled to the Rockies on a seven-day train trip. He is a member of the Cornell Club in his hometown.

Please remember that this is your column, so send me some news about yourself, family, interests, etc. No news means a very short column, and since this is my first time, please, please, SEND. ♦ **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Ln., River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, iralandsyl@optonline.net; **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3572; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

**48** ATTENTION! There are 950 '48ers known to be alive. A total of 352 paid dues last year, and about 208 receive this magazine.

Only 60 of you sent "News" last year. I know a lot of you are leading exciting and interesting lives but are probably too busy to submit any News for this column. Write! If you can't be creative, be imaginative. Let the reader try to discern

fact from fiction. At the least, let your classmate acquaintances know you're still breathing!

**Mary Holland** Freeman, Albany, NY: "Book clubs, philosophy group, reading, swimming, dining out with friends, movies, hiking, and playing bridge. Remember most the beautiful campus, good friends, and excellent faculty, as well as fun at the theatre and Willard Straight Hall. It was an intellectual awakening! Will visit my sister in D.C., spend holidays in California with sons and families, and then go to Spain with friends. My dear husband of 55 years died in December '06. Life will never be the same, but I am thankful for friends and wonderful family."

**Claude** "Bud" Stone, Morton, IL: "Retired from Caterpillar and as a state senator for Illinois. Now I just handle whatever comes up. Follow Bradley basketball in season. Wife Mary, of 54 years, passed away unexpectedly in April from a massive stroke. Busy settling the estate. Who to vote for for president? I don't lean toward any of the candidates." **Andre Jagendorf**, Ithaca, NY: "I'm a no-cost post-doc (professor emeritus, Cornell). Plays, concerts, Netflix. Fondest memory is Treman State Park. Traveled to New Zealand, Tasmania, Saskatoon, and Chicago. I work out at Helen Newman gym. Would rather be sleeping."

**Bob McKinless**, Alexandria, VA: "Singing with Washington Men's Camerata, Presbyterian Church choir, and local St. David's (Welsh) Society. Went to annual seminar on Welsh language and culture in Madison, WI, followed by a five-day, 250-mile bike tour along Lake Michigan—

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on ailing right leg, which broke on a bike trip right after our 55th Reunion. Looking forward to the 60th in June. Attended oldest grandson's graduation from Antioch College in Ohio. He's in med school in NYC. Some 230 alums held a pre/post-tailgate 'lunch' at the Georgetown game. I purchased a cane for the event for insurance. Will take it to all alumni events."

**Stanley Leezenbaum**, Oldwick, NJ: "Retired, relaxing. Relish every moment of the years I spent in Ithaca. Traveled to China and Vietnam. Play with grandchildren. Where is **Arno Nash '49**? There are too many of us—don't know the solution. To be brief, I don't know the meaning of life." **James H. Smith**, Lincoln, CA: "Retired from 55 years in the newspaper business. Still do some writing for a local newspaper. Fondest

**Hallam '57** and **Ron Ward '50** and their wives on the cruise. Have one grandson starting college and another still in pre-K. Time goes too swiftly by—enjoy each day and be kind to your fellow humans."

**John "Skeeter" Skawski**, EdD '57, Ithaca, NY (our reunion co-chairperson, who will tell us all about it in the months ahead): "Retired superintendent of schools. Golf at Cornell golf course, play bridge and poker, and read. Best remember the friendships on the athletic playing fields and living at Telluride House with the Marine Corps Unit (V-12, 1944-46). I've recently been to Florida. Would rather be playing football and baseball now! Looking forward to 60th Reunion celebrations with classmates. My most pressing problem today is golfing. Solution is to play

bell choirs, and does many activities around their new home. She and Husband **Neil '48** live at Asbury Methodist Retirement Village and love it! So how many are in retirement homes—and what's your opinion?"

Why is an Irishman president of the Greater St. Paul Chapter of Nordmanns Forbundet, also known as the Norse Federation? **V. Joseph McAuliffe** says it's because of his interest in Viking history and a wife with Scandinavian heritage. Last summer he worked one day a week at Cafesjian's Carousel in Como Park, MN. The carousel was restored in 2000, after running for 75 years at the Minnesota State Fair. Now that he is retired, he says each day is a new choice! Joseph still remembers fondly the faculty members who inspired lifelong learning. **William Kamsler** is interested and active in local politics and has lots of fun with his three grandkids.

**Polly Wallworth** Riggs has rented a house in France for two weeks next June. It's in the south, near the Atlantic, has five bedrooms and a pool, and is near a small town. Hopefully, all her family will be able to join her. I'm going on a river cruise in southern France, but not in June. Polly audited a course at Villanova U. We seniors can sit in on a course if it isn't full. Do most universities do this?—A great opportunity.

Hope **George Tuttle** has fully recovered from a major heart attack. He says he'd like to be driving a Model T Ford. **Barbara Starkweather** Brown is in a singing group, reads, does crossword puzzles, attends church, and goes to doctors. Unfortunately, the latter seems to be "popular" under extracurricular activities. Take care! **Mary Heisler Allison**, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., The Villages, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203.

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**BOB MCKINLESS '48**

memory was returning after WWII in the company of all the veterans. We had so much to share with each other. I went to Washington, DC, and Quantico, VA, in October with son Jeff and visited the FBI headquarters, the Officers and Candidates school I attended in 1944, and the Marine Corps Museum. I pray that the world does not evolve into a nuclear war, that the American people awaken to the threat, and that we all come together in taking steps to avoid such a catastrophe. Have discovered that we are spiritual and masters of our own destiny (which is the 'meaning of life'). See you at the 60th, June 5-8!"

**Marion Young Bradley**, Boone, NC: "Fondest memory is good friends at Cornell. Saw London and Paris with my 12-year-old granddaughter, who just finished two and a half years of chemo for ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia). Have had many wonderful family reunions." **Lynn Ellis**, Largo, FL: "Retired... sleeping. Fondest memory is graduation. My problem is locomotion impairments—use cane." [Lynn spent 39 years in communications, consulting, and teaching and retired as professor emeritus from the U. of New Haven. He now uses snail mail.] "The problem today is there's too early a start in 'electioneering.' The solution is to sleep for one year."

**Bill Thompson**, Oakdale, NY: "Still maintaining a historic apartment house in the former Vanderbilt Estate area. Fondest memory is Theta Chi fraternity house parties. Visited Gettysburg, Atlanta, Groton, NH, and Ithaca. Right now, I'd rather be watering trees and watching wildlife at our tree farm in New Hampshire." **Lillian Soelle Austin**, Chapel Hill, NC: "Taking life day by day. Dinner out, the occasional classic movie, visiting family and friends. I remember best the Big Band dances. We wore snow boots and changed into high heels at the dance. No cars on campus; we walked everywhere. I had a very hot 14-day cruise on the Danube in July. Visited the house in Bucharest where I lived in 1950-51. Met Al

more. The Iraq situation is terrible. Change presidents!" **Bob Harnett**, Kettering, OH: "Still alive, in reasonable health. Very few trips back to Cornell since graduation. I have very fond memories of the years 1944-48. They were tumultuous years, to say the least. Thanks for your efforts."

❖ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

**49** Did you know **John William "Bill" Somers** at Cornell? His daughter, Sally Somers Powers, is trying to find alumni who will share any information, insights, anecdotes, or photos of him. Bill died while in the Air Force in Germany in 1952, as a result of injuries sustained in a Jeep accident. Sally's mother, Jean Anderson, was pregnant at the time (she and Bill had married after his Cornell graduation), and Sally was born several months later. Her mother passed away 20 years ago. Sally's address is: 909 Wolf Trap Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22911; e-mail, somerfarm@hotmail.com. Just to jog your memory, the yearbook blurb was as follows: Sigma Chi, Kappa Tau Chi, Sec'y., 150 lb. Vars. Crew, wearer of "C", Spring Weekend Comm. '48, W.S. Men's House Comm., McMullen Regional Scholarship. She would really appreciate anything you can tell her!

**Catherine Cook** Powell walks all over San Francisco, writes poetry and songs, and works part-time for the Gray Panthers, the activist group that promotes senior citizens' rights, protests the war, and fights for single-payer healthcare and other progressive issues. She is still helping her son restore a 13-room Victorian wreck in Sonoma County, to be a B&B someday—a 20-year labor of love and a money pit. She says she'd rather be performing. She was an actress off Broadway in Chicago and misses it a lot.

Exercise is good! Catherine walks, while **Eleanor Flemings Munch** bikes four to five miles a day. Eleanor also rings handbells in two different

**50** CLASS NEWS: 1) Class members are invited to a dinner to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), Friday, February 8, in the Lincoln Memorial Room of the elegant Union League, 140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. Send a check for \$75 to **Marion Steinmann** (address at the end of the column)—deadline, February 1. For other information contact Marion.

2) The annual Mid-Winter Meeting of CACO is scheduled for Feb. 8-9, 2008 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. For room reservations at \$169/night, call 1-800-320-5744 and ask for the Cornell block—deadline, January 17. For questions, contact CACO@cornell.edu, (607) 255-1988, or www.alumni.cornell.edu/caco.

3) The traditional and ever-popular annual class dinner in New York City will be held on Friday, May 2, at the Cornell Club-New York, 6 East 44th St. For reservations and details, contact **Stan Rodwin**, our ever-dependable VP for class events (PO Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546; (585) 889-3180; rodpgk@frontiernet.net).

**Bill Madden** (Snellville, GA; wmadden@llf.com) proudly announces that he is a grandfather for the first time and met new Nylah Jane at a recent family reunion. He eagerly looks forward to many trips from Georgia to Chicago to seriously attend to the required spoiling duties. **Kirk Reid** (Hudson, OH), who formerly designed



earth-moving equipment, is now restoring a 1929 Ford station wagon that was at Cornell in 1947-50. Son Randy, blind and with cerebral palsy, operates a computer like a whiz kid. Son Pete, a quadriplegic due to a drunk driver, is "out selling every day." **Bill Hagel** (Ann Arbor, MI) still works as a metal-lurgic and marketing consultant. Off-job activities include oil painting, playing trumpet in a jazz combo, and serving as American Legion Vice-Commander. **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53 (Tallahassee, FL) serves as director or officer on six not-for-profit charity organizations and lectures on financial and estate planning. As a volunteer, he is an officer on a national educational board for the Duke of Edinburgh's Young Americans Award. Also: service on the Public Broadcasting Foundation of Palm Beach County, the Renaissance Foundation, and an educational scholarship program for Afghan students.

**Eugene Jacobs** (Southern Pines, NC) is retired from the aircraft engine design division of General Electric. He now does testing and repair work for the local Habitat Store. He credits Cornell with making possible a very nice income for a high-quality life. For 29 years, **John Marcham** (Ithaca, NY) edited Cornell's *Alumni News*, now *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. In so-called retirement, he has written or edited 16 books on local history and produced a DVD on the career and writings of his father, Prof. **Frederick G. Marcham**, PhD '26. John serves as a director on the board of the Cornell *Sim*, and volunteers with the History Center of Tompkins County, the Cornell Historical Society, and the Book Committee of the Hotel school. Son David is a Congregational minister, son Bruce a plant engineer, and daughter Sarah a teacher in Dryden. John credits Cornell with a fine career in newspaper and magazine publishing.

**Frank Clifford** (Ithaca, NY) retired in 1985 as Cornell's Director of Alumni Affairs. **Earle Barber** (Philadelphia, PA; barberjr@aol.com) has been an attorney for 55 years specializing in wills, trusts, and estates. He continues sculpting, his hobby of many years. Earle is father to four children, one daughter, a teacher, and three sons, a doctor, a lawyer, and a restaurateur. He credits Cornell for a good job and a love of jazz and classical music. **Gerhard "Gerry" Schad** (Chadds Ford, PA; schad@vet.upenn.edu) is still employed as professor of parasitology at the U. of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. He has served as president of the American Society of Parasitologists, received numerous awards in his field, and authored three books on animal parasitology. Gerry was widowed in 1997 and remarried in 2003. Off-work activities include birding, fishing, ecotravel, and wildlife photography. He says that his life as a parasitologist was kindled at Cornell and made possible his graduate education and world travel related to his research on parasitic infections.

**Kenneth Thomas**, MS '56 (Shoreview, MN; kenkthoma@aol.com) earned a PhD at the U. of Minnesota, then worked 33 years for the university as a farm management extension economist. He currently volunteers as facilitator for a depression support group. **Stewart Cudworth** (St. Charles, IL) is incapacitated by a stroke and cannot speak or write well. He lives at home with a full-time caregiver, who reported that he reads avidly and understands everything. Stewart's

wife Emily died in November 2006. **John Carr** (McMurray, PA) retired in 1996 from the Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh, where he served for 18 years as general manager. His entire career was happily spent in the club management field. At age 81 John now enjoys an honorary membership in the Golden Tee Club—golfers ages 62-96.

**Robert Atwell** (Pittsburgh, PA) is retired from the U. of Pittsburgh, where he was a clinical professor of surgery while also serving as chief of surgery and residency coordinator for the Veterans Hospital. He enjoys golf, fly-fishing, and quail hunting—and winters in Florida. Robert has two grandsons with Cornell degrees. The oldest, **Christopher '03**, graduated cum laude in Engineering, went on to Stanford for a master's degree, and after working for a time in the family business is now in the MBA program. Youngest grandson **Jason '07** has a degree from the Hotel school and now works in Denver for the Vail Corp. **Bill Yetter** (La Habra Heights, CA; wpy3rd@aol.com) worked in aerospace engineering as a program manager for Boeing. He now does various volunteer jobs for his church and manages local art shows. He has four daughters, one son, six grandsons, and two granddaughters. Bill's first wife Jeanne died in 1997. He reports that at age 82 he is enjoying life with his wonderful second wife, Rose Mary.

**Harriet Washburn Pellar** (Carlsbad, CA) stays quite busy gardening and caring for her husband Marshall, who is in poor health. In the past she has served on the Citizens Advisory Board of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Park. Harriet has an ongoing interest in conservation and in the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. As the most pressing contemporary problem, she cites more awareness of the New World Open Plan (but did not elaborate on it). She would like our class to support a tentatively planned labyrinth garden on the Cornell campus, and, to everyone, recommends a constant attitude of gratitude! **Nelson Schaenen Jr.**, MBA '51 (Madison, NJ) is retired from an investment management firm. He is a Cornell emeritus trustee and now a trustee for Morris Museum, New York Downtown Hospital, and the Cornell University Foundation. He has traveled on 13 trips with Cornell's Adult University.

**Dave Dingle** (New Suffolk, NY) is retired, but, as he reports, is "active in various projects—Masonic Lodge, trustee of the NY Rotary Club, and playing piano in a jazz trio. Dave is also involved in a local arts project that produces concerts in North Fork, Long Island—the music of old-time favorites such as Brubeck and Ellington. ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

**51** Congratulations to **Letitia Ann Hays**, who was inducted into Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame in November for her performance with the women's rifle club. Sadly, that team didn't get a mention in the 1951 *Cornellian*. **Barbara "Bobbie" Berkowitz** Rubin resigned her faculty position (English, Nazareth College) 12 years ago due to multiple sclerosis, "and never looked back. Life seems

better than ever, despite scooting instead of walking: plenty of swimming, the snowbird life, reading, and appreciating my Cornell education, graduate school, and teaching more than ever." She and Philip migrate between Rochester, NY, and Vero Beach, FL. Roy and **Sabina Ball** Schmidt, Pleasantville, NY, have two grandchildren going to Cornell this fall: **Erica Schmidt '11** as a freshman and **Connor '10**, son of **Eric Schmidt '78**, as a sophomore. Sabina says, "I hope they love Cornell as much as I do and have a great experience there."

**Bill** and **Martha Eustis**, Riverside, CT, write that son Timothy and family are spending six months in Provence, Tuscany, and Paris. Martha and Bill will spend two weeks with them at a Tuscan farmhouse ("C'est merveilleux!"). **Sam Serata**, Bridgeton, NJ, is still practicing law, "but taking it a little easier." He planned a trip to northern Greece with a couple of days in Vienna on the way home. **H. Pierce** and **Ann Brawner**, Mill Creek, WA, viewed the solar eclipse last spring from the Libyan Desert, thanks to the Libyan government. "They are somewhat new to tourism (for Americans, at least), but are trying hard to capitalize on their great Greco/Roman World Heritage sites Sabathra, Leptis Magna, and Cyrene. Now we have to find an opportunity to wear our Qaddafi T-shirts."

**Art Bingham** wrote from Martha's Vineyard that he's sorry to have missed the 55th. He's still fitting in two courses a semester at Harvard's Inst. for Learning in Retirement, along with what wife Ann says are the two most frustrating hobbies a man can have—fly-fishing and golf. **Elizabeth Jones** Johnson, Macon, GA, was honored for keeping Meals on Wheels going for more than 20 years. She also started an integrated Kindergarten before the public schools did and celebrated 52 years of marriage along with great-grandson Nicholas. **Charles** and **Judith Moore** have moved from D.C. to Battery Park in NYC. Charles is still with the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy. They have 12 grandchildren and have completed a family home in Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains. Writes Charlie, "We have never been happier, both working and traveling."

**Michael Chayes**, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, is still practicing (choir, jazz band) on a smaller scale after recovering from a serious illness two years ago. He and wife Nel Vermeij have numerous visits from friends in the US, France, etc., "who stay with us and whose company we enjoy. We fill our days and evenings with reunions and concerts and are usually (all but winter) in France, where in the past 27 years we've found a number of good friends." Michael's youngest daughter earned her PhD in February with a thesis on French Renaissance literature entitled, "L'Eloquence des Pierres Precieuses." His oldest daughter is expecting their seventh grandchild soon. Last summer the **Ken Jones** family of Larchmont, NY—Ken, his wife, two daughters and their husbands, and three grandchildren (ages 12, 9 and 6)—attended Cornell's Adult University. "It was the second year in a row for nine family members together at CAU and was a great experience both years. I was the only Cornellian in the group. My wife and one daughter are Duke graduates, the other daughter graduated from Dartmouth, one son-in-law graduated from Brown, and the other



from Penn." **Theodora "Todi" Frizzell** Frick, Charlotte, NC, recently returned from New Zealand with a group from Missouri Botanical Garden. Director, son-in-law Peter Raven, hosted the group. She was very impressed by the biodiversity and eco-friendly efforts they saw.

After living in one house for 46 years (and adding on to it and filling it), **Evan and Elaine Willis Hazard '52**, BS Nurs '53, moved to a detached town home half the size of the old place. "We are pack rats, and this has been traumatic." Elaine continues to be parish nurse (the blood pressure lady) at their church and does volunteer chaplaincy at North Country Hospital's new nursing home in Bemidji, MN. Evan began copy editing for the Dir. of Volunteers in 2005 and continues to contribute two monthly columns to Bemidji's daily paper. A new plaque in Bemidji State's Sattgast Hall reads, "Evan B. Hazard Vertebrate Museum." Evan, a retired biology professor, says, "Those of you involved in fundraising will recognize this as a 'naming opportunity.'" Recently, they drove to Chicago for their daughter's graduation from Roosevelt U. While there, Evan fielded questions on endangered species from his grandson's third grade class and did a demo on mammal skulls. "They loved it." When asked the one thing he remembers most from his time at Cornell, Evan replied, "Courting Elaine Willis. We celebrated our 55th in April." And who is the old Cornell friend he would most like to hear from? "I hear from her every day." Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** The Class of '52 News and Dues mailing arrived in mid-October, the same week I was writing this column, so I didn't expect to have new News to work with. However, two very efficient people sent e-mails. So here, first, from them, up-to-date news:

**Suressa Holtzman Forbes** ([sforbes1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sforbes1@rochester.rr.com)) writes that she and **Dick** have a new address in Rochester, NY. She has retired from many of her boards, but remains a very active docent at the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery, planning and leading art tours for the Gallery Council. Suressa sent a full report, and this time I have room: She would rather be playing tennis, but her back won't let her. What does she most remember from Cornell? "Courses with Meyer 'Mike' Abrams, William Sale, and **Stuart Brown '37**, PhD '42. But I must also include my Once and Present Husband, **Dick Forbes**." The old Cornell friend she'd most like to hear from is **Pierre Tonachel**. She closed by commenting: "Dick and I went to reunion and enjoyed seeing **Stu** and **Kat Woodbury Haskins** and also **Sue Youker Schlaepfer**. Unfortunately, some other friends from the Class of '52 did not come." The second prompt responder was **Jim Gibbs** ([jgibbs@stanford.edu](mailto:jgibbs@stanford.edu)). He, too, has retired. The rest of his news was shorter, but welcome. "My wife Jewelle and I are delighted to be grandparents—at last! Grandson Julian Angelo Gibbs was born on May 11 and lives nearby in Alameda, CA."

Now, news from late 2006 and early 2007. In October 2006, **John Talmage** ([\[online.net\]\(mailto:online.net\)\) wrote from Riverhead, NY, that while retired, he was restoring 1929 and flying 1931 antique airplanes from the farm airstrip and working on homebuilt experimental amphibian aircraft. He was also involved with a joint-venture golf project on part of his family farm, which is on the Long Island Sound shoreline. Most fondly from Cornell he remembers "friends and extra-curricular activity experiences that were broadening for this rural boy who attended a two-room, two-teacher, eight-grade elementary school before high school." In November 2006, Rabbi \*\*Ronald Millstein\*\* \(\[joyceem6@optonline.net\]\(mailto:joyceem6@optonline.net\); Great Neck, NY\) wrote that he and wife Joyce's activities were Broadway and Off-Broadway theater. They had also been cruising. One memorable cruise left the ship with interior damage and 30 passengers with serious injuries. A much better one was from Athens to Rome, and Rome to Venice with many interesting stops. Ronald remembers "the extraordinary beauty of the campus, with its views, fall foliage, awesome gorges, and handsome buildings, not to mention the auditory pleasure of the Chimes concerts." Sadly, he officiated at the funeral of his friend, classmate and professor \*\*Paul Avrich\*\*, on February 22, 2006.](mailto:Seagull2@opt</a></p>
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In December '06, **Paul Franks**, Tulsa, OK, wrote, "This growing old ain't no fun." He had just had a left shoulder replacement. He did have some fun in the summer that year, though, with a "fine trip to Scotland—Edinburgh to Inverness to Skye, Harris, and Lewis, down the west coast to Burns Country and back to Edinburgh. Gorgeous country and friendly people." We trust his shoulder is now working well. As of December '06, **Evan '51** and **Elaine Willis Hazard**, BS Nurs '53 ([eehazard@paulbunyan.net](mailto:eehazard@paulbunyan.net)) remained in Bemidji, MN, but after 46 years in a four-level house with yard, garage, and outdoor storage, they had made the move to a townhouse. "Operation: shoe horn," wrote Elaine, "was partially successful. We are at our new digs, still working at downsizing enough to fit. Stay tuned; the struggle continues." I'm sure they are now settled, and, as they are now "within walking distance of medical care, an exercise facility, and shopping," it sounds like a move more of us should make.

**Richard Clark** ([capeclarks@aol.com](mailto:capeclarks@aol.com); Oosterville, ME) retired in 1997. Now he is active with "golf, boating, travel, theatre, books, model boat building, yard work, and more golf." On August 5-6, 2006, Rik participated in his 14th Pan-Mass Challenge as an 84-mile cyclist and volunteer. The event raised \$25 million for the Dana Farber Cancer Inst. His most fond memory of Cornell? "Transferring to Cornell as a junior and then pledging to the Sigma Chi fraternity." The old Cornell friends he'd most like to hear from are **Barlow Ware '47**, **Laurie Robinson '77**, and **Mary Berens '74**. Lastly, a note from Susan Strumer ([Strumer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Strumer@sbcglobal.net); Ridgefield, CT), widow of classmate **Josef Strumer** and an honorary member of the class. As of February 2007, Susie had joined the New York Cornell Business Breakfast roundtable, which had been very active. She noted, "The dining room at the Cornell Club-New York has become extremely good. The New York Club could today be described as the most upscale club/boutique hotel in the city."

That's it. Pay your dues, subscribe to the magazine, and send news. The Gauls are off on a frolic of their own—to China—but we'll be back. I'll hope to hear from you. ♦ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, [joangaul@mac.com](mailto:joangaul@mac.com).

**53** Homecoming 2007 brought classmates back for a spot of football and nostalgia. The Big Red team overcame Colgate with a stirring fourth quarter, 17-14. Then '53 joined friends from other Fifties classes for an excellent dinner at the newish Laboratory of Ornithology. After dinner, **Tom Foulkes '52** sat in at the Yamaha keyboard to accompany us mature warblers in songs we love so well, but don't remember so good. The words were provided, even those to the old favorite, "Seven Old Ladies" (locked in the conveniences), whose seven verses have been so elusive to so many homecomers and reunioners for so many years. A grand time was had by all, as ever. Here's a toast to ye veteran host **Paul Blanchard '52**.

The **Vinnie Giarrussos**, **Jack McCarthys**, **Bob Dilatushes**, and **Todd Kolb** and his affianced Nancy Sokolowski returned for the annual reunion of the 1948-52 football teams in October. They noted that many of their teammates' skills and accomplishments on the field had magnified considerably in the past half-century. They dined with economics whiz Prof. Alfred E. Kahn, who arrived, like many of those present, in 1947. He has been a Schoellkopf regular ever since. Kahn thought back on **Jeff Fleischmann '51**, MEd '55 (present) smashing through the line, "dragging people behind you," and the late wrestling champion **Don Dickason**, MEd '68, among others. "You did not run a single play that did not deceive me," he told them. He said he had "no regrets" at his central role in deregulation of the airlines industry when he was advisor to President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Kahn explained why in lucid detail, citing lower fares and higher productivity. In conclusion, he told the players, "I forgive you for confusing me." On Saturday, another contemporary prof, the eminent literary critic and Big Red football superfan Meyer H. "Mike" Abrams was the team's honorary co-captain. He wore a number 1 jersey for the pregame coin-toss, in recognition of his 95th birthday.

**Paul Makosky** (St. Michaels, MD) tells of adding a third concert series to the music program he runs at the local arts academy, high-altitude railroading in the Peruvian Andes (plus Lake Titicaca and Machu Picchu), and relaxing days at the family camp on Sebago Lake in Maine. He looks back in admiration at Prof. **Dusty Rhodes**, PhD '14. "His standard of excellence, combined with a dry humor, created a tough but positive atmosphere throughout the Chem E experience." And the best day at C.U., says Paul, was "the day our Chem E class completed the second term of Unit Operations Lab (Dusty wasn't named the 'Olin Ogre' without cause)." **Julian Smith '41**'s Savage Club performance at our 50th Reunion, says Paul, is a world-class memory. **Dave Rossin** (University Park, FL) thinks back on Solid State Physics prof Henri Sack's review of his individual oral exam: "Vell, Mister Rossin, you have done zee



homework so you will pass zee course, but ziss has not been a famous examination!" When last heard from, Dave, a former US Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Power, was busy "still trying to finish my damn book and get it published."

**Dave Gatti** (Huntington, NY), creator of our distinctive Class of '53 logo, has been keeping his hand (quill?) in doing lettering for book covers. **Eugenie Gilbert** Taub (Westfield, NJ) reporting: "Two new knees, a total of seven grandchildren, and still married to husband number 1." As for favorite reunion reminiscences, she replies, "I like the mini-reunions like Tanglewood, or D.C., or Connecticut pool parties." Retired teacher **Louise Klein Sussman** (Elkins Park, PA) now expresses herself with her hands. "I'm now a potter," she says. The ceramic art she has created can be admired in several galleries and local craft shows.

**Jane Little** Hardy notes that son Ed '79, MFA '88, has produced a novel, *Keeper and Kid*, to be published early in '08 by St. Martin's Press, Thomas Dunne Books. Ed, who signs his work Edward Hardy, may have been one of his own best advisors. He teaches creative writing at Brown. Jane and Ernie seem to be well and truly settled into Ithaca. The noted snows of Tompkins County don't faze them. Jane warmly recalls a big snowball fight in a large-flaked snowstorm after coming home from a date. Since there are no plans to move, they have put a new kitchen and utility room into the old homestead to make life easier. Jane says she was "very pleased with the success of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in Philadelphia last year." She oversaw it, and is looking forward to an encore this February 8-9. "Wonderful to connect with classmates," she says. She fondly remembers that seven women from her freshman corridor in Dickson got together at our 50th. "Imagine still being in touch with all of them after all these years," says she. And her all-time favorite Cornellian? "Too many. How can one choose?" Let's hope lots of them show up at our 55th.

The prospect of hearing the Cayuga's Waiters sing again might in itself bring some of our classmates back for a weekend in June. So might a like-new freshman dormitory headquarters, with mod cons like air conditioning and elevators, not to mention the richness of the renewal of friendships of more than a half-century's standing. All of the above will be available at our 55th Reunion, June 5-8, in an air-conditioned, elevator-equipped, like-new freshman dorm. Be there. Fifty-fifth reunions are limited to one per lifetime. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** **Teodoro Valentiner**, BArch '55, of Bad Vilbel, Germany, has been retired from architecture for a few years now, allowing golf to fill in the daylight hours. Sounds as if he has life squared away and is thoroughly enjoying having ample time to either watch or participate in various sporting activities. He also keeps an eagle eye on Cornell team results. Last fall he was looking for warmer, dryer climes; I suggested any place in the US. A couple of his favorite memories of Cornell were the birth of his daughter Wendy

and great times with classmates and Lambda Chi fraternity brothers. **Dick Gifford** is also semi-retired but still working with Gifford Collections, which specializes in lovely glass ornaments from many European countries. **Elisavietta Artamonoff** Ritchie Farnsworth sent in her News Form a while back, which is so very rich with all the writing, editing, and publishing she has done along with teaching both adults and school children the art of poetry, that I encourage you to seek out all the information about her that can be found on the Web. Google is so many times the magic carpet, and I found it so with Elisavietta's work.

**Anne Wendt** Nagy has continued to day trade in stock index futures during the day, but relaxes with singing, book clubs, and a few boards. Ice cream at Japes was a fond memory of Cornell. **Clancy Fauntleroy** teaches courses in several computer software programs as well as digital photography and Adobe Photoshop. **Fred Jensen** has been keeping busy as chairman of the Chatham, MA, citizens' committee on wastewater management planning, along with assisting Stevens Inst. of Technology in marketing its online university, Web Campus, to firms in Lithuania. **William Morgan** still has a "day job" as an attorney, primarily in the field of family law. His relaxation from this very stressful field is to be found in gardening, walking, and bird-watching while pondering how to fit in a bit of golf and fishing. Fond memories of the Hill include meeting so many intelligent people from all over the country and the world. **Rob Sinacore**, like the rest of us, feels he could do without all those doctor appointments. But aside from that, travel and volunteer work keep the body in motion and the gray cells at attention.

**Leonard and Mimi Cohen** Levine gathered up the entire clan and took them on a Disney cruise. They had a great time. The chimes playing while walking across the Quad at noon is a memory most of us cherish along with Mimi. I heard them again in October when I took a granddaughter to visit the campus. They never fail to trigger a flood of pleasant thoughts. They are the sound of Cornell. **Lee Ann Katz** Wolfe did move into a retirement community after the loss of her husband. Lee Ann, as you may recall, has written a great deal on retirement communities and lifestyles. The beautiful Cornell campus, football games, the Home Ec cafeteria, and Ithaca's great downtown are a few of her favorite snapshots. **Lucille Fein Saunders** leads a very busy, varied life. She and **Burt** '51, DVM '55, travel with the NYS Veterinary Group, putter in and around the Victorian home they moved to three years ago when the rest of us were downsizing, and run a family business. Cornell and the veterinary community keep them active locally and statewide.

**George Hollis** says he is trying to cope with prices that continue to soar but, as a retired CPA, is better equipped than most to do the calculations. We have another chimes fan in **Allen Hale**, BME '56, who remembers "walking across the Quad from Sibley to the Library through all the fallen leaves on a glorious fall afternoon as the chimes played in honor of a football win." Allen is still working around boats at a marine supply store part-time and sailing in the other hours. A life full of boats sounds great, especially if you

live in Florida. Now, Buffalo, where I was just working on a boat, has a totally different feel.

Marvelous corresponding, gardening, leaf-raking, snow-shoveling, rock-wall-building **Betty Wagler** Striso had the time of her life at Cornell discovering the sheer joy of learning. As hard as she tries, she now knows she will be unable to read every book ever written. I totally understand and that's why I listen to them also. Walking dogs, driving, and so many other activities allow for listening, whereas reading would be quite hazardous.

Remember, our 55th Reunion will take place June 4-7, 2009. Do not let anyone tell you otherwise. Set the dates aside, as we are definitely in the home stretch. From your many letters, one deduces that Cornell holds a very special place in our hearts. Come back and hear those chimes ring out once more over the beautiful Cornell campus. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Cornell Alumni Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** Did you wish you were at Homecoming last October? I did, especially with a win at Schoellkopf! Commenting on the publication of *The Billionaire Who Wasn't*, the biography of **Chuck Feeney** '56, **Fred Antil** had this to say: "I am delighted to see our remarkable fellow Cornellian finally get the public recognition and appreciation he so richly deserves. My favorite sandwich man has long been a hero to those of

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us who know him as a friend, and when I was called some time ago to talk to the author of the Feeney book, I had to verify that it was authorized by Chuck and that it was finally OK to publicly share some Chuck stories, several of which made it into the book (including his role in introducing me to my wife, Ann).

"Another story was too late for the book. When Chuck returned to Cornell for his 50th Reunion in 2006, he came to a reception at my fraternity, one of many on his sandwich route. Chuck handed out small peanut butter cups to those of us present saying, 'I know I screwed you on the amount of peanut butter in the sandwiches 50 years ago; this is to make up for that.' His humor is as intact as his humanity. How fortunate for this world that a Chuck Feeney came along, but how rare a person he is." (For those who may not know, Chuck's foundation has given away more than \$4 billion (over \$600 million to Cornell) and still has \$4 billion more to give away in the next few years. He wants it all gone in his lifetime.)

**Konrad Bald**, volunteer extraordinaire, was honored by his hometown by being named Barrington (IL) Citizen of the Year. Among his various volunteer activities, Konrad is the number one CROP walker in the US for the past five years. He and his wife, **Dell (Tauscher) '52**, attended Dell's 55th Reunion, and hopefully they're planning to catch up with their '55 friends in 2010. **Donald Demske** wants to know, has anyone seen **Ernie Mayer**? Don continues to raise tomatoes and cucumbers, but says he'd

"rather be eating chocolate-covered doughnuts in the Dairy Bar."

**Carol Rittershausen** Byron reports that she's been enjoying the move to a country cottage outside Seattle near her daughter Leslie, a horse cart driver. Ritt also has taken "scuba trips to exotic places" with her California daughter Crissie. They were planning a trip to Greece last September. "I welcome contact with Cornell classmates!" she adds. **Tara Prince** Goldman and husband Warren recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, as did **Bob '54** and **Mary Ann Meyer Adams**. Tara finds time for "bridge and travel, with some golf thrown in." **Billie Campbell Lerner**, MD '59, and husband **Bill** have been swimming and boating in the Thousand Islands and reveling in the company of five grandchildren who all live nearby, "so we see them several times a week." **Evelyn Barber** Lance retired as a State of Hawaii judge in 1995, and now travels as a volunteer consultant on worldwide judicial reform projects under the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiatives.

**Erik Svenson**, BArch '56, MRP '60, writes, "Our 50th Reunion was fabulous, meeting many old friends." Erik has been attending regional Cornell events in Sarasota and says, "I am honored to have two degrees from Cornell." We hear that **Ann "Toni" Eaton**, **Sally Kiernan** Torodash, **Judy Powell** Lothrop, and **Jeanne Hoegger**, all of whom live in Massachusetts, were planning a get-together luncheon last summer. **Olga Bruun** Staneslow and her partner traveled to Tanzania to go on safari, and hope to visit India this year.

The Cornell Alumni Reading Group meets near their home in St. Paul, MN.

You may have heard that **Carl Fuchs** died last August. Six members of the Cayuga's Waiters from our era—**Irv "Bin" Pettit** and **Charlie Wolf** from '55, plus **Jack Brophy '53**, **Bob Cohen '60**, **Mason Colby '54**, and **John Smith '60**—were on hand for Carl's memorial service in Princeton, NJ. The group sang "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye," and then the "Evening Song," joined by other Cornellians in the congregation. At the reception following the service, they sang the Alma Mater and—in tribute to Carl's sister, **Liz Fuchs Fillo '58**—"Good Night Little Girl." In thanking the Waiters afterwards, Liz wrote, "My serenade was as much of a thrill now as it was half a century ago." ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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**Bob Day**, Washington, DC, continues to be a newsworthy alum. At the Georgetown-Cornell football game earlier this season, Bob dug out his cheerleader sweater (which, I am told by my spies, still fits him) and his megaphone to lead the faithful Cornell crowd, almost all wearing red, in endless cheers to a 45-7 win. Yay, team! In the book publishing department, our classmate **Judith Jankowitz** Gura's book was just published by W.W. Norton, called *Sourcebook of Scandinavian Furniture Designs for the 21st Century*. Another book, *Interior Design in New York, 1935-1985*, will be published in the spring by Acanthus Press. Judith lives in New York City and divides her time between writing and teaching design history and theory at the New York School of Interior Design.

Our classmate **Chuck Feeney** is the subject of a new book, *The Billionaire Who Wasn't: How Chuck Feeney Secretly Made and Gave Away a Fortune* by Conor O'Clery and published by Public Affairs Books. As described on Amazon.com, in 1988 *Forbes* magazine hailed Chuck Feeney as the 23rd richest American alive. Born in Elizabeth, NJ, to a blue-collar Irish-American family during the Depression and a veteran of the Korean War, he had made a fortune as co-founder of Duty Free Shoppers, the world's largest duty-free retail chain. Secretly, Chuck had transferred all his wealth to his foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies. Only in 1997, when he sold his duty free interests, was he "outed" as one of the greatest and most mysterious American philanthropists in modern times. According to the cover quote from *Time* magazine, "Feeney's beneficence already ranks among the grandest of any living American and may someday make him the most generous American philanthropist of all time." Classmates may remember Chuck selling them food at Louie's lunchwagon on the street between Risley and Balch halls during our student days.

**Grace Goldsmith** Wahba, Madison, WI, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the 490th Convocation of the U. of Chicago on June 8, 2007. She is in her 41st year as a faculty member at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. "Classmate **Betty Davison** Gray moved to Madison shortly before our 50th Reunion, and as old corridor-mates (Risley tower, junior year) we got reacquainted after 50 years and came to the

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**Stephen Kittenplan** received a long e-mail from his freshman roommate **Chuck Dorman**, Austin, TX. You probably remember Chuck and his new bride, Ruth, who came to our 50th and had a wonderful time. It was Ruth's first visit to campus, and Chuck hadn't been to Cornell since 1972. Their combined families total 23, and the last time they all got together, Chuck said he hadn't cooked that much prime rib since his hotel and restaurant days. **Judith York** Newman, BArch '57, architect and owner of Space Gallery of Architecture in New York City, has an exhibition of important historic architectural drawings at her gallery, 31 West 26th St., through February 15, 2008.

**Barbara Rapoport** is making her annual sojourn to Paris. I am sure she will see **Ellie Schaffer**. **Paula Johnson** Camp and husband Herb moved from California after 47 years to a new retirement community near Denver, CO, at Highlands Ranch to “see their grandchildren grow up.” **Ed and Lois Ullman Berkowitz '59** have been to California several times to visit with the grandkids and bike with **Bob Schermer**. Here's a blast from the past. Who remembers Yeagerburgers, immortalized in 1953 in a *Widow* story by the same Ed Berkowitz and Bob Schermer? Please let me know if this hits a memory chord.

By the time you read this, those wonderful Cornell class pocket calendars for 2008 should have arrived. Good reports from the Cornell Investment Committee regarding the substantially increased market values of the Class of 1956 Rare Book Endowment, a fund that provides support for the purchase of rare books and manuscripts for the University Library, and the Class of 1956/Crofts Endowment, a fund that provides support for the purchase of books and rare materials for the Carl A. Kroch Library.

I am saddened to report on the passing of our classmate **Oscar Mackour** in August 2007. As reported in the *Washington Post*, Oscar had a very interesting life. He was born in Germany and escaped to England during WWII via the Kindertransport project. Oscar had an outstanding career as an international economist with the US Treasury. Oscar was a good guy with a wicked sense of humor, and we're sorry to see him go. He is survived by his wife and our classmate **Fern (Wurman)**.

**Correction:** Please excuse my error in a recent column. **Barbara Grove** Kuhn Purtee moved to Gulfport, FL (not Gulfport, MS, as I had stated). Gulfport, FL, is a suburb of 12,000, south of St. Petersburg and west of Tampa.

Steve Kittenplan (catplan@aol.com) and I want to know what you're doing and would like to include you in our upcoming columns. Please send news. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** Happy New Year and Happy 50th Anniversary to those of you who were married shortly after graduation. How are you celebrating? Did you remember to fill out the yellow News Form that came with your dues notice? Your responses will get forwarded to me in time for my next deadline. Don't hesitate to send news directly to

me at the address below (or better yet, e-mailed) at any time of year.

Part III of our Reunion Report: **Ben and Sandy Lindberg Bole** came East from their Washington farm, where their chestnut orchard continues to thrive. And among those mingling in the lobby at Court Hall were **Bev Robertson Murrell**, who still resides in Columbia, MO, **Joan Kennedy Repetto**, and **Eva Stern Steadman**. Bus transportation to the various venues was excellent, and **Alice Brunner**, **Jean Venel Bernard**, **Sue Sutton Moyer**, and **Marilyn Moore Pukmel** were among those waiting to board for the short trip to the class dinner. I'd enjoy reading your observations/impressions of reunion, especially the first-timers, so send a note if you choose.

Someone who didn't make it to reunion but did get to a July session of CAU was **Joanne Clark Nelson**. She spent a week at the Personal Trainer Program held in the Friedman Center, gaining familiarity with training equipment and exercise techniques. Also that week, **Mary Hobbie Berkelman** took a course in Digital Photography, and later in the month **Guy and Sue Hitz Magnuson** returned to campus for the popular Great American Trials. The course was led by **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, who is a **Weiss** (our classmate **Steve**) Presidential Fellow, as well as the **Thomas '55** and classmate **Dorothy Eisenman Litwin** Professor of American Studies.

A note came to Alumni Affairs from **Elizabeth Goodell Russell**, who entered Cornell with our class and left in 1955. She writes, “Because this is the 50th year since my class graduated from Cornell, it seemed an appropriate time to extend the thanks I've been meaning to extend for several years. In 1953 I was accepted as a freshman, with financial aid, even though I was 33 years old and had three children. It was a dream come true for me. I had a successful and rewarding year.” Elizabeth left Cornell in the middle of her sophomore year, but continued her education a few years later, earning both a BA and MA at the U. of Massachusetts. She received a doctorate from UMass in 1974 from the School of Education. In 2005 she published her autobiography, *Reading Under the Covers*. Elizabeth closes her note with, “All of this is simply to let you know that the investment Cornell made in me in 1953 was not wasted and to thank you for the enormous contribution Cornell made to my life.” Truly, a sentiment shared by so many of us.

Finally, here's a request from **Martie Ballard Lacy**. She will be borrowing things for our 55th Reunion from the four boxes of class memorabilia on loan from Kroch Library's Archives, so if anyone wants to donate a Frosh Directory or other items, contact Martie at marthalacy@juno.com. And if you're on campus at any other time and would like to see the collection (downstairs in Olin Library), ask for Class of 1957, Box 2, number 41/4/2059. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

**58** Now is the time to start really planning and getting your thoughts together for our wonderful 50th Reunion. **Jim Harper** writes, “Creativity at Any Age” (imagine that!) is crouched and

waiting to jump out at us at our 50th Reunion, June 5-8, 2008. “Creativity” is the working title of the 2008 edition of our continuing reunion event, the Class Forum. We'll see the arts, music, dance, literature, and the visual arts in new ways. We'll seek answers to the questions: are our children and grandchildren missing out on arts education, and, if they are, what's to be done, and when? **Jennifer Tipton**, who is at a continuing high spot in her fabulous career, will be a big part of this, and she has some insights, which she will share. As a premiere lighting designer with a concentration in dance, theater, and opera, she's been at the top of her profession for years, the recipient of an Obie, two Bessies, an Olivier, two Drama Desks, and more—a closet full of hardware. **Liz Fuchs Fillo** (lizfillo@yahoo.com) is putting the Forum together.

Classmates are starting to check in from around the country. **Bob Eisenman's** new book, *The New Jerusalem*, is a magnificent and evocative prose poem, a chronicle of a young man's travels from San Francisco to Paris to Belgrade to Nicosia to New Delhi and more, 1959-62. It's an Anti-Beat Manifesto, as Bob calls it, although it's also a thoroughly positive letter of discovery, the journey of life, and new love. Bob and Heather (r5e5@yahoo.com) will be with us in June 2008. **Gordie Anderson** (gordon.anderson@osd.mil), fresh from exploring by kayak Utah's Green River, and **Jim**, MBA '60, and **Judy Storey Edgar** (jedgar7777@aol.com) will be there, too, and they expect **Don Marshall**, **Terry West**, **Pete Cornell**, and **Dave Brown**, MBA '60, who still drives fire trucks and may or may not drive one to Ithaca, to join them. Dave and Nancy celebrated their first 50th in August. **Don** and **Joan Alpaugh** (alpaughco@aol.com) had a visit from **Dick** and **Ginger Rittenhouse**, and they are all coming.

We're psyched about getting everyone back to the Hill for our 50th. For answers to all questions, please contact our reunion co-chairs **Alan Goldman** (alangoldman@comcast.net), **Betty Anne Steer Merritt** (esm33@cornell.edu or cell phone, (973) 214-5671), and/or **Gerry Linsner** (glinsner@netzero.net); or co-presidents **Chuck Hunt** (echunt@aol.com) or **Carol Boeckle Welch** (carolwelch@att.net).

Thank goodness for Jim Harper's wonderful writing, as Dick and I are temporarily out of news. Husband **Chuck Jarvie**, MBA '59, and I are definitely planning on attending the 50th, and I just talked on the phone with **Judy Philipson Warsh**. Hopefully I can persuade her and Bob to come. We are looking forward to seeing them again in Florida in March. Please send news! ♦ **Jan Arps Jarvie**, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net; **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com. Class website, for other news and events of the class, <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**59** This past April, **Roz Bakst Goldman** of Rochester, NY, was elected president of the Appraisers Association of America, a professional organization of some 700 personal property appraisers who serve the arts, legal, and financial communities and private and corporate collectors, and who provide appraisals of fine and decorative arts, jewelry, and household contents. Roz



specializes in the appraisal of original prints from all centuries and areas except for Asian. She also appraises paintings, drawings, and sculpture from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.

**Alan Schechter**, who lives in Bethesda, MD, heads the molecular medicine branch of the National Inst. of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, a branch of the National Institutes of Health, where his research focuses on hemoglobin and its diseases, such as sickle cell anemia. Alan is also acting director of the Office of NIH History, which works with all NIH components to foster documentation, preservation, and interpretation of the NIH history. In addition, he's co-editor of *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, an interdisciplinary journal published by Johns Hopkins Press that focuses on subjects of current interest in biology and medicine in a context with humanistic, social, and scientific concerns. No wonder he says he's "trying to have enough time for acting as a grandfather to four young grandchildren," plus finding time for reading, socializing, etc.

**John Kriendler**, who some years ago headed NATO's Political Directorate and was deputy assistant secretary general for policy affairs, switched to academic life, where he is professor of NATO and European security issues at the George Marshall Centre for European Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Recent travels took him to Pogorica, Montenegro, and Belgrade, Serbia, where he lectured on NATO and related issues to government officials and military officers. **Svein Richard Arber** was recently appointed chair of the English department at Lowell High School in San Francisco. **Richard Harris**, PhD '66, of Teaneck, NJ, is president and founder of Richard M. Harris Associates, a personal communications training and coaching firm. His first book, *The Listening Leader: Powerful New Strategies for Becoming an Influential Communicator*, was published in 2006 by Greenwood Publishing Group. His articles on effective communication have appeared in such publications as *Training and Development* and *Financial Executive*.

Semi-retired radiologist **Bob Dann** and his wife Nancy now spend part of the year—from November to May—at their new home in Vero Beach, FL. Playing golf and welcoming visitors are high on the agenda. Also "not quite retired" is psychotherapist **Judy Brotman** Cochran of Kensington, MD. She and husband Clayton completed the 192-mile Coast-to-Coast Walk in England last May. "We walked across northern England from St. Bees on the Irish Sea to Robin Hood's Bay on the North Sea in 17 days—with no blisters," says Judy. The walk crosses three national parks and some of England's finest scenery, including the Lake District, the Pennines, and the North York Moors. Another classmate who walked the English countryside is **Carole Parnes** of Alameda, CA. She spent two weeks in September in the village of Mickleton in the Cotswolds, at an inn that is home to the Pudding Club, founded in the 1980s to prevent the demise of the great British dessert. Every day, a walk through a different village; every evening, the pleasure of a different "pudd."

**Paul Katzeff** of Mendocino, CA, is CEO of Thanksgiving Coffee Company, a sustainable specialty coffee company that works with coffee

cooperatives in Laos, Uganda, Rwanda, and Nicaragua. You can browse the company's coffees, read about its projects, and sign up for its e-mail newsletter at [www.thanksgivingcoffee.com](http://www.thanksgivingcoffee.com). Paul's extracurricular activities include raspberry gardening and catcher on a baseball team. Skiing and cycling are the extracurricular activities of choice of **Donna Mason** Drummond, Portland, OR, while **Maxine Hollander** Bittker of Rochester favors traveling, tennis, and bridge.

Our last column carried news of **Dick Vincent's** induction in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as an Outstanding American from New York. **Dave Dunlop**, who had the pleasure of speaking about Dick to the audience at the September ceremony, writes that **Steve Friedman**, who had previously received the same honor, was one of the people who presented Dick with the award. "With Dick joining Steve as Outstanding Americans of New York, 40 percent of those who have been so honored are members of our class!" notes Dave. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, [jet24@cornell.edu](mailto:jet24@cornell.edu).

**60** Congratulations to **Edythe Haendel** Schwartz, whose new book of poetry, *Exposure*, was published in November 2007 in the New Women's Voices Series at Finishing Line Press (Georgetown, KY). The poet and novelist Susan Terris describes Edythe's poems as "wise, compassionate, and compelling." A longtime resident of Davis, CA, and for many years a faculty member at California State U., Sacramento, Edythe has seen her work published previously in journals that include *Calyx*, *California Quarterly*, and *Earth's Daughters*.

A press release that came across my desk recently announces that **Robert Rubin**, a construction attorney, joined the NYC office of McCarter & English LLP in August 2007. A winner of the Cornerstone Award of the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, Robert is also an adjunct professor at Columbia, where he received his JD in 1964. Author of the book *Construction Claims* (1983), he has lectured widely on many aspects of construction litigation. Robert has lived in Brooklyn for many years and has two daughters, Julie and **Debra Rubin** Wolfarth '85.

**Bob McDermott** sent word that he has retired from Bechtel Corp. after almost 46 years of employment at various spots around the world, including France, England, and Indonesia. He says, "Randi and I have relocated to our lovely home in Tiburon, CA, where we are very happy watching the boats sail on San Francisco Bay. We are not quite so happy about being farther away from our son Martin, who works and lives in Paris, but still have about the same distance from our elder son Erik, who works and lives near Kyoto, Japan. You see that we have been globe-trotting with our sons all their lives, so they, naturally enough, ended up in foreign locations. But they are happy in their work and lives, and that is all that matters to us."

**Bob Grieves** reports from Wesley Chapel, FL, that he and several prep school classmates who went on to Cornell attended their 50th

Reunion at Mercersburg Academy in late 2006. Others who made the trip to Pennsylvania to reunite were **Tom Hunter** of Fernandina Beach, FL, **Jim Morgan**, MBA '63, of Los Altos Hills, CA, and **Jeff Dando**, LLB '64, of Martha's Vineyard, MA. "Life has changed again," writes **Betty Cohen Gruber**, "since **Marty**, DVM '62, sold his veterinary practice and retired in November '05. Now we're free to travel and anything else. Our son **Ron**, DVM '89, is building his own clinic in Vail Valley, CO." The Grubers are in Chelmsford, MA, during the summers and spend their winters in Sarasota, FL, in a condominium on a golf course. "Classmates are welcome to visit," says Betty. "We're in the phone book."

**Johanna "Toddy" Dwyer** continues to spend 80 percent of her working time at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, DC, and 20 percent in Boston at Tufts U. "Having a ball!" says Toddy. Another working commuter is **Steve Marmaroff**, who reports, "I'm still consulting on utility company expansion projects in the Northeast a week or two per month, but living most of the year in Singer Island, FL—and loving it! I don't miss winter!" Remaining ensconced in the North, however, is **David Zornow**, who is still practicing urology in Albany and living in nearby Delmar. Dave notes that he continues to be saddened by the news of his former Big Red basketball teammate **George Farley's** death in early 2006, saying, "We were recruited together and played and traveled together for four years. Cherished memories remain."

The sad news of **Jay Harris's** death on September 24 after a brief battle with cancer was passed along to me by several classmates, and **Alan Siegel** wrote a memorial note about his friend, pointing out that "some of you may remember Jay hitting jump shots from the corner when he was the starting forward on the [Cornell] basketball team. Jay's day job was as an entertainment lawyer, but his real love was producing Broadway plays. His production organization, the Weissberger Theatre Group, won the Tony Award for Best Play for *Side Man*, starring the then-unknown Edie Falco, and also staged the Astaro/Rogers-inspired musical *Never Gonna Dance* (2003) as well as *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (2005). Earlier in his career, Jay compiled and edited the book *TV Guide: The First Twenty-Five Years*, which he then turned into four NBC television specials. Jay's son **Jesse '91** won a Song of the Year Grammy in 2003 for writing Norah Jones's hit "Don't Know Why," and his daughter **Jenny '91** was executive producer of "The Lou Dobbs Hour" on CNN before taking time off to raise her children. Jay is also survived by his wife Fredda and two stepsons." Send news to: ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** The electronic age has come to the rescue of your class correspondents again. A simple e-mail, along with a steady but underwhelming flow of snail mail has generated enough copy to sustain us through two columns. As a result, we beg your patience. If your newsworthy input of family, career, travel, and misadventures doesn't appear in this column, Joanna will happily include it in the next submission.



First, from **Arthur Kroll**, who writes, "I was recently appointed adjunct professor at the Baruch School of Business and am teaching a course on deferred compensation. I was also named editor in chief of the *Journal of Retirement Planning*. Additionally, I am on the board of Student Advocacy, an organization that works on behalf of children by using expertise in law and education to advocate the maximum level of education or services provided by the law. Last year we serviced over 20,000 young children. Finally, in my philanthropic efforts I am funding seven doctors to find a cure for AML." Arthur recently met with **Steve Solomon** and **Samuel Gilbert '60**, both fraternity brothers. Sam is working as an attorney, and Steve is a consultant to the New York City Teachers Pension Fund.

Now we have an interesting story that begins with a question: Who are our oldest classmates? Don't wrack your brains. **James R. Nolan**, PhD '67, provides the answer (age 84). In response to our e-mail request, he writes, "My wife Marta and I are hoping we will be able to make it to the 50th Reunion. The last one we attended was the 40th (or was it the 35th?)." James continues, "The thought now occurs that we owe the class some biographical information. Our undergrad status at Cornell was somewhat different. We were married, with three vibrant children, and unlike most of my fellow undergrads, I was supporting my parents. After graduation, I stayed on and earned a PhD in phylogenetic botany (I was older than the chairman of my special committee). My name is listed in the '61 yearbook, but with no data or photo. At the 25th Reunion (at which we had a ball), my name was again listed and, again, no data or photo. The reason for the omissions: in '61, I felt that I was 'above' football games, frat parties, or panty raids. Twenty-five years later, I felt that the accomplishments of my classmates were far 'above' any of mine.

"I may not have set the world on fire with a fancy PhD, but perhaps some of our shenanigans might now be of interest for Cornellian posterity. I know we are the oldest couple in the Class of '61. I may be the only one who was a high school dropout (from a vocational art school in NYC), a veteran of the Depression-era CCC, and a vet of WWII (North Africa, India, Burma). For the record, prior to Cornell, I was a layout artist with BBDO. I am now a retired biology professor from SUNY. (I also taught, gratis, a three-credit art department lab course in the 'evolution' of the Roman alphabet.)" As a postscript, James adds, "The only fraternity parties Marta and I attended were the ones at which we were asked to be the chaperones. And, yes, we always had a scintillating, eye-twinkling time."

**Ken Blanchard**, PhD '67, sent a note regarding life in the not-so-slow lane: "I have four jobs. First, I am still writing. Two books come out this year called *The One-Minute Entrepreneur* and *Know Can Do: How to Put Your Knowledge into Action*. Secondly, I'm chief spiritual officer of the Ken Blanchard Companies that I co-founded with my wife **Margie (McKee) '62**, MA '65. Her brother Tom is president and CEO, and our son **Scott '88** and daughter Debbie are very active. We have 300 folks with offices in Toronto and London, and

partners in 30 nations. Thirdly, classmate **Phil Hodges** and I co-founded a Lead Like Jesus ministry. When I read the Bible for the first time I realized that everything I ever taught or wrote about, Jesus did with 12 inexperienced guys. We think he is the greatest leadership role model of all time. Finally, I play a major leadership role at the Ken Blanchard College of Business at Grand Canyon U. in Phoenix. We were recently chosen the number one online university in the United States. So, in short, I'm 'refiring,' not 'retiring.'"

On a personal note, our family year has been marked by two major events, the marriages of our

of the museum and collection of the U. of Colorado, Boulder. Gail's fondest Cornell memories are of her three "incredible roommates." The business card of **Wayne Olson** (wolson5428@aol.com) announces that he's professor of chemistry at East-West U. in Chicago. He teaches all levels of chemistry and biochemistry there, while also working on his first novel and seventh scientific text and working on his first grant request. Wayne lives in Kankakee, IL.

We were notified recently that our classmate **Sasha Nudelman** Ferrer, an Emmy-nominated writer/producer, died in April 2006. She worked

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daughters. In October, Catherine married her Karl in a traditional Savannah, GA, wedding. Following their honeymoon in Portugal, the couple took up residence in Atlanta. As reported earlier, sister Elizabeth married her Karl in May. This bride also was beautiful (and Dad was proud)! Please continue sending your input for the column to either Joanna or me. ♦ **Doug Fuss**, 5 Pineside Ln., Savannah, GA 31411; e-mail, dougout@attglobal.net; **Joanna McCully**, 1607 Hilton Head Blvd., Lady Lake, FL 32159; e-mail, joannacelticlad@aol.com.

**62** **Dick** (richard.levine@dowjones.com) and **Neil Ann Stuckey Levine '63** are in Princeton, NJ. Dick writes, "I'm very much enjoying my post-retirement 'portfolio career' running a foundation for Dow Jones, the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund." He writes columns for both the Fund and for Dow Jones Newswires, and enjoys opera, reading, and five grandchildren. "What I'm not doing, after 40 years of chasing stories for the *Wall Street Journal* and running businesses around the world, is traveling much beyond the confines of the New York-Princeton-Washington corridor."

Author **Bill Stowe** recently walked 101 miles from Key Largo to Key West in honor of a departed friend from the Coast Guard Academy. Home for Bill and Barbara is Lake Placid (stowe@roadrunner.com). His fond Cornell memories include rowing in fall and spring and Jim's Place in the winter. "Retired!" is **John Curtis**, MS '65's "present job" (johncurtis6111@aol.com). He spent 41 years in engineering and construction, most recently in Los Gatos, CA. He and Janie have moved into a new lakeside home they designed in Heath, TX, close to their grandson and his parents.

A smiling **Gail Hirschmann Becker** (gbecker@tuckerobr.com) beams from her business card. Gail's a real estate broker in Bloomington, IN, where she's also active in theater and music. Gail and **Paul '60** recently traveled to Costa Rica for their son's wedding, and then visited Panama for a few days. The Beckers are planning a move to California, where three of their four children (including **Kevin '89**) live. Daughter Lisa is curator

in international film and television for Walt Disney, Warner Bros., and DreamWorks, and also served as writer and producer for various reality series. Her husband Steve Goldsmith represented hi-tech digital data storage systems for the entertainment industry.

**Diane Frith-Smith Agle** (dianeagle@msn.com) is still coaching world and Olympic figure skaters and would enjoy hearing from classmates whom she taught at Lynah Rink. Diane and her late husband **George** were wed at Anabel Taylor Chapel and had their reception at Sigma Chi. In Loveland, CO, **Rita Derjue, MA '62**, is an artist preparing for a 2008 retrospective of her paintings at the Loveland Museum. She's also exhibited in the castle in Burghausen, Germany, and will be in Murnau next year. Rita is a workshop leader in printing, sits on several local boards, and is actively involved in historic preservation. She and husband **Carle Zimmerman, PhD '63**, have two adult children.

Don't forget to consult our class website regularly for breaking news, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu/>—and while you're online, send along your news to share in this space! Happy 2008! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** As you read this, 2007 is past and our 45th Reunion is a little over five months away. Put June 5-8 on your calendar and plan to attend.

With great sadness, I have to announce the death of **Edie Osborne Kochenour**. She and **Neil, MD '69**, had just moved to Tucson after 30-plus years in Salt Lake City. In July, Edie died unexpectedly and quickly of a massive aortic dissection. Neil has established a lectureship in her name at the U. of Utah. Donations can be sent to Edie Kochenour Lecture Series, U. of Utah Development Office, 540 Arapsee, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, UT 84108. Her Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters and other Cornell friends will miss her.

Another classmate, **Linda Silverman** Goldzimer Meranus, has passed away. Linda had a master's degree from Case Western Reserve U. She



moved to San Diego in 1971 to become the city's first affirmative action officer. She later worked for the city Housing Commission, became chief administrative officer for the county, and then one of the organizers of the Women's Bank in San Diego in the 1970s. She began a consulting business and in 1989 wrote a book, *I'm First*, which outlined a program for businesses to have better customer relations. She spent the last 18 years of her life in New York.

In a recent Cornell publication, financial planner **Charles "Jay" '64** and **Karen Dean Abbe '65** announced a bequest to the university that provides unrestricted support for the College of Human Ecology and for the Cornell rowing program. To quote Jay: "What we didn't realize is that you can structure bequests so that you can maximize the value of your assets both for your heirs and for the charitable organizations you

active Rotarian and member of Soroptimist Int'l. She also ran the 2006 Portland Marathon.

**Dick Thackaberry, DVM '65**, retired this year. He and wife Kathy spent three months in the Cayman Islands snorkeling, diving, sailing, fishing, kayaking, and rowing! Dick returned to rowing after 42 years, but says it was much easier back then. **Madeleine Leston Meehan** and her husband James Welker divide their time between East Hampton, NY, and the US Virgin Islands. Her Madeleine Meehan Mostly Music Art is flourishing, with exhibits in Charleston, SC, the Virgin Islands, and other music festivals. She was ballooning in the Swiss Alps in June. She considers her life fast—and sometimes hectic. **Richard Todd** retired from the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. as a "non-game biologist." His principal responsibilities were non-game bird populations and inventories of select species. Richard has never married

retired last month as a reporter and editor for the Norfolk (VA) *Virginian-Pilot*. Lynn's newspaper career spanned more than 40 years, beginning with the Cornell *Daily Sun*. Lynn matriculated with us, but never graduated. Her plan ("pipe dream," in her words) is to return to Ithaca and finally get the 25 credits she needs to earn her degree. She writes: "I took a leave of absence in '63, and think it's time for me to get back." Lynn, who has five grandchildren, lives in Virginia Beach. Her husband **David '63** died in 2002, a victim of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

**Harvey Kayman** is still a public health officer. He and wife **Susan (Goldberg) '66** live in Richmond, CA. Holt and **Halaine Maccabee** Rose have been busy travelers recently, with trips to Peru, where they saw Machu Picchu, an extensive trip through Italy and the Grecian isles with their sailing club, and finally California, where they took first place in their J120 class sailboat in a three-day regatta between Newport Beach and Santa Catalina Island.

Lastly, some personal news. By the time you read this, I will have retired from Tribune Co. as of the first of the year. I had been with the Trib for nearly 25 years, and while it was a great run and in many ways a fun run (all those Cubs games with terrific corporate seats), it's now time for me and husband Jim to do some really serious traveling. Maybe including visits to some of you folks! So keep the dues and news coming, only now please e-mail me at my new address: blamont64@comcast.net. Do send news, as the supply gets pretty low at this time of year. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

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care about." **Peter John** writes from Chicago that he has been a trial lawyer in Chicago for 40 years. In 2001, he was elected president of the Int'l Academy of Trial Lawyers, an organization that is limited to the top 500 trial lawyers in the US. In 2005 he was elected one of the top 100 Super Lawyers in Illinois. He currently serves on the board of the Int'l Society of Barristers and is on the board of the Indian Law Resource Center. He and Sherry have three married daughters and five grandchildren and have a home on the ocean in Sea Pines, Hilton Head, SC. They travel extensively with both of the legal groups mentioned above. Trips to Costa Rica and New Zealand have been some of the highlights.

**John Needham** has retired from the American Red Cross Blood Services Ohio-Michigan division as the human resources director. He and wife Roz plan to spend more time at their lake house in the Adirondacks and traveling to see their four children, spouses, and seven grandchildren. Another Phi Gamma Delta gathering took place at the Newport Coast, CA, home of **Dave Costine**. '63ers attending were **Norman "Punch" Smith, Blair Crum, Joe Brennan, Charlie DeRose, Josh Billings, MBA '64, and John "Whip" Gunn**.

**Susan Silverstein** Sandler lives at her summer home near Tanglewood in the Berkshires in Massachusetts. She lost her companion of 15 years after a long illness. Last December, Susan received the Employee of the Year award at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center for the Huntington's disease unit. She is a registered dietitian at the Center. **Pamela Jeffcock** Allister di Carrari has an interesting job as a gambling counselor in the small town of Florence on the coast of Oregon. Husband Glenn is a general building contractor. They have five grandchildren and enjoy sailing, kayaking, and jogging. Pam is an

but has a sister living in Gila County, AZ. He used to enjoy senior slow-pitch softball before ill health and loss of mobility changed some of his activities. He still participates in recreational target shooting (sports pistols) and used to go to the US National Shooting Championships as a member of the Arizona Pistol Team. That's it for now—Happy New Year! ♦ **Nancy Biers** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

**64** Best wishes and congrats to **Joan Buchalter** Rappoport, who recently married Steven Rosenfeld in NYC. Joan, who will continue to use her professional name, is a vice president and corporate event planner with Merrill Lynch. Congrats also go to **Robert Goldfarb** of Farmington, CT, one of six Cornellians cited by the Alumni Federation as a 2007 recipient of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, "... bestowed in recognition of extraordinary service to Cornell, in both length and quality of contribution by the individual, through activities within the broad spectrum of Cornell's various alumni organizations, associations, and related groups." The six honorees were feted at an on-campus dinner last October. And our third congrats recipient is **Kenneth Kupchak, JD '71**, recently named one of the Best Lawyers in Hawaii by attorneys around the US. Ken, a prior recipient of the honor, is one of five lawyers in his firm so cited. He specializes in commercial litigation, construction law, and corporate law.

**Doug Jones**, last in this column 20 years ago, is senior pastor of the Vineyard Community Church of the Palm Beaches, which even has a website. Doug enjoys tennis, hiking, football, reading, and travel, in addition to his ministry. He and wife Maria have three children and live in Greenacres, FL. **Lynn Friedhoff Feigenbaum**

**65** Greetings to all the snowbirds, sunbirds, and those of us who just deal with winter and await the green of spring. Enjoying winter at his home in Colorado by skiing, and enjoying summer by biking and hiking, is **Henry Nave, ME '67**. He changed jobs and is presently the operations manager for Flatiron Construction Corp., one of the finest sophisticated structure contractors in the US. They just completed the longest cable-stayed suspension bridge in the US, in Charleston, SC, and they are beginning a new record-breaker in St. Francisville, LA. He would like to hear from **Bud Suiter, MBA '67**.

Semi-retired social worker **Gene Peters** and his wife Anne live in Endicott, NY. When not working, he takes Italian classes, cooks, visits with family (his mom is 94 and his daughter is 24), and keeps in touch with friends. He would like to hear from **Ronny Johns**. Still doing deliveries and practicing ob/gyn is **Robert Becker**. After-hours activities include travel, bad golf, piano, working out, and, most importantly, playing with his grandkids. Life is good! **Joe Schneider** and wife Kathy spend most of their time in Naples, FL. Joe keeps busy golfing, traveling, swimming and diving, and working out. He would like to hear from **Duke Grkovic, Dave Miles, Joe Baressi, Walt Gadkowski, George Arangio, MD '69, Bob Baker, and George Norman**.

**Natasha Soroka** Green of Pennsylvania has been developing a naturalized park as an outdoor



classroom for children. She would love to be working with Cornell to save the environment on the big island of Hawaii, where her son Josh is a state legislator. Natalie would like to hear from **Pat Kaplan** and **Nancy Deeds '63**.

As a former Marine, **Dick Gildersleeve** had the privilege of visiting Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval hospitals and bringing gifts and good cheer to wounded vets. He is also involved with the Stamford (CT) Marine Corps League in his hometown, which supports the Fisher House in D.C., a place where families of wounded troops can stay for free. Dick is the owner of a restaurant in Stamford called Crab Shell and is a yacht broker as well. News from **Debbie Dash Winn**, who with husband Richard celebrates four years of living in Manhattan. They both work at Mount Sinai Hospital and love being close to their married children and three young grandchildren. Their daughter's first novel, *The Department of Lost and Found*, was published in May, and she had a reading and book signing at the Borders store in the Time Warner Center. Their son built a company with two friends and sold it to McGraw-Hill a few years ago. It is now a subsidiary of Standard & Poor's, called Capital IQ, which is the original name and still used by the company.

**Loren Meyer Stephens** has just completed a sixth "as told to" memoir. Loren is president of Write Wisdom Inc. and has taught a course called Writing Your Life Story for beginning writers at the Japanese American Museum. Loren would like to hear from **Judy Hayman Pass**. News from Anaheim, CA, where **S. K. Bosu** and his wife Ola reside. S.K. is now semi-retired, working part-time as a neonatologist in the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit both in Anaheim and in Honolulu. Besides his travels between California and Hawaii, he would love to travel to the Far East. He would like to hear from **Gilbert Mattoon** and **Richard Gill**.

Social worker/therapist **Eileen Freiberg-Dale** and husband Barney still reside in Massachusetts. Together they direct a senior home-care agency called the Visiting Angels. In her spare time, Eileen visits with friends, exercises, is involved in political issues, and has managed to launch her two daughters, one of whom lives in L.A. and one who just graduated high school. She would like to hear from **Roberta Kleinsinger Detz**. This past June, **Tim Richards** received the 2007 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Nashua Valley Boy Scouts. The award was primarily given for his role in creating boys and girls clubs serving underprivileged youth in the downtown areas of Fitchburg and Leominster, MA. Tim is also the owner and CEO of the Orchard Hills Athletic Club, a large indoor/outdoor multi-purpose athletic club. He and his Cornell roommate, **Jeff Parker**, MBA '70, have lunch together six or seven times a year. Send news to us at: ♦ **Joan Elstein Rogow**, psuruts@aol.com; **Ronald Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Terry Kohleriter Schwartz**, Terryks7@aol.com.

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Hello, classmates. Pete here. Now that winter is here, do you remember the YouTube videos of Libe Slope tray sliding during last winter's snowstorm? That storm was so powerful

that classes were cancelled (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sE-Gu3-DjT0>).

Hope that you read that **Michael W. N. Chiu** (mwncchiu@yahoo.com) received the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, recognizing outstanding long-term service as a Cornell volunteer within the broad spectrum of the university's various alumni organizations. A member of the Cornell University Council's Int'l Programs Committee, Michael has helped Cornell enhance its ability to offer scholarships, contributed to the establishment of Ho Plaza, and helped launch the China and Asia-Pacific Studies Program and the hospitality management program with Singapore's Nanyang Technological U.'s Business School. A presidential councilor and trustee emeritus who co-chaired the Major Gifts Committee for our 35th Reunion, Michael was also recognized by Cornell as Hotelier of the Year in March 2007.

**Ernie Smith**, DVM '66, died in August 2007. An active Cornell volunteer, Ernie was a past president of the Cornell Club Southeast Region and a volunteer at Cornell's Sustainability and Biodiversity Labs in the Dominican Republic and Peru. He also taught in the Vet college's Hospital for Animals in 2002-03. Ernie recently endowed the Dr. Robert W. Kirk Practitioner-in-Residence program at Cornell to honor an influential teacher and encourage practicing veterinarians to expand their knowledge and use their experience to educate students.

After retiring from the Dept. of Nutritional Sciences at UC Berkeley in January 2007, **Joanne Pakel Ikeda** (jikeda@berkeley.edu) received an offer of a consulting position with the Cartoon Network. She accepted, and her first task was to help the Network develop nutrition guidelines addressing use of licensed characters. "I am proud of the fact that I got them to accept the Inst. of Medicine's standards for foods in schools. Those guidelines are based on scientific research and are very sound." Joanne is currently helping them integrate positive nutrition and physical activity messages into programming. "Here is a chance to influence the food choices and activity levels of thousands of children across the country! What more could a nutritionist/dietitian ask for?"

Prof. **John Blackton** (jblackton@msn.com) writes that he discovered, through the '66 e-mail list, that Col. **John P. "Jack" Glasgow Jr.**, USMC (Ret.), and he are classmates. Although they were in the Vietnam War at the same time—and once located just one valley apart—they never knew one another until they met at the National War College, where Jack was winding up a tour of duty as dean of students and John was on the faculty. John Blackton lives in Chevy Chase, MD, and is currently on the board of directors and the executive committee of the Int'l Peace Operations Association. **James Greene** (jgreene102@speakeasy.net) is using his Anthropology degree well: he owns a religious article importing business in Brooklyn. James and wife Altagracia have been married 33 years and have three children, including two Cornellians.

**John**, MBA '68 (Johngmiers@comcast.net) and **Mary Loosbrock Miers** (marylmiers@comcast.net) were in a horrific car accident while returning from reunion in '06. John recently wrote a note to some fellow '66ers, portions of which

follow: "I wanted to bring you up to date on how Mary and I have progressed since our accident. We are coming along just fine. Mary is walking, working, and driving, and we celebrated our 39th anniversary. Many people have done much for us, and we are grateful. We went out to breakfast a little while ago with our donated '66 jackets on—thanks again to those who gave them." You may have met **Michael Hirsh** (finanintl@aol.com), Peace Corps director in Peru, and his then-girlfriend, Aracely, at the last reunion. My wife **Ruth Dritch Salinger '67** and I shared a suite with them, and found them to be wonderful people. Well, they are now married. Congratulations!

**Ross Waterman** was my roommate for two years. I recently called him, and he told me that he retired in order to work with his siblings on their family farm in Port Byron, NY. After receiving his BS from the Ag college, Ross went on to get his PhD and then worked for the US Dept. of Agriculture for 20 years, performing research on how to improve the food value of milk. He also laid the groundwork for Dolly, the cloned sheep. **Art Smith** (arthur.smith@ogletreedeakins.com) was the first person I met at Cornell. We were both there early to go to the Big Red Marching Band camp. Art is now a "shareholder" at Ogle-tree Deakins, one of America's leading labor and employment law firms. Recently, he worked on the auto union negotiations. His son graduated from Cornell in 1996.

Please do e-mail or write any of us with an update of your activities, or send an amusing story along. ♦ **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, dgg26@cornell.edu.

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"Thinking about cattle," writes **Virginia Wallis Cates** (Wagon Mound, NM) in answer to what she's been doing. No surprise, since she and husband Jack are ranchers. She adds that she hears from **Steve Newhouse** regularly. **Joan Solomon Weiss** (Forest Hills, NY; joan.weiss@adelpius.com) advises of the July '06 wedding of son Michael, an associate producer on Fox's "War Stories," to Allison Feldman at Woodbury, NY. **Phyllis Bell Jonas**, **Toby Tucker Hecht**, **Fran Keller Fabian**, and **Anita Marine Ugent** were in attendance.

"The Phi Sigma Delta pledge class of '67 held its first and 40th reunions on September 28 at the Cornell Club-New York," reports **Ivan Blum**, MBA '69 (Southbury, CT; iblum@us.ibm.com). "Attendees (12 of the original 25) were tickled at how much all others had aged, but not nearly as gracefully as themselves." **Roger Goldberg** (Ada, OH; r-goldberg@onu.edu) continues as associate vice president for academic affairs at Ohio Northern U., but is "preparing to move to a warmer winter setting than Ohio."

**Nancy Keusch Mayers** (Austin, TX; wowmom53@austin.rr.com) reports that husband Roy "just retired, so I guess I am out of a job as his executive assistant. We look forward to traveling. Hear of any great trips to China?" **Kent and Sue Stone Thompson** (San Antonio, TX; kentsue.thompson@sbc.global.net) are still at it, Kent as legal counsel at Lawyers' Title and Abstract, and Sue as teacher in the North East independent



school district. After hours, Kent's into fishing, grandchildren, and travel, while Sue has the Sweet Adeline chorus, grandchildren, and travel.

**Vivian Rosenberg** (Santa Monica, CA; vr\_bus5@earthlink.net) teaches communications and film at Santa Monica College and hosts screenings and discussions of classic Hollywood movies. **Ted Feldmeier**, BS '71 (Eliot, ME; joan.feldmeier@yahoo.com) says he exercises—"stretch, run, and strength train . . . one or more of these three 'fitness pillars' every day"—and would like to hear from **Bob Kurzon**. "Come out of your shell." **Noel Relyea**, PhD '73 (Cupertino, CA; noel.relyea@roche.com) develops clinical molecular diagnostics tests for Roche Molecular Systems and also enjoys ultra-distance trail-running and vineyard and winery start-up. She enjoyed the wedding of oldest daughter Nicole in June '06 and a five-week safari through Africa.

A good crop of 2007 attendees at Cornell's Adult University: **Jane Carroll** Bauer studied Inventing Christianity: The First Six Centuries, while **Francesca Castronovo** Fay was at the Landscape Design Workshop. For **Dorothy Gilbert**, it was beginning digital photography, as **William Bauer** was at the intermediate workshop. **Suzanne Green** Weir learned about both wine and food, and **Norine Zimberg** Krasnogor took in sculpture and World War II. **Larry Matlack** was at the Rowing Clinic while wife Linda took Holy War, Crusade, and Jihad. And **Jay Moses**, DVM '70, was at the Sailing Clinic.

I managed to make it to the Homecoming festivities this fall, where we bested Colgate on the gridiron for the first time in a dozen years. I also ran into **Murray Deathe**, who reported that a room at the expanded Lynah was being dedicated in honor of Ned Harkness, an occasion that prompted the return, Murray said, of many of the '67 hockey stars. My daughter **Vanessa '07** is finishing a dietetic internship on the Hill, heading at the start of '08 to finish it at Strong Memorial Hospital at the U. of Rochester. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** First, a reminder: SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming 40th Reunion, June 5-8, 2008! It's not that far off. Please complete the important pre-reunion survey at our website, <http://classof68.alumni.cornell.edu/>, and while you're there, take a look at the tentative reunion program. We'll be adding to it as things get settled. Contact friends and invite them to join you at reunion. It's fun to see people you last connected with 40 years ago!

Turning to some regular class news, **Mary Sander Janaitis** lives in Oakland, CA, and is active in business consulting in the San Francisco Bay Area, primarily working with small to mid-sized companies. On the non-work side, Mary is an avid hiker and enjoys the great weather in California and the wonderful parks. She also enjoys reading and visiting her three grandchildren. Another Californian is **Ray Reisler**, MAT '71, who is executive director of the S. Mark Taper Foundation, a private family foundation in Los Angeles. It received the Foundation of the Year

award on National Philanthropy Day. Ray is also on the board of Southern California Grantmakers and would love to hear from other California classmates about their charitable interests.

**Alan Stoll**, MPA '70, lives in Paxton, MA, and became a grandfather of twin girls last February. The parents are his son Ira and daughter-in-law **Aliza Phillips-Stoll '97**. **Joel and Linda Schwartz Negrin** live in Larchmont, NY. Joel practices business and real estate law and is active on the board of the Bonnie Briar Country Club. Like many of our classmates, he also has the dual responsibilities of helping with elderly parents and young grandchildren (two grandsons in his case). **Roger Stetter** and his wife Barbara live in New Orleans, where Roger is an attorney. His recent work includes many high profile sex abuse cases involving the Archdiocese of New Orleans. His son **Jack** is Cornell '09, and Roger has enjoyed having dinner with him there. Roger's distinct Cornell memories include the 1965 Fayette County, TN, clothing drive with his roommates **Jim Paley**, PhD '81, and **Dave Radin**, which brought much needed clothing to sharecroppers in Moscow, TN, in time for Christmas. He also remembers Alice Cooke's seminar on FDR and the New Deal.

**Penny Marcus** is a professor of Italian at Yale. **Jay Goldstein** is a dermatologist in Natick, MA, and his spare time activities include playing drums in a classic rock band in the Boston area. Jay says, "E-mail or call me for a schedule and we might even play 'I Want to Do It' if you so request." (At Cornell Jay played in a rock band at fraternity parties, at the Straight, and at the Boxcar.) **Steven Rosdal** lives in Denver and enjoys being newly retired with time for travel, wine collecting, and motorcycle riding. Steve would like to hear from classmate **Jeff Wallach**. **Bernice Bradin** is VP and CFO at Lesley U., a 12,000-student coed university known particularly for professional training in education and liberal arts. It has multiple locations and facilities, including Lesley College and the Art Inst. of Boston and its School of Education. Bernice previously served as CFO for several portfolio companies of Schooner Capital Corp., a private equity firm in Boston, and was also a partner with several venture firms, including one she co-founded. She was also the director of the Budget Office at Harvard.

**Robert Roberts** is a family physician in Quakertown, PA, and also helps as innkeeper of the Roberts House, a B&B in Westport, Ontario, Canada. He asks for news of **Randy Koch**, his freshman roommate. **Jim Ponsoldt** lives in Athens, GA, and is a professor at U. of Georgia Law School. Jim writes editorials for the local newspaper and writes and edits screenplays. He also encourages his son, who is involved in film production.

**Rob Stuebing** has worked in Malaysia most of the past 30 years. **Kathleen Maney** Fox lives in Cortland, NY. She retired from teaching in 2004, but still does substitute work occasionally. Her current activities include the local Cornell Club, a book club, and time with grandchildren. She is also a Democratic committeeperson from her ward. She enjoyed seeing many friends at the Kappa Kappa Gamma reunion in D.C., including **Kitty Geis Daly**, **Tina Forrester Cleland**, **Sue Whittier**, MPS '93, **Joan Gottesman Wexler**, **Janet**

**Jacobi Grossman**, **Joyce Van Degna Snell**, **Mary Hartman Schmidt**, **Sara Straw Winship**, **Pamela Gardner Vicente**, BArch '69, **Cathy Osborne Thurston**, **Harrell Hunter Scarcello**, and **Alice Scully Evangelides**.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in June '08 at reunion! ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon\_silver@comcast.net.

**69** I hope everyone has received the News and Dues form. We would like to hear from you, so fill it out and get it into the mail soon!

After many years, **Charisse Cannady**-Fountain writes that she is now living in St. Augustine, FL, "about 30 minutes from work and 15 minutes from some of the most beautiful beaches." Work means Shands Hospital (part of the U. of Florida), where she is a medical social worker, specifically a case manager in the emergency department. Charisse has a daughter and a married son with two little girls. "I have a little bear on my desk that carries a heart that says, 'Grandma's my name / Spoilin's my game,'" says Charisse. **Jane Weinberger** Lapple tells us that her daughter gave birth to Zoe Asher Sward, named after great-grandfather **Joseph Asher Weinberger '42** and the pride of great-grandmother **Edith (Newman) '43**. Jane has retired to Westhampton Beach, NY, after 30 years of teaching, mentoring, and administering in the Bedford Central Schools. She says, "My husband Walter and I are enjoying the freedom to come and go as we please."

**Ildiko Czmor Mitchell** has been with the Catholic Social Services of Broome County for 23 years. Although she feels the need to slow down, it is not happening yet. Ildiko keeps busy with the Broome County Environmental Management Council and the Landfill Task Force. She also attends many Cornell athletic functions, concerts, and movies, and would like to hear from her old friend **Peggy Greene** Nicklin. Dr. **Thomas Gillette** is the chairman of the ophthalmology department at the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, WA. The Web tells us that Governor Spitzer named **Michael Hogan** the commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Health. Previously, Michael held a similar post in Ohio and was chairman of the federal government's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. *Cornell Chronicle* Online reminds us that classmate **Robert Katz** is the national chair of the Cornell Annual Fund and a member of the Board of Trustees.

Self-described cheesemonger **Robert Kaufelt** has written a book, *The Murray's Cheese Handbook*, published by Broadway Books. Their website says the entertaining guide contains a list of the ten most intimidating cheeses, suggests the best cheese for a gooey grilled cheese sandwich, and includes many other indispensable tips. Sometime author **Laurel Rathbun** Hunt has come full circle and returned to live in her hometown of Asheville, NC, although vacations have taken her back to California and Arizona several times. In addition, she often spends weekends in her newly acquired mountain cabin near golf and skiing. Laurel adds, "Byron (her spaniel) has cheerfully moved into assisted living. That means



I help him get up when he barks for assistance!" While still located on their New York farm, **Chuck** and **Andra Weidenhamer Benson** have moved down the road into an earth-sheltered, straw-bale-walled, living-roof abode with solar tubes for hot water and geothermal radiant heat. Chuck's letter says, "It actually looks like a mini-Italian villa! Our home took seven months to plan, 14 months to build, and 21 minutes to feel comfortable in."

Recently, **Martha Sue Woodward** Forsbrey took a trip through Germany and Holland. At home, she is the busy nursing program director at West Virginia State Community and Technical College, where she developed and implemented an associate's degree nursing program, securing a \$1.6 million Dept. of Labor grant to fund it. She is active in the West Virginia League for Nursing Board Directors and the Cross Lanes Bible Church, is a bell ringer in the Salvation Army, and enjoys reading, water aerobics, and spending time with her grandchildren. Although **Cynthia Goldin Bernstein** is a professor of English linguistics at the U. of Memphis, she and husband **Bob '65**, PhD '70, taught bridge and directed games from Singapore to NYC on the *Silver Shadow* World Cruise last summer. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd. Amherst, NH, aboucher@airmar.com.

**70** Sending best wishes for a wonderful and healthy 2008 to all the members of our class. Remember that our 40th Reunion is only two and half years away, Thursday to Sunday, June 10-13, 2010. See you in Ithaca!

After 37 years of active service, **Robert R. "Rusty" Blackman** retired from the US Marine Corps on July 18, 2007. Most recently, Lt. Gen. Blackman served as the Commander, USMC Forces Command, the senior operational command position in the Marine Corps. Prior to this assignment, Rusty served as Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force and US Marine Corps Bases Japan. In 2004, while in Japan, he also served as Commander, Combined Support Force 536 for Operation Unified Assistance, which provided humanitarian relief to hundreds of thousands of tsunami victims in Southeast Asia. Rusty served as the Chief of Staff for the Combined Forces Land Component Command for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002-03, and as the Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Division and the Marine Corps U. In his earlier service, as a lieutenant colonel, he was selected as a national security fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard U. Rusty will retire in Norfolk, VA, and embark upon a second career in military and national security consulting.

**Andrea Strongwater** has been instrumental in designing the decoration of the interior of a new synagogue in Atlanta, GA. The synagogue will be using three images out of the 12 she created for a Jewish calendar. Both "Ark/Synagogue" and "Hanukkah Menorah" will be printed on four-foot-square canvasses to hang on either side of the ark (the cabinet that holds the Torah scrolls). A third image, "Rosh Hashanah," which represents the tree of life, will hang in the back facing the ark. All the images from the calendar have been printed on ceramic tiles that will be used in another part of

the synagogue. Doing such a project has been in Andrea's mind since she was a young girl attending services with her grandfather in the Bronx. The synagogue they attended was very old-world—and mysterious and magical to her—while the newly built American synagogue she attended with her parents in New Rochelle, NY, left her imagining how she would design a new synagogue!

In August 2006, **Dick (UNH '67)** and **Sue Degerstrom** Roberts (roberts@methownet.com) sold their inn, North Cascades Basecamp, and moved to Winthrop, WA. Now they are traveling and working on remodeling their new home. They are enjoying their retirement from innkeeping and continue their "careers" as volunteers in the community. **Richard Velkley** (velkley@verizon.net) assumed the Celia Scott Weatherhead Chair of Philosophy at Tulane U. in New Orleans, LA, in the fall of 2007. **Bill Phelps** of Oakfield, NY, reports that he never married and that farming makes up for it! **Cindy Johnson** O'Malley has a new home in Newport, RI, and can be reached at cyomalley@gmail.com.

**Roger Smith**, MS '73 (rogsmith348@yahoo.com) is a retired high school science teacher and department chairman in search of a second career! He hopes it will involve travel, natural history, and adventure. He has two wonderful daughters, the loves of his life, Jacqueline Simone, 25, and Brittany Halsey, 21, who live in Southampton. Roger recently attended a 60th birthday party for **Martin Goldstein '69**, DVM '73, his big brother in Phi Sigma Delta, and says hello to all his Cornell friends. He would love to "catch up," so send an e-mail anytime!

**Jonathan**, PhD '71, and **Susan Schoenfeld Leis** (susanleis@okeefe-law.com) are enjoying downtown Chicago after many years in the Cleveland, OH, suburbs. They have a high-rise view of Lake Michigan, Oak Street Beach, and the city skyscrapers. Susan is legal administrator for a small law firm, and Jonathan is associate dean of research at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine. Daughter **Betsy '97** lives in Chicago and works at Orbitz.com, and son Ben and his family live in Seattle, where he works for Microsoft. Susan and Jonathan are enjoying their first grandchild, Asher, who was born May 23, 2006. **Harry Brull** (hbrull@aol.com) says he still hasn't figured out the slow-down-from-work thing! He and wife **Myra (Barrett)**, PhD '71, live in St. Paul, MN, and have also built a house in Salida, CO. 2007 was the year of Paris-Brest-Paris, a 750-mile bicycle event that is held every four years. Harry does it because he still can! Their daughter **Jessica '06** is doing Teach for America as a third grade teacher in San Jose, CA. Myra is semi-retired, but remains president of an early childhood foundation, as well as seeing clients in private practice. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu.

**71** Leading off this issue, I am delighted to report on some classmates from whom we seldom hear news. **Elliot Abbey** (abbey@wustl.edu) is very much enjoying his work at Washington U. School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, where he is professor of clinical medicine and staff physician in hematology-oncology at St. Luke's Hospital. He

and his wife live in the interestingly named city of Town & Country, MO. Elliot reports that he is an avid Cardinals baseball fan, loves golf, reading, and opera, and spends his other off-hours tracking his four children around the US from Boston to San Diego. Another doctor, **Carl Dukes**, wrote in from San Antonio, TX (cedukes49@aol.com). Carl is a nephrology specialist and does a great deal of travel and lecturing in his field. His interest in the piano also takes him "traveling the world attending classical music festivals."

Business litigation attorney **William Grauer**, JD '74 (grauerwe@cooley.com) checked in by e-mail from San Diego, CA, where he is a member of the firm Cooley Godward Kronish LLP. William was honored last September at the Beverly Hills Hotel as one of the "Top 100 Lawyers" in the State of California by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. He was appointed to serve as chair of the Federal Court Discipline Committee, the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation's statewide evaluation of judicial applicants. **Rudy Mitchell** (Mitchell@gis.net) is a senior researcher at Emmanuel Gospel Center in Boston, MA, where he lives with wife Sara. Rudy's after-hours activities include gardening, church, and searching out family history. **Wayne Jaquith** (jaquith@mindspring.com) checked in from Sherborn, MA. He is an attorney and director of the Peace Philanthropy Project.

**Janett Edelberg** (Janettnyc@aol.com) relayed news of some events in her life over the last few years. Travel was high on the list. Among other

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things, she took herself and significant other Ron on a surprise 60th birthday trip to Sicily for cooking and sightseeing. In September, Janett took a trip to Africa for a safari in Kenya and to visit friends in Johannesburg. She also reports, "On the career front I have been working at HSBC, one of the world's largest banks you may not be familiar with, since February '06 doing consumer insights and competitive intelligence for their high-yield, direct-to-consumer products." When she isn't traveling or working, Janett continues "to take advantage of all the cultural and 'foodie' things that the Big Apple has to offer."

You may be able to deduce from **Stella Mayhew** Ardire's e-mail address (wcs.dancer@hotmail.com) that she loves to dance. She writes in from Flagstaff, AZ, that dancing country, swing, and ballroom is one of her chief after-hours activities. "I'd rather be retired, dance every night, and travel more." Perhaps in anticipation of that goal, Stella started a home-based nutritional supplement business to go along with her duties as an RN in behavioral health at Flagstaff Medical Center. **Arthur Nevins** (arthurgnvins@aol.com), an attorney, says he'd rather be starting a solar, wind,

well as Cornell groups. She is a member of the Washington, DC, Cornell Club Board of Governors and a judge of the annual Cornell book collection contest sponsored by the Cornell Library Association. **Marsha** (mea33@cornell.edu) has taken a sabbatical from teaching at Eastern Michigan to author a new book. She is also looking for people who have competed in the National Spelling Bee. Marsha asks, "If you have a good story of spelling or misspelling, please e-mail me."

And please e-mail Linda or me with your news. ♦ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

**72** For those of you who have been yearning for some new blood and a feminine voice in this column, take heart. **Carol Fein** Ross has agreed to serve as a third class correspondent, joining **Alex Barna** and me in our efforts to entertain you, pique your interest, and keep those cards and letters coming. A hearty welcome to Carol, with thanks.

Under Secretary of Defense **Eric Edelman** made headlines last summer when he initially

## 'Marsha Ackermann is looking for people who have competed in the National Spelling Bee.'

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water, and biofuel energy farm. Besides farming, Arthur also spends his off-hours as an assistant scoutmaster and baseball coach in his hometown of Hampton, NJ.

Journalist and author **Barbara Kantrowitz** (Barbara.kantrowitz@gmail.com) spends her off-hours from duties as senior editor at *Newsweek* writing books on women's health issues. She has authored a book on menopause, *Is it Hot in Here or is it Me?* She also co-writes a regular column on *Newsweek.com* called "Her Body." When Barbara wrote to us last July, her son had just graduated from Cornell Engineering, and she and husband Daniel Hertzberg were getting ready to make a move to London, England, where Dan would be heading up the international editions of the *Wall Street Journal*.

Attention all Class of '71 grads who served in the Colombia Peace Corps: If you are one of the 37 former Peace Corps volunteers who served in Colombia after graduation, you might get in touch with **Ken Green**. Ken, president of Green Design Environmental Management Systems in Maryland, wrote in October and asked us to announce that there will be a Peace Corps Colombia Conference taking place in Cartagena in February 2008 and that he was assembling contact information. He can be reached at greenmankg@aol.com.

Finally, frequent contributors and class officers **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas and **Marsha Ackermann** both reported on current doings. Elisabeth (ekb7@cornell.edu), who lives in Chevy Chase, MD, with husband **Arthur Spitzer** has taken on leadership roles in several national and local organizations as

refused to answer questions from Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton about the Pentagon's plans for a future withdrawal of troops from Iraq. "Premature and public discussion of the withdrawal of US forces from Iraq reinforces enemy propaganda that the United States will abandon its allies in Iraq," he wrote. Sen. Clinton responded: "Under Secretary Edelman has his priorities backward. Open and honest debate and congressional oversight strengthens our nation and supports our military. His suggestion to the contrary is outrageous and dangerous." One thing led to another, and eventually our intrepid classmate found himself giving Sen. Clinton a classified briefing about the Pentagon's plans for Iraq. Stay tuned for further developments.

From **Joseph Connolly**: "Not much excites me at this stage of the game, but one thing did: recently I was received by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh for an evening reception at Buckingham Palace in honor of 'distinguished' Americans who have long resided in London. The Queen chatted amiably with each and every guest—with me about my work teaching MBAs in Egypt." In London, Joe is commissioner of the US for the Fulbright Commission, an advisory board member of the Inst. of Islamic Banking, and a trustee of Richmond American U. In Paris he teaches MBAs at ENPC, a "grand école" allied with MIT, and in New York he works with "Scholar Rescue" at the Int'l Inst. of Education, which relocates professors threatened with death to more serene locations.

**Mary Jane McKiven** writes: "After 25 years in Washington, DC, most of them working at the

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), then at the National Gallery of Art, last year I jumped to the 'daughter track' to take care of my aging parents in Ohio. Those who have been through this passage know that it is both harrowing and rewarding, often in unexpected ways. I have continued to do some freelance writing and editing, and expect to resume work in Washington someday. I regret that I could not make the 35th Reunion, but fully expect to show up for the 40th!" **Steven Seifert** tells us, in a similar vein: "I was sorry to miss reunion, but we were moving the next day to New Mexico, where I'll be a professor in the New Mexico School of Medicine and medical director of the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center in Albuquerque. We did get to attend our daughter **Sara '07's** graduation from CALS. My parents and I finally got to attend a Cornell graduation, since neither I nor my brother (**Michael '76**) was able to attend ours. President Skorton gave a progressive speech about combating global economic disparity, the rain held off until after it was all over, and Cornell Dairy was open for ice cream. What could be better? Okay, reunion could be at least as good. I'll do my best to make the next one."

**Clyde Hanks**, MS '76, and his family have been living in the Vail Valley of Colorado for three years. He oversees the village infrastructure at the Beaver Creek resort and ski area. **Kenneth Kunken**, MA '77 (kkunken@aol.com) lives in Rockville Centre, NY, and travels around the country delivering inspirational/motivational talks. Rev. **Frank Tiso** writes: "I am now working at the USCCB trying to promote inter-religious understanding and dialogue across the US. I staff three annual religious dialogues with Muslim organizations—one with Buddhists in Northern California, one with Sikhs in the NYC area, and one with Hindus in the D.C. area. I am also responsible for ecumenical dialogue with four reformed Christian denominations. This was something that I started doing when I was an undergrad at Cornell; it has been a long road since those days, but a very interesting one to look back on. For details, [www.usbbc.org](http://www.usbbc.org)."

After spending more than 20 years in public health and health administration, **Rebecca Pinkel** **Amthor** returned to school to obtain a law degree and has been practicing law, specializing in ERISA, employee benefits, and some aspects of health law such as health information privacy. Husband **Frank '71** continues to do research in vision neurophysiology and is working to develop some patents as well. Their children are leaving the Birmingham, AL, nest. Son Philip is completing degrees in architecture and planning at Auburn U., and daughter Rachel is on a pre-med track at Washington U. in St. Louis. Youngest daughter Sarah is in high school and continues to play soccer and enjoy her social life.

Class president **Bruce Graev** became affiliated with Ameriprise Financial in Parsippany, NJ, at the end of August. **James Hill** has been a pilot at Federal Express for almost 11 years, and moved to the Memphis area after starting at FedEx. In the summer of 2006 he was promoted to Boeing 727 captain, and has been flying to such garden spots as Grand Forks and Sioux Falls. Jim retired from the US Air Force in 1994 after 21 years of service. During that time he flew C-141 transports for about



ten years, went to graduate school twice, and served in various staff and leadership positions. Jim and his wife Bonnie have sons James, 17, and Mark, 13.

**Samuel Alemayehu**, MPA '73, died in Maryland on December 29, 2005 while visiting his sister. Sam lived in Haderslev, Denmark, at the time of his death. His family and friends have started a foundation in Sam's name. Information about the foundation and about Sam's life and death can be found at [www.samuelalemayehu.org](http://www.samuelalemayehu.org). ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

**73** Greetings from New Orleans! In September I visited Cornell with our class president, **Marty Sherman**, MPS '75, and committee members **Thilde Peterson**, Nancy Miller Clifford, MA '76, and **Maxine Howard** for the Reunion Kickoff Weekend to plan our 35th, which we are counting on you to attend. The campus was spectacular, and the students looked well and happy on the glorious sunshine-filled day we enjoyed. I, for one, walked around campus with heart in hand, reminiscing.

We have a fun weekend planned and I busied myself at Olin Library pouring over the 1969-1973 Cornell *Daily Sun* to resurrect our past for Reunion Weekend, June 5-8, 2008. Nancy is working on the class forum. Thilde and I, as class historians, would like to identify classmates who have made a difference, small or large, in education, volunteer activities, civic activities, industry, medical, legal, business, sports, arts, science, engineering, or other occupations or professions. Your input will be very helpful, so don't hesitate to write us. Mark your calendars—and contact friends to join you at Cornell this June.

We have lots of classmate news. **Donna Lee Dooley** Willix (Boca Raton, FL; dlwillix@aol.com) is a competitive ballroom dancer and is studying the Kabbalah. She recently filmed the *Ripped and Rhythmic* dance exercise DVD as a backup dancer. She would love to hear from her Cornell roommate **Victoria Beyer** '72. **Torin Togut** (Lawrenceville, GA; tandt@mindspring.com) is a Cousins Public Interest Fellow at U. of Georgia Law School's Clinical Program for Low-Income Families of Children with Disabilities and is teaching special education law. **Anne McComb** (Leverett, MA; annemccomb@aol.com) retired after a long car-accident recovery and is riding horses as her physical and occupational therapy. She would love to hear from **Stan Griffith** '72 and **Laurie J. Davis** '74.

**Stephen Mann** (Waxhaw, NC; LAT\_Admin\_Assistant\_Jaars@sil.org) and his family have returned from 35 years overseas in Peru and Nigeria serving with the Wycliffe Bible Translators, a faith-based mission seeking to translate the Bible into every language. He is now at the JAARS Center, the technical arm of the mission. **Mark Granick** (Livingston, NJ; mgranickmd@umdnj.edu) is a professor and chief of plastic surgery at the New Jersey Medical School, UMDNJ. He is developing a new online paperless open access medical journal, "ePlasty." He would love to hear from Bruce Halpern. His wife, also an MD, is **Carol Singer-Granick** '74. **Jon Shure** (Ewing, NJ;

shureiam@comcast.net) is president and founder of the New Jersey Policy Perspective, a liberal think tank and progressive voice on taxes and economic and government reform issues that is celebrating its tenth anniversary.

**Willard Hunt** (Willard.Hunt@xerox.com) lives with wife **Linda** (Elliott), MBA '79, in Honeoye Falls, NY. He is the director of Vista deployment in North America. **Gerald Newby** of Deposit, NY, works at ThinkLibrary.com and is computerizing the voting machine industry. **Marc Marschark**, Rochester, NY, is the director of the Center for Education Research Partnerships at the National Technical Inst. for the Deaf. **Gretchen Fuerst** Cutt (Rochester, NY; cuttrd@aol.com) has her own business, Cakes by Gretchen. **Daniel Ernsberger** (Pittsburgh, PA; behrendlawyers@aol.com) has his own law firm. He would love to hear from **Don Kuehne**.

**Roger Jacobs** has children attending Cornell: **Rachael** '10 in Arts and **Joshua** '06, currently a student at the Law school. **Steven Allison** (Forks, WA; stallison2000@yahoo.com) is a habitat biologist and co-director of the Hoh Tribe Natural Resource Dept. in the Western Olympic Peninsula. He is the secretary of the Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition, and an avid steelhead and salmon fisherman and deer and elk hunter. He would love to hear from **John Tedesco**. **Sam Carmen** (Sturgeon Bay, WI; alta2002@aol.com) is recently retired after serving as head of the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association. His wife is a retired teacher. Sam's career was chronicled in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* on June 29, 2007. He would love to hear from **Colleen Vaeth** Schiefen.

For all those "love to hear from" messages, reunion is your opportunity to reconnect. Please log on to our website, <http://classof73.alumni.cornell.edu/>, and follow the countdown. We also invite you to register your e-mail and other contact information. New Orleans is slowly rebuilding with many generous volunteers. Come visit. ♦ **Danielle Trostorff**, dtrostorff@bakerdonelson.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** Welcome to 2008, en route to a new president—and only one year, plus a few months, until the class's 15th Reunion, June 4-7, 2009. Except I just looked in the mirror and it's the 35th Reunion, not 15th. I used to browse my dad's *Amherst Magazine* and marvel that old alums—say, 45 years of age—didn't realize they were ancient. Tick, tick, tick. Please pencil the reunion date on your calendar and try to avoid any weddings, childbirths, and graduations that might interfere.

While I lament the passing of time, others are getting on with their lives. **Benny Lorenzo** of Tenafly, NJ, general partner of Aspira Capital Management, has been busy with extracurricular activities: vice chairman of the Tenafly Zoning Board of Adjustment; chairing a money-raising campaign for Alianza Dominicana, a community service organization in Washington Heights, NY, raising support and awareness; and mentoring high school students who want to go to college. "Two were accepted at Cornell," he adds. **Tracy Moreno** of Princeton, NJ, has been an internist in private practice for 22 years and is now preparing

for her oldest daughter's wedding. She's been busy watching two daughters play ice hockey for Amherst while the youngest plays squash at Princeton, which won the national championship this year. Tracy says she's training to run her first 5K road race and is happy she's stayed in touch with her old roommates **Kathy Frank Bernhard**, **Linda Klein Lipshutz**, **Gail Shands** '73, and **Arlene Kryger LeBouvie**.

**Irene Ovitt Werner** of Fayetteville, NY, is an emergency room physician. With husband **Fred** "Bud" '72, ME '75, she's been to Australia and Taiwan, and on medical trips to El Salvador and South Africa. She'd like to hear from old friends **Claudia Wight Nill**, **Penny Perryman**, and **Annilee Flynn**. **Beth Saltzman Aaronson** of Lynnfield, MA, is business manager of a medical practice and would prefer to be doing watercolors or gardening every day. Her fondest memory: "Risley!" **Hope Comisky**, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP in Philadelphia, was elected to the board of the Pennsylvania Bar Inst., the continuing legal education arm of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

"Since Earth Day 2007 (April 22)," writes **R. Douglas Glenn** of Middletown, NY, "I have started using my bike to ride to and from the YMCA rather than driving my car; I'm saving gas and getting more exercise." In addition to the daily workouts, Doug is art director for Northeast Textile Graphix in Chester, NY, which does both screenprinting and (his specialty) embroidery. Doug also suggests, "Someone should set up a blog for the Class of '74." (See my note at the end of the column.) "I've been attending parades and fundraisers and eating more rubber chicken than I care to think about," says **Amy Jacoby** Budish, an elder law lawyer in Beachwood, OH, who describes her day job as political advisor/spouse and TV program editor. Husband Armond will be their district's Ohio state representative. Amy's fondest Cornell memory: "Checking out what was painted on the stump in front of the Straight on my way to a Straight break for chocolate chip cookies."

**Harold Levy**, JD '79, joined Plainfield Asset Management as managing director, special counsel. Harold was chancellor of the New York City Schools for three years during the Giuliani and Bloomberg administrations and more recently was XVP at Kaplan Inc. **Lynne Moskowitz** Glasser, MAT '75, writes, "I still live in Wynnewood, PA, with my husband of 30 years, Steve. I recently started a new position as an academic advisor at a local college. For the past few years I have been enjoying the opportunity to spend time at Cornell visiting my daughter **Marla** '09. This past April I enjoyed a fabulous weekend in Ithaca with my Cornell roommates **Ruth Zafren Ruskin** '75 and **Lil Konowitz Calish** '75. We even stayed in a house on Stewart Avenue, although it was quite a bit closer to campus than the house of our youth! My son David finished his graduate work at MIT in August and moved to San Francisco to work for Google. I like to spend time swimming, biking, cooking, reading, and rooting for the Phillies. Steve and I would love to hear from **Fred Teichman**, who introduced us."

**Peter** and **Nancy Natali Baranay** '75 of Niles, MI, are recipients of the 2007 Ozanam Award for



their community involvement since 1980, most recently for spearheading the purchase and development of a 36-acre athletic facility at Marian (IN) High School. The award is from the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County. Peter is president of Abro Industries Inc., of South Bend, IN, and has worked with the Art Center, Broadway Theater League, and Junior Achievement. Nancy has been active in the Junior League and the Women's Association of the South Bend Symphony. **Chuck Bridges**, BA '77, is partner in the national consulting firm Tatum LLC and writes, "In my current engagement, I am serving as the interim CFO for a well-funded bio-diesel startup in San Francisco, USBioDiesel Group. In my personal life, my wife Andrea and I breed and show chow chows—we've been fortunate to have had half a dozen nationally ranked dogs in the last decade."

**Cynthia Cuffie**-Jackson of Far Hills, NJ, went to medical school after Cornell, did an endocrinology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center-New York Hospital, and was a clinical instructor of medicine during that time at Cornell Medical College. "I am a VP of global clinical development, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases at Schering Plough Corp. in Kenilworth, NJ. My youngest daughter, **Ariana** '11, is a freshman at Cornell, my oldest daughter graduated from Princeton, and my middle daughter, Ashley, is a harpist and a rising senior at Yale. I am glad I finally have a child attending Cornell." Cynthia is a member of CAAAN and interviewed potential students over the past four years, attended the Cornell Black Alumni Association reunion in June 2006, and serves as a Cornell minority student mentor.

**Allen Ekman** has been elected president of NAIFA's (National Assoc. of Insurance and Financial Advisors) Tucson chapter. **Jeff Bishop** is living in the Syracuse area. "I spend some time at my summer place in the Berkshires, but spend a great deal of time running my manufacturers rep business, traveling the Northeast US and Canada selling peat moss and growing mixes for the Lambert Peat Moss Company. I do a bit of writing, both professional and creatively, and I have taken on the task of refurbishing the family homestead this summer. Haven't been on campus in a couple of years, but still see old friends like **Jim Pugh**, and saw **George Good**, PhD '69, and **Hughie Poole**, PhD '74, at trade shows." **Rich Dobec**, MPS '75, an emeritus professor at Ohio State U. since 2002, writes, "Professionally, I still do consulting work in the horse industry, and I also play a lot of golf and teach watercolor painting at the local art center." He and wife Pat have six grandchildren.

A classmate recently asked why it took so long to get his submission printed. Above, Doug Glenn posed the "Why not a class blog?" question. *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, the correspondents, and the CAM advisory board (I'm on that) are pondering how online fits in, on the off chance that this World Wide Web thing doesn't go away. What if, in the future, you published your own news directly to a CAM class site and we built the Class Notes from that? We'd love to hear your thoughts. In the meantime, send news, via paper or e-mail to any of the three of us: ♦ **Bill Howard**, wkh2@cornell.edu; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; and **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu.

**75** We have several classmates in academia. **Al Valocchi** (avalocchi@ameritech.net) is on the faculty in the Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He is currently associate head and director of graduate studies, doing research and teaching in the area of water resources, water quality, and groundwater contamination. He is good friends with **Bob Haber**, PhD '80, who is also at Urbana-Champaign. Al writes that son Ben is 17 and has no interest in Cornell, but there is hope for his daughter Annie, 14! **John Whittaker** (whittake@grinnell.edu) and his wife, Kathy Kamp, teach anthropology at Grinnell College in Iowa and do archaeological projects in Arizona and elsewhere. This fall they directed a Global Partners college program in Ankara, Turkey. John makes stone tools (he has a recent book, *American Flintknappers: Stone Age Art in the Age of Computers*) and he organized his students into the world's first collegiate Atlatl team for competitions with prehistoric spear throwers. **Bruce**, MAT '84, and **Anita Decker Wright**, MAT '92 (wrighta@cobleskill.edu) were married in Sage Chapel in August 1976 and both returned to Cornell and received their MATs. They live in Cobleskill, NY, and work at SUNY Cobleskill. Bruce is a professor of ag engineering and Anita is director of career services. They attend Cornell alumni events in their district and in the Albany region, where their daughter **Angie** '02, MPS '04, is an active member. In addition to Angie, Bruce and Anita have daughters **Darah** (MD from Upstate Med) and **Brittany** (attending SUNY Cortland).

**Mike Tannenbaum** (mtannenbaum@hvc.rr.com) is dean of the School of Science (and professor of biology) at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Along with administrative responsibilities, he teaches biology and physiology. He was Marist's official representative at the inaugurations of both **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 and David Skorton and is active in the Cornell Mid-Hudson Alumni Association, having hosted several events at Marist. Mike makes annual pilgrimages to attend the Cornell-RPI men's ice hockey game (in nine years, Cornell has only lost once), and he looks forward to the Cornell-BU game in Madison Square Garden this Thanksgiving weekend. He and wife Karen live in Rhinebeck, NY, with daughter Amy, a sophomore at Hamilton College, and son Evan, a sophomore in high school. He keeps in touch regularly with **Paul Kemp**, who lives in Baton Rouge, LA, and is VP and director of the Gulf Coast Initiative for the National Audubon Society, **Paul Morris** (morrisko@aol.com), a physician in Carlstadt, NJ, **Mickey Frish** (mbfrish@aol.com), a physicist in Andover, MA, and **Rob Weinberg** (weinberg2@sbcglobal.net), a computer scientist in Dallas, TX. And, lastly, Mike reports that he has visited 49 states, with plans to get to number 50 (Oregon) this past summer.

A recent addition to academia is our class VP, **Rich Marin**, MBA '76 (rmarin117@gmail.com). He currently serves as the Johnson School's executive-in-residence in Asset Management. He is an executive committee member of the Johnson School's Advisory Council and sits on a number of advisory councils and boards for the school. He

has been a frequent guest lecturer and this fall I attended a dinner where he was presented the inaugural Samuel C. Johnson Distinguished Service Award, which recognized his long-term volunteer activities for the school. Another classmate who has given her time to lecture at the business school is **Irene Blecker Rosenfeld**, PhD '80 (ibr10@aol.com). Irene is chair and CEO of Kraft Foods Inc. and gave the annual Lewis H. Durland Memorial Lecture in October on the "Anatomy of a Turn-around: Returning Kraft to Reliable Growth."

**Robert and Paula Kirschenbaum Stein** '76 live in Upper Montclair, NJ, and have three children. **Erica** '05 is working on a PhD in film theory at the U. of Iowa, **Joanna** '08 is in the ILR school, and Alex is a high school senior. Bob (rstein@BlankRome.com) is a partner in the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, and heads up the New York office of the firm's financial services group. He runs into fellow Cornellians from time to time, but his closest contact from our class is his senior year apartment-mate **Dan Schwimer**, an attorney in D.C. Dan and his wife Cindy get together with Bob and Paula several times a year. They also joined **Gary Sesser** '72 and wife Rachel for their annual trip to Block Island the week of July 4—their eighth year in a row. For the past few years, Bob has enjoyed being a Cornell alumni interviewer of high school seniors. The Cornell connections he and Paula have made over the years are strong and enduring.

**Reba Silton Silterra** (reba@rochester.rr.com) writes from Rochester, NY, that she and Rick are the proud parents of **Jacob** '07, who graduated last year magna cum laude with honors in Applied and Engineering Physics. **Arlene Finkelstein Zimmer** (a.zimmer@armeniacoffee.com) recently coordinated a 12-day trip to China for 192 local high school band students and 33 adults. She and husband **Patrick** '73 thought it was an amazing adventure. The band played in Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, and they got to climb the Great Wall and visit the Terra Cotta Warrior Museum. Arlene and Pat have also been enjoying having their daughter **Jen Zimmer Nitkowski** '02 and her husband **Arthur** '02 living in Ithaca while Art works on his PhD in the Engineering college. Son **John** '06 graduated with top honors last year and is now completing his first year at Lehman Brothers in NYC. Arlene is manager of account and administrative services for Armenia Coffee in Purchase, NY. Another classmate who has taken a group trip lately is **Andy Talkington** (atalkington@houston.rr.com). Andy, wife Nancy, and kids Hayley, 11, and Jack, 9, flew to Paris for a few days and then took a train to Tours, where they biked for a week through the Loire Valley, staying in chateaus and really enjoying the food and wine! They were also able to spend a weekend in London seeing the sights. Back in Houston, Andy is managing partner at Heidrick & Struggles, traveling weekly to the far corners of the globe looking for great executives for his clients.

**Michael Spear** (milspear45@yahoo.com) is director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital in Wilmington, DE, and professor of pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson U. He and wife Mary have four children, ages 20 (junior at William and Mary), 19 (sophomore



at Franklin and Marshall), 16, and 11. **Rose Tannenbaum** (rose.tannenbaum@verizon.net) writes from Great Barrington, MA. She and husband Robert Drennan have son Amory, a sophomore at UMass, Amherst, and daughter Molly, a senior in high school. Rose is a freelance graphic designer and illustrator. Her first children's book came out in November 2005, titled *Theo, the Blue Rider Pigeon* (a true story). Another in the Blue Rider series is in the works. She still plays guitar and banjo for fun, and folk dances when she gets the chance.

That's all for now. I recently participated in a Cornell phonathon and spoke to several classmates who promised me news, so more to come in future columns. Please tune in and keep sending news; we will be sure to get it into a column as soon as we can. ♦ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** I was trying to remember how long I've been writing this column, but I can't remember. It seems like forever. I do want to continue, but not before I thank my two wonderful co-correspondents Pat and Karen. Thank you for forwarding the news, for always being organized, and for keeping track of who's up next in the rotation!

**Brian Boland** is a VP and assistant general counsel for Wachovia Corp. and Wachovia Bank, National Association. He has refurbished his 38-year-old home and enjoys cycling, basketball, music, cooking, and landscaping. Other extracurricular activities include overseas and domestic travel and wine. He remembers his years at Cornell as the best four years of his life. Present day job for **Glenn Salva** is wine estate manager in California's Napa Valley for Antica Mara Valley, which is owned by the Antinori family of Florence, Italy. This family has been producing remarkable wines since 1385.

**Elizabeth "Lilla" Johnson** is professor of art at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. She has been drawing and putting up art shows as well as biking, skiing, and cross-country skiing. For "after-hours" times, **Janet Brothers** Fallon has done lots of Cornell-related activities including Cornell Women's Club of Syracuse, Cornell Alumni Association of New York, Cornell Alumni Federation, and Cornell Council. Recently, she has been working, cooking, and hauling her dog to the vet for expensive tests and finding nothing! She would rather be reading and relaxing at the lake and would like to hear from Cornell friend **Karen Poushter** Kinneman.

**Arden Handler** would rather be living in the already renovated 1870 farmhouse. She is currently a professor at U. of Illinois School of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Program. Arden also attends her children's performances, recitals, and tournaments. **William Nassikas** has been going on annual golfing trips with other Cornell grads and has renovated and reopened the historic Valley Ho hotel in Scottsdale, AZ. He also enjoys motorcycle riding in Northern Arizona. Living in Oregon, **Jeri Frank** is an instructor of Adult Basic Education at Umpqua Community

College in Roseburg. She has been contra dancing, teaching, jogging, and reading. Jeri writes that there's nothing else she'd rather be doing.

**Joyce Illfelder-Kaye** has been busy helping her older son look at colleges over the past year. She wrote that it is a different world than when we were applying to colleges. They took a trip to see Cornell and sat in on a terrific government lecture at Goldwin Smith Hall. Joyce is Associate Director, Training at the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services at Penn State U. and is directing an APA-accredited pre-doctoral internship program. As owner of Sollecito Landscaping Nursery LLC, a company he formed after graduation, **James Sollecito** is enjoying it even more than in the past. He wrote that he never would have thought when he left the hallowed halls on

professional coach and does aikido, gardening, and animal rescue. Writing from NYC with three growing boys and wondering if she will ever move to the 'burbs, **Linda Stigliani** O'Keefe is a lawyer and consultant for corporations, not-for-profits, and Legal Aid. She cooks, cleans, helps with homework, and does basic single mom activities. An added P.S. note indicates that she has totally lost it and is working too hard!

After 15 years at a previous position, **Nancy Tepper** will be responsible for export sales of commodity petrochemicals globally for a formerly domestic-only distributor. Nancy is an "avocational" singer with choral groups such as the Choral Society of Grace Church, Russian Chamber Singers, Hudson Valley Singers, St. Andrews Chorale, and other pickup wedding and

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the Hill in 1976 that 31 years later his oldest daughter, **Hannah '11**, would be an incoming freshman. She is also a Presidential Scholar.

Although **Janet Tompkins** Rydell would sometimes rather be retired, she is cash management quality assurance manager for Toyota Financial Services. This entails managing bank relationships, service level agreements, and global credit facilities. She participates in Sisterhood Book Club and goes kayaking and bike riding. Her son's bar mitzvah was in May 2007, and **Peter '73** and **Joan Tompkins Lifson '73** were in attendance with their daughters **Audra '01** and **Debra '04**, MHA '05, and **Brian Crandall '02**. Janet reconnected with **Karen Klein** Polakoff as a result of the class column last year and would like to hear from **Sheryl Goldstein** and the girls of fifth floor Donlon.

**Jody Jacobson** Wedret and husband Loren celebrated his "big birthday" at the Grand Hyatt, Kauai. They have been traveling and enjoying a lot of theater and special events at home. Jody is a senior pharmacist and professor at UC Irvine and UC San Francisco. **Stephanie Mann** Nealer has been joining other alums for a monthly "girls" dinner with **Diane Laufman**, **Lori Keenan**, **Mary Ann Stelle** Van Duyn, **Deidra Dain**, and others. She is Mom to Erin, 14, and enjoys horseback riding lessons, mother-daughter book clubs, tennis, swimming, and church youth groups. She is director of development at Adventure Theatre, the longest-running children's theater in the Washington, DC, area. **Gale Climenenson** Walters has recently been traveling for work as senior technical account representative for Purac America, as well as jogging, doing Pilates, and taking care of a new puppy.

**Deirdre Munisteri** Hensen is a veterinarian. She has been raising money for paralysis research for people and animals. She also gardens, cooks vegetarian meals, power-walks, and rides and cares for her horses. **Kitty Sellers** Boynton is a

church jobs. **Carla Holder** enjoys many forms of dancing, including ballroom, Latin, and Scottish country. She also does choral singing and plays the harp. She is finance manager at Mosaica Education, an educational service provider.

**Rich Gallagher** is a freelance writer and organizational trainer, and has landed a two-book contract with Amazon Books. The first, a humorous collection of business fables titled *What to Say to a Porcupine*, will be released in Spring 2008. The second will be a mass-market paperback on the psychology of how to give people feedback, tentatively titled "How to Tell Anyone Anything." He has trained nearly 5,000 people in communication and customer skills programs based on his own books. ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@optonline.net; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@tds.net.

**77** **Stephen Kessinger** (skessin963@aol.com) writes from Oviedo, FL. As director, training and testing instrumentation at AT&T Government Solutions Inc., he has been "developing new training systems for the US Army using state-of-the-art wireless mobile communications systems with GPS locators." After-hours activities have included traveling in Italy (Venice, Milan, Florence, and Rome) and house renovations and landscaping. He also sails and attends plays at Rollins College in Winter Park. And he says he'd like to be doing more of all those things... plus swimming in his pool more and hearing from fellow Cornellians more, particularly **Jonathan Goldsmith**. Reading Stephen's News Form was a walk down memory lane: he remembers the camaraderie of Engineering and ROTC groups, Belgian waffles on Sunday morning at the Straight, Gilbert and Sullivan plays... and proposing to his wife in the clock tower!



**Anne Pinou** (aepmd56@aol.com) of Rocky Hill, CT, is an internist at Connecticut Multispecialty Group PC. Extracurricular activities include piano lessons, skiing, and chairing a parents group. "Recently I've been helping my twins with the college application process. Egads! What a nightmare compared to when we applied!" She adds that she and her family, including husband Tom Zolad, toured Greece over the summer, and she'd love to do that again. "I got to see my great-great-grandmother's home in the northern village of Kastoria." Anne remembers her wonderful friends from Cornell and remains in contact with them still.

**Patricia Boyce Lopez** (plfpalm@aol.com), Surfside, FL, was a '77 graduate of the Nursing school. She is currently the Administrator RN of a home health agency, "providing excellent caregivers to the Miami/Dade population." In addition to her work, she has been enjoying the Surfside beach lifestyle, doing financial planning, and taking care of her dogs, and says there's nothing she'd rather be doing. She laments that she lost all records in Hurricane Andrew, but fondly remembers all the new things there were to learn while at Cornell.

Co-correspondent **Annette Mulee**, who will be writing the March/April column, sent this update: "It's been about a year since my husband passed away, and it's been a time of reflection and adjustment. Reconnecting with old friends and acquaintances has occupied quite a bit of my time, although I've also tried some new adventures. I'm still living on the Oregon coast, still providing

'outsourced general counsel' services to my high-tech clients (as a solo lawyer), and still enjoy walking on the beach. This year I also started doing more hiking and exploring. I greatly enjoyed our 30th Reunion last June, especially the chance to see folks like **Jan Rock Zubrow** and **Bill Smith**, JD '80, whom I had not seen in 30 years. I also enjoyed making new acquaintances, like **John Pelican** and **Scott Cupp**. And being back on campus with my old roommate **Nancy Terry** and her husband (a Princetonian, but we allowed him to accompany us anyway) was a hoot.

"Like many classmates, I think, I am considering what to do in this next phase of my life, although my reflection probably was accelerated by my husband's death. I was in the inaugural class of the American Bar Association's Direct-Women Inst., which is for women business attorneys who are interested in serving on the board of directors of companies. I have served on the board of a private company and enjoyed it. I'm also on the boards of our local library foundation and the foundation for one of our local universities, and am finding it very satisfying to bring business skills to the nonprofit world."

Right before press time, we received the sad news that classmate **Christopher Haynes** of Lexington, KY, died on November 12 of complications from brain cancer. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Eileen, their three sons, and all of Chris's family. His obituary appeared in the Lexington *Herald-Leader* on November 18. A Civil Engineering major, Chris began his professional

life at Bechtel Corp. and remained there his entire career. His most recent position was at the Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond, KY, and prior to that he was the national construction manager for the defense and space market sectors, "having completed assignments in the design and construction of petroleum and chemical plants, power plants, and mining facilities." A celebration of Chris's life was held on December 8 at Crossroads Christian Church. Remembrances and wishes can be e-mailed to Eileen at eileen.haynes@hotmail.com.

Feel free to send updates to your class correspondents all year. When the news gets low, you may receive an inquiring e-mail. Please do write! Class of '77 correspondents: ♦ **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Mark Petracca**, mppetrac@orion.oac.uci.edu.

**78** Greetings, '78ers. Happy reunion planning season. Have you made your reservations yet for Reunion, June 5-8, 2008? If you're already booked, great; you will celebrate in '08. If not, please visit the class website, <http://classof78.alumni.cornell.edu/>, for up-to-date information.

**Bruce Schneider** (Bruce.Schneider@moody.com) joined Moody's Investor Services as VP of financial planning and analysis of technology. He is responsible for designing the financial reporting/analysis processes for how Moody's spends its technology dollars. He was formerly CFO for operations and technology for a division of AIG. Bruce and his wife Amy have been married for 26 years and have a 16-year-old son, Michael. They live in Westport, CT. **Steven Carter** (scarter@yosan.edu) and his wife Jill live in Los Angeles, where Steven serves as the dean of administration and student affairs at Yo San U. ([www.yosan.edu](http://www.yosan.edu)), a graduate school offering the specialized degree of MATCM (Master of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine). Jill just left Sotheby's and joined Coldwell Banker in West Los Angeles. Steven says he can't seem to get her interested in studying Chinese medicine.

Steven also spent more than 20 years writing non-fiction and humor. He's written 20 books, including seven national bestsellers and one *New York Times* bestseller, *Men Who Can't Love*. *Men Who Can't Love* had a small cameo in the film *When Harry Met Sally* and a huge scene with Julia Roberts in her film *The Mexican* (with Brad Pitt, James Gandolfini, etc.). *What Smart Women Know* was a bestseller in the US in the early '90s, but has been on the bestseller lists in Brazil every week in 2007. Steven plans to make a short publicity trip to Brazil in the next few months. Many of his classmates know that Steven was heading for Penn's medical school after graduation. What most don't know is that he left Penn in the first week and spent a year in the British Virgin Islands and eight years in Puerto Rico teaching tennis at two RockResorts (yes, managed by Cornell grads!) and starting his writing career. It's not quite what he had planned, but it had its moments. The best part, says Steven, was the travel opportunities. One of his favorite moments was "bumping into" Cornell professor Miriam Taietz and her husband Phil in a small inn outside Nairobi. Miriam was

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one of Steven's favorite instructors at Cornell, and it was pretty special having the opportunity to stroll with them through the suburbs of Nairobi. These days Steven spends a lot of time in Central America, and he is currently exploring ways to bring more Chinese medicine into countries like Costa Rica and Nicaragua. He would like to introduce classmates to acupuncture at the Yo San Community Clinic—free of charge—if they happen to be visiting Los Angeles.

**Valerie Seiling Jacobs**, JD '81 (Valerie@valerieseilingjacobs.com) reports that she published an op-ed piece in the *New York Times*, "Packing for the Ineffable," April 11, 2007. She lists writer and attorney as her present day jobs. Boating and gardening fill **Victoria Proctor** Hulick's time. When she's not on her new boat on Chesapeake Bay, Vicki (Vicki@hulick.com) works for PricewaterhouseCoopers as a compliance consultant. **Bruce Clements** (bruce.clements@netheaven.com) chimes in from beautiful Saratoga Springs, NY. He misses the Cornell campus and tasting wine in the Finger Lakes wineries. Bruce stays active in the Lions Club and has two children ages 17 and 14. **Kristine Nelson** Howland (kristine.howland@trinity.edu) serves as an assistant director of university advancement at Trinity U. in San Antonio, TX.

**Ed Field** (deadgoat@whidbey.com) writes the class from Clinton, WA, where he manages the Port of South Whidbey in Puget Sound. Ed enjoys teaching his kids to sail. He recently traveled to Costa Rica as a parent/chaperone for 20 children. All enjoyed cloud forest zip lining, white-water rafting, and white-knuckle mountain bus riding. This year's highly successful Big Red lacrosse team reminded Ed of lying in the sun in the Crescent and watching our era's Big Red lacrosse team go 42-0. Ed would still like to write that mystery novel that's been rattling around in his head for about 15 years. **Walter Milani** (milanivice@msn.com) reports that he is the company manager/actor in the Asian Tour of the *King and I*. **Amy Grossman** Applegate (aga@indiana.edu) serves as clinical professor of law and director of the Family and Children Mediation Center, Indiana U. School of Law, Bloomington.

**Jeanne Arnoldschwetjje** (jga7@cornell.edu) rocks us from Mattituck, NY, where she is the lead singer/keyboardist with Jeanne and the Obvious, her classic rock/funk/R&B/blues band. She also serves as a Russian-English interpreter in the Southold Town Court. Jeanne enjoys step aerobics, running, weightlifting, and updating the band's myspace.com (/jeanneband) site. She has recently traveled to Cotswolds and Anguilla. At home, Jeanne enjoys tending to her rose bushes, raising two new cats, becoming a certified personal trainer, studying the Bible, and visiting her daughter and son-in-law. Fond memories from her Cornell days include chorus (especially singing in Carnegie Hall), track, Senior Week, Russian classes, sophomore year in Dickson, and her 20th surprise birthday party at the Royal Palms. Jeanne wonders how **Beth Smolev** '79 is doing.

**Ilana Levenson Schmitt** (schmittle@aol.com) updates us from Orange, OH, where she is a pediatrician at Children's Hospital. She earned her

MPH while spending two months in a village in Ghana. Given a choice, she would rather be doing international public health work. Ilana remembers skinny-dipping in the reservoir and fencing while at Cornell. **Mark Pinnie** describes the ultimate bonding experience in his note: running the Boston Marathon with his daughter Laura. He also reports he is now retired from long-distance running. Mark encourages e-mails at mpinnie@bmplaw.net. **Clifford Cameron** (ccameron4@comcast.net), human resources manager at Vision Corp., lives in Saline, MI, with his wife Libby.

**Paul "Rick" Zimmerman** recently joined Agriculture and Community Development Services (ACDS) LLC, and specializes in governmental relations, business development, and market development services. Rick served as deputy commissioner of agriculture for the State of New York for seven and a half years before taking his new assignment. **Michael Lenzner** works as CFO for the Fisher Group. **Barry Weiss**, JD '82 (weissba@gtlaw.com) updates us from Boca Raton, FL, that he travels to Europe for his work in large mergers and acquisitions, but would rather be sitting on a beach. Barry enjoys tennis and coaching children's sports, and remembers coffee and crosswords in the Straight and at Zeus.

Thank you for the privilege of writing this column every other issue for the past two years. As I'm now retiring from column writing, this opens up the opportunity for another classmate to step up and write. Please continue to send news. Go Big Red! ♦ **Chip Brueckman**, jcb58@cornell.edu; **Pepi E. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com.

**79** As 2008 begins, we still have 50th birthday celebration news to share. At the March San Francisco party, **Randy Michelson** and her Donlon freshman roommate **Deb Moritz** attended the gathering and had a great time connecting with Bay Area '79ers. In October, Elizabeth and **Richard Stearns** hosted a great spread of fajitas, margaritas, beer, and good times at their Santa Monica, CA, home. Richard is director of Sotheby's Int'l Realty's Brentwood office. He has also been very active with the Cornell Club of Los Angeles—phonathon chair for 15 years, CCLA president, and now CCLA board member and co-chair of the annual scholarship dinner program that raises upward of \$20,000 every year. Elizabeth, a recently retired senior VP at Universal Studios, is now chair of the Judy Fund, a foundation that raises awareness and money for Alzheimer's disease. Their children Greg, 15, Jackie, 14, and Ella, 7, also joined in the festivities.

**Jackie Lutz Geiger** and husband **Greg** '82 drove up from Palos Verdes. Richard actually introduced Jackie and Greg at a CCLA event in the late '80s. **Bill Gallagher** dropped by to say hello and reminisce with Jackie and **Karen Jewett**, recent senior associate director for the Cornell Western Region. Bill graduated from Ithaca High School with Karen and many other '79ers and was Jackie's TA for Prof. Farnsworth's Financial Investment class. Also at the party were **Brett Cohen** and former apartment-mate **David Halberstadter**, both practicing attorneys in Los Angeles—David in intellectual property and entertainment and

Brett in real estate. David recently led a Cornell-in-Hollywood roundtable, where he shared his legal expertise with local alumni working as writers and actors and in other areas. Other alumni attendees were **Julie Janhower Klein** '86 and her daughter Rachel, **Mindy Schlegler** '77, and **Rob Proano**, PhD '90.

On a gorgeous October evening, Washington, DC, '79ers celebrated their 50th birthdays at the beautiful Georgetown home of Ben and **Deb Waterman** Johns, along with co-hosts **Jeff Weiss**, **Kevin Bruns**, **Cindy Estis Green**, **Dwight Bush**, and **Bob and Stacy Buchler Holstein**. **George Rogers** happily connected with fellow freshman U-Hall 2 roommate **Charles Livingston** and wife Ellen and fellow freshman crewmember **Jeff Bloom**, MA '92. George recently participated in the Old Rag hike with the D.C. Cornell Club. **Sharon Flank** is CEO of InfraTrac, her anti-counterfeiting start-up company in Maryland. InfraTrac's product can detect counterfeit substances, and software can tag and detect gray market or diverted products such as Medicare drugs that end up in retail pharmacies. InfraTrac supports efforts in pharmaceutical, cosmetic and perfume, and fertilizer and pesticide markets. Others enjoying great company were **Elizabeth Waller Zerby** and husband Chris, **Robert Lipman**, ME '81, **Chuck Wiebe**, **Carolyn Clark Breen**, and **Sunita Gupta** Leeds and family. The Cornell Solar Decathlon Team made a special appearance, discussing renewable energy and how they built a sustainable home on the National Mall. Classmates were able to inquire about costs, energy efficiency, and business models developed by the team.

**Monika Robke** Cohen (mcohen@gnmdocs.com) writes that she recently got remarried to attorney Roger Hymen. Son Jeremy, 21, attends Columbia College, and Zachary, 17, is a freshman at Purdue. Monika has practiced internal medicine for 21 years and spare-time activities include boating and playing with her dog Charlie. **Robert Eisenberg** (ltbob@mindspring.com) is retired from the NYPD and living the good life on the beach in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. **Jeff Hirsch** (jhirsch@rc.com), wife Deborah, and sons Jake and Nate, have lived in Newton, MA, for 17 years. Jeff is a labor partner at Robinson and Cole in Boston. In addition to his law practice, Jeff has authored five books on labor and employment law and was inducted into the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers in 2005. Deborah has worked in a variety of positions in the higher education field since earning her doctorate from Harvard's Graduate School of Education in 1990.

**Natalie Cornell** (n.cornell@comcast.net) made a big career change from professional services marketing to launching her own business as a health and nutrition counselor. "I enrolled in a program through the Inst. for Integrative Nutrition at Columbia U. and launched Cornell Health and Nutrition in May. I help busy people eat and cook to feel better and be healthier. My programs include individual and group coaching, group cooking classes, corporate programs, and eating for peak performance. It's great fun and business is booming." **Barry Kushelowitz** (barrykushelowitz@aol.com) and **Gary Dulburg** spent an incredible



week in Burning Man, NV, with "40,000 artists and fun-loving non-conformists partying around the clock for seven straight days and nights. While Sperry framed our undergraduate partying experience, Burning Man is more of an immersive, post-doctoral process."

After an unforgettable trip to India, **Marcie Gitlin** (vbabe214@hotmail.com) is making a difference as a social worker at the Workmen's Circle Multicare Facility in the Bronx. The facility services a population of older adults and adults with psychiatric, substance abuse, and other "life-issue" problems. Marcie still lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and keeps in touch with **Paula Fuchsberg**, **Peter Coy**, **Alan Poskelsky '77**, **MBA '79**, and **Saul Gitlin '84**. Last winter, Marcie enjoyed a 50th birthday lunch with former first-semester sophomore-year roommate **Gail Dow**. "It was great! We talk every year, but we had not seen each other in about 25 years. Best of all, neither of us had changed in the slightest!"

**Brian Hackett** (bhackett@apexperform.com) continues to grow Apex Performance. Apex trains soldiers, pro athletes, and senior executives to be their best when it matters the most. NFL, NBA, and PGA athletes and Fortune 500 corporate executives have used the training center in Charlotte, NC. Apex is currently setting up seven new Army training centers, including two major Army hospitals. Cornell has announced that **Brian Miller** is endowing the directorship of the Office of Student Services in the ILR school in honor of his father, the late professor emeritus **Frank Miller Jr., PhD '53**. "My father devoted his entire 50-year career to teaching, mentoring, and helping students. He had two stints managing Student Services in ILR, and I can think of no more fitting a memorial to him than this endowment."

As a follow-up to my last column, **Brenda Jacobs '77** writes, "To make a gift in memory of **Barbara Kulik**, please make checks payable to 'Cornell University in Memory of Barbara Kulik' and mail to: Jacqueline Wright, Cornell University, 130 East Seneca St., Ste. 400, Ithaca, NY 14850."

Congratulations to new Cornell Council members from the Class of 1979: **William Adamski**, **Susan Beauregard**, **Brad Grainger**, **Brian Miller**, **Tim Ring**, and **Jeff Weiss**. Thanks to the generosity of six class officers and council members, 2007 class duespayers received a complimentary copy of the 2007 New Student Reading Project book, Nobel laureate Nadine Gordimer's novel of South Africa, *The Pickup*. If you have not yet paid your 2008 dues, please become a duespaying member in 2008 and help support our upcoming 30th Reunion. Speaking of our 30th Reunion, the dates are June 4-7, 2009, and we are looking for volunteers to help. Please contact reunion chairs **Steve Magacs** (steve.magacs@parkoutdoor.com) or **Larry Stone** (LDS11@cornell.edu).

Reading your notes and e-mails brings back many happy Cornell memories. If you have taken the time to drop us a note or e-mail, thank you. If not, please send your news so we can share memories and milestones. ♦ **Cindy Williams**, cew32@cornell.edu; **Kathy Zappia Gould**, rdgould@comcast.net; and **Cynthia Ahlgren Shea**, cynthiashea@hotmail.com.

**80** The deadline for this edition of the Class Notes is a few long days before the local Zinck's Night in New Haven, so I will have to write this class column with a clear mind and conscience—less fun, but perhaps it will make more sense.

As you read this in front of the wintry fire, we hope you will have a few new Cornell memories . . . perhaps of attending the BU-Cornell hockey game in Madison Square Garden or one of the many 50th birthday parties that were hosted around the country (the Class of '79 is already into it, so ask your friends if they had a great time—there are stories aplenty!). Get involved, and have fun. We hope your Cornell friends become a more important part of your life—after all, before you know it the kids will be gone and your AARP magazine will not be enough! If you are looking for someone from your Cornell years to reconnect to, let us know via the News Form or at the following website: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/classnotes/class\\_notes\\_form.cfm?classYear=1980](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classnotes/class_notes_form.cfm?classYear=1980). You can also sign on to the Alumni Directory (login and password required; see directions if you don't know your new Cornell ID number) to do your own research (<https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>). The Internet and its many evolving social networking tools is a great way to reconnect with old Cornell friends.

Recent reconnections for me have included Founders Hall-mate **Mark Canter** and Chi Phi's **Ed Tsuzuki**, **Russ Hartung**, **Eric Rogers**, and **Phil Shayne**. Phil is down in Miami at Chef Allen's Restaurant. Stop and see him—the food is fabulous. Ed gets to Ithaca regularly, as he has two daughters attending Cornell, **Jamie '08** in Arts and **Danielle '10** at the Hotel school. Ed works for J&J in New Jersey, continues competitive swimming, and is looking forward to the class's 50th birthdays! Eric, who works for British Petroleum in Illinois, is reliving the college scene, as he also has two daughters in college now. Russ is a doctor in Plattsburgh, NY, and associate director of the emergency department. He enjoys the Adirondacks as much as possible and is back to playing in a jazz and blues band that just came out with a CD. Hopefully it will soon be available on iTunes for classmates to enjoy. Russ also catches up with **Steve Higgins** when he is in Burlington, where his son is in college. Russ reports that his neighbor in Plattsburgh used to be the DJ at the Nines while we were underclassmen. Small world!

**Dennis Cahill** was one of the many Cornellians who showed up at the Yale Bowl to cheer on the Big Red. The scoreboard, plays, and fun were very reminiscent of our time in Ithaca. I also caught up with **Martha Bonthuis Sutyak** and her husband John this summer. Martha is a photographic stylist for print and video in Beverly, MA, and would love to catch up with more Cornellians, in particular **Billy Clay '79** and **Betsy Bunting Warner**.

In the mail come many short notes and even a few pictures! **Joey Green**, *Cornell Lunatic* founder and editor ('78-80) sent in news and pictures of his meeting with fellow *Lunatic* **Steve Weinreb '81** to do college tours with Joey's daughter Ashley and Steve's son Jeff. See the picture on

the class website (<http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu>) and send in your own pictures and memories of Cornell, too!

**Stacy West Clark** writes that she was recently recognized with induction as a Fellow in the College of Law Practice Management. Stacy is in the Philadelphia area, where we also hear from **Jeffrey Lindy**, a Philadelphia lawyer with his own growing law firm. Jeff is very involved in supporting the public defender system at both the local and federal levels. He reports that he recently reconnected with **Josh Rosenblatt**—after some 20 years—for some great storytelling. We also heard from **Steve '79**, **MA '83**, and **Joy "Jamie" Horwitz Fram** that Jamie has been 15 years at the Pew Charitable Trusts, most recently as director of legal affairs and general counsel. She would love to hear from her roommate **Ruth Chilton Sanders**.

**Tim Skarupa**, chief estimator for Irwin Contracting in St. Petersburg, FL, sends his regards to friends and classmates from DKE. **Elizabeth Burden** Figura is VP of human resources for Brooks Health Systems in Jacksonville. She recently visited Portugal with classmates **Diane Lerner** and **Suzanne Snyder**. Liz fondly remembers freshman year in McFadden Hall and Fridays at the Chapter House. She would like to hear from **Frank Lauria '79** and **Joanne Powell**. Moving west, we hear from the California contingent. **Stacy Freeman** of Los Angeles is human resource director for Int'l Medical Corp., a global humanitarian, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives and relieving suffering through healthcare training and relief. **Leigh Morioka** writes that she is a fifth grade teacher in San Diego and wants to hear from **Sheryl WuDunn '81**. **John Mutch** sent in a note that he is managing partner for a hedge fund. He remembers lots of lacrosse and would like to catch up with **John O'Neill**.

**David Butts** has been in Hong Kong for some 12 years, where he is group senior VP at Techtronics Industries. David and his wife Ellen would love to hear from fellow Cornellians passing through Hong Kong. And from further around the world we hear from **Nii Okaigya Armah-Agyeman**, who is a pharmaceutical manager in Ghana. He reports that his son is joining the Class of 2011 as a sophomore next year. He would like to hear from **David Crawley**, BArch '82, **David Clarke**, and **Chakameh Habibi**, MArch '83.

**Marshall Dumont** reports from West Hempstead that he is now part of a band called "free Keith" and that he also works as a VP in Merrill Lynch's Global Private Client Group. Also in New York, **Barry** and **Rhonda Margolin Kublin** of Manlius, NY, write that their daughter **Beth '08** is a senior in CALS. Barry is president of Benefit Plan Administrators, a retirement plan administration firm, and travels a lot. Rhonda gave up her partnership at a law firm in Syracuse, and is in her fifth year as a sixth grade teacher. She commutes a half-mile to work and loves it! Son Doug was headed to Amherst last fall to play hockey for UMass while attending the Isenberg School of Management. **Guy Hunneymann** sends a note from Redwood, NY, where he is chief in the purchasing division at Fort Drum. Guy spends his extra time in youth baseball and swimming, as well as hunting and fishing in the Adirondacks.



On a very sad note, we heard from **Elizabeth Ferris** Hart of Fremont, CA, that her son Robbie died recently. Some of you may remember him from Cornell, as he and his dad Burtin were frequent visitors to Elizabeth at Cornell. **Robert Reed**, one of our freshman-year Founders Hall classmates and president of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, died suddenly October 10 after minor outpatient surgery. Following Cornell, Robert was a successful entrepreneur, founding Let's Make A Daiquiri of NYC and Miami, and as owner of several Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream establishments in the Washington, DC, area. Robert was also active in community affairs and outdoor activities with his wife Karen and sons Malcolm, Bill, Gardiner, and Emerson.

Thanks to all who have taken the time to send in your news and participate in Cornell activities. Staying in touch is as easy as following the link on our class website, <http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu/>, or send one of us an e-mail.

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**81** Happy 2008! All the best to you and yours in the year ahead. Thanks to all who responded to my plea for news. In late October, I sent an e-mail to classmates with last names from H to L, and it was great to receive notes back so promptly. **Cindy High-Fischmann** and her family just moved from Shanghai to Vancouver. Cindy and husband Rob both work for Kodak and they have boys Corey and Brett. Cindy is looking forward to re-connecting with **Angie Duke** and **Lesley Kovar**, who live nearby in Seattle, and she is excited to start horseback riding and hopes to buy her own horse. Also in Seattle is **Sharon Raymond** Haensly, who is practicing Indian law and raising two teenagers with husband Tom. **Marianne Van Sicklin** Knight and husband Peter are empty-nesters in Oakville, Ontario. Their youngest (of three) is in her last year of college. Marianne is director of information technology with Surrey Place Centre, an organization in Toronto that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

**John Kilcoyne** lives in San Jose and is chairman and CEO of Micrus Endovascular, a publicly traded medical device company focused on products for stroke. John and his wife Susan have three children: **Shane '09**, a junior at Cornell; **Cailene**, a freshman at Boston Conservatory; and **Kate**, their "bonus baby," in second grade. Originally from Scituate, MA, John is still a member of Red Sox Nation and a Patriots fan. In Westborough, MA, **Andy Koenigsberg** just started doing freelance consulting work in database application programming as well as in hydrogeology. Andy is a member of the Westborough Conservation Commission, a director of the town land trust, and secretary of the New England Association of Engineering Geologists. Andy and wife Robin are raising son Kevin, 12.

In upstate New York, **Ed Heslop**, MS '90, is CEO of Environmental Credit Corp., a leading supplier of carbon credits, which just opened an office in Ithaca. At Cornell, Ed is on the advisory

board for Applied Economics and Management, the department both he and wife **Janet '91** graduated from. Their eldest daughter is now a freshman in AEM. Ed also sits on the Advisory Council for Cornell's Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise at the Johnson School. **Paul Herrington** is in his 22nd year working for First Pioneer Farm Credit, a farm-owned cooperative that provides loans and financial services to farmers and their co-ops. He and wife Lisa have two children, Luke, 5, adopted from Korea, and Leia, 4, adopted from China. Last

summer, Paul had a great time at Acacia fraternity's centennial celebration at Cornell.

Up in Kennebunkport, ME, **Debbie Lennon** and her husband Tom Nill have owned the Kennebunkport Inn for the past seven years. What a lovely spot! Before moving to Maine, Debbie worked for Sheraton Hotels for 17 years, most recently as the GM in Meadowlands, NJ, and then for Homestead Guest Studios as a VP of operations in the Northeast. In addition to the inn, Debbie and Tom own a banquet facility, the Coastal House, and two small retail stores in the area. They have two girls, 5 and 1. Debbie stays in touch with **Lorraine Brennan** and **Mary Ann Faccenda** Simmons. Living in Brooklyn, NY, "which has gotten unspeakably trendy," **Beth Jackendoff** Harpaz works as the travel editor for the Associated Press. She writes, "Sadly, I do not travel as part of my job. I just sit at a desk in New York and read about other people's amazing trips." Beth just sold her third book, *13 is the New 18*, a humor book about raising adolescents, due out from Crown in late 2008. Beth and her husband have two sons, 14 and 10.

**Joan Kleinman** is hard at work running the congressional district offices for Congressman Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Joan struggles to balance the demands of her job with the demands of her family. Son Ben is a freshman at the U. of Rochester, Ari is 16, and Molly is 12. Also in the D.C. area are **Jim** and **Naomi Gelzer Kettler**, BArch '82, who have children ages 16, 13, and 10. Naomi started a home renovation consulting business this year, and Jim manages a regional home-building business. In Winchester, VA, **Jim Kent** is a portfolio trader with Washington Gas Energy Services and enjoys working with the James Woods High School Football Boosters.

**Chris Hunsberger**, a regional VP and general manager at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC, writes, "The election year is heating up and thus comes lots of activity in the nation's capital. It looks like 2008 will be exciting. Can you say regime change?" Chris has three children: JD, in his first year at Penn State; William, a junior in high school; and Rebecca, in sixth grade. Speaking of elections, **Thomas Landauer**

just ran for Township Commissioner in Hatfield Township, PA. **Diane Carr** Heavener and husband Bob are looking forward to an upcoming vacation in England with their children Ryan, a sophomore at York College of Pennsylvania, and Caitlin, a junior at Bryn Mawr.

In New Jersey, **Rhea Floersheimer** Kaston is the director of employee relations for Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, which has bookstores on college campuses all over the country. Her sons Jeremy and Brendan are busy with school and

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sports. Husband David works for a subsidiary of Zurich Financial Services. Rhea stays in touch with **Ellen Rosaschi** Linares, **Maria Egger**, and **Doug Craw**. "Happily wreaking havoc in politically progressive Maplewood, NJ," **Ruth Lowenkron** and husband Frank Deale are busy raising daughter Hadriana, 7. Ruth is continuing the disability rights advocacy she began after Cornell at the Education Law Center, where she represents children with disabilities who have been denied an appropriate education. In Cranford, NJ, **Elizabeth Tendor** Burns is a marketing manager in wines and spirits. She would love to know what **Kathleen Cullen** Harwood is doing these days.

That's it for now! Keep in touch. ♦ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

**82** Thanks to all who responded to my plea for news. The time you took to provide your updates is appreciated and my apologies if I left out anything critical. Better yet, blame it on Adele, our class notes editor. Beginning with the familiar, my wife, **Lisa Mummery Crump**, and I now have two daughters at Cornell, **Lindsey '10** and **Erica '11**. Son Daniel, 15, and daughter Paige, 5, may be feeling the pressure, but they're not showing it yet. Last year, we moved to Basel, Switzerland, and have, thanks to the miracle of reunion networking, been able to catch up with classmate **Monica Ryser-Cseri**, who lives with husband Juerg and boys Marcus, 10, and David, 3, in the next town over. Monica told me that while she's been here for 13 years now, this last reunion seems to have re-energized the network. As evidence, she offered how **John** and **Laura Griffen McDermott** sent their daughter **Hannah '11** to visit Switzerland this summer with a friend and they stayed with Monica's family. Monica clearly enjoyed this opportunity to welcome Hannah into her home and got a kick from hearing old friends referred to as "Mom and Dad" by their now independent Cornellian daughter.

Sticking with the "benefits of attending reunion" theme, **Brian Pickerall** writes from California that Reunion Weekend gave him more than just a chance to see some old friends. At the



Saturday evening tent party on the Arts Quad, he met up with **Kathy Miller**, and by the end of the evening they decided that in spite of the continent between them (she's in D.C.), they were having too much fun to wait another 25 years to see each other. Thank you, frequent flyer miles! **Monika Woolsey** moved to central Phoenix a couple of years ago and has been enjoying her new running trail with a view of Camelback Mountain. She's been working to expand her business and just launched a new series of classes, inCYST, for women with polycystic ovary syndrome, which she teaches monthly in both Phoenix and Los Angeles. In her free time, she's taken up golf and volunteers as an adoption counselor at the Arizona Animal Welfare League.

**Wendy Raymond**, associate professor of biology at Williams College, was recently appointed associate dean of institutional diversity. She continues her basic research, along with teaching courses in genomics, molecular genetics, and Bio 101 and notes how rewarding she finds these opportunities to influence the development of our future scientists. Ever modest, Wendy neglected to tell me that she received the 2007 Williams College Minority Coalition/Multicultural Center Faculty/Administrator of the Year Award, but Google leaves no accolade unrecognized. **Stuart Flack** was appointed executive director of the Chicago Humanities Festival. Stuart, who is also a partner with McKinsey & Co., lives with wife Claudia and two children in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago.

In August, **Jennifer Gardiner** Liguori relocated with her family to Arkansas to join the established citizenry made up primarily of fellow Wal-Martians and millions of Tyson chickens. After speaking with her recently about my experiences with the famous orderliness of the Swiss, she commented that the Arkansans, with their more relaxed approach, must represent the anti-Swiss. She goes on to note, however, that much of the state is astonishingly beautiful and refers to their own region on Beaver Lake as a tranquil, well-kept secret. Ever the student (I've lost track of how many degrees you have, Jennifer), she's attending the U. of Arkansas and has become involved with the new Center for Applied Sustainability. From Boston, **Craig Wheeler**, MS '84, reports that he and wife Lynn moved back East with their kids Kyle, 13, and Duncan, 12. In between his last position as president of Chiron Biopharmaceuticals and his present one as CEO of Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Craig found the time to travel a bit and get his pilot's license. He notes that they miss the California weather and friends, but look forward to catching up with old friends in the Northeast.

This year, **Eric Alterman** was appointed distinguished professor of English at Brooklyn College, CUNY, and professor of journalism at the new CUNY Graduate School of Journalism. In the spring, Eric will publish his seventh book, called *Why We're Liberals: A Political Handbook for Post-Bush America* (Viking). Eric remains "The Liberal Media" columnist for the *Nation*, the "Think Again" columnist for the Center for American Progress, the "Altercation" weblogger for Media Matters, and a history consultant for HBO films. Eric wants to mention that he is happy to be seeing Alexi again for lunch on occasion, but still misses Myra. **Karl Andrew** "Andy" Bjork writes from Westboro, MA, that he is now in his 20th year of running the family sales and marketing business in the gift and decorative home industry. At home he and wife Carolyn are gradually emptying the house as oldest daughter Emily, 19, is away at college, with Abigail, 17, soon to follow. This will leave only Hanna, 14, at home. In his spare time, Andy is a captain in the US Navy Reserve working with US Fleet Forces, where he is responsible for the coordination of international maritime awareness. When asked what this means, he told me—in fluent Navalese—that their goal is to enhance our national maritime security by developing cooperative sharing agreements to use the resources of 11 different inter-American Navies to build continuous global awareness of all commercial shipping. Our classmate Andy: boring family sales guy during the week and secret agent on the weekends.

**Nancy Boyle** Rudgers (nancy@rudgers.com) is still living in Burnt Hills, NY. Daughter **Lyla** '10 is a sophomore in the Ag college following in the footsteps of older brother **Judson** '06. Nancy enjoyed reunion and is trying to rebuild her address book after ten years of neglect. She would love to hear from old friends, especially those Tri-Deltas that she's lost touch with. At reunion, I had the good fortune to bump into **Melanie Lipinski Wickham** and husband **Drew** '81. Their son **Tim** '10 and daughter **Sam** '08 are good friends with my daughter Lindsey, and their entire family had been very kind to her, even inviting her to their

home for Easter. Yet another reason to attend Cornell events. You meet nice people.

**Michael Clements** lives with wife **Tracey (Sullivan)** '83 in South Windsor, CT, and is practicing medicine at the Connecticut Dept. of Corrections. He notes that the benefits are great and he has no overhead, but the never-ending patient supply leaves little time for his hobby, genealogical research. Former class correspondent **Nina Kondo** and husband **Don O'Connor** '81 recently celebrated son Owen's 7th birthday by attending a Yankees vs. Red Sox game at Fenway and getting Owen's name up on the jumbo screen! **Paul Adams** was happy to tell me that his daughter **Laura** '11 entered Cornell this fall as a freshman in the Engineering college. A quick count in this column alone will reveal eight offspring of our class at Cornell. I can remember thinking during dinner at reunion—when **Bob Ramin**, MBA '85, was proudly acknowledging the financial generosity of our class—wow, Bob, you're right; and that doesn't even include the millions being contributed on behalf of our children.

Please keep the news coming. It's easier to report fact than fiction. ♦ **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; and **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

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Thanks to my co-correspondent **David Pattison** for providing much of the fodder for this column.

Writes David, "I just returned the last weekend in August from a trip to Ithaca and my old fraternity, Acacia, to attend its centennial anniversary celebration and reunion at Cornell. Throughout its first 100 years, Acacia has had its ups and downs in membership, but I am pleased to report it is currently going strong and recently received recognition from its national organization as an outstanding chapter for the last three years. Of an estimated five or six hundred living members on the register, an amazing 125 alumni brothers and 50 or so family members and friends made the trip from as far away as California and a few overseas countries to attend the event. Along with the 40 active brothers, the alumni celebrated at a gala event at the Statler Hotel ballroom. Cornell's vice president for student affairs **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94, was the keynote speaker. It was good to catch up with classmates **Dave Sperry** and **Scott Dulman** and wife **Patty (Palmer)**, plus old friends from other classes. I enjoyed a campus tour, including the newly renovated Lynah Rink, and later partook in a celebration of the fruit of Bacchus at many of the new Cayuga Lake wineries that dot its western shore. (If you like wine, I recommend scheduling a tour on your next trip to Cornell.) All in all, it was inspiring to share in the nostalgia and fond memories and see the esprit de corps and brotherhood that drew so many people back to a house that was our home away from home while we were at Cornell."

Speaking of college life, David proudly reports that son Andrew is attending Boston College as a freshman. While trying his best to interest him in Cornell, David guesses Andrew's experience of growing up in rural Vermont made him long for a taste of the city life. Quips David, "Oh well, at least the two schools are in separate sports divisions

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and there will be no rivalries to sow familial discord." Father and son recently traveled together on a trip to London in November '06 and a ski trip to Utah last spring. David adds, "For myself, after graduation I went into the family business, and then had a checkered career and various stints as an innkeeper in Vermont, a financial planner, and then finally finding a niche in the computer/technical sales field. I enjoy my job in Manhattan working for the Apple Specialist Tekserve in their corporate sales department and doing technical consulting on the side for various clients—including a few famous radio personalities. But I have decided on a mid-life career change and have been pursuing a master's in counseling at Montclair State U. The ironies of putting my own son through school at the same time as myself have not been lost on me. And financially it's a stretch. But the pieces just fell into place to make it all work. The return to academia has been refreshing and even fun, but you always have only one alma mater. For recreation, I am halfway toward my black belt in a martial art form called Pa-Kua and have taken up kayaking. Still enjoy skiing and golf, and most weekends I can be found putting around in my organic garden. I find it a very relaxing and peaceful activity. 2007 was a bumper-crop year—literally and metaphorically. Life is good."

Also enjoying the good life is **Nell Cady-Kruse**, MBA '85, head of Risk-Asia Pacific for Credit-Suisse. Based in Hong Kong, she's taken the opportunity to explore Asia (most recently on a hiking/biking trip in Myanmar) and has fallen in love with Japan. She's happy doing exactly what she's doing! **Charles Crane** is an ophthalmologist living in Pine Brook, NJ. He says he loves his job and wouldn't want to be doing anything else. On the other hand, **Michael Prospero** might be willing to trade his day job as director of operations for Exelon Corp.'s Byron Nuclear Power Plant for a chance to sell lemonade at a stand somewhere on a Caribbean beach. In the meantime, though, Michael and wife Terri live in Sycamore, IL, and Michael takes a break from long working hours by riding his Harley. **Ralph Russek** reports that his primary "after-hours" activities now consist of paying bills and fixing things, but he's nostalgic for early morning pizza, late night runs, and 50-yard-line football seats at Cornell. Ralph was recently promoted to senior manager at the Pidcock Co., a civil engineering and land planning consulting firm in Pennsylvania.

As regional capital markets manager at the US Office of Thrift Supervision, **Neal Moran** recently received the OTS Director's Award for Excellence as Supervision Employee of the Year. **Alissa Gaines Russell** is president of her own firm, Carlyle Financial, a commercial real estate financing business in Westport, CT. She and husband Nigel have twin daughters Caroline and Lauren, 4. Alissa would love to hear from old friends **Lisa Krolick Tager** and **Rich Amoroso**.

**Ronald Dreifuss** is an attending physician at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital in NYC and spends his nonworking hours running, working out, art collecting, and traveling. He just finished renovating his new weekend retreat, a beachfront condo in Miami Beach. Also practicing medicine is **Jamie Musiker Nemirov**, a part-time pediatric

ER doctor in Setauket, NY. Her spare time is consumed by raising three very active kids, David, 13, Danny, 12, and Samantha, 10, all of whom compete in a myriad of athletic activities and, writes Jamie, hope to attend Cornell.

**Heather Robbins** teaches voice to aspiring Broadway dancers at Center State Dance and Theatre School in East Brunswick, NJ. Heather also gives private lessons, directs a women's community chorus, and sings in an a cappella trio called the Tritones, which is the house band at a local music café and also appears at area music festivals. On another note, Heather plays tennis competitively on a USTA 3.0 tennis team. **Tom Helf**, an attorney and musician in Glen Echo, MD, is enjoying life with wife Michelle and children Gabriela, 6, and Gideon, 4. Tom spent a weekend last February with **Rob Smith** and his family in Irvington, NY, and he and Rob met up with **Ira Langstein** at a Steve Forbert concert. Tom, Rob, and Ira, along with classmates **Mark Censits** and **Roy Passer**, are hoping to reunite the Bourgeois Blues Band for a gig at our 25th Reunion.

Reunion co-chair **Susan Wasserman** Guerin is president of Americas Apparel Group, Paxar Corp., and enjoys traveling extensively for work from her home base of Short Hills, NJ. She fondly remembers U-Hall 4 dinner parties and hockey games, and hopes to hear from "all those who are not in the database so that we have the largest 25th Reunion ever!" Speaking of our 25th Reunion, my personal challenge to all of you is to contact two old Cornell friends and ask them to meet you in Ithaca next June for Reunion! ♦ **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, Dinah.godwin@earthlink.net; and **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net.

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East Coast News. **Debbie Goldman** Weiss is happiest when on vacation in Charleston and Hilton Head with her husband Mark and sons Jason and Matthew, but still enjoys living in the Pittsburgh, PA, area. She just launched the new FDA-approved over-the-counter weight loss product, Alli, for GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare. Jason and Matthew keep Debbie driving to baseball, soccer, and football. She would really like to hear from fellow KD sister **Beverly Pincus**. **Linda Zell** Randall auditioned for "Jeopardy!" in Orlando in May 2007, was called to be a contestant, and taped in Los Angeles in July!

**Paul Stoddard** writes from Miami Shores, FL, but could be anywhere in the New Year, as he is looking for a new job in human resources or consulting in HR strategy and leadership development, especially goal-setting. A fond memory of Paul's is the 9 p.m. Straight Break of chocolate chip cookies. Paul would like to hear from **Rob Blair**. **Kim Glasgal** is in Jacksonville, FL, with son Evan and daughter Rachel, both under 8. "We moved here from New York for Pete's work. Although I was dragged here kicking and screaming, I am enjoying it very much. Unfortunately, there aren't many Cornell '84s here. We are just two hours from Disney World, so if you are passing through, please send us an e-mail at kglasgal@comcast.net!"

**Cathy Hibbard** works in Hadley, MA, for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. In April 2007, Cathy went to Washington with five of her colleagues

from work to receive a Dept. of the Interior Environmental Achievement Award for the "Green Team" she leads in the Northeast Regional Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service. "We were acknowledged for our exemplary environmental management system, which increased recycling and reduced energy use in our leased building." Cathy also manages public information surrounding large wildfires, placing her around the country often. **Annie Higbee** organized Windjammer Weekend 2007 in Camden, ME. The 13th annual event involved nearly 30 schooners offering tours and cruises to passengers. On-shore activities abounded for young and old alike.

From Ithaca. Our class had several participants in CAU's Summer 2007 on-campus courses. **Emily Liu** Filloramo and son Jason enjoyed Outdoor Adventures for Parents and Teens, while husband Richard took Architecture From the Ground Up; and Great American Trials of the Twentieth Century attracted **Chee Kim**.

Off the Mainland News. **Miriam Vargas** writes from Puerto Rico that her daughter Ciara Alexis (born right before graduation) has entered the Columbia U. PhD program in cellular and molecular biology. Son Enrique has started high school, and José Antonio is finishing middle school. Miriam would like to hear from **Carmen Dillard Fahey**, **María Fuqua-Cruz '85**, **Nelly Maseda**, and **Pedro Rodriguez**.

West Coast News: **Marty Stevens-Heebner** is head designer and founder of Half the Sky Designs Inc. Marty's earlier career experience as a human rights worker has led her to create a fair trade and eco-friendly business. She started out selling jewelry she made, and now uses her skills to design a line of fun and fashionable handbags from recycled material. Making sure that those working for her are paid and treated well, Marty also shares tips, information, and ideas through books, magazines, and TV appearances. Marty says, "Half the Sky is all about the three Cs: creativity, confidence, and community. I love that we're giving jobs to people who otherwise wouldn't have them." Look for Rebagz at halfttheskydesigns.com.

**Eve Gordon** received her BFA in fashion design from the Int'l Academy of Design and Technology in Seattle, WA (IADT, Seattle) in September 2007, where she was also valedictorian. Eve has been interning with Carole McClellan, a Seattle fur and leather designer, for the past year. **Bill Gossman** writes, "Life is good!" This member of PIKA lives in Seattle with wife Cheryl and kids Connor, Hunter, and Elizabeth. Bill now works in media and advertising, running a company called Revenue Science. Someday he says he'll get back into venture capital, but online advertising is fun for now. Bill also says, "With advancing middle age, I'm brainwashing all of my kids about Cornell, so in eight or ten years I'll have a reason to go back there and remember the good old days."

By the time you read this, the Forness family will have seen many, many New Jersey Devils games, as we are finally season ticket holders. If you are in the area and want to see a weeknight game, we often have tickets available! We keep busy with Keri and Brian's activities and count on school breaks for relaxing vacations. Keep sending us your news; we have more room in the



magazine than we are able to fill! ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, [fornesszone@aol.com](mailto:fornesszone@aol.com); and **Karla Sievers** McManus, [Klorax@comcast.net](mailto:Klorax@comcast.net). Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** Last year really flew by, but as the New Year begins, here's hoping that everyone is in the place they want to be or working toward that goal! I have lots going on in my life—including the big news that my 6-year-old lost his first tooth! Yet another milestone in watching him grow up and knowing that there is no stopping him. My advice to those just starting out with children: Celebrate those moments. They are fleeting, so capture the memories while you can.

Now, on to the news! If you haven't done so yet, please remember to fill out the News Forms and mail them in—or send an e-mail directly to me or Leslie. I've gotten a couple of e-mails from Cornellians whom I have not seen for a while. **Jaan Jones** and I went to high school together in Livingston, NJ, and the two of us, along with three others, went on to Cornell. Jaan works for an Internet company that helps Internet publishers grow their ad revenue. He also keeps himself busy being Dad to Ben, 7, and Morgan, 9. I also found my freshman roommate on the Web. **Bethany Cronk '86** has been working for HVS with fellow Hotelier **Greg Hartman '86** for more than 15 years now. She is married, living in Colorado, and loving it. She and her family are headed to Disney this fall, so I'm hoping to run into her.

**Deborah Brozina** lives in New York City and runs her own consulting company, "marrying her film and tech experience together in the Web video space." She has taken up surfing, though she was stuck on shore this summer due to knee surgery. Deborah would love to hear from **Britt Timmermann** Hurley and **Lisa Steiner** Rubin, PhD '93. Speaking of knee surgery, three people I work with have been to see Dr. **Howard Gelb** in Boca Raton, FL, for knee, hip, or shoulder surgery and rehab. I've been told that he has a 1985 Cornell diploma on his wall, but have yet to hear from him. I even think that I was referred to him by the ER after a car accident a few years ago. The world is truly smaller than we think.

**Linda Messinger** Manos, DVM '90, is a veterinary dermatologist and allergist. In addition, she is wife to Michael and mom to Sara, 3-1/2, and Mark, 2. She is also devoted to finding more time to do things. Please, Linda, when you work that out, let me know how you did it! **Amy Smith** Linton is a freelance writer looking for an agent for her novel. She and husband Jeff just returned from Virginia, where they won the Flying Scot North American Championships, a sailboat regatta. They are now in transit to Athens, Greece, for the Lightning World Championships. How cool is that? Let us know how you did with that, Amy. Under the category of things she remembers fondly from Cornell, Amy reminded me of those awesome warm bagels from Collegetown Bagels, and the "crisp morning walks to class." She, too, is down here in Florida—Tampa, to be exact—and we just don't get those crisp mornings at all.

**Karen Mayo**-Tall is an attorney-advisor with the US Dept. of Education. She is married to LTC

Victor Tall and has children Jasmine, 12, and Justin, 8. Lately she's been traveling to France and really enjoying being a wife and mother and "seeing the world through the eyes of my children." I have to agree. It is an amazing thing to re-see and re-learn things with your child. Makes some of the world make sense. Karen misses the women of Balch Hall and the famed Hot Truck (don't we all?) and would like to reconnect with **Vanessa Watson-Ford**.

**Marc Grosz** is in Houston, TX, and is quite a busy man. He is an attorney doing commercial litigation while also working on offshore sport-fishing marina and resort development. If that's not enough, he is a father, coach, tutor, and "family guy." He keeps even busier with the offshore fishing, baseball, football, soccer, Little League events, and being involved in his children's activities. So I guess Marc has figured out how to find more time to do things! That's a schedule! His memories of Cornell are of "great friends, cutting-edge times, and maturing." He'd like to hear from **Brynn Goldenberg** Peltz, JD '88, **Jeff Morgan**, **Mannette Leeds** Mayberg, **Bob LaValle** '84, **Mike Craig**, **Mike Sample**, and **Scott Diehl** '84. (I'd like to hear from Mike Craig, too.) **Michael Kraines** sent in a business card. He's in Chicago working as managing director of an investment banking firm.

Around this time of year, 26 years ago, we were all freshmen at Cornell. We'd pretty much established some good friends and learned our way around campus by the winter. The cool weather was getting even nippier, and we were spending weekends watching football or trying to get some studying done in the libraries. Just looking at the news from a few people, it's clear our lives have certainly changed. I try to remember where I expected my life to be in 25 years during those fledgling times at Cornell. I don't recall what I had planned, but I'm sure happy with the way things have turned out. It's been a bumpy road, but I'm sure we have all hit those potholes. As someone once said, "Failure is not in the falling down. Failure lies in not getting back up" (or something like that).

I wish you all a Happy New Year. Send news, send stories about times at Cornell, or send a request to find someone. Take care and be good to one another. ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [jmccornett@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmccornett@bellsouth.net); **Leslie Nydick**, [Lnydick@aol.com](mailto:Lnydick@aol.com).

**86** It's been almost 22 years since we graduated (is it possible?). For most of us, that is as many years as we'd lived when we graduated! Despite the years, those Cornell bonds endure. Now that my children have reached an age where I have time for more than parenting and working, I've been able to reconnect with Cornell friends near and far. Some of these meetings have been unexpected—like running into **Melissa Madenberg** Gibson last winter on Siesta Key, FL, where we were both vacationing with our families. Melissa and her husband, both former pro beach volleyball players, were overseeing beach volleyball clinics for kids. They now live on Long Island with their two boys.

Over the summer, I learned that my home north of Boston is a perfect resting spot along the "New England camp trail." **Lori Spydel Wagner** visited after delivering daughter Alexandra, 13, to

camp in New Hampshire. Lori is director of alternative investments for Paragon Advisors. Lori and I met up with **Bob and Lauren Jensen Corning** at their new home in Belmont, MA. They recently relocated there with their son and daughter after many years in Cambridge, MA. Bob is a landscape architect for Geller/Devellis in Boston, while Lauren oversees merchandising and finance at the Peapod division of the Stop & Shop supermarket division. I enjoyed a second visit from the Wagner family when class president **Michael Wagner** stopped in on the return trip to pick up their daughter at camp. Michael, a former Cornell varsity football player, is taking good care of himself. In fact, he reports that he and son Michael Jr., 15, can share clothes, and that when they go to rock concerts together they pass as brothers. Mike enjoys sharing his football expertise as a coach for his son's ninth grade football team in Shaker Heights, OH.

Later in the summer, I ran into **Todd Baker** at a rest area on the Mass Pike. He was returning from visiting his daughter at Camp Arcadia in Maine, while I was on the way to deliver my daughter to camp in the Berkshires. Todd was especially surprised to see me because just the night before, around the campfire at his daughter's camp, he spotted classmate **Sydney Solomon** Neuhaus, whose daughter Sophie, 9, was attending the same camp.

While I enjoyed all of these impromptu gatherings, the most exciting and unprecedented reunion of all took place in September when 20 (!) of my Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority sisters, including co-correspondent **Laura Nieboer** Hine, gathered in Myrtle Beach, SC, for a weekend. Some of us had not seen each other since graduation. This exceptional event was organized by **Maria Elias-Williams**, who lives in Myrtle Beach. Using her Hotelier skills (though she now practices law), Maria located a house on the ocean that could easily accommodate all 20 of us, even assigning us bedrooms with names like: Ruloffs, the Nines, Dunbars, etc. Living together for a weekend, as we did in our sorority house in 1983, was surreal. Our former social director, **Leslie Stutzman** Solitario, lived up to her reputation by organizing a traditional Brazilian meal of *tostadas*, *caipirinhas* (a cocktail), and Brazilian flan. In the morning, **Jen Braman** Lyons led us in yoga on the beach. This was followed by lots of catching up and walks on the beach, a low country oyster bake, and a wild night out at the clubs in a stretch Hummer limo that held all 20 of us! We were feeling like we were 21 all over again.

One of the more exciting career stories of the weekend was that **Jillian Kearing** Wanik, a nutritionist for Aramark, the food management company, will travel to the Beijing Olympics to help oversee nutrition for athletes from around the world at the Olympic eating facilities. Jillian is no stranger to the Olympics, having played a similar role at the 2004 summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. The following Kappa sisters rounded out the list of attendees at the weekend mini-reunion: **Carol Getz** Abolafia, **Mimi Wohabe** Boublik, **Lauren Jensen Corning**, **Karen White** Hadley, **Nancy Keates** Siker, **Barb Dirvin** McHugh, **Sydney Solomon** Neuhaus, **Chris O'Sullivan**, MBA '92, **Carol Baccile** Rosenberger, **Maggie Holcomb**



Schubauer, **Deirdre Kissane Stewart**, **Kris Garbinski Vivian**, **Lori Spydell Wagner**, and **Beth Bruno Wood**.

While my family is now at a stage where I find it easier to meet up with old friends, many of you wrote in that you are just now starting down the parenting path. In July, **Ken "Potsy" Nacar** and wife Stephanie welcomed their first child, a boy named Cameron. **Lawrence Loo** wrote us in July that he'll be expanding his family soon. He lives in Seattle, where he is CEO of Puget Sound Health Partners, a new start-up health plan focused on the needs of Medicare beneficiaries. **Hadley Harper** Witcher and husband Robert also welcomed a first son, James, last March. Hadley works part-time as a photographer and enjoys the simple pleasures of motherhood. She would love to hear from classmate **Madelaine Whalen**. **Peter Gooley** became a father (also in March) to twins Kyle and Amanda. He lives in Hopkinton, MA, with wife Melissa and is a retail management consultant with LakeWest Group. In his free time, Peter enjoys tying up boats with **Jeff Handelman '87**, MPA '92, on Lake George in New York.

If you're looking to reunite with friends from Cornell, one option would be to return to campus for the summer programs offered by Cornell's Adult University. Last summer, several of our classmates took advantage of these courses including **Vincent**, MD '90, and **Molly Moran Ascrizzi '89**, who enjoyed classes in Paddling and Digital Photography; **Bruce** and **Beverly Blinn-Knapp**, DVM '90, who took a Landscape Design course; **Richard Friedman**, who took a class on Energy; **Karen Colapietro** Seybold, who enjoyed a Parent and Teen Outdoors course; and **Scott**, PhD '00, and **Patricia Sopp Hunter '85**, who traveled to Mohonk, NY, to attend a course on the 2006 Midterm Elections.

This is the time of year when we begin to run low on news, so please keep us posted. Who have you run into unexpectedly? With whom have you planned to reunite? Let us know of your travels, hobbies, or career changes. Send your news to: ♦ **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susancornell86@comcast.net; or **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net.

**87** Greetings, Class of 1987! In writing my first class column, I am challenging those of you out there who have never written in or attended a reunion, to pick up a pen and send us some news. No apologies, please! I am sure your life is more interesting than you think. And if you still feel your life is not newsworthy, send us a note of your favorite memory of campus life or the name of a fellow classmate you would love to hear from. You never know, maybe they are hoping to hear from you too!

I hear through the grapevine that **Julia Tuthill** didn't make our 20th Reunion because she was home with her first baby, 1-month-old John Casey Mulligan. Congratulations, Julia! **Cindy Roberts** Dubots wrote that a family emergency precluded her attendance at reunion, which was disappointing to her (and us too!). She and her husband live in nearby Elmira with kids Melissa, 12, Erin, 10, and Brian, 7. First-time reunion attendee **John Lamacchia** traveled from Cincinnati,

OH, with his wife Lynne. John still works for Accenture and looks exactly the same as he did in college. He and his wife are avid golfers.

This summer we had several classmates attend CAU on-campus summer classes. **Dan Alonso**, **Helen Rothstein** Kimmel, and **Jennifer Miller** spent time on campus learning about topics ranging from Gaming to Trials to Wine and Food.

**Jill Major** HaLevi writes: "Last summer we returned from a sabbatical year in Jerusalem. We quit our jobs (I as federal public defender and my husband as an English teacher) to take our two young daughters for an unforgettable year in the Holy Land. The girls went to school there and—eventually—became fairly fluent in Hebrew, while husband Andrew taught English and I did

have many, many fond memories visiting campus and enjoying the beauty of the Rose Inn and the hospitality of the Rosemans. Does anyone know?" She also notes that she is sorry to have lost touch a few years back with **Suzanne Busta**. "Suzanne, if you read this, please call!"

**Linda Hock** Hills writes that she has been a resident of Helena, MT, since 1990, along with husband Mark and boys Ben, 15, Dylan, 13, and Ethan, 11. She works for a small environmental consulting firm that is based in Boston and Washington, DC, with a satellite office in Helena. Linda works primarily with the EPA on drinking water issues. She adds, "I would love to relate my favorite stories from Cornell, but those memories are no longer available to me!" **Mike Revenson**

‘Jillian Kearing Wanik will travel to the Beijing Olympics to help oversee nutrition for athletes from around the world.’

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volunteer work with a workers' rights organization. Now back in Charleston, SC, we are trying to preserve and continue some of the good practices learned in the past year while resettling into our old lives with new jobs. I highly recommend a sabbatical away from home. It was not easy to arrange and finance, but it was a phenomenal experience for our family."

**Heather Behn** Hedden started a new job in January as an information taxonomist with Viziant Corp., an innovative provider of information discovery and knowledge mining tools for enterprises and government, for which she develops hierarchies of search terms and cross-references. Previously self-employed for three years, Heather now commutes from her hometown suburb into Boston and enjoys working closely with colleagues again and getting to know the city. **Ron Holland** writes that he and wife **Stephanie Krapf**, JD '96, are attorneys in San Francisco. They had a son, Cole, on April 15, 2007. Big sister Lily recently turned 3.

**Alison Coleman Horn** writes that she and husband **Jonathan** have been together 22 years, and married for 17. They actually met at the Valentine's Place off-campus apartments, and admit to celebrating the day they got together there as a second anniversary. Jonathan recently attended an HEAA board meeting on campus and had a chance to eat dinner at the Ivy Room, which brought back many memories. The Horns reside in Cherry Hill, NJ, with their daughters Taylor, 15, and Logan, 12, and son Alex, 9. Alison relates that they have actually become Philadelphia sports fans, with a strong affection for the Flyers. "It may not be Lynah Rink, but for now it will do." Alison and Jonathan have been wondering what happened to Sherry and Charles Roseman, owners of the Rose Inn in Lansing. "We heard that a fire there closed the inn, but were wondering what became of the Rosemans? We

resides in Mahopac, NY, where he is busy teaching Regents and honors chemistry, as well as being an adjunct professor to the Syracuse U. chemistry department, where he instructs in both chemistry and forensics. He spends the rest of his waking hours as EMS captain for the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Dept., and still has time to play Frisbee and go hiking with his daughters.

**Steve Smith** writes from Williamsburg, MA, that his free time has been occupied by fixing up a 200-year-old farmhouse and bicycling in Croatia. His job as an engineering consultant at Page Product Design recently took him on an assignment to Qingdao, China. Steve would love to hear from **Mark Lilly**. **Linda Seymour** Clark works as a real estate consultant in San Francisco, where she is also active on the board of Family Builders By Adoption. She remembers the sit-ins calling for divestment in South Africa, and wonders what **Carlos Rivera '88** is up to.

Lastly, I was very happy to hear from an old friend who has never written in or attended a reunion, **Mark Spindel**. Mark writes from Bethesda, MD, that he has been happily married to wife Kathryn for 17 years, and is father to Cecily, 11, and Pippa, 9. He runs his own investment firm after a long stint as deputy treasurer at the World Bank. In recent years Mark has taken up rowing and was headed to Boston for the Head of the Charles with the Potomac Boat Club when he dropped me a line. He promises that he won't be so "lame" in the future, and plans to be at the 25th. Send us your news! ♦ **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; or **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, bfm26@cornell.edu.

**88** Greetings, '88ers, and Happy New Year! This is it—the year of our big 20th Reunion. Remember the dates, June 5-8, less than six months away! While it is indeed somewhat shocking that 20 years



have nearly passed since we were students at Cornell, I hope that you all will consider making the trip to Ithaca in June to renew your ties to Cornell and fellow classmates with whom you may have perhaps lost touch. Our class reunion chairs are working hard to ensure that a good time is had by all. I hope the holiday season was an enjoyable one for you and that the year has you looking forward to many good things (including our reunion).

We have a grab bag of news from classmates, so let's get started. **Deborah Shalvey** Bueling

also has her own holistic house-call practice, providing acupuncture and herbal therapies for dogs and cats with a variety of conditions that have been unresponsive to conventional treatments. She has also started a weekly radio program on pet healthcare on a local talk radio station. Sandy and her husband Roger have sons Evan and Alex, with whom they enjoy spending lots of time outdoors.

Out on the West Coast, **Robert Walikis** is in Irvine, CA, where he works in the Web 2.0 world with the Vibe Solutions Group, headquartered in

## 'Sandy Young Klindt has started a weekly radio program on pet healthcare.'

STEVE TOMASELLI '88

wrote with the big news that she and husband Scott welcomed son Aidan to the world on August 25, 2007. Deborah states that they are "adjusting to parenthood and sleep deprivation as well as can be expected, especially for two people who waited until their 40s to start on this new adventure." Deborah and family live in Land O' Lakes, FL, where she works as a pharmacist at Regional Medical Center, Bayonet Point. Prior to having their son, Deborah and Scott took one last big trip to Italy, where they visited Rome, Florence, and Venice. **Janet Helms**, MBA '07, sent word of a significant accomplishment of her own, graduating from the Johnson Graduate School of Management last year. Classmates **Kim Henry** and **Ann Beebe** were there for the celebrations. While at JGSM, Janet was a founding member of the EMBA Finance and Investing Club. She now lives in West Chester, PA, and works for Pfizer in the pharmacovigilance department.

**John Coyne** has been made a partner of Theater Projects Consultants, an international team of theater designers, planners, and equipment specialists that offers a comprehensive approach to performance space consulting. John is the director of design in the company's US office and has been with the firm since 2002. He has consulted on projects such as the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts and a new interactive symphony hall for the New World Symphony in Miami Beach. **Marc Granowitter** says he is "doing exactly what I want to do," fighting for increased federal funding for healthcare, public schools, job training, public housing, and safety net services. Marc works on this mission as a senior strategic analyst for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, in Washington, DC. He is also pursuing a PhD in natural resources and water management. In nearby Bethesda, MD, **Bonnie Glick** is an account executive with IBM who spends her spare time attending her sons' sporting events including soccer, baseball, karate, and swimming (and music lessons, too!).

A friend I have not seen since our undergraduate days, **Sandy Young Klindt**, DVM '93, lives in Dexter, NY, and is a veterinarian for the local SPCA, where she performs spaying and neutering procedures on all animals before adoptions. She

St. Louis. Robert works from home three weeks each month and is not traveling as much as in the last couple of years. He is getting to know the San Diego-L.A. area and hopes to be back in masters swimming by the time this is published. He has been closely following Cornell lacrosse and is looking forward to reunion in June. Also in California is **Lisa Anne Widmier**. She lives in La Jolla and is a managing director (the only female director) of Eastdil Secured, a real estate investment banking firm. Lisa has been "traveling a ton" for business and some for fun, including hitting the Masters in Augusta, a ski trip to Vail, and attending the Kentucky Derby.

Another traveler is classmate **Allison Glickman** Bokoff. Allison is a group tours manager for a family-owned travel agency in Norwich, CT. She has traveled extensively throughout Asia, Europe, and America. She and husband Marc have two teenagers ages 15 and 13. **Mark Mellor** is a real estate and business litigation attorney in Riverside, CA. Mark has a daughter, Siena Whitney, who will be just over a year old by the time this column is in print. Mark has fun attending Clippers games at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. North of the border, **Ellen Bentley** Jin is a full-time mom and volunteer activist. She and husband Eddy are planning some home renovations and Ellen is learning to paint watercolor and play acoustic guitar.

Finally, in what I think of as the short-but-sweet category: **Penny Crispell** vacationed last fall, scuba diving with stingrays in Grand Cayman; **Bo Hyun Yoo** is a neurosurgeon living in Sandusky, OH; and **Robert De Loach** is an attorney with the firm of Merritt, Flebotte, Wilson, Webb & Caruso in Columbia, SC.

Suzanne and I will be looking for news for the next column, especially prior to reunion. So please pick up a pen or sit down at a keyboard and send us a note. Tell us if you're coming to reunion and perhaps we can rally classmates you'd like to see in Ithaca in June. Suzanne and I will be there taking notes from everyone we see to include in our reunion wrap column for the Reunion '08 edition of the magazine. Hope to see you on the Hill in June! Until that time, I wish you peace. ♦ **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu.

**89** Wow, another year has gone by! Can you believe it? Time is just moving so quickly. As a New Year's resolution, please send us an update about yourself and any classmates you're in touch with. We need your help to fill this column up.

In the most recent batch of News Forms, we learned that **Laura Judd** Mello is a high school biology teacher who lives in Rhode Island with husband Arthur and kids Sarah, 7, and Cooper, 3. In her spare time Laura enjoys working out, scrapbooking, and listening to books on tape. **Todd Alexander**, BS Hotel '92, wrote to tell us he is running [Toddissimo.com](http://Toddissimo.com) and [ItalianWineReport.com](http://ItalianWineReport.com). He lives in San Diego with his wife Stephanie and twin boys Ayden and Tyler.

**Steven Greenberg**, MBA '90, recently retired from ImpreMedia, another company he founded (in 2002), which grew into the largest Spanish-language news and information company in the US, with titles including *El Diario*, *Hoy* in New York City, and *La Opinion* in Los Angeles. He then started a private equity firm in NYC, Fox Meadow Capital Partners, where he is managing general partner. **Oren Rosenthal** moved to Austin, TX, last year to work as US consumer online programs manager for Dell Inc.

**John and Laura Pearlman Kaufman** live in Westport, CT. Laura started a new business called Neatnik Organizing, where she helps people get their homes, offices, and lives organized—and keep it that way. In her spare time, when she's not with her two sons, she plays tennis and mah-jongg. John also changed jobs. He left Starwood Hotels and is now working with the Lighthouse Group on their hotel acquisitions, including their most recent endeavor, Extended Stay Hotels. **Laura Knapp**, MMH '97, is VP of finance at the JBG Companies. She has been busy closing \$1 billion in loans for real estate development projects in Washington, DC. Six years ago she founded an investment club that is still going strong. **Ann Papalos** Lemon writes that she is an information architect at A. G. Edwards in St. Louis. Ann and husband William had their first child, Evangelina Marozhana, in May 2007. In her spare time Ann enjoys singing with the community choir as well as knitting and quilting.

We got an e-mail from **Jill Ruderman** Sanford updating us on what she's been up to since Cornell. She graduated from Albany Law School in 1992 and is currently the associate general counsel of a fiber optic connectivity provider, AboveNet Inc. In 1995 she married Don Sanford, and they had son Thomas in 2002. She divorced in 2005 and got remarried in 2006 to Rocco Totino. She lives in Rye, NY. Jill's son just started Kindergarten at the Brunswick School in Greenwich, CT. There are several boys in his class with Cornell parents, including the son of **Doreen Tonking** Griffin.

**Kelly Ruscitti** Cary lives in Allendale, NJ, with her husband Jess and three kids. She was recently certified in a national STEP program and teaches fitness classes when she's not "taking care of the kids and all the tasks that go with that." Kelly and **Lisa Hochman** celebrated their 40th birthdays together. A press release came from Hunton & Williams reporting that Steven Becker joined the firm in NYC as a partner with its asset



securitization practice group and capital markets team. Before joining Hunton & Williams, Steven was with Thacher Proffitt & Wood, where he concentrated on mortgage finance.

I (**Stephanie Bloom Avidon**) recently spoke to **Alyse Etelson** Leiberman, who is busy with her two kids, taking them from activity to activity. She still lives in North Woodmere, NY. My family also spent the day with **Lisa Waldman** and her family at their weekend/vacation home in Pound Ridge, NY. My kids Matthew and Nicole had a great time with her daughter Hailey. Lisa is still at the NYU law school, where she is the associate dean for faculty and administration. On a personal note, my two-year term as PTA president at my kids' elementary school is over, but I haven't been able to slow down. I'm still involved with the PTA at my local unit, as well as the council and now at the Nassau region. Besides that, I volunteer my time with the Cornell Club of Long Island and CAAAN, where I interview prospective high school seniors who are interested in Cornell, in addition to the sisterhood at my synagogue. I also work as a marketing/public relations consultant from home.

That's all the news for now. Please keep writing us. Without your help, our column can't exist. Thanks! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, [saavidon@optonline.net](mailto:saavidon@optonline.net); **Mike McGarry**, [mmcgarry@dma-us.com](mailto:mmcgarry@dma-us.com); **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); and **Lauren Hoeflich**, [laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com).

**90** Alumni news to chase away the winter blues . . . Ah, well, just be glad that you're not studying for prelims!

**Kirsten Pieper** Marek works nights at a Bloomington, IL, small animal emergency clinic and days as an independent veterinary ultrasound consultant. In between days and nights (I'm imagining the dawn and dusk shift) she rides horses and shuttles her children to activities when she is not working 60-80-hour weeks. She looks forward to retiring early and spending more time with the horses. She does miss the freedom and learning of her Ithaca days. Kirstin would like to hear from **Paul Loh**.

Owen and **Lisa Scibetta** DeVos of Allentown, PA, manage their small animal practice with a family flair. Noah, 5, and Isabel, 3, pick up the slack when Mom and Dad are busy. In the evenings, they dash home to feed their pet dogs, cats, and horses. In West Valley, NY, Ed and **Holly Jean Nachbar** Heidelberg write that they love parenting son Nathan, adopted in June 2006. Holly Jean also works part-time at the vet clinic run by her brother **Scott Nachbar '87**, DVM '91. Holly remembers studying at Mann Library and hopes to reach **Eric Webb**.

Karl and **Jennifer Bell** Dauphinais were married Nov. 25, 2006 at the First Congregational Church in Westbrook, CT. **Tricia Greene '94**, who practices urologic surgery, served as bridesmaid. Jennifer studied Clinical Nutrition at Cornell; Karl practices internal medicine. Some alumni just can't escape Cornell. **Robert Lane** lives in Bronx, NY, and works as associate director of special gifts for Weill Cornell Medical College. He specializes in neuroscience fundraising. He writes, "Who has

time for extracurricular activities when raising \$1.3 billion?" However, he snuck out of the office to visit Ireland and the French Open Tennis Championships. He says hello to **Margie Mordy** Delesalle.

**Elisa Barfus** Bremner teaches nutritional and health awareness in Westchester County's urban areas. She also consults for a corporate wellness program and cares for her sons, ages 7 and 9. Elisa is advancing her training in pediatric obesity and is involved in school nutrition. She is also continuously improving her own family's health and fitness. In days past, she burned off the calories from Nines Pizza by swimming in the gorges. She would love to get in contact with **Michele Holzer**. From New York City's Upper West Side, **Gordon Adelsberg** reports that he is a consultant for DuPont Safety Resources.

**Gwen Walton** works for the State of Georgia and lives in Atlanta. She recently started her own luxury travel business, Braswell Travel, information about which can be found at <http://www.ytb.com/BraswellTravelInc>. If she is not booking travel, biking, or swimming, she says she would rather visit the beach for some water aerobics. She'd like to contact **Arthur Cooper '88** from San Diego, CA. **Lisa Lilienfeld** Riso's family moved to Arlington, VA, after eight years in Atlanta, where she and her husband taught clinical psychology. Now they teach at Argosy U. near Washington, DC. Arlington has proved an exciting new environment for Alana, 5, Hanna, 4, and Alec, 2. Lisa misses her Cascadilla roommate **Erica Lemcke** and Pi Phi roommate **Andrea Geisert** Grieco '91. In Atlanta, Lisa lived down the road from **Fern Feil** Kaufman '89. If any Ithaca High grads or Cornell alums reside in the Arlington area, she would like to hear from you. Drop one of the class correspondents a line, and we'll connect you.

International alum and chief information officer **Vijay Mehra** of the Essar Group in Mumbai, India, seeks data about classmates **Tony Su '89**, **Suishta Saigal**, LLM '90, **Tiffany Wang '91**, **Adrianne Perazzo '88**, and **Stephanie Ralston** Khurano. If you know how to reach them, please let your class correspondents know. Vijay works too hard but compensates with swimming, tennis, and meditation, which he wishes he could include in an Ithaca vacation.

Lastly, dear classmates, please continue to send your news items to your class correspondents, and we'll send some ink in your direction. Best wishes for the New Year! ♦ **Kelly Roberson**, [kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net); **Tamiko Toland**, [stmoluag@yahoo.com](mailto:stmoluag@yahoo.com); and **Amy Wang** Manning, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu).

**91** Thank you to everyone who recently sent in news. I hope each of you enjoys reading about your classmates and what they have all been up to! **John McMurray** is a major in the US Army and is currently serving as a medical troop commander of the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment. The Second Regiment of Dragoons was constituted May 23, 1836, and, as such, is the "longest active serving regiment in the US Army." Also serving with John in the Regiment is Capt. **Marco Bongioanni '01**. John has been busy preparing his soldiers for their July deployment to Iraq in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom. He writes that he misses the chicken wings at Cornell (not alone there) and that he and his wife Trisch welcomed their first child, John Andrew ("Andy") McMurray II, three weeks before John was deployed in July. John is based in Vilseck, Germany, and he and Trisch have enjoyed touring Europe the last six years. In fact, they have enjoyed it so much that when John was asked what he would rather be doing now, he wrote, "Driving a new Porsche Carrera across Europe." We wish John and his squadron a safe tour of duty in Iraq and a speedy return so that he can start the Porsche tour! Trisch and baby Andy are expecting John home in November 2008.

Lots of baby news was sent in, in addition to Maj. McMurray's. Some of the babies are now toddlers, but better late than never! **Karen Finkston** Payes and husband Giora welcomed Sarah Lucy, little sister to Noah, on May 16, 2006. They reside in Chappaqua, NY, and Karen is home with her kids full-time (plus!). While she misses her career in public relations, she loves being with her children. **Kimberly Jordan** Stone took an unofficial sabbatical—from her work as a family physician in the Navy—in August 2006 to enjoy her maternity leave and focus on motherhood. Catherine Genevieve "Neve" arrived on April 30, 2007. Kim and her family reside in Chesapeake, VA.

**Kris Markussen** Karcher, MS '93, is a busy stay-at-home mom to Greta, 4, Duncan 2, and just-born Lena, who arrived on September 1, 2007. Karen and her family reside in Chalfont, PA. **Panos Panayotopoulos** sends news from Greece that he and his new bride, Lili, recently had a son named Antony. Panos is still general manager of the Athenaeum InterContinental and is still lecturing at the U. of Piraeus on hospitality investments. He and his family just moved to a new house in Mets, which Panos says has fantastic views of Athens.

**Cathy James** finished her fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Children's Hospital in Boston in June and is now an attending physician in the pediatric emergency department at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. Cathy writes that she and her husband recently bought a house in Natick and that, as first-time homeowners, they have a lot to learn. **Carolyn Richmond** sent some news about herself and some Cornell classmates. She recently joined the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP as a partner in their labor and employment group and is co-chairing her firm's national hospitality practice. The group includes lawyers from the labor, corporate, real estate, intellectual property, and gaming areas. Fellow ILR classmate (and Carolyn's Cornell apartment-mate) **Beth Bechky** received tenure at UC Davis in its Graduate School of Management. Beth and husband Scott Wu live in Berkeley. In addition, Carolyn recently bumped into another ILR friend, **Mike Saxon**, who lives in Westfield, NJ, with his wife Jill and their three children. Ironically, after 20 years away from Ives Hall, Carolyn and Mike ended up working in the same building in Manhattan!

**Simon Atkins** wrote that he is the CEO of Advanced Forecasting Corp., a global weather risk management firm. He reports that his favorite after-hours activity is to commit random acts of kindness, making life easier—even for just a minute—for someone that may be having a rough



day. Simon has recently been conducting research on climate-change patterns, watching eagles in Montana, and just cherishing and offering gratitude for each day. When asked what he'd rather be doing, Simon writes that he wouldn't change one thing. "The most challenging goal in life is to be content with what you have and with who is in your life." Some of Simon's fondest Cornell memories are of numerous walks and listening to all the birds, even when it was snowing. Simon and wife Yoshie reside in Billings, MT, where he continues walking and birding. He encourages us all to be in tune with our environment.

Big and very exciting news from classmate **Erika Nowak**, a US Geological Survey researcher. "The Tucson Herpetological Society has selected USGS Southwest Biological Science Center researcher Erika Nowak as the 2007 recipient of the Jarchow Conservation Award." This award is given to individuals or organizations deemed to have made major contributions to the conservation of the amphibians and reptiles of the deserts of North America. Erika was presented with the award during a ceremony in Tucson on September 18, and is the eighth person—and first woman—to receive it. Her work has focused on the ecology and conservation of snakes in Arizona, including several rattlesnake species and the narrow-headed garter snake (a species of conservation concern). Erika is still working on her PhD and passed her written and oral comprehensives in April 2007. She expects to receive her degree in 2008. Congratulations, Erika!

From beautiful Costa Rica, classmate **Tim O'Hara** writes that he and wife Robin Nunes have founded, own, and operate a center for sustainable living named Rancho Mastatal (<http://www.ranchomastatal.com>), located in the small rural community of Mastatal, Costa Rica. Their project includes work in community development, education, conservation, natural building, renewable energy, and wilderness medicine. Other Class of '91 grads are encouraged to visit Tim when in Costa Rica. **Nicole Ryan** just got back from a profound and moving trip to Rwanda and hopes to send a more detailed update soon.

From the Boston area, our classmate **Kevin Lemanowicz** (chief meteorologist at Fox News in Boston) treated the Cornell Club of Boston to a behind-the-scenes tour of Fox Studios on October 4, 2007. Classmate **Paul Hayre** coordinated the event. Kevin explained the process of predicting the weather and putting together the forecast, then let Cornell Club attendees try their hand at presenting in front of the green screen. Thanks, Kevin!

Keep sending such terrific news! ♦ **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, [sheslam@berkshirepartners.com](mailto:sheslam@berkshirepartners.com); **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, [ams14@cornell.edu](mailto:ams14@cornell.edu); **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, [klk22@cornell.edu](mailto:klk22@cornell.edu).

**92** Happy 2008! I'm excited to be writing my first column as one of your class correspondents. I think it's only fair that I start out sharing some news about myself—to set an example, as we want to hear the same from you!

I married my Cornell beau, **Todd Kantorczyk**. After three years in Los Angeles and nine years in Washington, DC, we moved to a Main

Line suburb of Philadelphia three years ago. We have three daughters, ages 9, 6, and 3. Todd is an environmental attorney and I stay at home with the girls and do a lot of volunteering (too much?), especially event planning. I sometimes say I'm a stay-at-home mom who's rarely at home. Todd and I are pleased to be serving as your 20th Reunion co-chairs along with **Ian Kutner**, but more about that at another time, I'm sure!

Here's some news of our friends (and yours!). Last summer, our good friend **Jason Sherry** married Melissa Green near beautiful Middlebury, VT. Other Cornellians in attendance were **Lance Thesier**, **Yanai Frank '93**, **Jon Ariano '93**, and **Chris Craney '91**. Lance and his wife Lisa have two daughters and live outside of Richmond, VA. **Jim Penna** and his wife Debbie were supposed to join us at the wedding, but got stuck in traffic in New York and decided to turn around and go home! Jim is an orthopedic surgeon on Long Island. Jason still works in the hospitality/tourism industry in the Lake George, NY, area, and he and Melissa bought a house right on the New York/Vermont border. Another friend, **Ruth Seroussi**, had a 12-pound baby boy in August. Ruth, husband Mike Newhouse, and baby Holden live in the Los Angeles area. Last, but not least, **Angela Cheng-Cimini** had her community theater debut to rave reviews this fall in Southbridge, MA. She performed in a series of one-act plays, *A Celebration of the Spirited Woman*. Bravo, Angela!

Todd and I had the pleasure of visiting the Cornell campus for CACO's new officer training in September. It was great to see the university in session. We can report that the Thurston Ave. bridge that was under construction during reunion is now open, RPU has had a makeover since our days on the Hill, and the students are still "chalking" as a means to advertise events. We spent the day with another Class of '92 officer. **Karen McCalley** is our new class president and had some news to share: "This summer I drove cross country from Connecticut to California, stopping to see some Cornell classmates along the way. I visited **Bill Carson** and his wife Amy Drummond in St. Louis. They have an adorable baby boy named Will. A few days later I arrived at the Lake Tahoe home of **Karen Hovorka** and **Kevin Lyons**. They both work from home, so they get to enjoy their beautiful view of the lake year-round. Out in California I caught up with classmates living in the Bay Area: **Debbie Berland** Kaster, **Allison Abel-Kahn**, and **Brian Saliman**. Back on the East Coast I see **Emily Miller** Cooper, who lives in Needham, MA (the town where I teach high school English). She and husband Mike are now the parents of two, Anna and Jack. I can also share the news that our classmate **Silvia Serpe** Siebott, JD '95, and husband Christian had their second daughter, Elena, in August; her big sister is Sabina. They live in Manhattan."

I received a response to an e-mail seeking more news from **Jeff Earle**. Jeff is living in Connecticut and part-time in Budapest and has been married for six years to a Hungarian native named Brigitta (Brigitta had never heard of Cornell before meeting Jeff!). They travel through Europe on each visit (Budapest to Croatia, Budapest to Italy, Budapest to Poland, Budapest to Austria and

Lichtenstein) and recently went to the Greek Island of Santorini. Jeff helped to found the firm RAM Management after graduation in '92, and the firm is celebrating its 15th year as a managed futures hedge fund providing clients with non-correlated returns to stocks and bonds to help diversify financial portfolios. Jeff reports that clients in his RAM Aggressive program are up this year, "the best year yet, thanks to the stellar education in the Ag college and Prof. Deborah Street allowing me to write and work on a paper senior year entitled 'The Feasibility of Technical Indicators in Trading Futures and Forwards' (haha—funny but true)." Jeff keeps in touch with **Cindy Caruso** and **Perry Hindin**.

**Leslie Gross** Klaff also responded to my e-mail plea with the following news: "I'm living in northern New Jersey with my husband, Kenny, and my sons Jacob, 5-1/2, and Brandon, 2-1/2. I am a freelance magazine writer. This past June, I met two other families (**Susan Losee** Thoen and **Anna Davies** Rynski '91) at Cornell the weekend after reunion because we couldn't make the actual reunion date. We had our own little reunion, enjoying pizza at the Nines, hanging out on the Arts Quad, and exploring the Plantations. It was a great trip."

**Emily Sikking** Milam is an ob/gyn in Los Angeles. She is raising two children, Hugh, 5, and Madeline, 2, with her anesthesiologist husband Chip. She lives three blocks from her parents, who still live in the house she grew up in! **Joy Yi** Boatwright is happily living in San Francisco, CA, and working as an investment banker at Merrill Lynch. She has two children, son Wesley, 3, and daughter Cassatt, 1. **Kimberly Lightcap** Freeman has two children, son Will, 3, and daughter Madison, 1. When she's not busy with them, she's working in oncology product planning and marketing with GlaxoSmithKline. **Beth Kravchuck** Hensel and husband Scott are living in Southport, CT. Beth enjoys spending time with family, doing aerobics, hanging out on the beach, reading, and vacationing.

In the business world we have some promotions to report. **Kristie Kooyenga** DeMarco was named senior VP in the corporate risk management department at TD Banknorth Inc., a leading banking and financial services company headquartered in Portland, ME. Kristie lives in Cape Elizabeth and volunteers with the American Heart Association. **Rob Crane** started a new position as environmental engineering section head for ExxonMobil in Fairfax, VA. He lives in Centreville, VA, with wife Ann, daughter Carson, 7, and son Phillip, 4. **David Contiguglia** is chairman of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District (NY).

Please keep the news coming in! We need to hear from you or you will hear from us! ♦ **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Wilma Ann Anderson**, [info@WilPowerEnterprises.com](mailto:info@WilPowerEnterprises.com); **Megan Fee** Torrance, [megan@torranceinc.com](mailto:megan@torranceinc.com); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [lkd2@cornell.edu](mailto:lkd2@cornell.edu).

**93** Hello all! My mailbag has been very empty, so we are a little light on news this column. If you'd like to keep this from happening again, please send us some news! You can e-mail either



of us directly or you can submit news on the website at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. I do thank everyone who e-mailed in response to my request for information!

**Luke Oh** wrote in with an update on his very busy summer. In June, he finished his orthopaedic surgery residency at Hospital for Special Surgery; his wife Donna delivered their first baby, Giuliana Bukang, on July 27; and in August, he started his sports medicine fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital. **Jeffrey Rugg** also e-mailed to fill us in on a number of changes. He recently moved to Las Vegas, got a new job, and bought a new house. He is now working as an attorney at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. The thing he remembers most from Cornell is the Chapter House.

**Jason Halio** let us know that he had recently gotten back from **Josh Richter '94's** amazing wedding in Carmel Valley. He was joined by fraternity brothers **Josh Landman** and **Josh Peerless '94**, and friends **Jeff Webb '91**, **Gus Warren '94**, and **Dan Cignarella '94**, among others. **Todd Rethemeier**, MBA '95, e-mailed to tell us that **Jason Markel** and his wife Laura had a baby boy, Andrew, on May 12, 2007. **Jason Scopp** sent this news: "We had twins six months ago, Dillon and Jayden—Class of 2028? They are doing great. I have recently been named director of the Center for Joint Preservation at Peninsula Orthopaedic Associates in Maryland and named a team physician for the US Soccer men's national team."

**Debbie Silverman** Rothschild also e-mailed with new baby news. She writes, "On July 31, 2007, my husband Jeff and I welcomed our daughter Talia Nora to the world, here in NYC. Our older son Jonathan is thrilled to have a new sister. I keep in touch with **Alison Amsterdam**, who is a doctor at Mt. Sinai Hospital. **Jennifer Haynes** Bornstein and her husband Jonathan are living in the Boston area and have a daughter named Raina. **Elizabeth Davis Krinn** is an ob/gyn in the D.C. area, and she and her husband Jonathan have a son named Matthew and a daughter named Danielle."

**Gabrielle Danek Winnert** is a managing director at Credit Suisse, Fixed Income Trading, and in her spare time is raising children Matthew, 3, and Alexandra, 1. **Jake Reiner** is the founder and director of Earth Embassy and Eden Homes. "The Earth Embassy is a sustainable business development center based on Mt. Fuji in Japan. Our small organic farm, cafe, and guest house serves as a model of sustainable businesses and a learning center for people wishing to develop their own eco-businesses ([www.earthembassy.org](http://www.earthembassy.org)). In 2006 we founded Eden Homes and are currently building eco-friendly houses in Japan. Eden is also developing plans for an eco-village that will combine housing, organic farming and aquaculture, cottage industry, and education programs. The prototype village will be located near Tokyo, and we would like to develop a sister village on the West Coast of the States in the coming years ([www.eden.st](http://www.eden.st)). **Prabhask Subasinghe** submitted that he is a managing director at Global Sea Foods (Pvt) Ltd. He writes, "I've been living in Sri Lanka since I graduated from Cornell, involved with a very interesting business in the export of value-added seafood products. My son is 5 years old and my daughter is 7. My wife also works part-time in the business."

I think of Cornell often and the great education it provided me. I have only visited Cornell once in the last 14 years and would like to show my family in the near future. I keep in touch with classmate **Gerard Wijeyeratne**, who lives in Philadelphia."

**Scott Kauff** sent in some mini-reunion info. He writes, "In August, **Jackie (Finkel)** and I and our daughters Lilah, 5, Becky, 5, and Sydney, 2, met up with a bunch of fellow Cornellians at the beach home of Amy and **Bob Puchalski** in Kiawah, SC, for their annual gathering of Cornell friends. In addition to the Puchalski children (Jack, 4, Nate, 2, and Gracie, 2), others who were at the gathering include: **Robyn Goldenberg '94**; **Tasso Panagakos**, his wife Pam, and their daughter Alyssa, 6; and **Andrew Yarmus '94**, his wife Ariel, and their daughters Carley, 3, and Lara, 1. **Richard Manzolina '92** and his wife Laura, who ordinarily join the get-together, were unable to attend this year because they were welcoming their new son Ricky."

Speaking of reunions, our 15th will be June 5-8, 2008! Mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a great event! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, [ygb1@cornell.edu](mailto:ygb1@cornell.edu); and **Erica Fishlin** Fox, [ericazz@aol.com](mailto:ericazz@aol.com).

**94** Happy New Year! In this, our 14th year out of college, some of our classmates have great plans for 2008. **Marc Kramer**, DVM '99, an exotic animal veterinarian in the exotic locale of Miami, FL, will be taking a "sabbatical" year to travel through the tropics and do some soul-searching. He plans to travel through Central and South America and Madagascar, which fits in perfectly with his listed hobbies of geocaching, birdwatching, hiking, kayaking, eco-travel, and digital imaging. Safe travels, **Marc! Donald Patterson**, a computer science professor at UC Irvine, is looking to make progress a little closer to home this year. While his current outside-of-work activities include raising three kids and swing dancing, he writes that what he would rather be doing now is raising *four* kids. Hope you get your wish, Professor!

**Erin Vocke** Bailey is a lawyer in West Virginia. She has two wee ones she chases after in her off hours, Ella, 3, and Lee, who will be right around 1 when this is printed. So, Erin, were your ears burning? **Madhuri Roy** stated that you are the old Cornell friend she would most like to hear from. When not "keeping life straight with two little boys" (ages 3 and 1), Madhuri is transitioning careers from that of basic research to scientific advising for innovations and patents in a corporate law firm in Palo Alto, CA. So look each other up in 2008! Meanwhile, back in New York, **Toniann Scime** is the library director at the Amherst Museum, which provides historical reenactments of 19th-century life on the Niagara Frontier in Amherst, NY. She was recently elected president of the board of trustees for the Western New York Library Resources Council.

**Nilay Shah** is a neurologist in private practice with offices in Edgewater, NJ, and the Lower East Side of New York City. He reports that **Mike Blaze '94** recently moved back to Ithaca with his wife and toddler son. **Julia Yang** recently got a new job at Cornell. Congrats, Julia! Far, far from Ithaca, if

you are a classmate in Ukraine, **Luca Bozzo** wants to hear from you! Luca is "living in Kiev and working in a company responsible for constructing and operating grain elevators and storage facilities. Despite the sound of it, things are really exciting here, and the work is both interesting and fun!" Luca asks that any Cornellians living or working or even just traveling in Ukraine drop an e-mail to [mlbozzo@chicagogsb.edu](mailto:mlbozzo@chicagogsb.edu).

Last but not least, the ever-growing roster of little legacies! **Robert** and Amy **Cohen** welcomed Douglas Jack Cohen on August 15. The little guy joined siblings Jaeda, 5, and Sammy, 3. Robert is still senior counsel in the Enforcement Division of the SEC, and he and his family live in Ellicott City, MD. **Marc Milgrom** also welcomed a new addition to his family: Alexandra Lauren was born August 16. Although his day job is serving as a VP in electronic trading at Goldman Sachs, Alexandra takes up all non-working hours.

**Mary Sue Page Youn** and husband **Joe '91**, ME '93, welcomed an August baby as well, daughter Samantha Lee, born on August 3. Darling Sam joins big sister Cassie. Tom and **Kerri Scheppeke** Kovac would like to announce their newest arrival, Lily Scheppeke Kovac, who was born on December 10, 2006. She joins big brother Patrick, 5, and big sister Anna, 3, as future Cornellians. "Along with the new baby came a new job as the HR director for a manufacturing company based in NY," writes Kerri.

What other adventures do you have in store for 2008? Let your classmates know! ♦ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); and **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jennifer.marchant@kraft.com](mailto:jennifer.marchant@kraft.com).

**95** This fall, Cornellians in the nation's capital were treated to a massive display of Big Red spirit when our football team destroyed Georgetown at their own Homecoming, 45-7. The team traveled down from Ithaca, Big Red Band in tow, to put on quite the show for Washington, DC-area alums—and some who traveled from Baltimore, New Jersey, and North Carolina to see the event. A pre-game tailgate was held in the Georgetown dining hall where, in a sea of red, the band played and notable sports alums spoke. Classmates in attendance (at least that we spotted)

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included me, my husband **Matt French**, **Agnes Varga Wells**, **Chris Salsbury**, and **Nicole Pasquariello Lazor**, along with her husband and Redskins assistant coach **Bill '94**.

Meanwhile, on the farm (just couldn't resist this segue) is classmate **Aylin Ozmelek** Lewallan, who sends news that she, husband Mike, and 3-year-old Cameron are living happily on a horse farm in North Georgia, where Aylin works as the Southeast operations manager for ENTRIX, an environmental consulting firm. **Helen Barfield** Prichett recently made her way back to the East

constant awe at the ever-changing things my daughter Isabella Marie (born May 21, 2007) is now doing." Writes Stephen, "Having delivered several hundred babies during my residency training, I thought I would be better prepared for her arrival. Boy, was I wrong! I think I was more nervous that morning than my wife. Everything went quite well and Bella amazes us each day. My brother **Rob '96** said she is a 'Little Stevie,' as her baby pictures look just like mine." In other news, Stephen reports that longtime friend **Toshiki Matsui** has started his own pediatric dental practice in the Virginia/D.C. area.

## 'Aaron Wightman led an effort to create a "natural playground" at a local school.'

SARAH DEARDORFF CARTER '97

Coast, "after six wonderful years in Madison, WI," where husband Reid got his PhD in educational administration. The couple, along with their children Bailyn, 7, Clay, 5, and Cary, 3, now live in Lawrenceville, NJ. "In a way," Helen writes, "I feel like I have not strayed far from Ithaca, as Madison has a very similar feel and Lawrenceville calls itself the 'Big Red.'"

**Carlos Rivera** has also moved, to Vineland, NJ, where he is an AP science teacher and is working on a master's in forensic sciences (MFS) in investigation. Recently relocated from Rochester, NY, to Hartford, CT, is **Alison Ford** Balan, MPA '97, husband Todd, and toddlers Davis and Carter. Alison was also a guest at the June 2 wedding of **Jennifer Wendling**, MPA '97, to **Chris Helgesen** in Larchmont, NY. Other Cornellians in attendance included **Lisa Febles** Henson, **Emily Rukin** '96, **Sara Gur Villalona** '94, **Carolyn Broadhead** '96, **Kristin Barbato** Riggie '94, **Kelly Reyelt** '94, and **Henry Klein** '93. Jennifer, also our class Cornell Fund rep, shared the news that **Larissa Selepouchin** Stockton and husband **Rich** '92 had a good excuse to miss the event as Larissa delivered her baby girl, Geneva, in London this past May. Geneva joins brothers Harris and Lukas. Another Wendling wedding guest, **Clarissa** "Lisa" **Febles** Henson (who resides in Metuchen, NJ, with husband Greg and their 2-year-old Gregory), also had some big news, having been appointed chair of radiation oncology at Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center in Elizabeth, NJ.

In other doctor news, **Jim Hardy**, a plastic surgeon, relocated from New Jersey to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, while **Craig Brenner** was appointed medical director for the Kingston Ambulatory Surgical Center in Kingston, NY. **Joni Abusch** Scheidt is a pediatrician in Oyster Bay, NY, whose present "extracurricular activities" include taking care of her sons Harry, 3, and Noah, 1. Joni writes that the one thing she remembers most from Cornell was her APO service projects, and that she would love to hear from classmate **Jennifer Rein**.

**Stephen Przynosch** is a family physician in Toledo, OH, where he enjoys playing poker with "the guys," and golfing in various fundraising events, but most of all "spending evenings in

**Bridget Tyler** Mulcahy scores a trifecta in our column by having recently: 1) relocated (from Doylestown to Philadelphia), 2) married (to Mike Mulcahy), and 3) given birth (to daughter Malia, in June). Other new parents are **Harry Surden** and **Mara Mintzer** of Palo Alto, CA, who welcomed Kaya Madeline on August 8. Last but not least, also from the West Coast (San Francisco area) comes a long-overdue update from **Lauren Gelman**, who sends news that in March '03 she married journalist Kevin Poulsen, and on June 21, 2007 gave birth to daughter Sadelle. On September 1, Lauren was appointed executive director of the Center for Internet and Society at Stanford Law School, where she also teaches privacy law. ♦ **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu; **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**96** OK, so it makes me sound old... but e-mail is truly an amazing thing. It allows you to maintain relationships despite geographic distance, craziness in people's lives, and never-ending games of phone tag. To think that we were the first batch of e-mailers at Cornell—how many of you had the numbers 1 or 2 in your login ID?

This past summer I had the pleasure of reconnecting with **Lynn Goldman** Dicker, who was passing through Boston with her husband Karl and two adorable children Benjamin, 3, and Sarah, 1. Lynn is a staff accountant in the Division of Corporation Finance at the SEC and lives in Gaithersburg, MD. Lynn reports that **Annette Barrera** Vozzolo had a son named William and works for A&P Supermarkets as the director of financial reporting. Lynn also recently saw **Christina Feile**, who lives in Freeport, NY, and has son Ryan Jones. Christina works in her family's garden center business. I also saw **Amy Heusinkveld**-Baer, MAT '00, who is living in Allendale, NJ, and teaching seventh grade life science. She and husband **David Baer** '00 adopted a Jack Russell terrier from a shelter and are figuring out "how we ended up with a dog that has way more energy than the two of us combined." But those of us who have dogs know that you just can't live without them.

**Juan Uribe**, an investment analyst at Sandelman Partners, wrote to announce his wedding to Lucia Bigelow (Harvard '99) on June 9, 2007 in NYC. It seems the wedding served as a mini-Cornell reunion, with brother of the groom **Daniel Uribe** '08, **Jeff Bezer**, MBA '07, **Jon Kloos**, **Daniel Dornbusch**, **Todd Krizelman**, and **Sonya Hand** Stover all in attendance, plus **Charles**, PhD '91, and **Viviana Nigro Holmes**, MA '71, and more than 15 other alumni from the classes of '95 through '98.

**Salima Vahabzadeh** married Paul Sheppard in New York in April 2007. They are both vice presidents at investment banking firms in New York, and they met at the U. of Pennsylvania, where each received an MBA degree. After being married by an Episcopal priest, a Persian cultural ceremony was performed! **Boji Wong** scored not only an insert but also a picture in the *New York Times* wedding pages. She married Benjamin Berkman on February 17, 2007, and New Yorkers may remember former mayor David N. Dinkins, who officiated at the ceremony. Boji is a litigation associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in Manhattan. **Stacy Aronowitz** married Micah Adelstein in December 2006. Bridesmaids included **Jennifer Mead Hatz**, **Inna Postolov**, **Rochelle Boas** '95, and **Wesley Boas** '98. Stacy is the deputy bureau chief of the Public Integrity Bureau at the NYS Attorney General's Office.

**Erin Hovanec** married Scott Lockledge in February 2007 on a beautiful snowy evening at the Scranton Country Club in Clarks Summit, PA. Their nod to Cornell was serving Dr. Konstantin Frank's Salmon Run Riesling at the wedding (don't you wish you were there?!). Cornellians celebrating with Erin and Scott included **Mark** '94 and **Laura Mammina Nicholson** '96 and **Jennifer Winter** Persico. Argentina was their destination for an exciting honeymoon, which included exploring Buenos Aires and traveling in Patagonia. Erin works as the editorial director for digital content at Rosen Publishing in New York City, and the couple has now settled in Philadelphia. Also living in Philadelphia is **Catherine Oh** Bonita, who is a pediatrician by day and a mother of two daughters, Isabelle and Elia, by night.

**Jasper** '97 and **Nisha Mathew Cordero** live in Ridgewood, NJ, with their children Dylan and Nina. Jasper is a director of technology for Citi Alternative Investments in NYC, while Nisha has taken a leave of absence from practicing law to launch a children's online travel products store called [www.littlejetset.com](http://www.littlejetset.com). For those of you brave enough to actually travel with your kids, it's a very cool website! Another website to take note of is [www.artworkforall.net](http://www.artworkforall.net), founded by **Debra Whittemore Calderon**. Debra is married to **Tony** '95 and they have two girls, a blonde 4-year-old and a red-haired 2-year-old. Debra has an LICSW and provided mental health therapy for families in crisis prior to working as a freelance artist and using her artwork to help raise money for various organizations and families in her hometown of Acton, MA.

**Mukang Cho** was named managing principal of Crown Street Capital LLC, a real estate development and investment company based in New York, where he will oversee all acquisition



and development activities. Please keep the news coming (and encourage your fellow '96ers to pay their class dues!). ♦ **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** It's hard to believe that winter in Ithaca is upon us again. If you don't have fond memories of the winter winds blowing across the Slope or those really frigid days, then think tropical and read on.

**Erin Lindquist** (erin.lindquist@gmail.com) takes us south to Costa Rica with news of her November 2005 wedding to Marcelo Ardon in the mountains overlooking the Pacific Ocean. **Bethany Godsoe**, **Emily Fintel**, **Laurie Mandell**, **Yulun Yang**, **Andrew Mude**, PhD '06, and **Jake Mueller**, PhD '05, along with guests from Kenya, Turkey, Austria, Romania, Brazil, Panama, and Nicaragua contributed to the international celebration. Following a period of teaching tropical biology study-abroad programs for Duke U. in Costa Rica, Erin is currently an assistant professor of biology at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC. Marcelo, whom Erin met while both were doing doctorates at the U. of Georgia, keeps busy as a postdoctoral research associate in biology at Duke.

Updating us from the not-quite-tropical but certainly not as cold as Ithaca locale of London, England, is **Idil Ustun Ugur** (idiliko@gmail.com). Idil was married in the summer of 2006 and is working as a freelance brand and Internet strategy consultant in London. When not working, she is taking cooking, wine-tasting, and French classes, playing tennis and volleyball, and discovering London's museums. Whew! She is also enjoying being an aunt to sister **Pinar Ustun '96** and hubby Charles Eduard de Cabrol's little one, Alexandre Sinan, born in September 2006.

Think you have stayed close to friends you made while on the Hill? **Dmitriy** and **Maria Kisel-yova Genkin** (dgenkin@gmail.com) most likely have you beat. Dmitriy shares that his friend **Max Khavin '98** is so close that they live in the same building in Manhattan! When not hanging out with Max, Dmitriy is working as a trader in equity derivatives for Banc of America Securities LLC and parenting son Aaron and daughter Dasha. **Amy Gronquist Baker** (amylgbaker@comcast.net) updates us from Washington County, OR. Amy and husband Patrick are enjoying the outdoors and spending time with friends and family, as well as working on projects around the house. Amy spends her days as a licensed clinical social worker working with kids and families for Washington County and fondly remembers the Plum Palace from her days in Ithaca. Also updating us from the West Coast is **Douglas Miller** (dsm4@cornell.edu). He and wife Dana have a little girl, Paige Elizabeth, and reside in California. Douglas is the senior manager of marketing analytics at Adobe, as well as an avid triathlete. He writes that he fondly remembers jumping off the bridge above Beebe Lake on the first night of each school year.

Moving to the opposite coast lands us just outside of Boston in Charlestown, MA. **Emily Berman Welch** (emilywelch1@gmail.com) is a

recruiter for Bank of America and just finished evening law school. She and husband Evan were married in July 2006 and have two wonderful dogs that keep them busy. Also in Charlestown are **Katie Ball Sullivan** (kball4@hotmail.com) and husband Mark. Katie works for a technology company in Boston managing marketing campaigns and events. We received updates from both members of a Cornell couple, **Aaron** and **Valerie Highfill Wightman** (arwightman@gmail.com and valerie\_wightman@hotmail.com) of Corning, NY. The couple has daughter Ada, 7, and son Lewis, 4. Valerie is a technical leader with Corning Inc. in the Specialty Materials Division, and Aaron is a part-time forestry consultant. He is also a school board trustee, operates a maple syrup business with his father, and recently led an effort to create a "natural playground" at a local school by incorporating hills, boulders, flowers, and trees into the design. Sounds like a fun place to play!

Starting a new venture in the Windy City is **Mark Longo** (mark@theoptionsinsider.com). Mark writes that he spent a number of years as a member of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, but recently left the floor to found www.TheOptionsInsider.com, an online destination for options and derivatives information. Best of luck, Mark. Also making a career change is **Kathleen Buckley Kalafus**. Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox in Washington, DC, announced that Kathleen has joined their intellectual property firm as a technical specialist after receiving her PhD in molecular and human genetics from the Baylor College of Medicine in 2005. **Anne-Marie Compton Bauer** (amcalaska@yahoo.com) sent news of the birth of her daughter Aurora Jolee on February 16, 2007. Aurora joins big brother Dominic. The family, including Aurora's dad, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joseph Bauer, are in Alaska at Fort Wainwright Army Base, where the family is stationed. Anne-Marie jokes that the weather in North Pole, AK, makes Ithaca feel tropical!

**Melissa Martinchick** (melzilly@yahoo.com) updated co-correspondent Erica on her August 4 nuptials just outside of Boston. Melissa and husband Anthony Caso had a wedding full of Cornellians, including bridesmaids **Alexandra Goldman Morrill '98**, **Jennifer Hogan '98**, **Margaret Safford**, **Julie Winarski Jack**, and **Amy Schafer Erickson '96**. The couple honeymooned in Mykonos, Greece, and resides in Dartmouth, MA, where Melissa is a veterinarian. The *New York Times* announced the March 3, 2007 wedding of **Matthew Mitchell** and Elisabeth Weed in New York City. Matthew is a vice president in the acquisitions group of Colonnade Properties, a real estate investment company, and Elisabeth is a literary agent at Trident Media Group. Also announced by the *New York Times* was the March 18, 2007 wedding of **Nicholas Loeffler** and Shari Siadat in Miami Beach, FL. Nicholas is the founder of Simplistics Corp., a NYC-based management consulting group that uses the principles of industrial engineering to make companies more efficient. His wife is a vice president of Medefield American, also in NYC. Congrats to all and keep the news coming! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** Happy New Year, everyone. Not sure about you, but I cringe at the thought of the calendar flipping to 2008. 2008! It certainly does not feel like ten years have passed since we were sliding and skidding our ways through icy Collegetown in January Ithaca weather. Hearing about all our classmates' adventures and accomplishments, however, makes me wonder how we have managed to pack in so much in a mere ten-year span. Here are some updates on the paths and dreams of our classmates since we slipped away from campus.

**Ellen Walpert** is a special events project manager at the Ann Taylor Corp., the women's clothing maker in New York. She is married to Christopher Kobran. **Thad Paul** lives in D.C., but has been doing quite a bit of traveling. He recently hiked Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet high) with fellow Chi Phis **Coley Brennan '00** and **Rob Shuck**. After the eight-day hike, they did a three-day safari in Tanzania. When he's not busy hiking, whitewater kayaking on the Potomac River, running, and traveling, Thad is a principal at the Carlyle Group, focusing on real estate investments. He remembers fondly spending the sunny days in Ithaca when everyone flocked outside to enjoy the ever-so-brief good weather. He would like to hear from his freshman-year roommate **Adam Wilson**. Up in New Jersey, **Joanna Kipnes** must be busy. She is chief resident of internal medicine by day, and mother to newborn twin girls Ella and Leila.

We write a fair bit about weddings in these columns—the couple, the wedding party, the guests, the honeymoon... but rarely do we get to write about the wedding photographer! **James Stratton** shoots wedding and portrait photography, while doubling as senior professional staff at JHU/APL in Ellicott City, MD. In his "spare time," he is working on an MBA part-time at the U. of Maryland. To the west, in Illinois, **Patti Boye-Williams** is missing the lovely fall colors in Upstate New York, as well as ice cream sandwiches at the Dairy Bar. (According to Patti, they were big enough to be lunch—not a nutritious lunch, but a tasty one.) Patti and husband **Chad Williams** have kids Grace, born Dec. 25, 2004, and Kate, born March 29, 2007, with whom Patti enjoys going for walks in the local prairies and woods. Chad is working toward his PhD in computer science, with a specialty in computational transportation science, from U. of Illinois, Chicago, and Patti is an environmental lawyer at a large law firm in Chicago.

Down in Texas, **Jason Miller** recently welcomed baby Keira Danielle, born on September 10, 2007. Both Keira and her 2-year-old sister Ava are doing great! Jason is a dermatology resident at the U. of Texas, Houston/MD Anderson Cancer Center. Further west, it is Viva Las Vegas! **Agnes Galvez** is glad that she finally discovered a city that is open 24/7, offers many professional opportunities, and has wonderful weather! Agnes is currently researching new homes in the Las Vegas area to purchase her first house. She is a doctoral student at the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas in the educational leadership program, with an emphasis in workforce education, and would like to utilize her credentials as a registered dietitian or as a certified pharmacy technician in the healthcare field (wonder if she would approve of Patti's ice cream



# Dancing Queen

MALINDA ALLEN '98

Choreographer Malinda Allen doesn't just design dance pieces; each performance, she says, "is a full-on theater experience." While dancers perform her complex routines—many of which involve speaking roles—text is projected onto the stage, and some shows feature multimedia elements and audience participation. "A major defining aspect of my work is that I've combined an exploration of language with an exploration of movement and the body," says Allen, a former College Scholar with a concentration in linguistics. "The words provide the rhythm for the movement, and the pacing of the text becomes the pacing of the piece."

In 2004, Allen founded the Allen Body Group, which has performed in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Edinburgh, Scotland. The troupe, based in both Boston and New York, performs adaptations of works by other writers—including *Einstein's Dreams*, a book by astrophysicist Alan Lightman—as well as Allen's original scripts. With the goal of giving audiences an "exploration of the senses," she has most recently been working on a project called "Sensorium." It will feature an array of video screens that display rapidly moving images while aromatic diffusers provide scents and dancers perform Allen's signature aerial stunts and acrobatics.



Allen has also developed a training system called Eltesia, designed to counteract her profession's chronic orthopedic problems. "It just struck me one day that dancers should be the healthiest people on the planet as opposed to having the joints of sixty-year-olds," she says. The system combines breathing and stretching techniques to strengthen muscles while relieving tension. "What excites me about the work that I do," Allen says, "is teaching people to let go of their assumptions about their own physical capabilities and unlock their hidden potential."

—Julia Langer '08

sandwich lunches?). She would like to hear from **Jo Abaya** and hopes to see her at reunion. We also heard from fellow Nevada resident **Jason Carter**, who works as a general contractor.

All the way on the West Coast, **Ferdinand Villarosa** is a marketing director who spends his days at career fairs. (Remember those? Are they still handing out stress balls these days?) He looks for catchy ideas, digs himself out from under piles of resumes, and spends time with his growing family, which currently consists of his beautiful wife and 1-year-old daughter. He remembers fondly the days at ROTC and would like to hear from **Yoon Lee**. Across the Atlantic, **Jamie Critelli** married Antje Baumert on Sept. 23, 2006 at the Augustusburg Castle in Germany. Jamie is attending

ETH Zurich in Switzerland and is an executive human resource consultant for Ajilon/Adecco.

And that brings us back to rainy autumnal London, where this issue is born. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2008, and do not forget to keep sending your news to Gregg and me, so we can share it with the rest of the class! Remember, the calendar flipping to 2008 also means that this is the year of our 10th Reunion! Start booking your annual leave and plane tickets now! Get involved with reunion! And if you have had enough of reading Gregg's and my writing for the past five years, remember now is the chance for you to volunteer to be one of the next class correspondents! ♦ **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu; and **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu.

**99** Do you remember the song "The Rainbow Connection"? Kermit sings it at the beginning of *The Muppet Movie* when he's sitting on a log with his banjo, and the refrain of the song is, "the lovers, the dreamers, and me." That childhood song got me thinking about the dreamers—those of us who spent our days working in one job and our nights planning for another. (If you made a recent career transition, drop us a note.)

Perhaps you're a dreamer like me... and like **Andrew Hayward** in Cedar Rapids, IA. He's working as a reading and English teacher at Xavier High School and doing well, "surviving the first few years of teaching," he says. But he's got a nighttime gig, too, and writes that he'd rather be "touring the country in a successful rock and roll band." Andrew passed along some information about his music, so I went to myspace.com and plugged in "Drew Hayward" to bring up his MySpace page. Andrew is a singer/songwriter and has been playing in bands for a while. He started writing songs at age 13. Since 2002, he's been playing open mics and coffee houses in the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids area. Bob Dylan, Jeff Tweedy, Donovan, and Jack White are his inspirations. His songs are about love, life, and whatever else comes to mind. If you need something new for your iPod, go ahead and download his album, "Mexed Messages" from iTunes. Or go to [cdbaby.com/cd/drewhayward](http://cdbaby.com/cd/drewhayward) and buy the CD.

**Greg Zumas** is in NYC. He graduated from Columbia Business School in May 2007 and is now working in management consulting with BearingPoint. The company he co-founded with **Rich Enos '98**, StudySmart Inc., just opened its tenth city location and they plan to open four more locations by the end of 2007. **Amanda Michelle Walker-Stahl** and husband Ryan Walker are living an exciting life in York, PA. Amanda recently graduated from medical school and is now in her first-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology at York Hospital/WellSpan Health. Ryan, an Ithaca College grad, is a surgery resident at York Hospital as well. **Julie Nussman** married Stephen Tapper on August 5, 2007 in New Jersey. Present were bridesmaid **Becky Orfinger Wexler** and husband **Matt**, **Carissa Mirra '98**, **Rebecca Whittles Angelicola**, and **Laura Rossier**. Julie is working as an elementary school social worker. She and Steve live in Salem, MA.

And now for the baby news. Congratulations to all the new parents! First, some happy news about a Boston-based Class Council member. Fellow class columnist **Jennifer Sheldon** and husband Jon Moran welcomed Maeve Catherine Moran on May 16, 2007. In NYC, **Penny Bougadis** Tsekouras writes to tell us that she and husband Peter welcomed a second son, James Alexander, on March 31, 2007. Says Penny, "Big brother Peter (now 2) has adjusted beautifully. I'm still working full-time at Morgan Stanley and doing my best to juggle the demands of motherhood with those of work."

**Tracy Allaman Atlas** and husband **Dan '98**, DVM '04, are proud to announce the January 2007 birth of daughter Abigail Lily. Tracy writes that Abigail "has the best smile and enjoys being on the go. We took her on her first big trip to New York in August, where we attended the wedding



of **Rob Rombach '98** and Sheerin Rahimzadeh at Bethpage, which was absolutely beautiful!" Tracy and Dan moved to Colorado from New Hampshire last year and have since been hanging out with some other Colorado Cornellians. Tracy says, "Boulderites **Alan** and **Heather Haupt Enos** are always busy running, cycling, or skiing in various races. Another classmate, **Shannon Fitzgerald**, recently became a veterinarian. Also, parenting advice is only a phone call away from **Claire Ryan Saxton**, whose son Liam is 1-1/2."

**Brady Russell** passed on some news coming out of Geneva, NY. **Shannon Smith Brock** and husband **Paul**, currently a Cornell grad student, just had a baby girl. Sylvia Catherine arrived on Saturday, August 18 at 6:13 a.m. "She waited patiently until her dad handed in his master's thesis at 7 p.m. the night before," says Shannon. "But after that she wasn't waiting any more!" The adorable pictures of the new family prove that Sylvia is already being indoctrinated in the Cornell ways—just a few days old and already sporting a Cornell T-shirt. I think we're looking at a future member of the Class of 2029.

**Meridith Bogart Krell** in Port Washington, NY, is an associate at the Manhattan office of Schulte Roth & Zabel. She tells us that daughter Eva was born in July 2007. **Shepard Weiner** and **Jordana Lambert** wrote that son Benjamin Ryan Lambert Weiner was born on August 17, 2007 at Columbia Presbyterian. Shepard is a cardiology fellow at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, and Jordana is a litigation associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. The family resides in Manhattan.

As always, we look forward to hearing from the lovers, the dreamers, and everyone else. To submit your news, visit the class website, <http://classof99.alumni.cornell.edu>, or drop an e-mail to one of us: ♦ **Melanie Grayce West**, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu); **Jennifer Sheldon**, [jls33@cornell.com](mailto:jls33@cornell.com); and **Brady Russell**, [bradydale@thisistoowillpass.com](mailto:bradydale@thisistoowillpass.com).

# 00

Happy 30th birthday, Class of 2000! Yup, it's here—the year that the majority of us will ring in our fourth decade of life. I'm sorry, should I not have reminded you? Have you already turned in your birthday hat and subtracted five years from that "DOB" on your driver's license? Well, think again, because there is still so much more to celebrate in our post-grad lives. Didn't you hear? 30 is the new 20. And in this edition's column, I'm going to get you up to speed on all our classmates who are living it up and have good news to share. Who says the party stops at 30?!

Certainly not **Jeremy Brauer**. **Amy Rozenfeld '01** and I recently went uptown to party with him on the roof of 230 Fifth, where friends gathered to welcome Jeremy back to NYC. Jeremy graduated from Penn medical school and is now at Lenox Hill Hospital for a preliminary medicine year. We were all glad to spend a little time with Brauer before he begins his busy stretch as a dermatologist at NYU. Also here in the City, **Dave Cohen** and **Jason Lewis** have both landed prominent positions at BlackRock Financial. **Craig Altschuler** made VP at Drake Management as well, but his greatest joy is spending time with his extremely lovable, 8-month-old daughter Kyla.

Outside New York, **Robbie Horwitz** consults in strategy and performance management for BearingPoint Inc.'s D.C. branch. Across the country, **CJ Port** studies at Cal State, San Marcos, earning his teaching credential in special education. As for our MDs, **Steve Behrens** is an orthopedic surgery resident at Brown, while **Manny Porat** completes his orthopedic residency at Jefferson. Manny's wife **Gail Burstein** graduated residency at Temple this year and will continue there as a GI fellow.

I was delighted to catch up with another ZBT alumnus, **Doug Weine**, who spent last spring at the Weill-Bugando Medical Center training the next generation of budding physicians in Mwanza, Tanzania. No matter what part of the world he's in, Doug always makes me proud. But I'm sure his wife Romy is thrilled to have him back. **Jeremy Rosen** married his longtime girlfriend Amy Weintraub this August. There were many Cornellians in attendance, including **Mark Lynn**, **Doug Weine**, **Brian Gershengorn**, **Jason Gregorio**, **Matt Gray '01**, and **Gabe Jacobson '96**. Jeremy is presently a buy-side trader for BNP Paribas and asked me to give a special shout-out to all his Hotelie friends out there! Doug and Jeremy aren't the only Catherine Street housemates with good news. I caught up with **Scott Weiss** right after he finished his pediatric boards, and he was elated! Scott has completed his pediatrics residency and is now an attending physician at Children's Hospital.

As for me, I won my first trial this past September. But even more exciting was catching the cast of the upcoming *Sex and the City* movie filming in my courtroom! When I'm not arguing in court, I let loose in hip-hop class, where **Lara Gelbwasser** and I relive our Theta pledge-dance days. Lara graduated from Harvard Law, and, after a stint in private practice at Bingham McCutchen, she decided to return to academia. Lara is now a professor at Brooklyn Law School (BLS), teaching legal research and writing. Speaking of which, I recently had dinner with some BLS alumni as well: **Mark Sattinger**, **Caryn Stucchio**, and **Ross Bogatch '01**. Ross and Caryn joyfully filled us in on the details of their wedding, a Gatsby-like gala that took place on April 28, 2007 at the Bourne Mansion on Long Island. After seeing the blissful couple myself, I can confirm that married life is treating them well.

I hope that this edition's column reminded you that even after 30, there will still be so much more for us to celebrate in our lives. To that end, I would like to conclude by celebrating a life recently lost, but surely lived. The father of my law school classmate and dear friend **David Zabell** passed away on August 12, 2007. **Alan Zabell** was a graduate student at Cornell and earned his master's in physics in 1969. As a PhD candidate, he worked as a teaching assistant and conducted research under Prof. Robert Richardson. His work in the solid state physics lab contributed to Prof. Richardson's study in low-temperature physics, which eventually led to the professor winning the 1996 Nobel Prize. Alan then continued on to become a successful physician, specializing in radiation oncology. He is survived by his children Erika and David and his beloved wife Judy. From what I know, Alan Zabell truly demonstrated the attributes of the quintessential Cornellian—academic

intellect, strength of character, and a love of learning. To him, I dedicate this column. Live with abandon, my friends. And remember, we love hearing from you, and we love writing for you. ♦ **Andrea Chan**, [amc32@cornell.edu](mailto:amc32@cornell.edu); **Christine Jensen Weld**, [ckj1@cornell.edu](mailto:ckj1@cornell.edu).

# 01

Happy New Year, Class of 2001! We hope that the New Year finds you well and that you're off to a great start! Congratulations to **Lauren Wallach** and **Jason Hammer**, who wed on August 25, 2007 at Tarrytown House Estate in Tarrytown, NY. The bridal party included classmates **Andy Grabois**, **Michelle Freis**, and **Jessica Bologna**. Other Cornellians who joined to party the night away included **Jen Cole**, **Seth Bender**, **Mike Glasser**, **Eric Biderman**, **Mike Wacht '02**, **BArch '03**, **Alex '02** and **Lori Luckow Gitomer**, **Kyle Youngquist '02**, **Colleen Marocco '00**, and **Vic Deutch '69**. The happy couple resides in New York City, where Lauren works as the general manager-retail for Tishman Speyer in Rockefeller Center. They will honeymoon in New Zealand and Australia.

**Jim Cheng** and **Lindsay Donaire** have been thoroughly enjoying their expat life in Belgium for the past 2-1/2 years. Lindsay is in her seventh year working for Godiva Chocolatier (five years in the New York HQ, and two years in the Europe HQ). She loves her dual role of HR manager and learning/development manager, responsible for five countries (Belgium, England, France, Germany, and Italy). Jim took the opportunity to live abroad by focusing his banking career on European and Asian markets. After completing a degree in EU relations with China, he accepted a global equity researcher role with Fortis Bank. Both are picking up hobbies including scuba diving, golf, and learning French. They say that the best part about living/working in Europe is the travel! Jim and Lindsay have been running from bulls, hiking in the fjords, and dancing at music festivals. They even took advantage of being closer to Asia by visiting Thailand, India, and Hong Kong.

Last spring, Jim and Lindsay celebrated their marriage with an evening of fun, laughter, great food, and dancing as they launched a Chinese-American wedding. The guests loved the three dress changes and 12 courses of food, a traditional aspect of Chinese weddings. American-style fun of dancing choreographed routines and cutting the cake were also cherished traditions. Several Cornellians joined the fun including maid of honor **Angela Howell**, bridesmaids **Suzanne Guziec '00**, **MAT '01**, **Beth MacIntosh**, and **Danielle Rothman '02**, and groomsman **David Zackowitz**. Many friends from Jim's fraternity, Sigma Pi, traveled from as far as New York and California to make it a night to remember. Cornell couples included **Yasmine Legendre** and **Corey Worcester '99**, who were married the Saturday prior to Lindsay and Jim's wedding. Other recently wed Cornellians included **Jay Kumar**, who wed Pia Sareen last December in Calcutta, India. Other attendees included **Jackson Lee** and **Lee Ling**, as well as Lindsay's freshman-year floormates **Priya Venkat** and **Benita Gonzalez**. After planning a wedding 3,000 miles away, Lindsay and Jim



decided to take their honeymoon in 2008—maybe Thailand or Bora Bora.

Congratulations to **Melissa Kishel**, who wed Brian Forman on March 10, 2007 at Capitale in New York City. Melissa is a real estate associate in the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. Congratulations also to **Kathleen Rudkin**, who wed William McMullan Jr. on June 16, 2007 at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Southport, CT. Kathleen works as a publicist at Random House in NYC. And congratulations to **Andrew Goodman** and **Erica Bloom**, who wed on July 3, 2007 at the Royalton in Roslyn Heights, NY. Andrew is an associate for acquisitions at Shorenstein Properties, a real estate investment fund in NYC.

**Jennifer Nelson** Sussberg checks in from New York City, where she's working as legal counsel for Cuddlestart.com. She's been part of the team that has launched the first online multiple-baby registry. It is a full-service website in the baby industry. Visit them at Cuddlestart.com and see this new innovative site! **Antoinette Olivares Terrana** also checks in from New York City, where she is a VP, compensation at Citi Global Wealth Management. She and husband **Jason**, JD '04, recently purchased a small espresso shop outside of Union Square in NYC called Everyman Espresso. Jason is a corporate attorney at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP.

**Sally Marshall** Eliot recently made a career change out of secondary education and is training as a financial advisor with Ameriprise in Orlando, FL. She is set to start practicing in January. **Meghan Cauzillo** checks in from South Lake Tahoe, CA, where she is working as an environmental engineer. In her spare time, she has been skiing, mountain biking, hiking, and gearing up to hike Mt. Whitney. She remembers playing soccer and how beautiful the fall was at Cornell. If there are any of Meghan's old roommates or fellow student-athletes, she'd like to hear from you. And Yzie, her three-legged dog, is doing just fine!

So... what's new in your lives? Any exciting trips? New job? Grad school? Weddings? Babies born? Let us know. E-mail us at [classof2001@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001@cornell.edu). We hope that all is well with each of you—and let us know about it! ♦ **Lauren Wal-lach**, [LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:LEW15@cornell.edu); **Trina Lee**, [TKL6@cornell.edu](mailto:TKL6@cornell.edu).

**02** The times are changing when a comedic right-wing talk show host could legitimately make a run for president. Welcome to 2008! I am working on getting very good at planning vacations, not working out, and sleeping in O'Hare Airport (it's not the flying I mind every week, it's the not flying). I was able to go back up to Cornell in September for IBM recruiting, where I noticed, yet again, more changes to campus, including an excessively bright Starbucks on the corner of College and Dryden (insert disapproving grunt here).

Huge congratulations are extended to **Brian Herman**, who won a 2007 Burton Award for Legal Writing last spring. The award recognizes effective legal writing, honoring law firm partners and other attorneys who use plain, clear, and concise language, avoiding stilted legalese. They are granted to attorneys from the nation's 1,000 largest law firms. Brian, along with his law firm

partner, are being honored for their article "Managing the Risk of Employee Blogging," published by a risk management journal. Brian practices with Fisher & Phillips LLP in the area of labor and employment law, representing management in employment litigation, union campaigns, and contract administration.

I believe that the snowball is in effect, and we are well into that time when a separate calendar is needed to manage the scheduling of all the weddings in our lives. To kick things off for the 2007 season, **Rachel Isaacson** was sad to miss reunion, but had a great excuse—she was busy saying "I do" to Ari Margolis on June 3, 2007 in Los Angeles, CA. Cornellians in attendance included **Annisie Chung**, **Andrew '01**, **ME '03**, and **Jenn Valla Pierson**, **Ilana Kramer '03**, **Dara Neuman '03**, and **Rebecca Fishman**, **MPS '03**. Rachel recently graduated with two master's degrees from Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, one in Jewish education and the other in Jewish communal service, and is the new director of education at University Synagogue in Brentwood. Ari is in rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. They'll be in Los Angeles for a few more years and are always looking for fellow Cornell alums in the area!

**Julie Katz** Karp wrote, "I married Brian Karp on May 6, 2007! He's not a Cornellian, but I love him anyway." The wedding was in Piermont, NY, right on the Hudson River, and was well attended by many of Julie's favorite Cornellians, including **Christiana Root Fogg '00**, **Kristen Schroeder '00**, **Matthew Henson**, **Lauren Parson**, **Cathryn "Kate" Kubera**, **Ingrid Frank**, and **Andrew Klein**. All of the female alums in attendance were fellow Chi Omega sisters. "Brian and I are living in downtown Baltimore, about five blocks from Camden Yards. He's an internal medicine resident at the U. of Maryland, and I'm starting my second year as a pathology resident at Johns Hopkins." Julie welcomes any of her old Cornell buddies to e-mail her at her new "married" e-mail address, [juliekarp@hotmail.com](mailto:juliekarp@hotmail.com). Julie unfortunately did not make it to reunion this time around as she was "still recovering from the wedding!"

**Corinne McGown** announced, "On September 15 **Graham Meli** and I were married in our hometown of Mahopac, NY (we met and started dating in high school!)." The reception was in nearby Brookfield, CT. Several Cornellians were involved with the wedding, including Graham's father, **William Meli '70**, Corinne's cousin and bridesmaid **Molly McGown '03**, and **Adam Simons '01** and **David Grassi**, who were Graham's best men. "We had a blast!" added Corinne.

**Jolie Bell** and **Jonathan Meer**, **MPA '03**, were married on July 7, 2007 at the Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park. More than 24 Cornellians were in attendance including the groom's parents **Richard**, **MS '65**, and **Claudia Gaillard Meer '73**, bridesmaids **Dara Garel** and **Elyssa Goldberg**, and groomsmen **Matthew Braverman**, **Adam Krauszer '01**, and **Jeff Siddiqui**. The couple met after graduation at Homecoming 2002 and have been together ever since.

**Courtney Berry** couldn't wait to share her good news of marrying **Eddie Perez-Cortes '01** on June 30, 2007 at Sage Chapel. Classmates in

the bridal party, along with half a dozen of Eddie's classmates from the Class of '01, included **Jamey Soper**, **Mary Anne Higgins**, and **Patricia Blume-nauer**. The guest list also included many others in the classes of '01 and '02, including classmates **Jen Fusco**, **Roland Kluge**, **Liz Wallis Grethen** (and husband **Dustin '01**), **Jack Turvin**, **Gretchen "Top-Notch" Crowson**, and **Andy Washko**.

Of course, no article would be complete without some baby news! **Lori Delale**-O'Connor lives in Chicago and attends Northwestern U. as a graduate student. She writes, "My husband and I welcomed daughter Anna to the world on May 31, 2007. We couldn't be happier!" **Adam** and **Jen Gruner Schoenfeld**, **MS '04**, welcomed son Matthew Louis into the family on July 11 in Milford, CT. **Elizabeth Mirabelli** Scully and husband Brian welcomed their first child, a son, Jack Ransom Scully, on July 20, 2007. Elizabeth is a reading specialist for the Tuscarora Indian School, but is looking forward to her one-year leave of absence to care for their new bundle of joy at their home in Lewiston, NY.

By no means should you refer to the contents of this month's article as the only source of newsworthy news. We want to hear it all! Send news to: ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu); **Jeff Barker**, [jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrb41@cornell.edu).

**03** Hello, Class of 2003! With our 5th Reunion right around the corner, I am happy to see how many of us have stayed connected to Cornell and to our class. Please save the date and consider returning to Cornell on June 5-8, 2008.

**Ozan Varol** graduated from the U. of Iowa College of Law this past May and moved to San Francisco. He spent the summer studying for the California Bar. He writes, "I'm going to clerk for Judge Carlos Bea on the Ninth Circuit here in San Francisco, but don't know if I'll stick around on the West Coast after my clerkship—I worked in D.C. for a big firm last summer and may end up going back. But I've loved what little of I've seen of San Francisco so far, so I might end up staying here." Fellow Phi Sig alum **Tom Struble** and wife **Caitlin (Stansell) '04**, **BArch '05**, moved from Connecticut to the West Coast this past October and are enjoying their new house on Bainbridge Island, WA. Tom checked into the Bangor Submarine Base and will be continuing his Navy service in Washington. Tom mentioned that **Ben Kostka** returned home from a six-month deployment in Iraq. Ben is an explosive ordinance disposal (EOD) officer with the Navy. He and **Alicia Doolittle '04** were married on St. Patrick's Day last year. Alicia will be returning from her own six-month deployment with the Navy in the upcoming weeks.

Marriage news also includes **Toni Kaplan** and **Niall Geoghegan**, who were married this past August. Toni met Niall in London during her junior year abroad in London. They have moved to Boston, where Toni is attending Harvard Business School. **Stephanie Moore** was married to **Peter Stone '01** on July 21, 2007 in Philadelphia. She writes, "Pete and I met three years ago in Manhattan, after never crossing paths at Cornell. Our wedding was a blast. **Emily Orfinger** was one of my bridesmaids, and Peter's brother **Brent Stone**



'99 was one of his best men. There were more than 15 other Cornellians there, too, including Pete's uncle **Sheldon Morick '59**, a dozen members of the classes of '01 and '02, and classmates **Rachel Gordon** and **Jessica Oberman** (now Jessica Grad)." Quite the reunion! After the wedding, Stephanie and Peter spent two weeks in Hawaii and are back in New York, where Stephanie works in HR for Citigroup and Peter is an associate at Fortress Investment Group, a hedge fund. She adds, "We are now enjoying life as newlyweds!"

More weddings! **Meryl Conant** Governski writes, "I got married on September 8, 2007 in Washington, DC, to Joey Governski. I had five Cornellians as bridesmaids: **Sharon Shuster**, **Alissa Tofias**, **Susannah Cherkasky** Heyworth, **Stephanie Bonsignore** Schuerman, and **Clare Parker**. My husband and I live in Charleston, SC, where I am a reporter for the NBC station here. We just returned from a trip to New York City, where Stephanie became a Mrs. She also had the same Cornellians as bridesmaids! After a year full of wedding functions, we will miss the built-in reunions, but look forward to more over the years!"

**Megan Dorn** Wickersham writes, "I married Cpt. Timothy Wickersham on December 2, 2006. He is a Blackhawk Medevac pilot for the US Army. I was granted a degree in veterinary medicine from Kansas State U. College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2007, and am now completing an internship in equine medicine and surgery, also at Kansas State's vet college." **Ben Edelman** attended **Evan Hopkins's** wedding on October 13, 2007. He writes, "After graduating, I entered the wine industry, spent a year working in Raleigh, NC—after which I moved to Arlington, VA, and then Alexandria, VA—and continue to import and distribute wine in the Washington, DC, metro area. I just started working on my MBA at the U. of Maryland, College Park this semester, though I continue to work full-time as well." Last but not least, the newest newlywed award goes to: **Walker Williams** (ILR) and **Allison Dudley Bacon** (Chem E), who were married October 20 in downtown Denver. Congratulations to you both!

Life in Seattle continues to be lovely. There's something sad about driving into the city in the dark and coming home in the dark, but I'm just thankful that the rain held off. The cold, wet winter will be upon us by the time you read this, but it's nothing that Ithaca didn't train me for. We'd love to hear from you! Please send updates to: ♡ **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, noonans@seattleu.edu; or **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

**04** Hello, Class of 2004! First, I would like to thank **Esther Tang** for taking over the column these last few months. She did a great job. Second, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the column since we've graduated. The Notes are only as interesting as the updates you send in, so please do not be shy! Send in your updates, even if you already have had one published; we all want to know how you are! E-mails should be sent to me at vgm3@cornell.edu.

**Adrien Desbaillets** moved to Shanghai in February and is now working for Kingdom Hotel

## In the Fast Lane

ETHAN ALBRECHT-CARRIÉ '04

Come winter of 2010, Ethan Albrecht-Carrié knows exactly where he wants to be: in Vancouver, bobsledding in his first Olympics. He describes the icy sport as "being on a wooden roller coaster that goes about eighty miles per hour—with nothing to hold you in, and a lot rougher." Always athletic, Albrecht-Carrié was a decathlete on the Big Red track and field team. After graduation, he learned that bobsled training primarily involves running and weightlifting—his strengths—and enrolled in a bobsledding camp in Lake Placid, New York, where he began training as brakeman for the two-man sled. Athletes train year-round at Lake Placid, doing strength and speed work in the warmer months. "This sport is 95 percent off the track," says Albrecht-Carrié. "The drivers steer for about a minute. And the brakemen—all we do is push for five seconds."

At the 2006 World Cup, Albrecht-Carrié was a brakeman for the gold



medal-winning U.S. team in the four-man sled. He recently began training as a driver, the more difficult of the positions. A graduate of the Hotel school, he works part-time as a sommelier to support his bobsledding. Says Albrecht-Carrié: "It's a wild ride."

— Casey McGloin

Investments. After spending two and a half great years in Hong Kong and Singapore with Horwath Asia Pacific, he finally made it over to Shanghai and is now chasing hotel deals all across the mainland. Adrien absolutely loves his job, and Shanghai is definitely a very exciting place to be these days. **Lauren Hock** helped open the Sanctuary, a resort on Kiawah Island, SC. She has rotated in different departments working as manager-in-training in housekeeping, assistant front office manager, and manager of the Club Lounge, which encompasses the VIP front desk, concierge, and food and beverage operation. While she loved living in Charleston, and met some great people, she just accepted an offer and will be moving to San Luis Obispo to be the front office manager at the Cliffs, another resort hotel in Shell Beach! She will begin her new job in November. We wish her luck!

In March 2007, **Courtney Le Vine** married Michael Feehan in a small ceremony in Bermuda. A formal reception was held in April in New Jersey

to celebrate with family and friends. Courtney works as an analyst in the real estate division at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and is pursuing a Master of Science in Real Estate Asset Management at New York U. Michael is a specialist and floor official at the New York Stock Exchange and is pursuing an MBA, also at NYU. The couple resides in Jersey City, NJ. **Manjula Venkataramani** (ILR, then Brooklyn Law School in '07) and **Binoy Dharja** (A&S, then Georgetown Law School '07) were married on August 19, 2007 in India. The couple met at Cornell and became engaged in September '06. The wedding was a five-day ceremony with over 700 guests attending. After the wedding, Manjula and Binoy spent two relaxing weeks in the Greek Islands and now reside in Manhattan.

**Kevin Nadolny**, in his own words: "The night of graduation, I drove through the night to be at the airport early the next morning. I had a flight to China to catch. My life at Cornell



abruptly ended and I would spend the next year and three months in China. In Beijing, I had the time of my life as I made friends from all over the world while studying Chinese at Beijing Language and Culture U. Since then, I have graduated from Stanford with a master's in structural engineering and have now moved back East, where I work with a structural engineering firm called LERA in New York City. LERA designs high-performing structures all over the world, so I might be traveling to Dubai or India sometime soon."

**Stacy Schwartz** writes, "**Michael Katz '01**, ME '02, and I were married over Columbus Day weekend. We had a number of Cornell alums in attendance, including **Sam and Caitlin Sullivan-Fieldman '03**, **Brian Kennedy '01**, **Katie Van Benschoten**, **Beth and Mike Linnetz '96**, **Aaron Kemp**, **Adam Saltzman '02**, **Rachel Brinkman '07**, **Jeremy Schreiber '01**, **Peter Wang '99** and **Crystal Soja '01**, and more. Also, after all my

school at Harvard. Theo's commitment to public service took him to Ghana, where he traveled for two weeks in March to work in a hospital near the village in which he was raised. He came back and took his national board exams in June and started the third year in July. Currently Theo is in the middle of his surgery rotation and is thinking about going into surgery after he graduates. International photojournalist **Danfung Dennis** writes, "The art of war and photography are one and the same. The camera is described much like a gun—aim, point, and shoot. The release happens in hundredths of a second, but the consequences of pulling the trigger last forever." Danfung's photos speak for themselves. Check out some of his work at [http://www.danfungdennis.com/files/Spotlight\\_Danfung.pdf](http://www.danfungdennis.com/files/Spotlight_Danfung.pdf).

**Dave Biel** writes from Scottsdale, AZ, where he manages the trendy restaurant **Bandera**. Working with the **Hillstone Restaurant Group**

City. He lives in Hell's Kitchen on the west side of Manhattan and begins work at 3 a.m.! This January Adam will be visiting Israel with classmates **Justin Berkowitz** and **Steven Seidenfeld**. In her third year working at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, **Ashley Berke** has been promoted to public relations manager. Ashley has managed regional media relations for all of the center's changing exhibits and coordinated numerous press events, including Liberty Medal ceremonies, the 2006 senatorial debate, and the mayoral debate.

After working at a women's gym as a fitness instructor and nutrition educator in Maryland—and traveling to Paris—**Christina Bellino** began a master's program in nursing education at the Teacher's College, Columbia U. She coordinates weight-loss drug trials on behalf of various pharmaceutical companies at the New York Obesity Research Center at St. Luke's Hospital in Manhattan. Christina finishes her coursework this spring and has plans to complete a dietetic internship to become a registered dietician next fall. **Rosie Brill** is a project finance analyst for Hilton Hotels out in Beverly Hills and is in charge of structuring debt financing for owned hotels. On weekends she plays with her string quartet and is having lots of fun in Los Angeles.

Both **Dante Simone** and **Milva Alcantara** are in their first year of law school at Rutgers in Newark, NJ. Since graduation, Dante earned regional sales awards while working for Toshiba in New Jersey. Milva excelled as a legal assistant in Manhattan. **Lindsey Armstrong** travels between San Francisco and Philadelphia as a real estate investor and will be going to grad school for business with a concentration in real estate next fall. Thanks to all who sent updates! Please keep the news coming to: ♦ **Jennifer Miel**, [miel.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:miel.jennifer@gmail.com); and **Michelle Wong**, [michelle.r.wong@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.r.wong@gmail.com).

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time working at the Catherwood Library, I am now in graduate school for library and information science at Simmons College in Boston."

**Caitlin Stansell**, BArch '05, and **Thomas Struble '03** were married in Caitlin's hometown of Cohasset, MA, last September. The two met at school and recently moved to Seattle, WA, where Tom, who was ROTC at school, is serving in the US Navy. A picture from their wedding should be posted on the Class of 2004 website shortly. Congratulations to all of the newlyweds! Please remember to check out the Class of 2004 website and our Facebook group. ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, [vgm3@cornell.edu](mailto:vgm3@cornell.edu).

**05** Hello, classmates! I'm happy to report that the Class of 2005 continues to work hard in our jobs, schools, and outside activities. I just returned from a weekend reunion in Ithaca with some Cornell cross-country teammates. Classmates **Sarah Coseo**, **Alyssa Simon**, **Carrie Richards**, **Sam Mackenzie**, and I joined older teammates to tour some of the Finger Lakes wineries and reminisce about our Cornell memories. Perhaps the nature of our distance-running led many of us to pursue careers in health and medicine fields. Carrie recently began working as a registered nurse in Pittsburgh after earning her certification at SUNY Binghamton. Sam is currently studying for his MD/PhD at SUNY Upstate. Sarah just began her master's in public health at George Washington U. Sarah also works full-time conducting research focused on reducing infant mortality in minority populations.

During our reunion I got many updates: **Theo Nyame** is now in his third year of medical

has given Dave a taste of the nomadic hunter-gatherer culture; since graduation he has lived in five cities, from the Napa Valley to New Orleans. Dave stays in touch with a number of Cornell alumni including classmates **Stacey Nadolny** and **Tom Allen**. **Vivian Barrios** lives back home in Panama working with an independent development company that is building the first luxury hotel on the Panamanian Pacific Coast: the Bristol Buenaventura. Vivian recently spent an amazing three weeks visiting classmates **Luis Izquierdo** and **Renata Loducca** in Puerto Valarta and San Diego, CA, exploring the areas and remembering good times at Cornell.

Following graduation **Danah Abarr** traveled to Singapore for a year and is now in Las Vegas managing the construction of the new Cirque du Soleil theatre, which is an integral part of MGM Mirage's \$8 billion City Center Project. **Kajsa Dalrymple** is finishing her master's at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. She works with a former Cornell professor on a National Science Foundation-funded project and as a research assistant for Pulitzer prize-winning author Deborah Blum. Kajsa recently published a paper in the Harvard Int'l Journal of Press/Politics and has presented research at the Int'l Communication Association, American Association for Public Opinion Research, Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

**Adam Daum** produces weather forecasts and graphics for Al Roker at the "Today Show" and at NY1 News. You can also hear him doing the weather at the end of each half-hour on "CNN Headline News" if you live in New York

**06** One reason why I love writing this column is because writing about "us" keeps me involved, and it's so much fun opening up the News Forms to find acquaintances' write-ups. For instance, one of the first classmates I met in NS245, **Michael Spadafino**, is currently a supervisor for a Catholic Missionary Ministry in East Brunswick, NJ. Michael is dedicated to serving on the ministry team, traveling around to different churches and spreading the gospel to middle school and high school students. **Ann-Marie Williams** is an RN at St. Francis Hospital while working on her graduate degree in nursing at Binghamton U. She did say she'd rather be on her honeymoon. On the West Coast, **Akimitsu Kuwabara** is a community outreach specialist in San Mateo (CA) County at the County Clerk Recorder's Office, working on the upcoming 2008 presidential elections.

On the other side of the world, **Tanja Kisseleff** is an English and German teacher in India. She works with both the students and the people in the village and says she would rather be doing nothing else! Great to hear that you are so enthusiastic and passionate about what you're doing, Tanja! **James Teed Jr.**, another buddy of



mine, has continued with his Engineering degree and is currently a civil engineer in Poughkeepsie. Hope all is well!

I would like to take some time now to honor a friend of ours who died on May 6, 2007. **Alex Holiat**, who was described by his mother as “a gentle breeze” at his memorial service, suffered an accidental head injury at his home in Tempe, AZ, that caused him to fall into a pool on his property. Alex was a graduate of the Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering and was working for Intel at the time of his death, a company he had interned with during his undergraduate years.

Roughly 40 of Alex’s Sigma Pi brothers, as well as other friends, traveled from around the country to attend his service. He was described as “an incredible balance of strength and sweetness.” Fraternity brother **Alex Deyle** noted that Alex was “extremely humble and rarely spoke of his accomplishments, including those outside of academics, such as his skills as a pianist that led him to perform at Carnegie Hall.” **Jonah Allaben** said, “Alex was one of the first people I met at Cornell and was someone you could really count on, someone who united social groups and was genuinely friends with everyone. He was the glue.” **Giorgio Roccaro ’07**, whom Alex was big brother to in the fraternity, said, “I think the best way to describe him was as a person who knew how to make everyone else have a good time, and he was a great leader in the fraternity. There was not a single person we knew who could ever say anything bad about him. He is missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.” He touched many people’s hearts.

Sigma Pi fraternity members across several years have pledged \$5,000 to the fraternity in Alex’s name, and on the Saturday morning of last fall’s Homecoming Weekend, a ceremony was held during which a plaque was hung in the Memorial Library of the fraternity. It reads: In Memory / Alexander Ivan Holiat / Sigma Pi, Class of 2006 / The rare instance of having the awareness to recognize the potential for greatness in the day and the courage to vigorously pursue it: “Today could change the rest of your life.” / Dedicated by his brothers who miss him.

It took some time for the brothers to decide on the right words that would be representative of who Alex was and what he meant to them. As Alex Deyle told me, “There’s no easy way to capture that in a few words.” He said that the quote, “Today could change the rest of your life,” is something that Alex had once said in a conversation with pledge brother Jonah Allaben. “The pledge class decided it was an appropriate quote to remember him by.” Giorgio Roccaro was also kind enough to share with me the link for the blog that was made in memory of Alex: <http://alexholiat.blogspot.com/>. Facebook has also become a place of remembrance: <http://cornell.facebook.com/profile.php?id=403279&hiq=alex%2Choliat>.

Only the greatest things could be said of Alex, because that’s just what he was—a great guy. It is a huge loss to the Cornell community and to his family, friends, and coworkers. We will always remember him. ♦ **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu); **Kate DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu).

**07** As the icy cold descends upon the town of Ithaca, most of the Class of 2007 is taking refuge elsewhere this winter. Whether interning, working, or back to school for another degree, our class is making the most of their first year away.

This summer **Lauren Ann Jimerson** moved to New York City and began an intense appraisal studies program at New York U. After she completed the program, she accepted a position with Bloomsbury Auctions. **Kaori Ito** is attending NYU to get her master’s in graphic communications management and technology. As a post-baccalaureate intramural research award Fellow at the National Institutes of Health, **Shruti Gandhi** has been researching autism and other related spectrum disorders in Bethesda, MD, since June.

After graduation, **Matthew Tucker** traveled to California to participate in the Linguistic Society of America Summer Inst. at Stanford U., where he helped teach and run workshops. In the fall he headed to Santa Cruz to begin his PhD in theoretical linguistics at UC Santa Cruz. In June, **Eryn Abrams** moved to Long Beach, Long Island, to begin her job as an associate research and development analyst at Entenmann’s. She helps develop new products—and improve existing products—for the company. **Nithya Jesuraj** spent the summer vacationing with family in India, Singapore, and Malaysia. She is currently a PhD student in the graduate program in biomedical engineering at Washington U. in St. Louis, MO.

**Alison Kamil** spent the summer as a product development intern at Nestlé Foods in Cleveland, OH. During her internship she worked on shelf life panels and in test kitchens, assisting chefs and technologists, and helped generate nutritional data analyses. She is building upon her experiences in a dietetic internship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. This fall **Nina Wong** began her first year as a doctoral student in clinical psychology at the U. of Central Florida in Orlando. Nina is finding that spending her time researching, taking classes, and teaching is very rewarding—and a bit warmer than her undergrad years. **Joseph Gambella** is working in New York City for Citigroup’s Global Transaction Services division. He is currently in

a product group on global receivables, where he has been put in charge of creating, marketing, and servicing a new financial product that will be used almost exclusively in foreign markets.

**Georgette Tzatzalos** decided to stay at our alma mater a bit longer to pursue her master’s in Biomedical Engineering. Under the supervision of Dr. C. C. Chu, she is working on a biomaterials project that focuses on marking tumor cells. This fall she also began to learn how to sail on Cayuga Lake, something she always wanted to do as an undergraduate student. **Jennifer D’Amato** told us that she misses Ithaca, but appreciates the weather in California a bit more. Jennifer is currently pursuing an MS in animal science with a focus in nutritional immunology at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

*Corrections Dept.:* Our sincerest apologies to **Kinjal Amrit Jalavadia**, who was mistakenly referred to as male in the July/Aug ’07 class column.

There are many ways to stay connected to Cornell and your class. By keeping your address current you can receive more updates on the class, invitations to events in your region, and *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. You can update your contact information by going to <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/update.cfm>. To keep your Cornell e-mail, sign up for e-mail forwarding at <http://www.cuconnect.cornell.edu/index.cfm> and all of the mail you receive in your Cornell account will be forwarded to the new e-mail address you provide. You can find Cornell events in your area, locate your regional office and local Cornell Club, and search for other useful information at [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu).

To find contact information for other Cornell graduates, visit the Cornell Alumni Directory at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>. You can also contact fellow alumni for available positions or post your own job listings by visiting the Cornell Career Network located at <http://www.career.cornell.edu/alumni/shareExperiences.html>. And finally, to keep our class column full of interesting information, please send your updates to us at the following addresses. We look forward to hearing about your new life as a Cornell alum! ♦ **Marianna Gomez**, [mag95@cornell.edu](mailto:mag95@cornell.edu); and **Dana Sckolnick**, [dana.sckolnick@gmail.com](mailto:dana.sckolnick@gmail.com).



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## Alumni Deaths

'26 BA—**Edward Sanderson** of Southbury, CT, February 20, 2007; owner, Everyday Book Shop; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Phi.

'28 BA—**Louise Emery Angell** of Holland, PA, April 10, 2007; school psychologist; wood carver; active in community and religious affairs.

'28 BA—**Marcus S. Friedlander** of Chevy Chase, MD, March 20, 2006; financial consultant. Pi Lambda Phi.

'28 BA—**Mabel Rudinsky Landau** of New York City, March 23, 2007; active in community affairs.

'29, BA '31—**Rose Rubin Bernstein** (Mrs. Saul B. '28) of Dennis, MA, February 15, 2007; retired social worker; director, casework services, US Children's Bureau; also taught German and French; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'29, BA '30—**M. Whitney Greene** of Pittsburgh, PA, February 12, 2007; retired, Koppers Co.; also worked at Standard and Poors; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'29 BA—**William Maslow** of New York City, February 23, 2007; former exec. director, American Jewish Congress; first director, Committee on Fair Employment Practices; trial attorney, National Labor Relations Board; civil rights activist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Wife, Beatrice (Greenfield) '32.

'29—**Louise Treat Robinson** (Mrs. James B. '29, BME '30) of Owasco, NY, March 15, 2007. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'30, BA '31, MD '34—**Joseph J. Kanich** of Richmond, VA, March 25, 2007; retired physician; veteran; active in community affairs. Theta Xi.

'30 BME—**Lowell G. Powers** of Cincinnati, OH, March 18, 2007; air conditioning engineer; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'30 BME—**Francis H. Wyatt** of Parkville, MD, February 23, 2007. Sigma Nu.

'31 BA—**Lorna Bennett** of Ithaca, NY, April 20, 2007; associate librarian, Cornell U.; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'31 BA—**Helen Lautrup Durnell** of Kirkwood, MO, March 1, 2007; active in alumni affairs.

'31 BS Hotel—**James R. Knipe** of Lower Gwynedd, PA, January 16, 2007; hotelier; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'32 BA—**Martha Travis Houck** (Mrs. Nelson D. '34) of Bridgewater, NJ, formerly of Bedminster, NJ, January 19, 2007; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'32, BS Ag '33—**Herbert M. Licht** of Elmhurst, IL, March 4, 2007. Phi Kappa Psi.

'33—**Burton W. Davis** of Lawrenceville, NJ, February 27, 2007; electronics technician, Princeton U. Plasma Physics Lab and EMR Photoelectric Co.; veteran. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'33 BA, JD '35—**Eli M. Goldberg** of Rye, NY, January 20, 2007; attorney; veteran; real estate developer; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'33 BA—**Betty Lowndes Heath** of Westwood, MA, January 7, 2007; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'33—**N. G. Howitt** of Pompano Beach, FL, April 3, 2007; oral surgeon; former director, Bronx Dental Clinic; active in professional affairs.

'33 BA—**George W. Roesch Jr.** of Weston, CT, March 7, 2007; retired from Formrite Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'34 BA—**Nathaniel B. Elkins** of Miami, FL, January 18, 2007; attorney; veteran. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'34 BA—**Thomas E. Fairchild** of Madison, WI, February 12, 2007; senior judge, 7th Circuit US Court of Appeals; wrote the opinion reversing the Chicago Seven convictions; ran against Sen. Joseph McCarthy; US attorney, Western District of Wisconsin; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'34 BA—**Marion Ganzenmuller Goulard** (Mrs. Everett M. '34) of Darien, CT, April 8, 2007. Alpha Phi.

'34-36 SP Ag—**Malcolm C. Kellogg** of Scipio Center, NY, January 18, 2007; director, Office of Disaster Preparedness, Cayuga County; owner, MacKay Farm; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'34 BS HE—**Helen Rowley Munson** of Utica, NY, March 9, 2007; home economics teacher; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'34—**Louis H. Rosenthal** of Doylestown, PA, February 19, 2007; owner, Rosenthal's Art and Hobby Supply and New York Central Art Supply; active in alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'34 BS Ag—**Richard J. Rozelle** of Glenwood, FL,

February 19, 2007; retired chemical engineer; active in alumni affairs.

'34, BS HE '36, MS HE '45—**Irene Van Deventer Skinner** of New London, OH, January 26, 2007; asst. professor emerita, Bowling Green State U.; taught home economics; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'35 BA—**Frances Parker Kohberger** of Cortland, NY, April 3, 2007; worked at Cornell and Ithaca Gun; active in community affairs.

'35—**Charles K. Pratt** of Port Byron, NY, April 9, 2007; horticulturist; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'35 BA—**E. Allen Robinson** of Seattle, WA, February 11, 2006; housing economist, FHA and HUD; veteran; mountaineer; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Phi.

'36 BA—**Charles E. Gildersleeve** of Signal Mountain, TN, May 1, 2007; retired English professor, Chattanooga State Technical Comm. College; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'36 BS HE—**Dorothy Palmer Graybill** of Dexter, MI, January 11, 2007; hospital dietitian; active in professional affairs.

'36 BS HE—**Louise S. Miller** of Bird In Hand, PA, May 4, 2007; schoolteacher; case worker; superintendent, Davenport Home for Girls; active in community and religious affairs.

'36 BA, MA '37—**Gilbert J. Perlow** of Downers Grove, IL, February 17, 2007.

'36, BME '37—**George J. Tooker** of Hingham, MA, February 6, 2007; retired VP, Bird & Sons; also worked for Continental Can Co.; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'36—**Allin B. Turner** of Largo, FL, formerly of Clearwater, FL, May 3, 2007; insurance agent. Delta Upsilon.

'37, BLA '39—**George William Atkinson** of Westport, CT, August 20, 1995; designer and engineer, war materiel, Cycleweld Division of Chrysler; head fashion designer, Glen of Michigan; founded Houses Inc. homes for veterans; active in professional affairs.

'37—**Ludmila Koshkin Beve** of Baltimore, MD, January 28, 2007; active in community affairs. Alpha Phi. Husband, Carl-Eric Beve '38.

'37 BS Ag, MS Ag '48—**Wendell M. Fairbanks** of Vancouver, WA, February 28, 2007; taught at SUNY Farmingdale; taught high school vocational agriculture.

'37 BA, MA '38—**Rita Carey Guerlac** (Mrs. Henry E. '32, MS '33) of Ithaca, NY, March 29, 2007; translator; independent scholar; author; editor; active in professional and alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'37 BA—**Ellis L. Jacobson** of Lake Worth, FL, February 20, 2007; owner, Ellis L. Jacobson Agency; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs.



'37 BEE—**Henry A. Page Jr.** of Sylvania, OH, April 26, 2007; president, Page Dairy Co.; director of development, Medical College of Ohio; active in civic and community affairs. Chi Phi.

'37 BS HE—**Beatrice Schempp** Reddick of Guilford, CT, April 23, 2007; operated Happy Child Nursery School; active in community and professional affairs.

'38 BS Ag, MEd '60—**Nelson S. Maurer** of Albany, NY, February 20, 2006; editor; industrial arts teacher; active in community affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

'38 BA—**Clara Rhodes** Rosevear of DeLand, FL, April 4, 2007; active in Girl Scouts, YMCA, Nat'l Camp Councils, Canadian Council of Churches, and alumni affairs. Husband, Robert A. Rosevear '37.

'38 BS HE, MS HE '59—**Priscilla Stevens** Stringham of Needham, MA, formerly of Groton, NY, January 30, 2007; home economics teacher, Groton Central School; active in community affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'38 BS Ag—**Gordon H. Strite** of Punta Gorda, FL, March 8, 2007; nutritionist; secondary school teacher; scientist; inventor; veteran. Delta Tau Delta.

'38 BS Ag—**Robert C. Taber** of Sun City Center, FL, February 22, 2007; retired US Army lieutenant general. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'38, BA '39—**Shuril C. Terry** of Ballwin, MO, March 13, 2007; executive, Hartford Insurance Co.; active in community affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'39 BA, B Chem E '40—**Addison A. Epp Jr.** of Laguna Beach, CA, January 18, 2007; retired engineer, North American Aviation Co.

'39 BS HE—**Dorothy McKissock** Garrison of Clemson, SC, April 11, 2007; homemaker; active in community and religious affairs. Husband, Olen B. Garrison, PhD '39.

'39 BA—**Gertrude Cantor** Hofheimer of Scarsdale, NY, April 27, 2007; active in community affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'39 MA—**Gordon M. Kirkwood** of Ithaca, NY, January 16, 2007; professor emeritus of classics, Cornell U.; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Patricia (Frueh) '38.

'39 BA—**Anna DeChiara** Malamud of Cambridge, MA, March 20, 2007; edited manuscripts of husband, writer Bernard Malamud.

'39 BS Hotel—**Harold M. Mayer** of Indian Wells, CA, and Glenview, IL, April 20, 2007; chairman of the board, Oscar Mayer & Co.; part-owner, Chicago Bulls; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'39 BA, LLB '41—**Douglas H. Philipp** of Tampa, FL, April 16, 2007; retired attorney; contract negotiator, General Electric; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'40 BA—**R. Hugh Dickinson** of Seattle, WA,

March 17, 2007; psychiatrist; taught at the U. of Washington and U. of Chicago medical schools; active in professional and alumni affairs. Delta Phi.

'40 BS Ag—**Robert E. Fuerst** of Oldsmar, FL, formerly of Yona, Guam, January 11, 2007; retired Air Force colonel; author.

'40 MA—**Albert C. Ganley** of Exeter, NH, April 13, 2007; chair, history dept., Phillips Exeter Academy; research fellow, Cambridge U.; historian; author; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'40 BS Ag—**Theodore D. Gordon** of Pulaski, NY, January 17, 2007; retired plant manager, Queen's Farm Dairy; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'40—**Alvan R. Grant** of Rochester, NY, February 13, 2007; former director, Monroe County Parks Dept.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'40 MEd—**Dorothy L. Krieger** of Greenfield, IN, January 20, 2007.

'40 BS Ag—**Anna M. Mekeel** of Jacksonville, NY, January 28, 2007.

'40 BCE, MD '44—**John R. Roberts** of Kingston, NY, January 6, 2007; physician, Kingston and Benedictine hospitals; veteran; active in community affairs.

'41, BME '42—**Lewis M. Birkhead** of Spring Lake, MI, February 10, 2007; worked for Gardner-Denver; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'41 BME—**Charles E. Boak** of Tinton Falls, NJ, April 4, 2007; retired from American Hoechst; veteran; photographer; pilot; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'41, BS Ag '42, PhD '51—**H. Seymour Fowler** of Petersburg, PA, February 22, 2007; professor emeritus of nature and science education, Pennsylvania State U.; author; active in professional affairs.

'41 MS—**Karl W. Kenyon** of Hilo, HI, March 27, 2007; worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service; taught at Mills College; responsible for reintroduction of sea otter on the Washington coast; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'41 BA—**Robert C. Randall** of Iowa City, IA, March 21, 2007; industrial engineer, Procter & Gamble; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Chi.

'41—**Frederick G. Sundheim** of Stuart, FL, January 1, 2007; attorney; county judge; veteran; active in community affairs.

'41 MD—**John J. Thorpe** of Rumson, NJ, January 26, 2007; pioneer in occupational medicine; asst. medical director, Standard Oil; clinical professor, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; veteran; author; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'41 BA, LLB '48—**Frank J. Warner Jr.** of Slingerlands, NY, January 23, 2007; civil trial attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'42 BME—**Robert G. Coe** of Cleveland, OH, February 12, 2007.

'42 MA—**Marian E. Elliott** of Van Etten, NY, April 29, 2007; chairwoman, Ithaca High School English Dept.; active in community and religious affairs.

'42 PhD—**Richard M. Forbes** of Urbana, IL, June 7, 2006; professor of nutritional biochemistry, U. of Illinois; also taught at U. of Kentucky; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'42 BA—**Richard C. Franklin** of Holden, MA, January 2, 2007; veteran; pilot. Chi Phi.

'42 BS HE—**Evelyn Agor** Gregg of Cazenovia, NY, April 13, 2007; home economics teacher; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'42, BS Ag '48—**Kenneth U. Hubbard** of Fort Myers, FL, January 1, 2007; owner, Fort Myers Insurance; attorney; also worked for USF&G Insurance; veteran; active in community affairs.

'42 BS Ag—**Ignatius T. Lacombe** of Plattsburgh, NY, March 16, 2007; management analyst; counselor, Veterans Administration; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'42, BA '63, MEd '64—**Mary Wells** Leonard of Reno, NV, January 18, 2007; educator; active in community affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'42 DVM—**Lawrence Leveson** of Niagara Falls, NY, February 8, 2007; veterinarian; columnist; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'42 BS HE—**Margaret M. Lucha** of Rexford, NY, February 26, 2007; public relations director, Port Washington public library; public relations writer, Young & Rubicam; editor, *AT&T Magazine*; active in community and religious affairs.

'42 BA, MBA '48—**Robert L. Mason** of New Canaan, CT, February 21, 2007.

'42 BS Ag—**George E. Paley** of Bronxville, NY, January 27, 2007; physician; active in alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'42 BS Hotel—**Stephen P. Pendias** of Garden City, NY, April 16, 2007.

'42 BS Ag, MBA '48—**John Rivoire** of Ithaca, NY, January 8, 2007; market reporter and editor, McGraw Hill Publishing; also worked for the USDA's potato program; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Alice (Sanderson) '41, MS HE '48.

'42 PhD—**Robert J. Schatz** of Ellisville, MO, January 15, 2007; director of research and development, resin products div., Monsanto Chemical; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Louise (Nordenholt) '42.

'42 BA, MD '42—**Richard C. Slocum** of Columbia, SC, April 22, 2007; urologist; VP of medical affairs, Baptist Medical Center; active in



community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'42 BCE—**Raphael E. Ting** of Fremont, CA, February 22, 2007; engineer.

'42 BA—**Miriam Stein Waldbaum** (Mrs. Milton G. '41) of Omaha, NE, January 15, 2007; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'43—**Donald A. Boss** of Des Moines, IA, March 20, 2007; president, Boss Companies. Delta Chi.

'43, BA '44—**Marion Sexauer Byrnes** of Mequon, WI, March 22, 2007; active in civic and community affairs. Delta Gamma.

'43—**Burton S. Cook** of Annapolis, MD, formerly of Ocala, FL, April 2, 2007; retired civilian Air Force project manager; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'43 BA—**William T. Dunn Jr.** of Hobe Sound, FL, February 5, 2007; partner, Johnson & Higgins Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'43 MS HE—**Ruth Goldsmith Fillips** of Whitesboro, NY, February 18, 2007; high school teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'43 PhD—**Kenneth I. Greisen** of Ithaca, NY, March 17, 2007; cosmic ray scientist; professor emeritus of physics, Cornell U.; worked on the Manhattan Project; former Cornell dean of faculty and university ombudsman; active in professional affairs.

'43—**Carl F. Howe** of Cary, NC, June 19, 2006.

'43—**Lawrence D. Hunter** of Bakersfield, CA, December 12, 2006. Zeta Psi.

'43—**Joshua J. Hurwitz** of Chestnut Hill, MA, February 18, 2007.

'43 BA—**Sue Chien Lee** of Homewood, AL, March 13, 2007.

'43 DVM—**Bernard Lipman** of Hamden, CT, February 21, 2007; veterinarian. Wife, Muriel (Blum) '43.

'43 BME—**George H. Lockwood** of Pompano Beach, FL, October 24, 2006; engineer.

'43—**Arthur B. Lyons** of East Greenbush, NY, January 4, 2007; retired school custodian; also worked for Railway Express; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Chi.

'43 BS HE—**Alice Chamberlin Meeker** of Delhi, NY, formerly of Otego, NY, January 7, 2007; retired home economics teacher; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'43 PhD—**Norris G. Nereson** of Los Alamos, NM, February 21, 2007; nuclear physicist, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; worked on the Manhattan Project; taught at U. of New Mexico; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'43, BME '47—**Roger S. Parker** of Marblehead, MA, July 2, 2006; retired mechanical engineer, United Shoe Machinery Co.; computer systems consultant; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Tau Delta

'43—**William C. Reed** of Tully, NY, February 13, 2007; worked for Link Aviation; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'43—**R. Parker Smith** of Holyoke, MA, February 13, 2007; executive editor, Westchester-Rockland Newspapers; news and sports editor, *Newsday*; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Nu.

'43, BS Ag '46—**Robert W. Walker Jr.** of Quogue, NY, and Vero Beach, FL, February 16, 2007; salesman, shipping container industry; veteran. Zeta Psi. Wife, Jocelyn (Griffith) '49.

'44 BS HE—**Jean Abbott Ault** of Gibson Island, MD, January 7, 2007; active in community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'44, BCE '48—**Peter N. Barr** of Westwood, MA, January 15, 2007; retired board chairman, Barr & Barr Inc.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'44 MA—**Ernestine Baldrige Boorum** of Canandaigua, NY, formerly of Interlaken, NY, January 25, 2007.

'44, BA '47—**Roger D. Booze** of York Harbor, ME, April 28, 2007; worked in the chemical and metallurgical industries; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'44 BS HE—**Jane Knight Knott** of Durango, CO, February 8, 2007; dietitian; former president, Fort Lewis College Foundation; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'44 MD—**Howard K. Linder** of Sacramento, CA, March 28, 2007; physician; veteran; editor; author.

'44, BS Hotel '45—**Robert M. Ready** of Dorchester, MA, formerly of Rumson, NJ, March 27, 2007; worked in hotel and restaurant business; organized Gotham Bowl; veteran; substance abuse counselor; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'44 DVM—**Irving S. Rossoff** of Springfield, IL, March 16, 2007; clinical toxicologist; veterinarian; criminologist; patented several drugs; teacher; veteran; author; active in professional and religious affairs.

'44-45 SP Ag—**Raymond Sturm** of Bloomington, IL, January 27, 2007; chiropractor; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'44—**Kurt Vonnegut Jr.** of New York City, April 11, 2007; author of *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *Cat's Cradle*, *Mother Night*, *Breakfast of Champions*, and many other novels, short stories, plays, and essays; journalist; public relations writer, General Electric; taught at the Iowa Writers Workshop; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'44 BS HE—**Joyce Cook Bertelsen Wilson** of Wayland, MA, January 6, 2007. Delta Gamma.

'45, BS Nurs '47—**Elizabeth Carpenter Delahanty** of Ithaca, NY, March 19, 2007; retired registered nurse; librarian; president, Dryden Historical Society; active in community and religious affairs.

'45, BS Hotel '47—**Amy Mann Dixon** of Glastonbury, CT, January 12, 2007; bookkeeper; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'45—**Hubert S. Dorr** of Palm Coast, FL, June 2, 2006.

'45, BA '48—**Robert F. Erickson** of Davidson, NC, November 30, 2006; history professor, Southern Illinois U. and Butler U. Delta Chi. Wife, Sara (Blanchard) '47.

'45 BS HE—**Lillian Moore Etter** of Mt. Gilead, OH, March 29, 2007; high school home economics, math, and science teacher; active in community affairs.

'45 BA—**Anthony F. Giffone Jr.** of Sicklerville, NJ, January 2, 2007; obstetrician-gynecologist.

'45 DVM—**Robert A. Lopez** of Westport, NY, March 12, 2007; veterinarian; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Marjorie (Beha) '45.

'45, BME '44—**William C. Menges** of Verona, PA, April 26, 2007; retired engineer, PPG Industries; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'45 BS Ag, MS Ag '46—**Germaine Seelye Oesterle** (Mrs. Eric C. '45, BS Ag '47) of West Lafayette, IN, March 21, 2007; gardener; author; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'45—**Phyllis Dakin Paquette** of Worcester, MA, March 30, 2007; worked for the Women's Educational & Industrial Union; active in alumni affairs.

'45, MD '47—**Robert B. Wallace** of Tucson, AZ, formerly of New Hartford, NY, March 25, 2007; gastroenterologist and internist; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi. Wife, Charlotte (Madison) Devers-Wallace '45.

'45, BEE '49—**Theodore S. Watson** of Rexford, NY, April 18, 2007; retired from Watervliet Arsenal; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Zeta Psi.

'46 PhD—**Leona Schnell Emrich** of Hinton, WV, March 27, 2006.

'46 BA—**Dorothy Abrams Goldstein** of Melrose, MA, March 31, 2007; research psychologist, Central Islip Psychiatric Hospital; active in community and professional affairs.

'46 MD—**Lyman Maass** of Lake Arrowhead, CA, September 26, 2006; physician.

'46—**John C. MacFarlane** of Pinehurst, NC,



March 7, 2007; owner, Youngs Drug Products Corp.; veteran. Phi Delta Theta.

'46 BA—**Ethel Handelman** Mayrsohn of Purchase, NY, May 4, 2007; travel agent; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Bernard Mayrsohn '45.

'46 BS HE—**Kae Holdridge** Nay of Agawam, MA, March 2, 2007; former dietitian, Mercy State Hospital; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'46 MA—**David M. Nelson** of New Port Richey, FL, formerly of Salamanca, NY, February 26, 2007; retired teacher and principal; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'46 BA—**Avis Kirkendall** Reed of LaFayette, NY, January 6, 2007; high school science teacher; former laboratory scientist; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta. Husband, William C. Reed '43.

'46—**Paul W. Weld** of Mendon, NY, January 16, 2007; physician; director of medical education, chief of physical medicine, and director of diagnostic ultrasound, Rochester Gen. Hospital; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'46—**Thomas S. Young III** of Greeneville, TN, January 10, 2007; data processing manager, L. T. Barringer Cotton Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Phi.

'47 BA—**Ragnar L. Arnesen Jr.** of Pétionville, Haiti, formerly of Atlanta, GA, February 3, 2007; director.

'47 BA—**Jack Bazer** of New York City, March 30, 2007; professor of mathematics, Courant Inst. of Mathematics, New York U.

'47, BA '46—**Aileen G. Bernstein** of Yardley, PA, April 3, 2007; social worker.

'47 DVM—**Francis J. Drazek** of Dryden, NY, January 26, 2007; retired veterinarian; asst. director, division of animal industry, Cornell U. College of Veterinary Medicine; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'47 BS Nurs—**Anna E. Ford** of Rutherford, NJ, February 1, 2007; nursing supervisor, Jersey City Medical Ctr.; taught nursing at Felician College and Jersey Shore Medical Ctr. School of Nursing.

'47, BME '46—**Allen S. Ginsburgh** of Rockford, IL, April 19, 2007; aeronautical engineer, Sunstrand Corp.; active in civic and community affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'47, BS HE '46—**Doris Tiedeman** Johnson (Mrs. Randall W. '46) of Ft. Worth, TX, February 2, 2007; retired bookstore manager. Delta Delta Delta.

'47 BME—**Sigmund E. Kei** of West Hartford, CT, February 19, 2007; consulting engineer; veteran; violinist; active in community and religious affairs.

'47 BS Nurs—**Claire Harding** Moser of Jeffersontown, KY, April 21, 2007; elementary school teacher; active in religious affairs.

'47 BS HE—**Arlene O'Hara O'Connor** of Camillus, NY, April 11, 2007; elementary school teacher; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Xi Delta.

'47 MD—**Robert C. Partenheimer** of Fort Pierce, FL, February 10, 2007; physician.

'47, BME '48—**Edgar B. Peterson** of Wichita, KS, formerly of Rumson, NJ, April 1, 2007; engineer, Bell Laboratories; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

'47 BS HE—**Virginia Robords** Powers of Camp Hill, PA, February 26, 2007; taught sewing and tailoring.

'47 BA—**James K. Robinson** of Rochester, NY, February 9, 2007; attorney, Eastman Kodak; active in civic and community affairs. Sigma Chi.

'47 BA—**Jeanne U. Schmidt** of Sarasota, FL, January 8, 2007; stockbroker. Delta Delta Delta.

'48 BEE—**Lawrence R. Dows** of Bon Air, VA, April 23, 2007; engineer, General Electric Co.; worked on Gemini and Apollo programs; owner, stamp and coin business; veteran; active in religious affairs. Theta Xi.

'48 JD—**Justin P. Dunleavy** of Silver Spring, MD, March 31, 2007; attorney, Navy Dept.; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'48 BS HE—**Elodie Mayer** Huffman of Blue Ash, OH, March 12, 2007; dietitian; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 BA—**Jacob M. Johnsen** of Richardson, TX, February 22, 2006. Sigma Pi.

'48—**Shirley Waters** Mazzga of Hawley, PA, January 16, 2007; dairy farmer; active in professional affairs.

'48 BA, MBA '49—**Martin J. Neifeld** of Lake Worth, FL, March 1, 2007; president, Bell Jay Sales Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs.

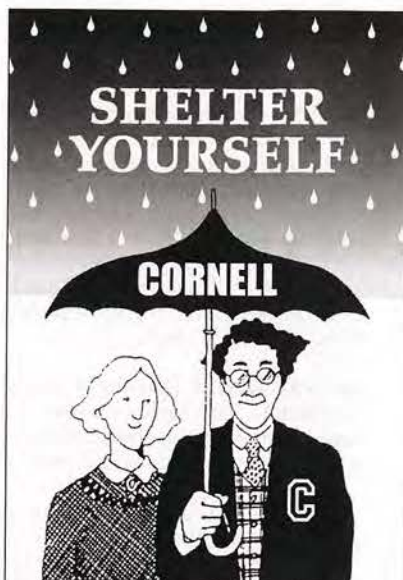
'48 PhD—**Betsy Patterson** Smith (Mrs. Grant N., PhD '47) of Fort Collins, CO, February 13, 2006; computer programmer; medical researcher; active in religious affairs.

'48 BA, MBA '49—**Alexander T. Stark** of Madison, CT, February 13, 2007; businessman; active in alumni affairs.

'48, BA '47, MD '50—**John F. Stockfisch** of Brick, NJ, February 1, 2007; professor of medicine, Hahnemann Medical College; emeritus member, medical staff of Monmouth Medical Center; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'48, BA '49, MA '50—**Donald M. Terry** of Richmond, VA, January 21, 2007.

'49, BA '51—**Whitney L. Balliett** of New York City, February 1, 2007; *New Yorker* jazz critic; also reviewed books and covered Off Broadway theater; published seventeen essay collections;



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veteran; active in professional affairs. Delta Phi.

**'49 DVM—Raymond F. Birchard** of Edinboro, PA, September 7, 2006; veterinarian; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

**'49 BS Hotel—Frank H. Davis Jr.** of Treasure Island, FL, February 20, 2007; owner, manager, and VP, public relations, Host Int'l and Danish Chalet Inn; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs.

**'49 BS Ag—Peter E. Demnitz** of Morristown, NJ, March 13, 2007; executive, Wisner Manufacturing Corp.; former president, Baltic Conveyor; active in community and alumni affairs.

**'49 MS Aero—J. Perry Fraser** of Gorham, ME, December 12, 2006; aeronautical engineer; worked for General Electric and Mechanical Technologies; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'49—Charles I. Frost** of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Burdett, NY, April 29, 2007; worked for Akzo Nobel Salt Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'49—Edward P. Gubb** of Quechee, VT, January 18, 2007; operated Parker Allen Marketing Co.; account mgr., E. F. MacDonald Co.; branch mgr., Philco Corp.; veteran. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

**'49 BS Hotel—John R. Harris** of Santa Fe, NM, November 16, 2006; retired hotel and restaurant manager. Kappa Alpha.

**'49 MS Ag—Charles D. McGrew** of Columbus, OH, February 10, 2007; retired professor of dairy science, Ohio State U.; extension agent; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'49 BS Ag—Fred J. McKible** of Boynton Beach, FL, formerly of Newburgh, NY, February 7, 2007; owner, Mid Hudson Beauty Supply; veteran. Phi Sigma Delta. Wife, Renee (Wolf) '49.

**'49 BS ILR—Nelson M. Ripley** of Ithaca, NY, April 20, 2007; president, Townley Leasing; also worked for the FBI; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'49 MD—Samuel M. Schlyen** of Boynton Beach, FL, April 18, 2007; physician; adjunct professor, Memorial Sloan-Kettering; veteran; active in professional affairs.

**'49—Leslie T. Sutherland** of Pittsfield, MA, March 2, 2007; owner, Marcellus Lumber; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

**'49, BA '50—Mimi Townley** of Torrance, CA, February 18, 2007.

**'49 PhD—Walter W. Waring** of Delton, MI, February 19, 2007; professor emeritus of English, Kalamazoo College; veteran; author; painter; active in community and professional affairs.

**'50 BEE—Ramon H. Aires** of Granada Hills, CA, March 5, 2007; chief engineer, RCA; also worked for Eastman Kodak and Philco; veteran;

active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

**'50—Catherine Deck Benson** of Pawling, NY, April 8, 2007; high school English teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'50 MS Ag—Robert L. Bickford Jr.** of Ho Ho Kus, NJ, January 4, 2007; chairman of the board of trustees, U. of Vermont; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

**'50 BS Ag—Glenn E. Dayton** of Avon, NY, August 22, 2006; active in alumni affairs.

**'50 BS Hotel—Fatio Dunham** of Lakeland, FL, January 11, 2007; financial planner; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Chi Phi.

**'50 BS HE—Roberta Monesmith** Hambleton of Holland, MI, April 8, 2007. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

**'50 LLB—George F. Harris** of East Rochester, NY, January 21, 2007; attorney.

**'50 DVM—Jean Holzworth** of New Preston, CT, January 13, 2007; retired veterinarian; specialist in the care of cats; author; active in professional and alumni affairs.

**'50 BS ILR—Gordon L. McKiernan** of Mechanicsburg, PA, March 5, 2007; retired from AMP; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Nu.

**'50 MS—Charles A. Meyn** of Lewisburg, PA, January 9, 2007; hotel owner; college administrator at Hobart, Bucknell, Lock Haven, and Ithaca College; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'50 BEE—Peter J. Moonan** of Bayside, NY, February 19, 2007; engineer.

**'50—Floyd J. Nuber Jr.** of New Berlin, WI, April 4, 2007; chief engineer, Rose Industries; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Phi.

**'50 BS Ag—William H. Olney** of Westernville, NY, November 26, 2006; retired from Utica Duxback; worked for Olney & Floyd vegetable processing company; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

**'50 PhD—Lorne A. Page** of Pittsburgh, PA, April 9, 2007; professor of physics, U. of Pittsburgh; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'50 BS HE—Nancy Sprott Stone** of Williamsburg, VA, April 7, 2007; business manager; real estate agent; also worked at *Mademoiselle* magazine; active in community affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

**'50 BS Ag—David J. Swift** of Webster, NY, March 24, 2007; active in religious and alumni affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

**'51 BA—Nicholas Bawlf** of Atlanta, GA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, February 12, 2007.

**'51 BS ILR—James E. Collery III** of Plum, PA, April 30, 2007; attorney; veteran.

**'51 BS Ag, MBA '52—Arthur A. Goldsmith Jr.** of Clarksville, TN, April 25, 2007; librarian,

Austin Peay State U.; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'51 BA—Andrew Hathaway** of Manchester Center, VT, January 3, 2007; high school mathematics teacher; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'51 BS ILR—Eric F. Jensen** of White Plains, NY, January 3, 2007; corporate labor relations executive; safety engineer, Bethlehem Steel; arbitrator; adjunct professor, Pace U.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Pi. Wife, Janet (Clark) '48.

**'51 DVM—Paul W. Miner** of Stockbridge, MA, February 17, 2007; veterinarian; veteran; active in religious affairs.

**'51 BA—Shirley Williams Murphy** of Hot Springs Village, AR, February 14, 2007. Husband, Earl J. Murphy '52.

**'51, BME '53—Barry Nolin** of Lady Lake, FL, March 26, 2007; engineer; active in alumni affairs. Chi Psi.

**'51, BA '52—Oakley S. Ray** of Nashville, TN, February 7, 2007; professor emeritus, psychology, Vanderbilt U.; chief, mental health and behavioral sciences unit, Nashville V.A. Med. Ctr.; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs. Acacia. Wife, Kathy (Wickes) '54.

**'52—Thomas F. Conley** of Staunton, VA, April 5, 2006; engineer, McQuay Int'l.

**'52 MS—Ruth Josephson Fisk** of West Melbourne, FL, January 18, 2007; retired elementary teacher; birder; active in community affairs. Husband, George R. Fisk, PhD '55.

**'52 BME—Philip F. Gottling Jr.** of Wyoming, PA, March 13, 2007; retired manager, Procter & Gamble; recording engineer; active in community and alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa. Wife, Barbara (Johnson) '54.

**'52 MD—Waldo Greenspan** of River Edge, NJ, February 21, 2007; cardiologist and internist; professor, Hackensack U. Medical Ctr.; active in community affairs.

**'52 BS Hotel—Donald C. Hadley** of Apollo Beach, FL, January 5, 2007; former editor, *Finger Lakes Times*; veteran; active in professional affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon. Wife, Margaret (Warner) '53.

**'52 BS Ag—Ralph E. Hawes Jr.** of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, April 25, 2007; senior manager, IBM; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

**'52 BA, MBA '53—Charles G. Lem** of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Madison, WI, February 19, 2007; VP, Hoff & Lem; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'52 BS ILR, LLB '57—Stuart O. H. Merz** of Shaker Heights, OH, January 15, 2007; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

**'52, BA '54—Donald J. Post Jr.** of Middlebury, CT, February 5, 2007; registrar, dean of academic



affairs, dean of student affairs, and director of athletics, Post College; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'52 DVM—**Edward J. Rackowski** of Vero Beach, FL, January 26, 2007; veterinarian; veteran; active in religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'52 BME—**George R. Roslund** of Palo Alto, CA, January 18, 2007; sales engineer; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'52—**Elizabeth Rochester** Zoerner of San Clemente, CA, formerly of Wantagh, NY, February 26, 2007; sales manager, Avon; active in community affairs.

'53 MS ILR—**Arlene G. Begert** of Lewiston, ME, January 27, 2007; petroleum economist, Exxon Corp.; analyst, Nat'l Weather Service; teacher; pilot; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53, BEP '54—**William H. Bentley** of Wyomissing, PA, April 4, 2007; worked for American Polarizers. Kappa Alpha.

'53, BA '58—**Andrew H. Campbell** of Hillside, NJ, April 20, 2007; owner, Eastern Steel Barrel Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Psi.

'53—**Carolyn Ansley** Cline of Tybee Island, GA, January 21, 2007; worked at the High Museum of Art; active in community affairs. Husband, Ralph T. Cline, MS '52.

'53 PhD—**Hugh M. Cunningham** of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, February 20, 2007.

'53 BA—**Clark G. Ford** of Westport, CT, January 19, 2007; advertising professional; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon. Wife, Claire (Moran) '53.

'53 LLB—**Edwin A. Lassman** of South Windsor, CT, March 14, 2007; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'53, BArch '54—**Van Norden Logan** of Healdsburg, CA, December 23, 2006; architect; real estate broker. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'53 BS Ag, MPA '61, JD '62—**Homer S. Pringle Jr.** of Wilmette, IL, March 31, 2007; retired attorney; former firefighter; veteran. Wife, Alice (Kouwenhoven), JD '62.

'53 BA—**Joyce Hunt** Strand of Glenmont, NY, April 11, 2007; elementary school teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'53 BA—**Donald W. Wallace** of Phoenix, AZ, March 6, 2007; computer programmer; active in community and alumni affairs. Wife, Judy (Stone) '53.

'54, BA '55, MEd '57—**Marilyn Dyce** Arden of Lindenhurst, IL, formerly of Winnetka, IL, April 30, 2007; artist; art teacher; worked for Scott Foresman Publishers; active in civic and community affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Charles E. Arden Jr. '55, MBA '60.

'54 BA—**Kenneth S. Berkman** of Huntington, NY, February 28, 2007; attorney; senior partner, Berkman Henoch Peterson and Peddy; veteran; member, Township Theater Group; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'54—**Peter M. Cole** of Scottsdale, AZ, February 15, 2007; pediatrician; clinical assoc. prof., Children's Health Ctr., St. Joseph's Hospital; veteran. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'54-55 GR—**James J. Dalton** of Washington, DC, March 7, 2007; worked for USAID, the Ford Foundation, and the Asia Foundation; vice president, MIDAS Agronomics Co.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'54 BFA—**Eleanor Shane** Goldfarb of Boynton Beach, FL, formerly of New York City, February 19, 2007; president, Shane Group, executive recruitment firm; artist. Sigma Delta Tau.

'54 BA—**Ted Heine** of Waverly, IA, April 22, 2007; retired professor of accounting, Wartburg College; professor of German and deputy head of dept. of foreign languages, Air Force Academy; veteran; active in community affairs.

'54 BCE—**Ivan V. La Fave** of Naperville, IL, March 7, 2007; retired design engineer, Chicago Bridge & Iron; veteran; active in professional affairs. Sigma Nu.

'54 BS Hotel—**Julian D. Luykx** of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, January 14, 2007; marketing specialist, Hughes Aircraft and the Long Beach Naval Shipyard; veteran; active in community affairs.

'54—**James F. Macera** of Ithaca, NY, January 26, 2007; real estate broker.

'54 BA—**Marion Bloch** Saltz of Jericho, NY, February 19, 2007. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'54 BA, MEd '55—**Maureen Moynihan** Schmitt of Ithaca, NY, January 12, 2007; elementary school teacher; former director, Strand Theatre; program director, Women's Community Building, Ithaca; artist; active in civic and community affairs. Chi Omega.

'54 BS Ag—**Willis F. Witter Jr.** of Berthoud, CO, February 1, 2007; technical writer, IBM; high school science teacher; football and basketball coach; ski instructor; veteran; active in community affairs.

'55 MBA—**Richard N. Bowe** of Ocean Pines, MD, April 3, 2007.

'55 MRP—**Gerald E. Crane** of Ann Arbor, MI, September 8, 2006; professor emeritus of architecture and urban planning, U. of Michigan; active in professional affairs.

'55, BS HE '56—**Donna L. Gammack** of Denver, CO, February 6, 2007; former asst. supervisor of food service, Jefferson County Schools. Chi Omega.

'55-56 GR—**Henry L. Heymann** of Washington, DC, February 8, 2007; Foreign Service officer; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'55—**Ronald R. Hopps** of San Antonio, TX, formerly of Mexico City, Mexico, February 25, 2007; founding partner, Carlos 'n Charlie's restaurant group; regional mgr., Piper Aircraft Corp.; mgr., Su-Ave; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 BS HE—**Marilyn Brady** Jensen of Chatham, MA, formerly of Ridgewood, NJ, April 10, 2007; dietitian; nutrition consultant; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, Fred O. Jensen '54, BME '55.

'55 PhD—**Omprakash Talwar** of New York City, February 8, 2007; economics advisor, United Nations.

'55 BS Hotel—**Raymond M. Trotta** of Indianapolis, IN, February 10, 2007; restaurateur; veteran; sailor; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 PhD—**Donald E. Weidhaas** of Murfreesboro, TN, August 20, 2006; entomologist; retired head of USDA; author; active in professional affairs.

'56 BS Ag—**Allan C. Bean** of Manchester, CT, January 27, 2007; owner, Beanwriter; specialist in business-to-business and industrial communications; television producer; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'56-61 GR—**James L. Y. Chang** of Blacksburg, VA, February 3, 2007; professor, Virginia Military Institute. Wife, Lillie (Oo) '60.

'56 BA—**Robert L. Doolittle** of Stevensville, MD, January 20, 2007; pharmaceutical salesman; active in community and religious affairs. Zeta Psi.

'56 BS HE—**Doris Dopp** Dudley of Norwich, NY, February 12, 2007; bookkeeper; active in community and religious affairs. Husband, William H. Dudley '55.

'56 MS, PhD '61—**Maynard C. Heckel** of Lee, NH, April 8, 2007; retired director of cooperative extension, U. of New Hampshire; first dean of Granite State College; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'56-57 GR—**Charles G. Hotchkiss** of West Palm Beach, FL, September 20, 2006.

'56 BS Nurs—**Anne Buttrick** Irwin of Chatham, MA, February 21, 2006; public health and school nurse; operated bed and breakfast; artist; active in community affairs.

'56 MS HE—**Martha Reid** Stetson of Olathe, KS, December 8, 2006.

'56 BCE—**R. Donald Wintringer** of Bridgeport, NY, January 5, 2007; structural engineer. Chi Epsilon.

'57 MD—**Robert F. Barreras** of Madison, WI, January 30, 2007; professor, U. of Wisconsin Medical School; research physician, Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'57 M ILR—**Eugene S. Carrara** of Forest Hills,



NY, February 9, 2007; labor relations attorney, Air France.

**'57 MED—Charlotte Schultz** Cory of Cranston, RI, April 17, 2007; librarian; active in community and professional affairs.

**'57 MA, EdD '67—William L. Griffen** of Tully, NY, February 16, 2007; professor emeritus, SUNY Cortland; veteran; civil rights activist; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'57, BME '58—Clyde G. Nixon** of Sarasota, FL, April 29, 2007; chairman and CEO, Sun Hydraulics Corp.; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

**'57 BS Ag—Bernhard F. Noe** of Santa Fe, NM, May 12, 2006.

**'57 JD—Howard L. Schiff** of Boca Raton, FL, February 14, 2007; attorney; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'57 BA—Herman Schmertz** of Roslyn, NY, and Tucson, AZ, January 1, 2007; attorney; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

**'57 GR—Marshall Spector** of Setauket, NY, March 3, 2007; president, Greenwich Options; executive, American Biltrite and Rubber Co.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'57 JD—Harold Tompkins** of Delray Beach, FL, May 2, 2007; NY State Supreme Court Justice; civil court judge; asst. NYS attorney general; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'58 BME—Thomas M. Andrews** of Charlotte, NC, February 8, 2007; retired engineer; gardener; active in community affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

**'58, BA '59—W. Joseph Embser Jr.** of Wellsville, NY, March 6, 2007; attorney; asst. district attorney; town justice; active in civic and community affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'58 BA—Michael E. Kramer** of Budd Lake, NJ, April 21, 2007; retail manager.

**'58 BA—Howard N. Lefkowitz** of New York City, March 12, 2007; attorney; senior partner, Proskauer Rose LLP; veteran; author; active in professional and alumni affairs. Wife, Martha (Yelon) '60.

**'58 DVM—Mark L. Morris Jr.** of Topeka, KS, January 14, 2007; veterinarian; president, Theracon Inc.; veteran; author; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Wife, Bette (McGehee), MNS '58.

**'58 BA—Harvey K. Peet** of Pawtucket, RI, April 23, 2007; manufacturing engineer; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

**'58 MED—Vicente Z. Rosales** of Munster, IN, June 24, 2006; retired high school guidance counselor; owner, rental property business.

**'58 BA, PhD '65—Ben F. Stambaugh Jr.** of

Zephyrhills, FL, January 20, 2007; Cornell administrator; veteran. Phi Kappa Tau.

**'59, BS Ag '62—LeRoy D. Jewett** of Schenectady, NY, March 27, 2007; retired high school science teacher; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'59 MRP—Michael E. McDougall** of San Luis Obispo, CA, April 8, 2007; professor of architecture and planning, California Polytechnic State U.; urban designer; artist; authority on the history of Macau.

**'59—Frank G. Szczepanski** of Binghamton, NY, February 10, 2007; owner, Airport Florist and Greenhouse; director, Kopernik Space Education Center; active in community and religious affairs.

**'60 JD—Richard E. Busch** of Morristown, NJ, May 2, 2007; attorney; technical advisor, Internal Revenue Service; author; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'60—Robert Buxbaum** of New York City, January 8, 2007; sculptor; gourmand. Phi Sigma Epsilon.

**'60 MD—Harry J. Mayer** of Northport, NY, February 12, 2007; thoracic and vascular surgeon; clinical assoc. professor of surgery, Stony Brook U. School of Medicine; veteran; author; active in alumni affairs.

**'60 BS Ag—Thomas H. Meacham** of New York City, April 6, 2007; retired president, Kramer Scientific Corp. Chi Phi.

**'60—Lynn West Rasmussen** of Ballston Spa, NY, March 30, 2007; taught horse care and horsemanship; admissions interviewer, Union College; president, Scleroderma Foundation; active in community and alumni affairs. Alpha Phi. Husband, Robert B. Rasmussen '58.

**'61 PhD—Charles G. Bottomley** of Morehead City, NC, March 5, 2007; retired VP of R&D, Biomedical Products; worked for DuPont; active in community and religious affairs.

**'61 BS Ag—Richard J. Edwards** of Charlotte, NC, January 3, 2007; retired, USAID; active in professional affairs.

**'61 PhD—Robert A. Hackenberg** of Tucson, AZ, April 22, 2007; professor emeritus of anthropology, U. of Colorado; adjunct research scientist, U. of Arizona; author; active in professional affairs.

**'61 BA—Judith Light Leynse** of New York City, April 15, 2007; associate director of media relations, Committee to Protect Journalists; former assoc. director, Columbia U. office of public information; foreign service officer, USAID; taught journalism, Washington State U.; active in professional affairs.

**'62 BFA, MFA '66—Joanne Horsfall** Beasley of Palo Alto, CA, September 30, 2006; artist. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, Malcolm R. Beasley '61, PhD '68.

**'62 BS Hotel—William H. Nichols** of Boynton Beach, FL, April 7, 2007. Seal & Serpent.

**'62 MA—Julius M. Samstein** of New Lisbon, NY, January 24, 2007; civil rights activist; worked with the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party; organizer for SNCC; taught at Morehouse College; psychoanalyst; active in civic and community affairs.

**'62—Neal H. Whitcombe** of Binghamton, NY, February 7, 2007.

**'63 BA—Stanley R. Wolfe** of Philadelphia, PA, March 8, 2007; attorney; founder and chief administrative officer, Young Scholars charter school; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Pi Lambda Phi.

**'64 BS HE, BS Nurs '76—Patricia Michaels** Altman of Weston, CT, February 8, 2007; retired registered nurse; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Richard M. Altman '63.

**'64 BA—William R. Clarke** of Shelton, CT, February 16, 2006; vice president and senior consultant, Corporate Healthcare Financing; active in community affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

**'64—Woodbury K. Dana III** of Portland, ME, August 14, 2006; artist; advocate for the mentally ill.

**'65 BS Ag, PhD '70—Robert A. Bernstein** of Matthews, NC, April 2, 2007; professor emeritus, Auburn U.; also taught at Texas A&M U.; active in community affairs. Wife, Cynthia (Goldin) '69.

**'65 MST—Matthew B. Carnicelli** of Auburn, NY, January 23, 2007; retired K-12 science supervisor, Auburn School District; director, Auburn's adult education program; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'65 PhD—Robertson H. Langley-Wood** of Lynchburg, VA, January 27, 2007; writer-scientist.

**'65 BA, MD '69—Bernard M. Paladino** of Las Vegas, NV, January 14, 2007; psychiatrist; attorney; locum tenens physician, California Corrections Dept.; active in professional affairs.

**'65, BEE '70—Donald H. Schartz Jr.** of Englewood, NJ, February 11, 2007; systems analyst, Cornell U. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

**'65 BA—Thomas H. Stanisis** of Peoria, IL, December 30, 2006; urologist.

**'66 PhD—Barry M. Casper** of Northfield, MN, January 27, 2007; professor emeritus of physics, Carleton College; adviser to Sen. Paul Wellstone; political activist; author; active in civic and community affairs.

**'66 MS HE—Marjorie Grant** Loucks of Ithaca, NY, March 23, 2007; adult education teacher, BOCES; home economics teacher; active in community and religious affairs. Husband, Daniel P. Loucks, PhD '65.

**'66 MEE, PhD '69—Edward M. Riseman** of Leeds, MA, February 26, 2007; professor emeritus of computer science, U. of Massachusetts, Amherst; active in professional affairs.

**'67, BS '71—Benjamin F. Hawkins** of Hudson,



OH, January 24, 2007; consultant, Arcturus Adventures; technical representative, Lincoln Electric; active in community affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'67 PhD—**Robin G. Henning** of Greensboro, NC, March 7, 2007; professor of agricultural economics, North Carolina A&T U.; worked with USAID and US Dept. of Agriculture; active in community and religious affairs.

'67 PhD—**Lloyd E. Lee** of Highland, NY, January 9, 2007; professor and chair of history, SUNY New Paltz; also taught at Arkansas AM&N; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'67 BS ORIE, MS ORIE '68—**Perry D. Quick** of Washington, DC, May 1, 2007; economist; VP, CRA Int'l; former partner, Ernst & Young; senior economist, Federal Reserve Board; active in professional and alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'68 MST—**Russell L. Druce** of Caillus, NY, April 11, 2007; high school chemistry teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'68 BS Ag—**Bruce A. Thompson** of Baton Rouge, LA, January 5, 2007; assoc. professor, Louisiana State U. Coastal Fisheries Inst.; active in community and professional affairs.

'69 MS Ag—**Joseph A. Blakeslee** of Cedar Hill, TX, March 9, 2007.

'69 PhD—**Dennis A. Rondinelli** of Hillsborough, NC, March 7, 2007; professor of management, Kenan-Flagler Business School, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; director, Center for Global Business Research; fellow, Carolina Environmental Program; director, Pacific Basin Research Center, Soka U. of America; veteran; author; also worked for the United Nations; active in civic and professional affairs.

'69 BS Ag—**Janet D. Smith** of New York City, March 25, 2007; attorney.

'69 BS Ag—**Charles F. Srnka** of Trumansburg, NY, April 26, 2007; financial planner; high school biology teacher; active in community affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'70 BEE, MEE '71—**Thomas P. Armour** of Reston, VA, February 11, 2007; research specialist, DARPA; senior technology officer, CIA; veteran; CIO, Creative Technology; active in professional affairs. Delta Phi.

'70 DVM—**Joseph A. Heissan** of Oneonta, NY, formerly of Ridgefield, CT, April 16, 2007; veterinarian; expert on health of performance horses; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

1 BCE—**John B. Cummings Jr.** of Dunedin, formerly of Boulder, CO, and Binghamton, December 23, 2006; civil engineer.

'74 E—**Monique Bolden Danielly** of A., March 5, 2007; former instructor, college.

. **Simon** of New York City, June

8, 2006; president, Keren Group; former director of corporate planning, Johnson & Johnson; instructor, community medicine, Georgetown U. School of Medicine; fellow in preventive medicine, Harvard Med. School; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'71—**Marc J. Witt** of Fairfield, NJ, April 29, 2007; president, Eclipse Product Corp. Delta Upsilon.

'72 BS Ag, MBA '73—**Richard J. Atwater** of Barker, NY, January 28, 2007; owner, Atwater Farms; active in religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'72, BS ILR '71—**Randall H. Fairbanks** of Ithaca, NY, January 22, 2007; veteran.

'72 BS Ag—**Kenneth R. Foote** of St. Paul, MN, February 27, 2007.

'73 MS Ag—**Somyos Chanyavilas** of Bangkok, Thailand, September 28, 2006; government officer, Kasetsart U.

'73 PhD—**Daljit S. Sawhney** of Annandale, VA, February 4, 2007; senior toxicologist/pathologist, Environmental Protection Agency; veterinarian; professor.

'73 PhD—**Frans van der Bogert** of Boone, NC, March 12, 2007; philosophy professor, Appalachian State U.; artist; poet; active in professional affairs.

'73 BS HE—**Beth Davis** Wellington of Miami, FL, March 5, 2007; adoption attorney; active in alumni affairs.

'73—**Rosemary Kane Wohlsen** of Harborside, ME, May 22, 2006. Delta Gamma. Husband, Robert S. Wohlsen Jr. '70.

'74 BA—**Brian L. Blackburn** of Agawam, MA, February 14, 2007; attorney; active in community and religious affairs. Chi Psi.

'74 MS Ag, PhD '80—**Rev. Donald V. Brand** of Rising Sun, MD, June 2, 2006; retired clergyman.

'74 MRP—**Sandra G. McCullough** of Winnetka, IL, January 4, 2007; environmental consultant, Weston Solutions; formerly worked at Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Kevin Yost '71, PhD '77.

'75 MBA—**John V. Thorp Jr.** of Arlington Heights, IL, March 10, 2007; president, Earth, Wind and Water Technologies; active in community and religious affairs.

'75 BA—**Andrew D. Weinberg** of Elgin, SC, February 6, 2007; chief of geriatrics and extended care, Dorn V.A. Hospital; active in alumni affairs.

'76 BS HE—**Deborah E. Blocker** of Durham, NC, May 11, 2006; associate professor.

'76 MS Ag—**George A. Murphy** of Voorhees, NJ, January 21, 2007; retired Commander, US Navy; pilot; worked for Elf AtoChem; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'77 BS ILR—**David O. Simon** of Chappaqua, NY, April 3, 2007.

'79—**Henry W. Brown** of Richmond, VA, formerly of Greenville, NC, February 9, 2007; worked for HCA and Richmond Memorial Hospital; math teacher; veteran; active in community affairs.

'79 BS Hotel—**Andrew J. Young** of Mahopac Falls, NY, April 4, 2007; president, Andrew Young & Co.; worked with restaurants, hotels, theme parks, and museums; former owner, El Teddy's; active in community and professional affairs.

'81 BS Ag—**Brett C. Richard** of San Diego, CA, March 20, 2007; operated Advent Management; classical pianist.

'84 MS Ag—**Carol M. Dorworth** of York, PA, November 12, 2006; professor of biology, Penn State U., York; environmentalist; active in professional affairs.

'84 BS Ag, DVM '89—**P. D. Gorman** of Carmel, NY, January 19, 2007; veterinarian.

'85 MS—**Michael S. Baldwin** of Crownsville, MD, February 5, 2007; chief technology officer, Cibernet; also worked for Vita Nuovaz and AT&T Bell Labs; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'85, BArch '88—**Nadim Hippolyte** William of Pétionville, Haiti, April 24, 2007; architect; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'87 BS ILR, MBA '88—**Margaret A. Cahill** of Alexandria, VA, February 6, 2007; trade industry analyst, US Dept. of Commerce.

'90 MA, PhD '93—**Keiko Yoshida** of Tokyo, Japan, January 20, 2007; linguist. Husband, Tomoyuki Yoshida, PhD '92.

'92 BME—**Seth D. Edmondson** of State College, PA, February 14, 2007; systems engineer; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'95 JD—**Richard J. Hoagland** of Edison, NJ, January 6, 2007; attorney; active in community affairs.

'95 PhD—**Kristine Reuter Meadows** of Williamsburg, VA, April 24, 2007; research scientist, NASA Langley Research Center; pioneer in aeroacoustics; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'96 MBA—**Nicholas T. Rhineland** of Belmont, MA, April 2, 2007; principal, Equity Resources Investments; also worked for Andersen Consulting; violinist; active in community affairs.

'98 BA—**Anindya Majumder** of Dhaka, Bangladesh, January 15, 2007; director, New Generation Construction Co. Ltd.; director, Jamuna Bank Ltd.

'04 BA—**Anthony E. Apuzzo** of Sleepy Hollow, NY, April 8, 2007; office manager, AKA Wine Geek; taught English, Auburn Correctional Facility; musician.





# Murder, He Wrote

BISHOP'S SECRET MYSTERY GETS A SECOND CHAPTER

**M**ORRIS BISHOP SPENT HIS LIFE AT CORNELL. He earned an undergraduate degree in 1913 and a PhD in 1926, taught Romance literature for half a century, penned the seminal *A History of Cornell*. Off the Hill, he's known for his definitive history of the Middle Ages, his *New York Times* book reviews, and the light verse he published in the *New Yorker*.

Few people remember the woman he killed in Uris Library.

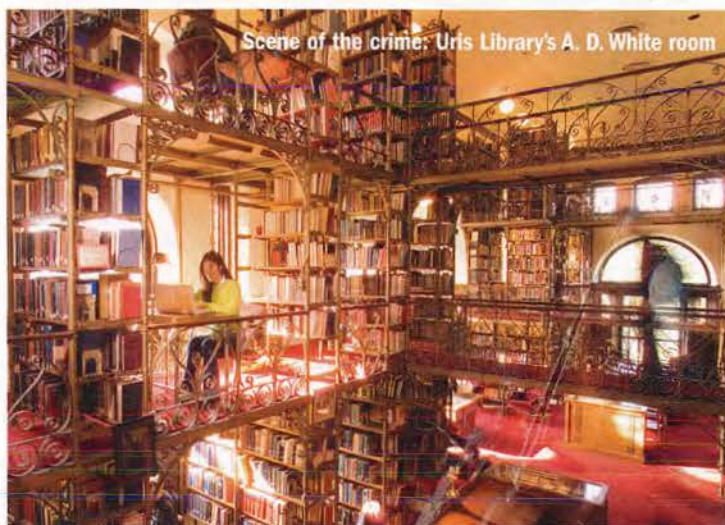
Her name was Lucie Coindreau, a French professor found in an ornate reading room with her neck broken, her head surrounded by an "ever-widening stain" of blood.

Though her death was initially labeled an accident, her murderer was ultimately brought to justice by librarian Gilda Gorham, a spunky young woman and a stickler for library rules.

Gilda is the protagonist of *The Widening Stain*, Bishop's only foray into mystery fiction. Published in 1942 by Knopf under the pseudonym W. Bolingbroke Johnson, the comic novel was reissued in August by Rue Morgue Press; according to the publisher's president, Tom Schantz, sales of the initial

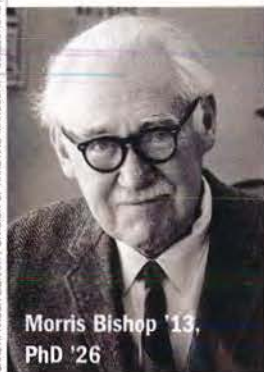
print run of 2,300 have been surprisingly brisk. "It's an enjoyable book, and it's from the period when academics were in love with detective fiction," he says. "For 1942, the heroine is very much a forerunner of the modern woman amateur detective."

Rue Morgue acquired the copyright to *The Widening Stain* from Bishop's daughter, Alison Jolly '58, a primatologist in Sussex, England, who does frequent fieldwork in Madagascar. ("Our chief problem," Schantz says of getting permission for the reprint, "was that she was always off looking at lemurs.") Jolly stresses that her father went to great pains to set the story at a fictitious university and avoid basing his characters on real people—but after it was published he was contacted by academics throughout the Ivy League who were sure they recognized someone. The exterior of the library where Lucie dies is based on a building at Yale, she



Scene of the crime: Uris Library's A. D. White room

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Morris Bishop '13,  
PhD '26

says, but the interior clearly comprises the A. D. White Library as well as the Uris crypt, formerly home to Cornell's rare book collection. "On the way down to the crypt," Jolly recalls in an e-mail, "Pop would show me that bound volumes of the *New York Times* might well be fatal if they fell on you."

The novel is filled with Bishop's signature limericks; the author himself jotted one in a copy housed in Olin Library, obliquely acknowledging his identity. "A cabin in northern Wisconsin / Is what I would be for the nonce in, / To be rid of the pain / of *The Widening Stain* / and W. Bolingbroke Johnson." Although Bishop long denied authorship, says University Archivist Emeritus Gould Colman '51, PhD '62, he more or less did it with a twinkle in his eye, and "everybody knew who wrote it." As Bishop said in a note to a friend in June 1941: "I am writing a mystery story. The mystery itself would not deceive an intelligent chimpanzee, but I think I can make it more obscure on second writing. The background may carry it. Most of it is laid in University Library, a kind of Notre-Dame de Paris. I have read half the book in three weeks, so there will be no great rush. One wants to publish it, and in the meantime it serves as an admirable retreat. Come to think of it, 'The Corps Tower' wouldn't be a bad title."



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