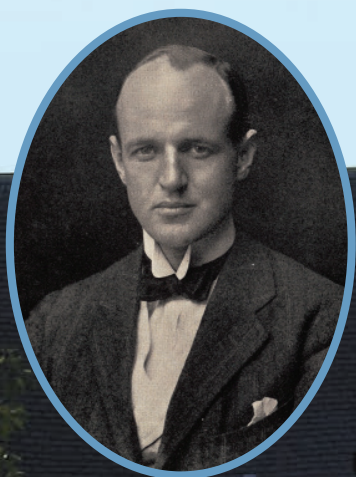


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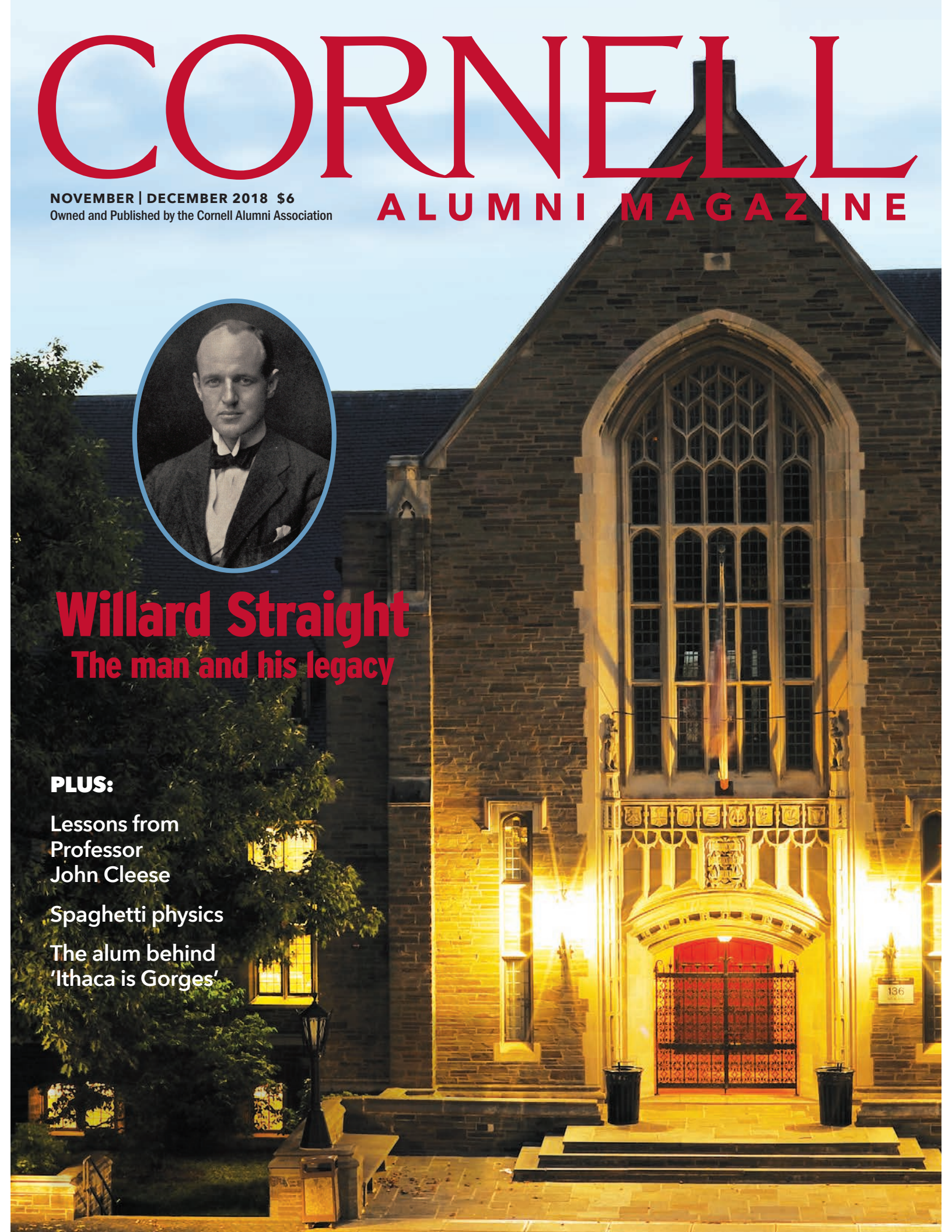
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December 1 marks the hundredth anniversary of the death of Willard Straight 1901. A passionate Cornellian, Straight made his mark on campus in numerous ways, including founding the precursor events to both Dragon Day and Slope Day. But his biggest contribution came after his premature death in World War I, when his will directed his widow to use part of his estate to make Cornell "a more human place." The result—Willard Straight Hall, one of America's first student unions when it opened in 1925—is still a campus nexus. And as the building's own centennial approaches, the University is eyeing a major renovation and expansion to bring it into the twenty-first century.

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A colorful fixture on PBS's "Antiques Roadshow," Nicho Lowry '90 is an art expert and auctioneer who's nearly as famous for his bright plaid three-piece suits as for his vast knowledge of vintage posters. Lowry is president and principal auctioneer at Swann Auction Galleries, a third-generation family business specializing in works on paper. As the *New York Times* observed in a story on the art of auctioneering, noting a pedigree that traces to Swann's founding in 1941: "Mr. Lowry practically emerged from the womb with a hammer in hand."

58 Something Completely Different

This fall, Cornell University Press published a book chronicling a dozen of John Cleese's appearances on the Hill. A visiting professor for the past two decades, the Monty Python star has given talks on everything from screenwriting to psychology to religion. In an excerpt from *Professor at Large: The Cornell Years* that recounts a 2009 chat in Statler Auditorium with management professor Beta Mannix, Cleese weighs in on such topics as creativity, Python's dynamics, and why Brits fear anger.

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Beebe Memories

Somewhere in the forgotten history of Beebe Lake is a group of well-meaning Ecology House residents who took on restoration of the trails and banks around the lake one warm spring weekend in 1978. We moved a lot of rocks, gravel, and stone to rebuild some eroded parts of the paths and to shore up the launching pad of the Outing Club's building in the corner near the dam. A look at the site via Google Maps shows some of those boulders we moved might still be there, unless the site was re-done again during the 1980s dredging and cleanup.

RICK VANVRANKEN '81, MS '83
MAYS LANDING, NJ

Beebe Lake holds many memories for me. My mother, Elizabeth Alward Kilbourne 1918, used to tell me about tobogganing on Beebe and what fun it was. I was disappointed when I arrived not to find it. My husband, Bill [John William Hosie '49], used to dive off Sackett Bridge. He was a diver for the Cornell swim team and undefeated in dual competition for two years. On Sunday afternoons we would go to the Johnny Parsons Club and order a grilled cheese sandwich and a cup of coffee and dance the afternoon away to the music on the jukebox.

SYLVIA KILBOURNE HOSIE '48
NORTHPORT, NY

When I arrived on campus in 1955, Saturday of Spring Weekend included elaborately decorated floats on Beebe Lake. This soon devolved into inter-float battles to see whose would be the last floating, leaving the lake a mess. Sometime around 1957, the University banned them. The brothers of Alpha Chi Sigma (the "Chem House") decided to protest the ban. We got twenty pounds of fluorescein, which we dumped into the upstream end of the lake early on Saturday morning, turning the whole lake a bright green. This, too, was banned after several years.

STEPHEN L. ROSEN '59, PHD '64
ROLLA, MO

I was an entomology major, and several courses had collection requirements. Beebe Lake and its surroundings provided me with a wealth of material. I could combine an enjoyable walk around the trail with work; in other words, goof off with justification! Even in the 1970s the lake



was full of cattails and water lilies, so I'm not at all surprised that dredging was required.

JACK SPEESE '77
NORTH AUGUSTA, SC

Thank you for the honor of representing all the Cornellian couples who walked around Beebe and were married and are enjoying wedded bliss. A toast to you all. We were able to comply with another tradition—that to do with the old Suspension Bridge. In our day, if you walked your date across the bridge, stopped in the middle, and asked for a kiss and she declined, the bridge would fall. Let the record show that during our tenure the bridge never fell. "Oh, to be twenty and back at Cornell."

BOB EVERSON '61
LAFAYETTE, IN



STAYING AFLOAT: Our Beebe feature prompted Bill Atkinson '50 (far left) to share a link to his blog post "Cornell Days: The Big Red Wheel," chronicling how he and fellow Sigma Chi brothers built a paddlewheel boat for the Interfraternity Crew Race on Spring Day 1948.

I have skated on Beebe Lake, watched hockey games on it (remember that games could only be played if it was cold enough for a good freeze, but there wasn't so much snow that they couldn't clear the rink). Hard to imagine hockey with no glass walls circling the rink so the pucks were flying everywhere! The toboggan slide was still there also, but I think use was very restricted—I never went down it. Johnny Parsons (Japes) was still operating in the 1940s, though we swam in the gorges rather than in Beebe. I do remember swimming once in Beebe under the bridge, but that was at an early Reunion, maybe 5th or 10th. Even the hydroelectric power lab, in Sibley I think, was still running for MEs back in the 1940s.

RAY TUTTLE '48
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC



Jazz Fever

A very interesting article, but what about Stan Kenton's concert in 1951? To use a phrase I picked up at Myron Taylor Hall, *Inclusio unius est exclusio alterius!*

MATT RITA, JD '92
BOSTON, MA

The list should include performances by Ella and the Duke on campus in the 1960s. Not sure of the exact year, but likely '67 or '68 for both.

CURT SMITH '69
EAST SAINT PAUL, MANITOBA

Duke Ellington played in summer 1968.

FRANK MILLERD, PHD '72
KITCHENER, ONTARIO

I attended an Ellington concert and broadcast the Gillespie concert for WVBR.

JACK RICHARD '50, MD '53
NEW YORK, NY

Benny Goodman played in summer 1966.

ROBERTA WARD WALSH, MS '70
NAPLES, FL

Firesign Theatre Memories?

I'm writing a book on the Firesign Theatre, and am interested in the ways in which their records were heard. A number of issues of the *Daily Sun* from 1970 and 1971 advertise listening parties held in Willard Straight Hall. I'd be interested to hear from anyone who attended these, or who otherwise knew about them.

Jeremy Braddock, associate professor of English, braddock@cornell.edu

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Proof of Concept

From idea to studio to startup at Cornell Tech



BRIGHT IDEAS: Students collaborate at an open studio event on the Cornell Tech campus last spring.

Eight years ago, when the administration of then-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg challenged top institutions worldwide to develop an applied sciences campus on Roosevelt Island, Cornell jumped at the chance. In partnership with the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, we proposed not just a new campus, but a new type of academic program—one designed to intensively engage students and faculty with our rapidly evolving global society.

Cornell Tech held its first classes in 2013, and for the next four and a half years it was housed in space loaned to us by Google. Then, fifteen months ago, we moved to our Roosevelt Island campus—and students and alumni have already compiled an impressive record of entrepreneurial success. As of this past August, more than fifty startups had been formed at Cornell Tech. These new companies—92 percent of which are headquartered in New York City—employ 248 people and have raised more than \$43 million in funding.

Three distinctive elements of Cornell Tech's curriculum contribute to this success. First, there are no disciplinary silos. All master's students, across seven programs, spend a quarter to a third of their time working in our studio curriculum, where they create products and solve problems—engineering students side by side with business students, side by side with law students and computing and information science students. Second, companies are an integral part of the campus, so startups and large corporations interact as equals with each other and with students, who are guided by faculty with industry and entrepreneurship experience. This environment encourages an entrepreneurial spirit of thoughtful risk-taking.

Third, Cornell Tech is defined by a “maker” culture, in which the process of learning to rapidly create digital products and services is a core educational goal. In the Product Studio, master's degree students develop solutions to problems proposed by companies; in the Startup Studio, they refine their ideas, which sometimes lead to the creation of real-world startups. Along the way, they learn to evaluate ideas; to develop, manage and pitch products; and to hone their leadership and team-building skills. At least once a week, they get to pick the brains of entrepreneurial thought leaders.

As the Startup Studio progresses, teams who want to pursue their projects after graduation compete for awards of up to \$100,000 and co-working space in the Tata Innovation Center on the Cornell Tech campus. This year's winning teams are hard at work on

their projects, which include a text-free, voice-assisted mobile OS solution to help illiterate people worldwide make better use of smartphones, and a digital assistant that connects families caring for elderly relatives to resources that help support them.

Cornell Tech also has a vibrant doctoral program and an innovative offering for new PhDs, the Runway Startup Postdoc

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Program. As with our master's programs, these are designed to ensure that students gain academic and technical expertise as well as a business mindset. Within Runway, postdocs work to transition their nascent ideas about deep digital technologies to sustainable businesses in twelve to twenty-four months. One product developed by a Runway alumnus is Nanit, the first smart baby monitor to use computer vision technology to help parents improve their babies' sleep. Already on the market, Nanit has secured nearly \$30 million in outside financing and is expanding to meet growing demand.

Our twenty-first-century land grant campus on Roosevelt Island is creating a new economic engine that will drive New York forward for generations to come. The results coming out of Cornell Tech are already impressive, and the campus's potential is limitless. ■

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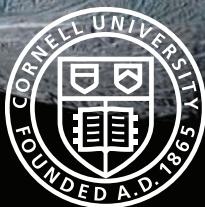
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From the Hill



Alumni Flock to East Hill for Homecoming

Homecoming brought more than 12,000 alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and local residents to the Hill for a variety of activities and celebrations. Although the weekend started off on a down note—the fireworks and laser light show had to be cancelled due to heavy rains and threats of lightning—Saturday and Sunday brought some picture-perfect fall weather. At the Big Red Fan Festival in the Crescent lot on Saturday, visitors enjoyed a showcase of current teaching and research. Other festivities included tailgates, a Ferris wheel, and performances by the Cornell Orchestras and Big Red Band. Sadly, the Homecoming football game ended in a loss, with the home team falling to Yale 30-24.



WHEEL COOL:

A van (above) newly tricked out in Big Red style drew crowds of Cornellians during the tailgating festivities. Left: Cheering the football team.

ILR Dean to Head Business College



The dean of the ILR school has been tapped to lead the SC Johnson College of Business. Economist Kevin Hallock (left) takes office in mid-December; his term runs through the end of the 2023–24 academic year. “His thorough familiarity with Cornell’s administrative workings is a significant asset,” says Provost Michael Kotlikoff, “and the college will be well served by his deep understanding of business administration theory and practice.” Hallock succeeds the college’s founding dean, Soumitra Dutta, who stepped down abruptly in January. A search is now under way for a new ILR dean; Alexander Colvin, PhD ’99, an associate dean and professor of conflict resolution, will serve in an interim capacity.

Alum Wins Physics Nobel



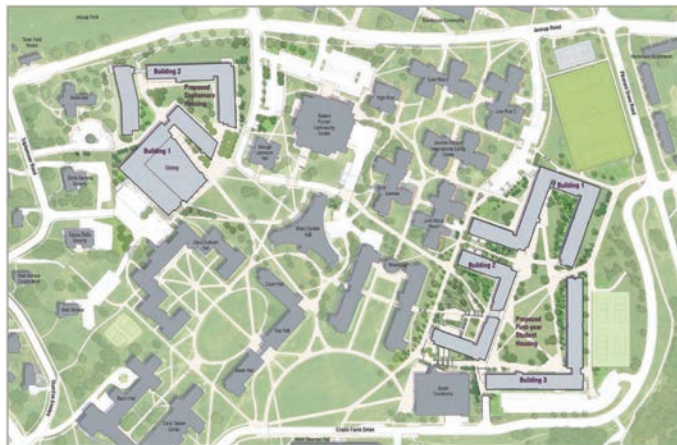
When Arthur Ashkin, PhD ’52, studied on the Hill, the physics department included two faculty—Hans Bethe and Richard Feynman—who’d go on to win the Nobel Prize. Now, Ashkin (left) has shared the 2018 prize with two others; at ninety-six, he’s the oldest person to win a Nobel. (A *Washington Post* story noted that Ashkin wasn’t available for interviews, because “he was too busy working on his next paper.”) A longtime researcher at Bell Laboratories in New Jersey, Ashkin was recognized for his revolutionary work in the Eighties inventing “optical tweezers”—beams of light that can pick up living cells without harming them. Ashkin’s son, Michael, chairs the art department in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning.

PHOTOS: HOMECOMING, MANDOLYN MCCONAHAY/BRAND COMMUNICATIONS; HALLOCK, ROBERT BARKER (UREL); ASHKIN, PROVIDED

North Campus Housing Expansion Plan Moves Ahead

Cornell's plan to add housing on North Campus is picking up steam, as the project seeks municipal approvals and the University ponders design details. This fall, a mock-up of exterior materials was installed on the campus so designers could consider them in the context of existing buildings. "The goal," the University says, "is to utilize a range of carefully coordinated colors and patterns to create a visually attractive and cohesive overall environment." Approved by the Board of Trustees in 2017, the North Campus Residential Expansion will include new dorms for freshmen and sophomores, a fitness center, and a dining hall. The freshmen residences, to be located on the current site of playing fields north of Appel Commons, will comprise about 1,200 beds; there will be about 800 beds for sophomores, on land that's now a parking lot.

Currently, 99 percent of freshmen live on North Campus, and 55 percent of sophomores live in University housing. (Campus housing is guaranteed to freshmen and to sophomores who meet the appropriate deadlines.) The expansion plan aims both to improve the residential experience and to allow more sophomores to remain on North Campus if they so choose. And by



opening up rooms on West Campus and elsewhere currently occupied by sophomores, it would give more upperclassmen the option to live in University housing rather than entering the local rental market; just 20 percent of juniors and 11 percent of seniors now stay on campus.



Collegetown Mourns Loss of Nines

Another of Collegetown's iconic locales has closed its doors. With its owners retiring, the Nines restaurant went out of business in October, after nearly four decades as a popular venue for deep-dish pizza and live music. Located in a former firehouse on College Avenue, the Nines was the subject of a lengthy debate this year over whether its building should be designated a historic landmark. Such a designation would have curtailed a developer's ability to alter the property, and therefore reduced the resale value for the restaurant's longtime proprietors, who own the building. But last summer—after contentious public hearings and a tie-breaking vote by Mayor Svante Myrick '09—the City of Ithaca opted against the designation, potentially clearing the way for the Nines to be demolished and replaced by an apartment building.

'Serendipity is lost when people are able to filter other people out.'

— Jevan Hutson '16, MPS '17, lead author of a paper arguing that dating apps reinforce biases when they allow users to filter searches by race, or use algorithms that do so

R + D

When restaurants put calorie counts on menus, diners order less caloric meals, researchers have found—but it's an average drop of just 3 percent, or forty-five calories.

In a collaboration with the Medical College, CU engineers have developed and successfully tested a solar-powered device that can detect Kaposi sarcoma, a type of cancer often associated with AIDS in the developing world.



The latest grape variety from Cornell breeders, Everest Seedless (left), produces large, blue-hued fruit intended for eating fresh.

Using methods originally developed to study how electrons interact, physicists have developed a highly accurate model to predict the crowd behavior of people and other living creatures.

In a surgery that made headlines in the *New York Times*, veterinarians used a 3-D printed implant to replace part of the skull of a dachshund who had a large tumor removed—work that could inform human medicine.

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



Cornell Tech professor **Deborah Estrin** (left), winner of a MacArthur Fellowship, commonly known as a “genius grant.” Estrin, a computer scientist who also holds an appointment at the Medical College, studies how to improve health by leveraging the “small data” collected by cell phones and other devices.

Physics professors **David Muller, PhD '96**, and **Sol Gruner** and colleagues, awarded the Guinness World Record for highest-resolution microscope. The instrument they designed can measure down to 0.039 nanometers (one-billionth of a meter).

Lisa Freeman '81, MS '86, DVM '86 (right), named the first female president of Northern Illinois University.

Harvard political scientist **Steven Levitsky**, Sundance Institute executive director **Keri Putnam**, and Stanford biomedical engineer **Stephen Quake**, named A.D. White Professors-at-Large.



LIVING COLOR

For an installation as part of the Cornell Council for the Arts Biennial in September, the faces of McGraw Tower were each lit in a different hue (green, red, white, and blue). What four things did they represent?

- A) Undergrad classes
- B) The seasons
- C) DNA nucleotides
- D) The Beatles

ANSWER: C)

Three Fraternities Lose Recognition Due to Hazing Violations

After having been found guilty of infractions to Cornell's anti-hazing code, three fraternities have temporarily lost University recognition. They are Delta Phi (four years), Kappa Alpha Psi (two years), and Sigma Nu (three years). If the chapters regain recognition, they'll be on probation for at least two years. Additionally, Lambda Phi Epsilon was put on disciplinary probation.

Did You Know . . .

That Cornell built a “green” parking lot over the summer? Installed across Tower Road from Stocking Hall and the Dairy Bar, the lot has porous pavement that prevents runoff, among other sustainable features.



Prominent Professor Resigns After Research Paper Retractions



One of the University's most high-profile faculty has resigned amid allegations of academic misconduct. Brian Wansink (left), a professor of marketing and director of Cornell's Food and Brand Lab, was known nationwide for producing media-friendly studies on eating habits—including ways to cut calories with relative ease, such as using smaller plates or storing indulgent snacks out of sight. The author of the books *Mindless Eating* and *Slim by Design*, Wansink has made numerous TV appearances and collaborated on former First Lady Michelle Obama's healthy eating initiative. But after his research results and methods were called into question, some two dozen articles were either corrected or retracted by academic journals.

In September, Provost Michael Kotlikoff issued a statement following a yearlong review of the allegations by a faculty committee, reporting that it “found that Professor Wansink committed academic misconduct in his research and scholarship, including misreporting of research data, problematic statistical techniques, failure to properly document and preserve research results, and inappropriate authorship.” Wansink will formally retire at the end of the academic year; he won't teach or do research in the meantime, and will aid the University in its ongoing review of his work. “As a researcher, I am very sorry for any mistakes I have made in my papers,” Wansink tweeted in late September. “I apologize about how they negatively reflected on my colleagues, my wonderful school, and on social science research in general.”

PHOTOS: ESTRIN, FREEMAN, AND PARKING LOT, PROVIDED; WANSINK, LINDSAY FRANCE/UREL



WINDOW TO THE WORLD:
This fall, a gold-painted shipping container on the Arts Quad has offered Cornellians a chance to communicate with strangers around the globe. Dubbed Portal, the worldwide project—hosted on campus by the University Library—allows people to chat via videoconferencing technology.



Chimesmasters Ring in 150th

Four dozen alumni chimesmasters from the Class of '55 onward returned to campus over Homecoming weekend to mark the 150th anniversary of the Cornell Chimes. The festivities included a celebration on Ho Plaza (where the student chimesmasters playing in the tower were viewable via video feed) and “open chiming” throughout the weekend, when alumni could perform their favorites to a campus-wide audience. A banquet at the Statler featured an actress in nineteenth-century costume portraying Jennie McGraw Fiske, the benefactress who gifted the bells to the University shortly after its founding.

‘I’m surrounded in my classes by people who are from so many different countries, places, and perspectives. I’m not just surrounded by people who have the same opinion as me, or experience as me, or life story as me.’

— **Brenna Garcia '20**, reflecting on the 150th anniversary of Ezra Cornell’s “Any Person . . . Any Study” pledge

Stewart Bridge Net Prevents Suicide

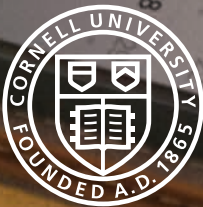
For the first time since the University put netting under the bridges on and near campus to deter suicides, one has apparently saved a life. In late September, the Ithaca Fire Department rescued a man who had jumped from the Stewart Avenue bridge and landed in the nets below. According to the *Daily Sun*, bystanders including a University building care worker talked to the man—who described himself as a Cornell senior, though he has not been identified—and kept him calm until help arrived.



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THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

Researchers battle invasive insects that threaten hemlocks on campus and beyond

SKELETAL REMAINS: Hemlocks along Beebe Lake that have perished after being infested by an invasive beetle



Forest entomologist Mark Whitmore has dedicated his career to saving New York State's vast woodlands—as well as large swaths of Cornell's campus and natural areas—from a voracious threat called the hemlock woolly adelgid. It's a knotty name for an invasive insect species that's destroying a veritable tree of life for forests in the eastern United States. "Hemlocks are absolutely crucial to woodland ecology," says Whitmore, an extension associate based in CALS, who fell in love with the trees as a forester and wilderness firefighter in his home state of Washington. "They support a complex array of animal life, from fungi to nematodes to birds to trout."

A North American conifer with dark green needles, hemlocks are among the oldest and most abundant trees in New York, which has the most hemlocks of any state in the U.S. East Hill is home to untold numbers; in fact, the small gorge at the southeast end of Beebe Lake is named for them. While those that grow in the eastern and western parts of the country are



different species, they're similar in appearance and structure. There's one major difference, though: western hemlocks can fend off the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA)—a tiny sap-sucking aphid native to Asia—with help from natural preda-

Hundreds of thousands of southeastern hemlocks have succumbed to the insatiable bug, leaving fifty- to eighty-foot-tall skeletons. Left untreated, an infested hemlock expires within ten years.

tors like the silverfly, one of a handful of insects that consume them in Northwest forests, while the eastern trees are defenseless without human intervention.

When Whitmore arrived on campus in 1989, HWA was already established in Appalachia, ravaging forests in places like the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and advancing northward. In recent years, his colleague Todd Bittner, director of natural areas for Cornell Botanic Gardens, has undertaken an inventory of hemlocks on University lands, including central campus, finding that the trees proliferate in some 770 acres out of Cornell's 3,600 acres of woodland. "The density of hemlocks in these areas can vary greatly," Bittner explains. "From being one of several dominant trees in the upper canopy to being 100 percent of the forest canopy."

The same is true across New York State, where Cornell is coordinating efforts to control HWA through the New York State Hemlock Initiative, a project that integrates research,

PHOTOS: TOP, MARK WHITMORE; ALL OTHERS, NYS HEMLOCK INITIATIVE

management, and outreach activities. It encourages state residents—both property owners and nature lovers—to learn how to identify hemlocks and to report them to the initiative. “It’s just as important to report trees that are healthy as it is to add another one to our growing list of infested hemlocks,” Whitmore notes. “That kind of information is vital to our databases, and it supports our efforts to save them.”

HWA was discovered roughly thirty years ago by state foresters in the Appalachians who were baffled by waxy wool egg masses at the base and undersides of new needles on hemlock twigs. The insect reproduces asexually—a single female can lay 200 eggs at a time—producing two overlapping generations per year; harsh winters can knock the population down, but survivors emerge hardier and more cold-resistant. As the adelgid sucks life-sustaining sap from the hemlocks, the trees weaken, their crowns become bare, and the normally dark green-blue foliage takes on a pale grayish hue. Hundreds of thousands of southeastern hemlocks have succumbed to the insatiable bug, leaving fifty- to eighty-foot-tall skeletons. Left untreated, an infested hemlock expires within ten years.

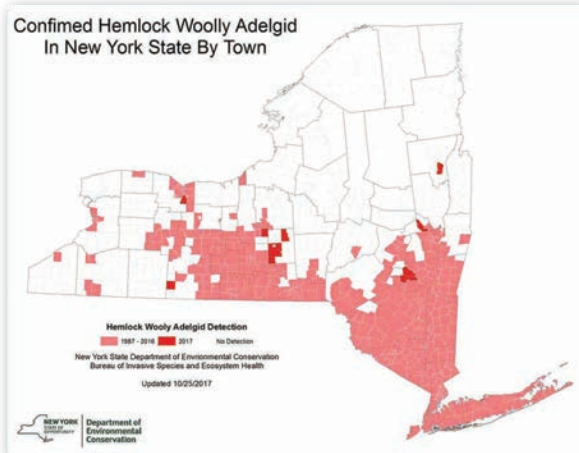
In 2009, with aid from a state grant to combat invasive species, Cornell began applying pesticides to nearly 2,600 hemlocks on campus, including in natural areas around Beebe Lake and in the Fall Creek and Cascadilla gorges. That may sound like a lot—but it represents just 2 to 5 percent of all hemlocks on University lands. “All of these trees would be dead if we hadn’t treated them,” says Bittner, adding that Cornell recently received additional funding to re-treat the hemlocks. Students are helping by marking trees with ribbons: yellow or silver for hemlocks and purple for ash trees, which are also endangered (see sidebar). In some areas, laminated tags explain the threat, with the aim of not only identifying ash and hemlock trees, but serving notice of a looming ecological crisis.

For the time being, Cornell is only applying pesticides to hemlocks that are at least seventy-five feet away from water to minimize toxic runoff into streams. Steep, rocky gorge areas make the task particularly challenging, Bittner says, requiring “climbing and rappelling skills, as well as specialized safety gear similar to what mountain climbers use.” Cornell has also led efforts to treat infested hemlocks in several state parks, including nearby Taughannock and Watkins Glen, saving thousands of trees in these popular hiking and tourist areas. But limited resources mean that an immeasurable number of hemlocks across New York may not be saved.

While pesticides are currently the only way to combat HWA, Whitmore aims to find a solution that’s more sustainable—not only environmentally, but logistically and financially as well. In 2017, with a \$1.2 million grant partly



Confirmed Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
In New York State By Town



INVASIVE SPECIES (clockwise from top left): A tree infested with hemlock woolly adelgid; a lab staffer putting a mesh bag on infested branches in the Catskills to release silverflies, an HWA predator; a map of HWA’s spread in New York; Whitmore (left) and a colleague looking for previously released HWA predators in the Finger Lakes; a closeup of the woolly masses that give HWA its name



A War on Two Fronts

As they work to protect hemlocks, University foresters also struggle to save ash trees from an invasive beetle



The hemlock woolly adelgid is just one of two major tree infestations confronting the University's plant experts and grounds crews. The other is the emerald ash borer beetle—confirmed last March in the City of Ithaca and on campus—which can kill an ash tree in under three years. Currently, more than thirty counties in New York are infested with the aphid, and the threat is even more dire for some fifteen other eastern states.

Cornell is now faced with the staggering task of applying pesticides to as many ash trees as possible; it has treated more than 3,500 so far, but the benefit lasts for two to three years at most. Among those that are hoped to be saved are a large tree on Libe Slope, estimated to be more than a century old and boasting a trunk that's forty-three inches in diameter. Others being treated include a large ash below Willard Straight, several along Wee Stinky Glen, and a few others on the Engineering Quad. Ultimately, Bittner says, some 3,200 infected trees that could potentially fall on roads, walkways, buildings, or electrical wires may have to be removed over the next few years. According to University landscape architect Dave Cutter '84, BS '85, approximately eighty have been cut down so far, and 135 more are slated for removal.

While the ash borer infestation is catastrophic in its own right, Whitmore says that there's an important distinction between that threat and the specter of the hemlock woolly adelgid. "I'm not downplaying the danger to ash trees; it's tragic," he says. "But if you take ash out of a hardwood forest, you still have other hardwoods. If we lose our hemlocks, we are looking at a potential collapse of our woodland areas and waterways, the impact of which could affect climate, soil, fisheries, and even the New York City watershed."



GREEN MONSTER: A tagged tree near Beebe Lake (above) bearing a label explaining the dangers of the emerald ash borer beetle (top left)



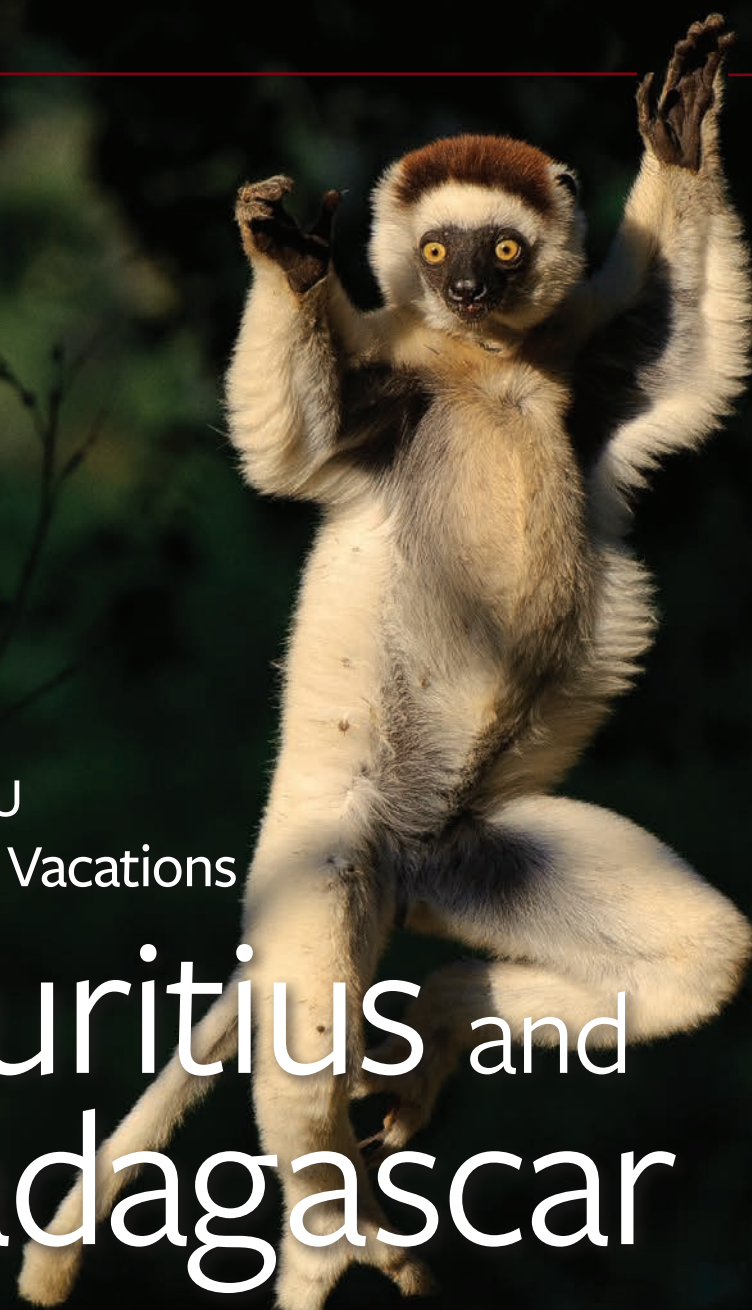
DEFENSIVE MEASURES: Lab technicians (below) load foliage from the Pacific Northwest infested with HWA into cages in a quarantine facility on campus, where it will be used to rear silverflies. Left: Jars of biocontrol beetles in the lab.



funded by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, his team established a lab in Morrison Hall that studies the feasibility of eradicating the insects by leveraging their natural enemies. This past summer, the researchers established the first-ever lab colony of silverflies, which help control HWA in western states; this fall, they released them in state parks and in natural areas on campus, and they'll monitor the results. In a similar effort, the lab is also cultivating an adelgid-eating beetle it aims to establish in the wild.

As Whitmore and colleagues investigate these nontoxic pest-management methods, they're also pursuing what he calls a potential "silver bullet." For reasons that are not yet understood, a stand of hemlocks in New Jersey have so far resisted HWA. With help from colleagues at the University of Rhode Island, Cornell researchers have collected hundreds of cuttings and started planting them in various natural areas around East Hill; now, they have to wait and see how the young trees fare. "If they possess a genetic mutation that helps them fend off the adelgid," says Whitmore, "we might be in luck." ■

— Franklin Crawford

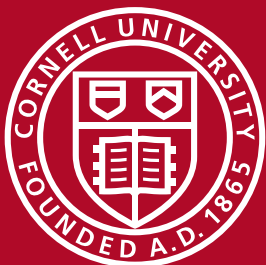


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BEYOND BORDERS

After her family escaped anti-Sikh violence, Gunisha Kaur '06, MD '10, dedicated her career to protecting the health of refugees worldwide



Gunisha Kaur '06, MD '10

Gunisha Kaur '06, MD '10, was born in India and came to America as a toddler, growing up in Iowa and Buffalo, New York. But it wasn't until she was a teenager that she fully understood why her parents had emigrated. As Kaur learned, in the mid-Eighties her father had disappeared in the midst of violent riots in their native Punjab. Her mother began planning his funeral—assuming that her husband, like thousands of other members of the Sikh minority, had been killed in the religiously and politically driven attacks. But a few days later he came home, injured but alive. “He’d been beaten by a mob and left for dead,” explains Kaur, now an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Medical College. “He found his way to a refugee camp, but there was no way to communicate.”

Although her father, who has a PhD in molecular biology, held

an assistant professorship at a university in Punjab and had a bright academic future in India, the family decided it was too dangerous to stay. With Kaur and her older brother in tow, her parents came to America, where her father got a postdoc in a genetics lab at the University of Iowa—a potentially lifesaving

‘There are so many barriers to getting out alive,’ Kaur says. ‘Because my family was able to, I feel this incredible obligation to give back to people who are suffering.’

move that was nevertheless a major step down professionally. “My dad was on this amazing career path, and he came to this country knowing he might have to start all over again,” says Kaur, recalling that money was so tight, the children would scrounge in the couch cushions for change so their father could

buy gas to drive to work. “But it was a pretty clear decision in terms of safety and security for himself and our family.”

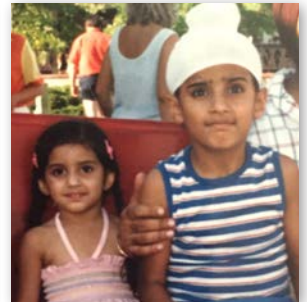
While Kaur’s family didn’t technically come to America through a refugee program, she says, that’s what they were—people who fled their home to escape violence and persecution. Learning her family’s story helped set the course of Kaur’s professional life: she became determined to pursue a career focused on safeguarding human rights. “The trauma that my family experienced in India is similar to that of refugees throughout the world, whether it’s Syrians or the Rohingya [the persecuted Muslim minority group in Myanmar],” she says. “Most people don’t have the opportunity to escape violence; there are so many barriers to getting out alive. Because my family was able to, I feel this incredible obligation to give back to people who are suffering.”

Although the U.S. was a relative haven to Kaur’s family when they fled India, life here hasn’t been without its challenges. Since 9/11 in particular, Sikhs in the U.S. have suffered numerous physical and verbal attacks, often by people who conflate them with Muslims due to the turbans and beards worn by male members of the faith. Kaur’s male relatives have sometimes been targets of verbal abuse or bias, such as being subjected to extra screening at the airport. “The number of discussions my family has about safety and security is sad,” Kaur says. “I’m constantly telling my dad, my brothers, my husband: ‘Be safe.’”

While still an undergrad, Kaur did extensive research on the anti-Sikh violence that had nearly killed her father—and published a book on the subject, *Lost in History: 1984 Reconstructed*. Today, Kaur not only practices anesthesiology, but does research on health issues facing refugees and survivors of torture. “Anesthesiologists are well suited to engage with global health and human rights,” she points out. “We have a holistic perspective on patients that I think even most physicians don’t realize. And pain management is a division of anesthesiology, so there is clearly a link to working with survivors of torture.”

Kaur helms her department’s global health efforts, which include a one-year fellowship and an educational, research, and outreach initiative that has offerings in the U.S., India, and Rwanda. She’s also a medical director of the Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights, which aids asylum seekers by doing physical and psychological examinations to document their claims of torture and other abuses. And for the past several years, Kaur has brought her expertise back to the Hill, co-directing a global health course for undergrads (see sidebar). “She’s literally and figuratively one in a million,” says Eric Brumberger ’01, an assistant professor of clinical anesthesiology who co-founded the course with Kaur. “Everything she touches turns to gold. She’s kind, thoughtful, smart, and generous with her time. She has an almost superhuman belief in what the people around her can do.”

There’s a nickname for people who earn both their undergrad and medical degrees from Cornell: Double Red. If you go on to do your residency at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Cornell’s teaching hospital, you’re a Triple Red. Having also joined the med school’s faculty, Kaur is arguably a *Quadruple Red*. But when she first contemplated an MD, she didn’t plan to practice; she saw the degree as a credential to facilitate her human rights work. On the Hill—where she was preceded by her brother, Amandeep Singh ’02, MD ’09, now a gastroenterologist



A LIFE WELL LIVED: Kaur (clockwise from left) meeting Pope Francis at a World Food Programme event on childhood hunger; dancing with Cornell Bhangra; at home in Manhattan with her husband, Simran Jeet Singh, and two young daughters; and as a child with her older brother, a fellow Cornellian

in Massachusetts—Kaur majored in biology with a concentration in neurobiology. She was also an avid member of Cornell Bhangra, the Hill’s Indian dance troupe, rehearsing long hours and traveling most weekends to perform. “It was a huge part of my identity,” recalls Kaur, who was co-captain and choreographer her senior year. “We were a very tight-knit group.”

As a med student, Kaur co-founded a nonprofit devoted to leadership development for Sikh students and young professionals. The summer between her second and third year—instead of taking the first part of the medical board exams, like nearly all future practitioners—she did research for Physicians for Human Rights. But when a mentor advised her that she’d be a more effective human rights advocate as a practicing physician, she rethought her career path. During her anesthesiology ▶

WORLD VIEW

A popular global health course that Kaur co-founded brings Medical College faculty to the Hill



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE: Kaur (left) lecturing during the first iteration of NS 3090 in spring 2016 and (right) with colleague Eric Brumberger '01, chatting with students after the talk

In a lecture hall on the Ag Quad in mid-September, dozens of undergrads get an overview of the Ebola pandemic that struck West Africa in 2013-16. Professor Matt Simon describes how the virus is transmitted, its spread from one country to another, and the response by governments and medical personnel. As he explains, one complicating factor was that traditional burial practices—in which family members have close contact with remains—meant that mourners were falling ill and infecting others. But convincing the bereaved to abandon their long-held rituals was a delicate task. “You can understand that if this is part of your culture, and someone is telling you, ‘No, you can’t do this,’” Simon says, “that’s

which students can have informal discussions with the speakers over coffee. After Simon’s talk, he and a half-dozen undergrads gathered in the sun on the Ag Quad for a conversation that included not only a more detailed dive into the Ebola outbreak, but a description of his own career path. “In Ithaca, there aren’t many doctors that you can shadow for experience,” notes Mikayla Fuchs ’20, who’s planning a career in medicine. “It’s interesting to hear from all these different doctors who are successful in their fields.”

When NS 3090 was first offered in a seven-week version in spring 2016, it drew capacity crowds. But before being held as a full-semester course in fall

‘The lecturers talk about the subjects with passion,’ says Susana Zeng ’21, ‘and they also describe their own experiences.’

going to cause quite a bit of upset and mistrust between the community and healthcare workers.”

An internist and epidemiologist, Simon is an assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Medical College. This fall, he’s one of a dozen colleagues making the 200-mile trip upstate to lecture in Nutritional Sciences 3090: Global Health Case Studies from Weill Cornell Medicine. Co-founded by WCM professors Gunisha Kaur ’06, MD ’10, and Eric Brumberger ’01, the class meets on Fridays, with a different faculty member lecturing each week on such topics as the Syrian refugee crisis, worldwide mental health issues, and health as a human right. The course is pass/fail; requirements include assigned readings and a final paper. “The lecturers talk about the subjects with passion, and they also describe their own experiences,” says Susana Zeng ’21, who’s taking NS 3090 this semester. “It’s a nice perspective for us to see.”

Built into the format are post-lecture chats, in

2017, it had to be substantially reworked. “It was a hit from the start, but it was raw and needed a lot of development,” says Brumberger. “The students simultaneously loved it and destroyed us on our evaluations.” The main issue: the workload, which was better suited to an MD or PhD level. “We had so many complaints about how much homework there was and the readings we assigned,” says Kaur. “We were Medical College faculty trying to teach at an undergraduate institution—and to be honest, we didn’t know what we were doing.”

But the reimagined course got stellar reviews, and it’s now offered on an annual basis. “The course is a great opportunity to build connections with doctors from the medical school, which is so far from Ithaca,” says Lucie Fan ’19, who’s waiting to hear the results of her med school applications. “It has broadened my perspective of what medicine looks like in different areas in the world. Everything is super exciting to learn about.”

residency, she did research on refugees in the South Asian community in Queens, developing a survey to assess chronic pain in torture survivors. As a new attending radiologist at Weill Cornell, she earned a master’s in medical anthropology from Harvard, commuting to Cambridge weekly for classes. She’s currently involved in numerous research projects, including a study of chronic pain in refugees who are survivors of torture, and work on sexual health education for women and girls in refugee camps. “The World Health Organization has declared the international refugee migration the worst international humanitarian crisis since the Second World War,” she observes. “Our goal is to figure out how the medical community can best serve the needs of refugees, whether they’re in the U.S. or abroad.”

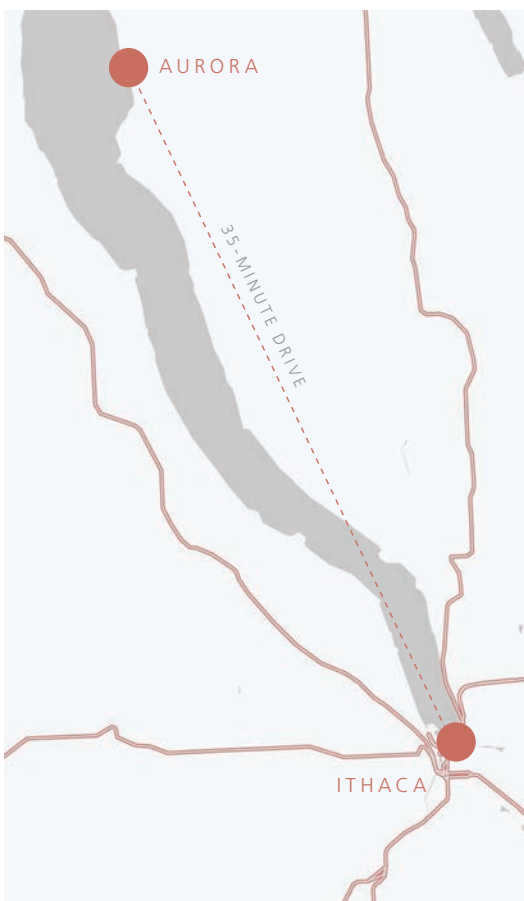
According to the U.N. High Commissioner on Refugees, there are currently some 68.5 million displaced people worldwide. Forty million of those are “internally displaced”—driven from their homes, but within their country’s borders—while some 25 million are officially classified as refugees and another 3 million are asylum-seekers. Of the refugees, more than half are under eighteen, and 57 percent come from three countries: Syria, Afghanistan, and South Sudan. “The life of a refugee is obviously very complicated and challenging,” Kaur says. “People leave their homes and have social, economic, and family issues. Imagine someone who’s sleeping outside in the cold or traversing a sea to get to safety. These people have serious medical problems that result from being refugees, in addition to the baseline health problems that anyone would have.” Kaur admits that it’s a fraught time to work in her field, as anti-immigrant sentiment has grown in the U.S. and the current presidential administration has slashed the number of refugees allowed into the country—from a cap of 110,000 when Donald Trump took office to 30,000 for 2019. “The pushback against refugees is challenging, frustrating, and at times infuriating,” Kaur says. “So many of us strongly believe that this country is better off with immigrants, who contribute so wonderfully to research, culture, and the economy.” ■

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GOING THE DISTANCE

Routinely whacking the ball upwards of 300 yards, pro golfer Troy Mullins '09 is a long drive whiz



FAR AND AWAY: Mullins in action at a long drive event in Arizona in May

When Troy Mullins '09 walks up to a golf tee—with a bounce in her step, a wild mane of hair, and bright red lipstick framing a fairway-wide smile—she makes an *entrance*. But when she swings, she makes an *impact*. A really big one.

Mullins is a professional World Long Drive competitor, which she describes as “the home run derby of golf.” In long drive competitions, which are frequently aired on the Golf Channel, participants aim at a measured-out grid that is generally thirty to fifty yards wide. Given the tremendous swing speeds required—hers has been clocked at 117 miles per hour, faster than the average male PGA pro—the margin for error is miniscule. A slight miss off the center of the clubface generally means a shot that misses the grid. The challenge is to hit it straight . . . and really far.

How far? The typical male weekend golfer hits a drive roughly 220 yards; the five-foot-eight Mullins routinely bombs it more than 300. While winning the 2017 Mile High Showdown in the

thin air of Denver, she hit one drive 402 yards, setting a record for the longest drive by a female in competition. Of course, there are no trees or bunkers to worry about in long drive events, but Mullins has length on the traditional links, too. Last July, on

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a windy day at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Briarcliff, New York, she unleashed a massive drive on a 475-yard hole, leaving her only seventy-six yards from the pin.

Remarkably, Mullins only took up the game in earnest a decade ago. An actress as a child (she appeared on a PBS show called “Kidsongs” as a ten-year-old), she competed in track and field during her first two years at Cornell—a heptathlete who inherited her speed from her father, a past record holder in the 400 meters. In a bid to stay active after her track career ended, she started ▶



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ON THE LINKS:
Mullins (far left)
with golf legend
Tiger Woods. Left:
Running track for
the Big Red

visiting a driving range in her native Los Angeles the summer after her junior year. “It became a nightly ritual,” she recalls. “I would spend hours there by myself. I enjoyed that solo, introspective time, and I just fell in love with the game.”

A China and Asia-Pacific studies major on the Hill, Mullins spent her senior year at Peking University in Beijing. She brought along a used set of golf clubs and practiced her swing almost as much as her Mandarin. The search for the ideal interaction of club and ball appealed to her self-described addictive personality. “It’s just this perfect impact, and it’s such a soft feeling,” she says. “You can feel the ball melt into the club-face and then spring off.”

It turned out that her athleticism—particularly her lower body strength—was conducive to crushing the ball. Mullins became very good very quickly, even qualifying for the 2012 U.S. Mid-Amateur, the top event for post-collegians. On a whim just a week later, she entered an event called the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship. The environment was a bit of a shock to her. “Everybody’s yelling and screaming, and there’s music blaring,” she says. “It’s definitely a show.” Mullins didn’t own any special equipment, just an off-the-rack driver. Still, she smashed a 321-yard drive and placed second. A long-drive career was born.

Now sponsored by PING golf clubs (as well as J. Lindeberg luxury golf apparel and Volvik golf balls), Mullins owns an armory of long-drive weapons—eight specially crafted, extra-long drivers. She practices daily and plays several rounds each week, perfecting a swing that has been described by two-time

World Long Drive champion Art Sellinger as “science, not violence.” Mullins addresses the ball with a wide stance for balance (but not too wide) and a strong grip (but light enough to let her release the club through impact). She uses a full turn on her backswing, and her downswing focuses on hip rotation, a movement honed in her days as a shot putter on the Hill.

To maintain her athletic advantage, Mullins also exercises two or three hours each day—yoga, Pilates, spinning, and working on her core, glutes, and quadriceps. And to support her passion for the game, she runs her own academic tutoring business in L.A. Her dedication has made her a perennial contender in the women’s division of World Long Drive sanctioned events, as she competes from March through September in places ranging from Mesquite, Nevada (“Clash in the Canyon”), to Memphis, Tennessee (“Bluff City Shootout”). Until a rib injury led to a disappointing sixth-place finish at the season-ending 2018 Volvik World Long Drive Championship in September, she had been one of the four finalists in every 2018 event.

Mullins continues to aim high as well as long. An excellent all-around golfer—she generally shoots in the mid-seventies, often playing from the men’s tees—she has a long-term goal of playing on the LPGA Tour by succeeding in the qualifying tournament

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known as Q School. Meanwhile, her profile is rising. Mullins has accrued nearly 70,000 Instagram followers (@trojangoddess), has been featured in numerous golf magazines and on the Golf Channel, and has walked the red carpet at ESPN’s ESPY Awards. Last February she was invited to play in a pro-am event before the PGA’s Genesis Open tournament in L.A. That’s where she met her golf hero, Tiger Woods. “It was so surreal,” says Mullins. “He knew who I was!”

What both have in common (besides towering tee shots), of course, is that they are people of color in a sport that struggles with diversity. Mullins often finds herself the only woman on a golf course—and almost certainly the only African American woman. “What’s so cool about what I’ve been able to do,” she says, “is that so many people have told me, ‘I never even watched golf before, but you made me want to play.’” ■

—Brad Herzog ’90



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ILR alum Loni Edwards '06 reps the Internet's four-legged stars



ANIMAL MAGNETISM (clockwise from left): Edwards with one of her clients, a pig named Hamlet; Lionel, one of the hedgehogs she represents; and Instagram star Ella Bean, a Yorkie mix, seen touring in Paris

Talent manager Loni Edwards '06 is at a café near her midtown Manhattan office on a July afternoon, getting ready for happy hour with a few New York City clients—all of whom are rising social media stars. First to arrive is Mochi, a sweet-faced pug whose antics are chronicled in cartoons drawn by his owner and posted online. Then there's Louboutina, a golden retriever known for giving furry hugs to strangers on the street. Sprout, a Brussels griffon celebrated for his stylish wardrobe, stops by. So do the Lil Gremlins, a pair of palm-sized Chihuahuas who've come straight from a promotional shoot for the Blu-ray release of Wes Anderson's animated film *Isle of Dogs*. There are barks of recognition, since some of the pups have met before; meanwhile, their human companions hug hello and sit on an outdoor patio to sip rosé. "We try to get together as much as possible," says Edwards. "We think of ourselves as a big family."

Edwards is the founder of the Dog Agency, which she touts as

the first management company to focus exclusively on Internet-famous animals, otherwise known as "pet influencers." Though most of her clients are canine—one headline described Edwards as "the Kris Jenner of Instagram dogs"—the agency represents an eclectic menagerie that also includes cats, pigs, bunnies, a chinchilla, an opossum, and two finger monkeys from Miami who

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count rapper Snoop Dogg among their one million fans. And just like the Kardashian clan—who've harnessed the power of social media to build a billion-dollar empire—popular pets bring in big bucks (often through product endorsements) because of the large, enthusiastic audiences they attract on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and other digital platforms. >

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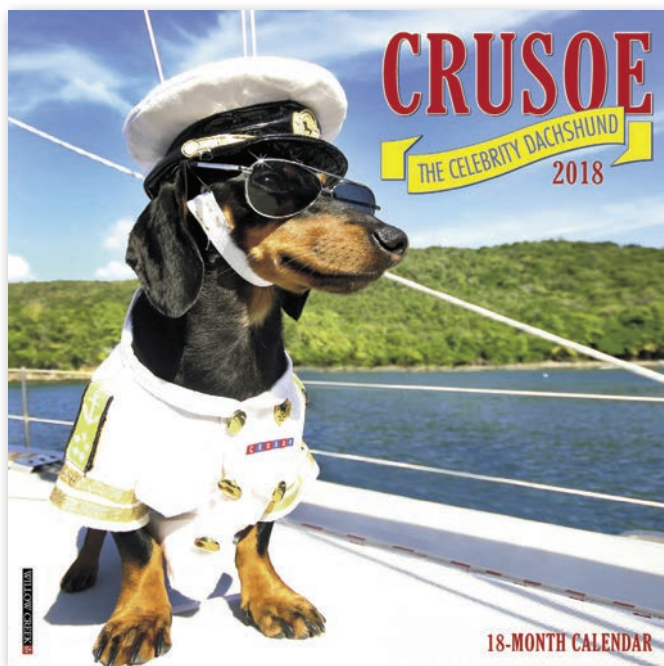
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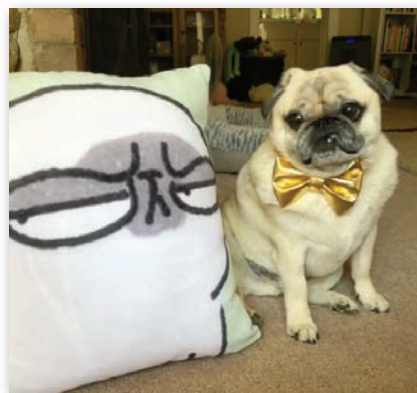


How much an influencer makes ranges widely, but Edwards says that her top pets earn about \$10,000 to \$15,000 per sponsored post. And they're not just pitching animal-related products; she has negotiated with all kinds of companies, from Disney and Dyson to Google and 20th Century Fox. (Atticus the Hedgehog, a prickly pet from New Jersey who loves pom-pom hats and long naps, has scored endorsements with Olympus cameras and Stainmaster carpet cleaner.) She has helped clients develop other revenue streams, too. Some have T-shirts and calendars. Others have landed modeling jobs, acting gigs, and book deals.

Crusoe the Celebrity Dachshund, whose videos have been viewed more than one billion times on Facebook, is a *New York Times* bestselling author whose second book (*Crusoe, the Worldly Wiener Dog*) came out in October. Edwards is currently pitching networks on an animated series based on Tuna Melts My Heart, a Chihuahua-dachshund mix with an endearing overbite and 1.9 million Instagram followers. "There are a lot of variables," says Edwards, "but there's a lot of money that can be made."

Indeed, according to the Association of National Advertisers, total spending on influencer marketing is projected to reach \$101 billion by 2020. And animals often have a bigger impact than their human counterparts: recent research by influencer marketing platform Mavrck found that pet influencers engage with ten times as many users, with brands seeing up to 295 percent more comments on posts with pets. To Edwards, hiring a celebrity critter is a slam-dunk for a company. "A pet isn't going to get drunk and say something offensive. A human influencer—you never know," she says. "So they're safe, they're adorable, and they're universally loved. It just makes sense as a marketing channel."

An ILR alumna who grew up in Upstate New York, Edwards never expected to have this kind of career. She always wanted to be a lawyer, but after earning her JD from Harvard, she found she was unhappy at an L.A. litigation firm and quit after six months. She moved to Manhattan, where she created a fashion line that



FAIRY TAIL ENDINGS
(from far left): Crusoe the dachshund's fame has sparked calendars and books; Mochi the pug has more than 200,000 Instagram followers.

held a patent on adding phone-charging capabilities to handbags and other accessories. She also acquired a pet dog, a mini-French bulldog named Chloe, and started an Instagram account to share photos of her with friends and family. But Chloe quickly drew plenty of other admirers (she had 184,000 Instagram followers before passing away in fall 2017), and soon companies like PetSmart and the Ritz-Carlton hotel chain were calling. Other owners of celebrity pets learned Edwards was a lawyer and began asking for advice. She realized she could fill a niche—connecting brands to influencers and helping pet owners land deals, negotiate contracts, and build their businesses. "There was a need for a central hub to pull everything together," she says.

So Edwards sold her fashion company and opened the agency

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in late 2015. Within six months, she had fifty clients; she now oversees a roster of 160 animals from all over the world. She's selective, signing pets with slick, creative content and at least 50,000 followers on social media. "We look for people who have a strong brand already," she says, "and we help them take it to the next level." Edwards receives a standard commission, so she only makes money if her clients do—and she stresses that she never pushes owners to accept an offer if it doesn't fit with their pet's image. "Authenticity is extremely important," she says. "You can't promote one dog food today and another one tomorrow. You have to make sure it's something you believe in and want to attach your name to. You have to think of the big picture."

And Edwards has plans to expand her business. She created PetCon—a convention for animal lovers that features adoption opportunities, panels about topics like pet wellness, and meet-and-greets with influencers—which held its inaugural event in Manhattan last fall and expects 10,000 attendees this November. She hopes to bring PetCon to Los Angeles next year, with possible pop-ups in other cities. Edwards also recently teamed up with a New York City veterinarian to launch Wylde, an all-natural pet care line; a documentary series on the agency is also in the works. "This," Edwards says with a smile, "is probably the best way I could ever use my law degree." ■

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GOOD EATS: Grainful's current lineup of frozen meals, all of which are gluten free and half of which are vegetarian or vegan

"As an entrepreneur, you do some really insane things," says Jeannine Sacco '09. "You make the impossible happen all the time." A co-founder of Grainful, an Ithaca-based company that makes frozen entrees sold around the country, Sacco has her share of colorful war stories about sourcing ingredients and equipment. There was, for example, the time that she and Michael Crawford '14, the firm's operations manager, had to make a last-minute drive from Ithaca to Ohio to pick up 800 pounds of shredded cheese, then deliver it to their factory in Pennsylvania in time for an early morning production run. Or when Crawford and Grainful co-founder Jan Pajerski '05 spent some twenty-seven hours on the road in a mad scramble to Tennessee and back, just to retrieve a giant industrial wrapping machine.

Then there was the episode—arguably the most memorable of all—when Sacco was transporting more than 1,000 pounds of Andouille sausage in an ice-packed industrial cooler, and her rented truck's transmission blew on the New York State Thruway outside Rochester. Crawford came to her aid—but they accidentally drained his battery charging their phones, and his car died

too. A towing service wound up hauling Sacco, the truck, and the sausage all the way to Pennsylvania, getting there in time to cook the jambalaya. "We've made a lot happen for these production runs," says Sacco, a classically trained chef and Hotel alum, chatting with CAM in Grainful's offices on Ithaca's South Hill last summer. "It's a lot of blood, sweat, and tears."

Headquartered in a business park near Ithaca College, Grainful sells entrees aimed at health-conscious consumers; their meals,

Grainful's wares are currently sold at about 2,000 retailers—including stores in major chains like Whole Foods and Safeway.

priced around \$4 to \$5.50, can be found in the supermarket freezer case alongside competitors like Amy's and Evol. Grainful's wares are currently sold at about 2,000 retailers—including stores in major chains like Whole Foods, Safeway, ShopRite, and Vons—with plans to expand to more than 5,000 in 2019. (The company also has an online store and sells through Amazon, mainly to serve fans who can't buy locally; given the high cost of shipping frozen food, which brings the entrees up to about \$8 apiece, it's not a primary business.) >



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LOCAL FLAVOR: Pajerski (left) and Sacco in the company's test kitchen on Ithaca's South Hill

All of Grainful's eight varieties are gluten free, with most featuring a blend of whole oats, sorghum, and red quinoa; many are low in sodium, and most only pack around 300 calories. Three of them—Thai curry with tofu, chana masala (an Indian dish with peas and garbanzos), and Tuscan bean and kale, Grainful's top seller—are vegan, and one (three-bean chili with cheddar cheese) is vegetarian. In addition to the jambalaya, which contains pork sausage, there are three other meat dishes: chicken and mushrooms with parmesan cheese, chicken and black beans in a spicy ranchero sauce, and an "unstuffed" pepper with turkey. "The pillars for us are healthy, great-tasting, and convenient," says Pajerski. "That's what we want to provide."

A former Big Red hockey defenseman from Ontario, Canada, Pajerski majored in mechanical engineering on the Hill. While he doesn't have a culinary background, he says that he's always been an enthusiastic eater. "I grew up in a house where everything was cooked from scratch," Pajerski says. "And being an athlete, you get pretty in tune with the importance of food and nutrition." At Grainful, he focuses on the business end, while Sacco is the culinary whiz. "Probably since I can remember, I was always cooking," says Sacco, a Westchester County native. "Even in high school, I was a short-order cook." She spent a decade working in restaurants, rising to sous chef, before earning an associate's degree from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in New York's Hudson Valley; when she heard about a joint program leading to a BS from the Hotel school, she was all in. "I thought if I could go to the CIA and Cornell," she says, "those were the two best degrees you could get in this industry."

She and Pajerski met when both were working (she as a

student intern) for KensaGroup, an Ithaca-based start-up incubator headed by Tony Eisenhut '88, who eventually became one of Grainful's founding investors and its board chair. (The company has also gotten funding from Red Bear Angels, a Cornell-oriented investment group, and is seeking additional capital to fuel its expansion.) Among the first stores to sell Grainful's products was P&C Fresh, an independent supermarket in East Hill Plaza; a big break came in spring 2014, when Wegmans agreed to stock its entrees in more than sixty stores. And in fall 2017, Grainful earned a coveted spot in the Chobani Incubator, a four-month program (offered by the yogurt company) that gives emerging food companies a grounding in topics like

manufacturing, marketing, pricing, sales, nutrition, labeling, and food safety. "That's been a huge help for us," says Sacco.

Grainful hit a bump in the road early this summer, when—as part of a reformulation that included layering (rather than pre-mixing) the various ingredients in each entree, and switching from a tray to a bowl—its products temporarily went out of stock in many markets. The problem, Pajerski says, was that the new bowls tended to crack when frozen, prompting Grainful to voluntarily withdraw those packages from stores and find a new source for its containers. By late summer, with the issue resolved, Sacco was at work in the company's test kitchen—shelves stacked with a kaleidoscope of spices, including exotic fare like ground lemongrass and truffle salt—to develop four

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new entrees, aimed to debut early next year. "I'm always playing around with different spices," she says, adding: "Smoked paprika is my secret weapon."

Grainful's meals are made in a contract facility about 200 miles from Ithaca, at a USDA-approved food plant in northern Pennsylvania. Sacco and Crawford try to attend every production run—often toiling shoulder to shoulder with workers on the factory floor as they cook, portion, and package 15,000 to 25,000 entrees at a time, starting at 5 a.m. and going for eleven or twelve hours. "We're really hands-on," Sacco says. "We do quality control on a constant basis. Everything that comes off the line is tasted—every single batch." ■

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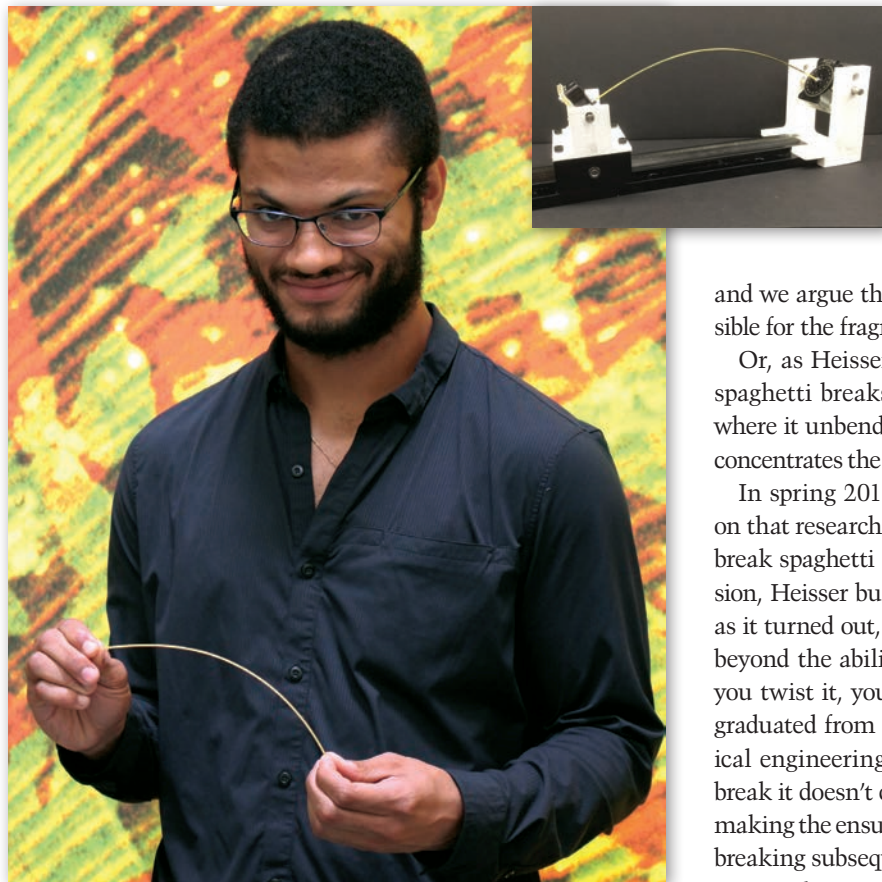
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USING HIS NOODLE

A grad student makes headlines for work on the physics of spaghetti



PASTA-BILITIES: PhD candidate Ronald Heisser (with carbs) in Duffield Hall. Top right: The spaghetti-bending machine he built for a class at MIT.

They say you have to crack a few eggs to make an omelet. But to solve a decades-old physics question originally posed by one of the field's greatest minds, it took Ronald Heisser a whole lot of spaghetti—upwards of 1,000 noodles.

Heisser is a doctoral candidate in theoretical and applied mechanics on the Hill, doing robotics research in the lab of Engineering professor Robert Shepherd. But when the San Antonio native was an undergrad at MIT, he did a project for an applied math class that solved a problem that had once flummoxed the great Richard Feynman—work that garnered Heisser a bit of media fame last summer.

As the story goes, Feynman and a colleague were making a spaghetti dinner one night when they noted an odd property of the uncooked noodles: when you try to break one in half, it almost always produces three or more pieces instead. Feynman and his friend spent hours snapping noodles and puzzling over the question, but they never figured it out. In 2005,

two Frenchmen came up with the answer. “We find that the sudden relaxation of the curvature at the newly freed end leads to a burst of flexural waves, whose dynamics are described by a self-similar solution with no adjustable parameters,” they wrote in an academic paper. “These flexural waves locally increase the curvature in the rod

and we argue that this counter-intuitive mechanism is responsible for the fragmentation of brittle rods under bending.”

Or, as Heisser translates it into layman's terms: “After the spaghetti breaks once, there's this kind of wave that travels, where it unbends; and because it's a thin, brittle material, that concentrates the bending even more and causes it to break again.”

In spring 2015, Heisser and an MIT classmate followed up on that research by studying whether it was actually possible to break spaghetti in half. For accurate measurements and precision, Heisser built a simple machine to attempt the task—and as it turned out, the secret was to twist each noodle to a degree beyond the ability of human hands, while also bending it. “If you twist it, you're adding extra force,” explains Heisser, who graduated from MIT in 2016 with a double major in mechanical engineering and philosophy. “The total force required to break it doesn't change, so you end up having to bend it less”—making the ensuing wave weaker, and preventing the strand from breaking subsequent times.

In early August, Heisser was the first author on an article describing the work in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, a prestigious academic journal—and soon, media including the *Washington Post*, NPR, and the BBC came calling. “This is another example of the fact that you don't have to work at CERN [the particle accelerator in Switzerland] to do science—you don't have to do something highfalutin,” he says. “There are undiscovered things, big and small, under our noses all the time.” And if Heisser could time-travel back for a tête-à-tête with Feynman—who taught at Cornell in the Forties and

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gave a famed series of lectures on the Hill in the Sixties—what would he say? “I wouldn't spoil it—I'd let him try to figure it out,” Heisser says with a laugh, then reconsiders. “But I would whisper in his ear: ‘Twist it.’” ■

—L.P. Drew

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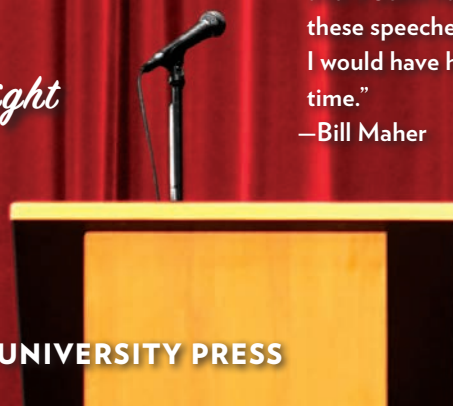
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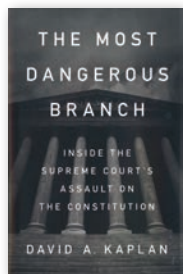
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Kaplan, a former legal affairs editor at *Newsweek*, analyzes what he sees as the perilous excesses of the nation's highest court—which has established the law of the land on such monumental topics as abortion, campaign finance limits, voting rights, gun control, and gay marriage. "Today," he writes, "liberals and conserva-

tives alike blithely rely on the Court to settle society's toughest issues—at the expense of the two branches of government that are designed to be democratic." In a review, *Kirkus* called the book "an informed discussion of a serious issue," while acknowledging that it "may be too easily dismissed for its intrusive [liberal] partisan bias." A graduate of NYU law school, Kaplan previously published *The Accidental President*, a look at the 2000 election on which the HBO movie "Recount" was partly based.



Fogland Point

DOUG BURGESS, JD '02

In his first novel, Burgess—a legal scholar and history professor at Yeshiva University—unspools a mystery in the Rhode Island seaside village of Little Compton, near where his own family has lived for centuries. When his protagonist, an academic facing a professional crisis, returns to his hometown to care for his ailing grandmother, he learns

that her next-door neighbor and best friend has been murdered. But since his grandmother suffers from dementia—as he puts it, in her "cockeyed world it could be high noon or three a.m., yesterday or 1957"—she makes an unreliable storyteller, not only of the recent death but of long-ago events and deeply held family secrets. "Elegant prose, a veritable Chinese box of puzzles, and authentic, well-rounded characters make this a standout," says *Publishers Weekly*.

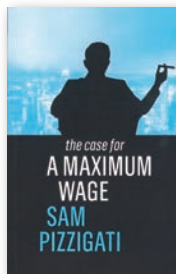


Passing Worlds

ELIZABETH HOLMES, MFA '87

Holmes's third poetry collection is subtitled *Tahiti in the Era of Captain Cook*, and in it she reimagines the first encounters between European explorers and South Pacific islanders in the eighteenth century. The volume is informed by her extensive reading of the historical record, including the journal James Cook kept while commanding the

Endeavor. As she writes in the first poem, entitled "Prophecy": "Something strange was coming— / huge, with lights on it, / moving across the sea. / Were the beings on it people, / or ancestors, or gods?" An Ithaca resident, Holmes is also the author of several novels for middle-grade readers.



The Case for a Maximum Wage

SAM PIZZIGATI '70, MAT '71

An associate fellow at the Washington, DC-based Institute for Policy Studies (and co-editor of its website, *inequality.org*), Pizzigati has spent nearly three decades advocating for a ceiling on how much money any individual American can make, such as limits on executive pay. But in the meantime, he notes, the gap between the income of

CEOs and their average worker has only widened. "I can't seem to stop," he writes in his most recent book on the subject. "That may be because the societies I know best keep getting more unequal." In this slim paperback, Pizzigati offers a history of how the income gap narrowed in the mid-twentieth century—in large part due to extremely high taxes on the rich—before widening again in recent decades. He also ponders the viability of an income cap, in a chapter entitled "Pipe Dream or Politically Practical Project?"

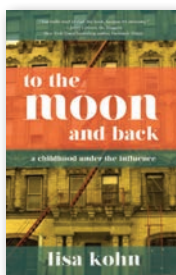


The Lost Queen

SIGNE PIKE '03

Pike's novel, the first in a planned trilogy set in Arthurian times, is based on a real-life character: Languoreth, a sixth-century Celtic queen who was the twin sister of the man who inspired the Merlin myth. The setting and plot—which involves thwarted love, feudal politics, a quest for power, and the emergence of

Christianity—has prompted comparisons to such historical fantasies as *Outlander* and *The Mists of Avalon*. "Once we were a people who held no fear of death," she writes, in Languoreth's first-person narration. "But that was before the Romans came. Before our warriors were cut down and our fields watered with blood." A former CAM intern, Pike previously authored the travel memoir *Faery Tale: One Woman's Search for Enchantment in a Modern World*.



To the Moon and Back

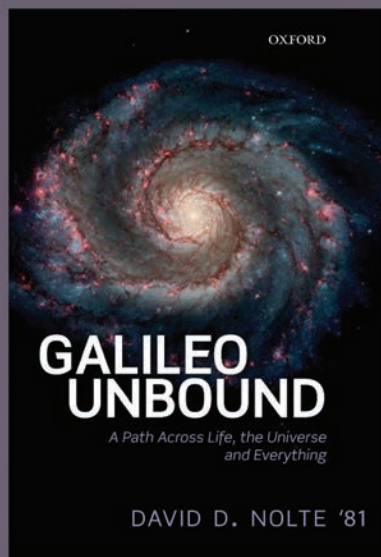
LISA KOHN '85

"If writing is an evacuation tool to process and understand abuse," says *Kirkus*, "Kohn has done an excellent job of producing a text that oozes with honesty and truth." In her memoir, Kohn—now a leadership consultant and executive coach—recalls her unconventional childhood. She was raised in New York City by "flower child" parents active in

the counterculture, and she eventually became deeply immersed in the Unification Church, a cult also known as the "Moonies." Later, she struggled with eating disorders and drug use. "My brother says we were raised by wolves," Kohn writes. "I don't always agree with him, but I don't have a more accurate description of our upbringing. A friend of my dad's pointed out that wolves raise their young with more structure than our parents gave us."

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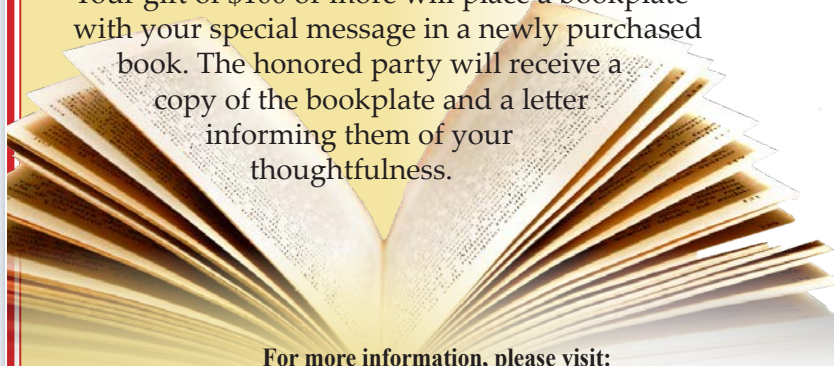
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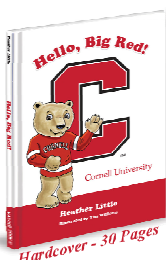
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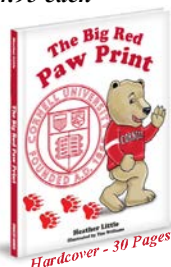


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Big Red Highlights



WOMEN'S TENNIS Maria Adiaconitei '22 (above right) and Valerie Ho '22 (above left) were runners-up in the top division of the Cissie Leary Invitational in Philadelphia. The duo notched a pair of single-set wins in the seven-team meet before losing 7-5 in the title match.

MEN'S ROWING Michael Grady '19 (below) won gold as a member of the U.S. men's eight boat at the 2018 U23 World Rowing Championship in Poland. With Grady in Seat 7, the rowers won their heat race by two seconds over runner-up England, then won the final by 2.5 seconds. Alex Bebb '19 was in Seat 4 of the Canadian men's eight that finished fifth in the final.



WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD Taylor Knibb '20 won the International Triathlon Union Under-23 World Championship, held in Australia in September. Knibb completed the 1.5-kilometer swim, 38-kilometer bike ride, and 10-kilometer run in one hour, 53 minutes, and 47 seconds—nearly a minute and a half faster than the runner-up. A member of the Cornell cross country and track and field teams, Knibb won the junior world triathlon title in each of the previous two seasons and is just the third woman to win junior and U-23 world titles in consecutive years.

SAILING Cornell opened the 2018-19 season in impressive style, winning the Jack Boehringer '52 Memorial Regatta on Cayuga Lake. The Big Red collected 57 points to win the title, well below runner-up Hobart and William Smith's total of 71. Clark Uhl '19 skippered the A Division winner with Adeline Sutton '21 and Becca Jordan '21 splitting crew duties as the boat won six of its 10 races. The pair of Sebby Turner '20 and Kimberly Wong '19 took first in the B Division on the strength of three race wins.

WRESTLING Andrew Berreyesa '22 earned silver at the Greco-Roman Junior World Championships in Slovakia. A national Greco-Roman title winner in 2017, he reached the final at the World Championships with a 2-2 win by criteria in the semifinals before losing a 10-0 decision to a three-time world champion from Russia.

WOMEN'S FENCING Cornell head coach Daria Schneider captained the USA Fencing team that won gold for the first time at the Senior World Championships, held in China last summer.

MEN'S GOLF Two strong rounds at the right time earned Jack Casler '20 a spot in the country's most prestigious amateur event, the U.S. Amateur Championship, held at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf Course. He had secured his spot by finishing second at a regional qualifying event, posting a two-round total of 141 (one under par). At the Amateur, Casler failed to advance out of the opening round. In other news, Christopher Troy '18 (below) and Tianyi "Jack" Cen '19 were honored as Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America. Troy was second on the Big Red team and eighth in the lies overall, with a scoring average of 3.1 over par. Cen had a 4.4 over-par average and finished eighth at the Ivy Championship.



ALUMNI NEWS

MEN'S LACROSSE Cornell was well represented at the 2018 Federation of International Lacrosse World Championship in Israel, with eight players and two administrators participating. Rob Pannell '12, BS '13 and Ben DeLuca '98 came home with gold medals after Team USA beat Canada 9-8 in the title game. Pannell was named to the All-World team, while DeLuca was assistant general manager of the U.S. squad. CU players on Canada's silver medalist team were Brennan Donville '16, Jason Noble '13, and Jeff Teat '20, who led with 13 assists and scored eight goals. Max Seibald '09 had 11 goals and two assists for seventh-place Israel while Howie Borkan '81 served as the squad's general manager. Mat Martinez '11 was the starting goalie for Puerto Rico, which finished eighth, and Leif Paulson '10 had 10 goals and one assist for 25th place Sweden.

ROWING In September, Tracy Eisner '12 won gold at the 2018 World Rowing Championships in Bulgaria as a member of the U.S. women's eight. In Seat 6, she helped the U.S. beat Canada in the finals by just over a second over the 2,000-meter course. In the men's eight, Alex Karwoski '12 just missed out on a medal as the U.S. team finished fourth, 0.17 seconds out of third place. Michael Colella '16 finished 15th in the men's pair for the U.S.

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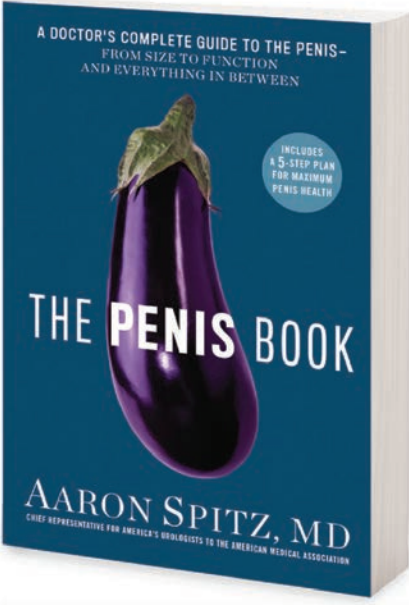
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STRAIGHT AHEAD

One hundred years after Willard Straight 1901 died in World War I, his legacy lives on in the iconic building that bears his name

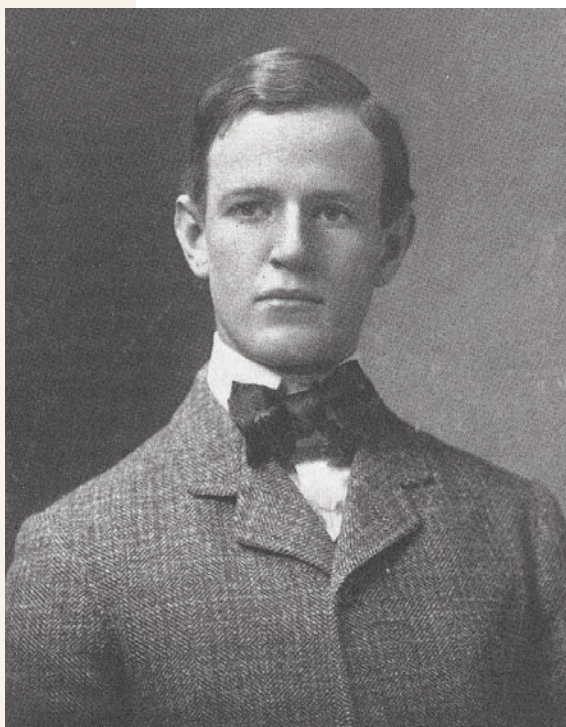
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AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN

Born into modest circumstances, Willard Straight made a name for himself in the Far East—and wed one of America's richest women



IN HIS YOUTH: Straight (from bottom) as a child with his sister in Japan, where their mother taught school after their father's death; in his military school uniform; and as a Cornell undergrad. Opposite page: Scenes from his Cornell days, including some of his many drawings.

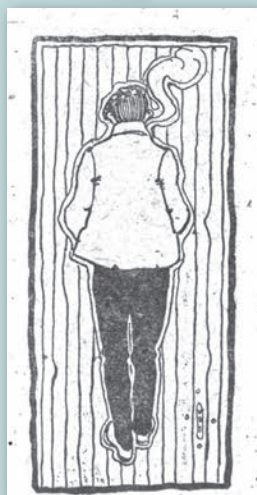


A century ago—on December 1, 1918—Willard Straight 1901 died in France from complications of the Spanish flu, shortly after the armistice that ended World War I. Just thirty-eight, he left behind three small children and a heartbroken widow, who resolved to fulfill the charge he'd left her in his will. "My wife, Dorothy Payne Whitney Straight, is to be unrestrained in the possession and enjoyment of my entire property and estate," the document read. "I nevertheless desire her to do such thing or things for Cornell University as she may think most fitting and useful to make the same a more human place."

It was Dorothy, an heiress and member of the prominent Whitney family, who conceived the idea of a building dedicated to the nonacademic pursuits that enrich student life. Willard Straight Hall, one of

the nation's first student unions, opened in 1925. In the intervening decades, generations of Cornellians have gathered within the Straight's Gothic walls of Llenroc stone to dine, meet, chat, perform, play, study, or just hang out. Along the way, they may have gotten glimpses into the man who made the building possible—most prominently, the advice to his son that's carved over the Memorial Room fireplace. "Hold your head high and keep your mind open," it reads in part. "You can always learn."

Elaine Engst, MA '72, the University's archivist emerita, has done extensive research on Straight's life. "I always thought he would make a great movie," she says. "His story has everything." The son of schoolteachers, Straight was born into modest circumstances in the Upstate New York city of Oswego in 1880. He was an orphan by age ten, both his parents having died of tuberculosis; he and his younger sister were then brought up by two single women (one was among America's first female physicians) who were friends of the family. Brilliant and artistically talented but prone to mischief and insubordination, Straight was expelled from school at fifteen; after being accused of misbehavior in study hall, he vehemently denied it and refused to submit to a caning. His guardians sent him to military school—and surprisingly, he thrived there, even pondering West Point before matriculating at Cornell as an architecture student. "Devoted as he was to his work, it formed only a small part of Willard's activities at college," Herbert Croly, a journalist and friend, observed in his 1925 biography of Straight. "He entered enthusiastically into all the varied social and other activities of which an American college is so fertile a mother." >



He and Dorothy met in 1909; he fell hard and avidly wooed her during a two-year courtship that mainly unfolded long distance.



LOVE MATCH (clockwise from above): The happy couple shortly after their marriage; a clip from their wedding scrapbook, including Willard's doodles; Straight in his World War I uniform; the debut copy of the *New Republic*; the family of five just before he shipped off to war; his portrait on the dedication page of the 1926 *Cornellian*.



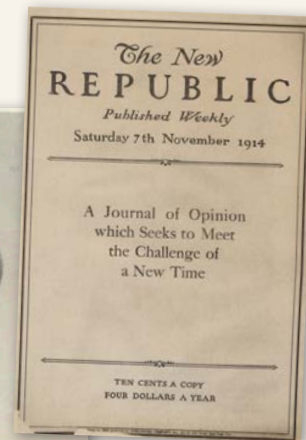
Straight pledged Delta Tau Delta, living in its chapter house for most of his Cornell career. He did sketches for the *Widow*, a campus humor publication, and wrote articles for the *Era*, a weekly magazine, becoming its editor-in-chief his senior year. He served as art editor of the *Cornellian*, joined the Savage Club and Sphinx Head Society—and, if all that weren't enough, he launched the precursor events of both Dragon Day and Slope Day. He was also, by all accounts, an all-around nice guy. "One of his classmates describes the final impression made by Willard Straight upon his college contemporaries as that of an admirable companion," Croly wrote, "clean and whole-hearted in all his occupations and pleasures, and a salient, even a dashing personality."

Despite his major, Straight seems to have seriously considered a career in architecture only briefly, if at all. After graduation—inspired by one of his faculty mentors and, as Engst wrote in the *Cornell Chronicle*, "embracing his own sense of adventure"—Straight spent the next decade in various positions in the Far East. They included working for the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Service, as a Reuters correspondent during the Russo-Japanese War, as private secretary to an American diplomat in Korea, as the U.S. consul general in Manchuria, and for a consortium of

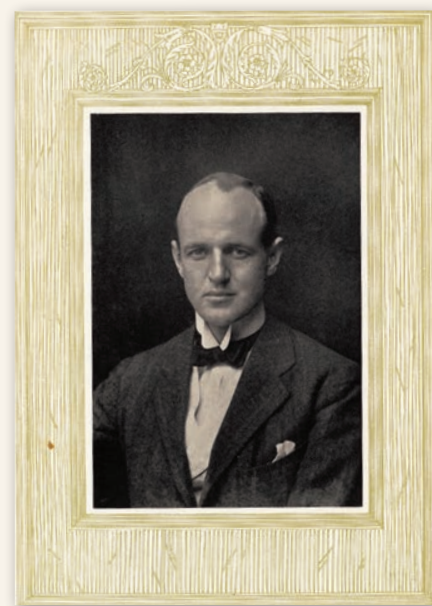
American bankers promoting investment in China.

He and Dorothy met in 1909; he fell hard and avidly wooed her during a two-year courtship that mainly unfolded long distance, through letters and cables. (As Croly wrote: "Only by constantly communicating with her could he soothe his aching heart and render their separation tolerable.") They married in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1911, spending part of their honeymoon on the Trans-Siberian Railroad to Peking, China, where they lived for six months but were forced to leave due to the revolution. Settled in New York, Straight worked for J.P. Morgan and then for the forerunner of the insurance giant AIG. He and Dorothy also devoted themselves to progressive causes, including co-founding the *New Republic* magazine with Croly. The couple had three children, all of whom would grow up to have extraordinary lives: Whitney, who became a Grand Prix race car driver and World War II flying ace; Beatrice, who won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for the 1976 film *Network*; and Michael, a magazine editor and novelist who later in life confessed that he'd been recruited as a spy for the KGB during his student days at Cambridge.

When World War I broke out in Europe, Straight became involved with the movement to prepare America for what many saw as its inevitable entry into the conflict. Although he could have served his country in a diplomatic capacity, he insisted on volunteering for the Army; commissioned as a major, he went to France in 1917 to direct the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. As the war was ending in late 1918, he stayed in Paris to assist with peace negotiations, writing Dorothy to ask her to bring the children and join him. A guide to her papers in Kroch Library, compiled onto microfilm in 1981, sums up what happened next: "On November 17, 1918, Willard wrote, 'Dear Beloved, are you coming? This is all I'm thinking of—I love you everywhere. Your Willard.' It was his last letter to his wife. Willard Straight died of pneumonia on December 1, 1918, before his family could leave for France."



Dorothy was devastated—and she channeled her grief into fulfilling one of Straight's final wishes, carefully crafting her bequest to Cornell. "She actually did a lot of research," Engst says. "She traveled around to other universities to see what they had—that's where she came up with the idea for a student union." Seven years after Straight's death, Dorothy remarried, to another Cornellian: Leonard Elmhirst 1921, whom she'd met during the process of establishing her gift to the University, and whose insights helped her refine her vision for the building. (They ultimately relocated to his native England, where they restored a fourteenth-century estate, founded a progressive school, and had two children.) In *The Straight and its Origins*, published the year after his death in 1974, Elmhirst described Dorothy's hopes for how the hall might serve the school that Willard had so loved. "Mrs. Straight visualised this building as a place where every student might begin to explore the ins and outs of his or her own make-up," he wrote. "She knew well how the imagination can begin to bud, and to blossom, in the process of exploring friendships, at leisure or in private." >



A MORE PERFECT UNION?

A marvel when it opened, the Straight remains beloved by Cornellians—and plans are in the works to bring it into the twenty-first century



ON THE RISE: The building under construction. Opposite page: Students “tabling” this fall in the Straight’s lobby, home to a colorful series of allegorical murals.

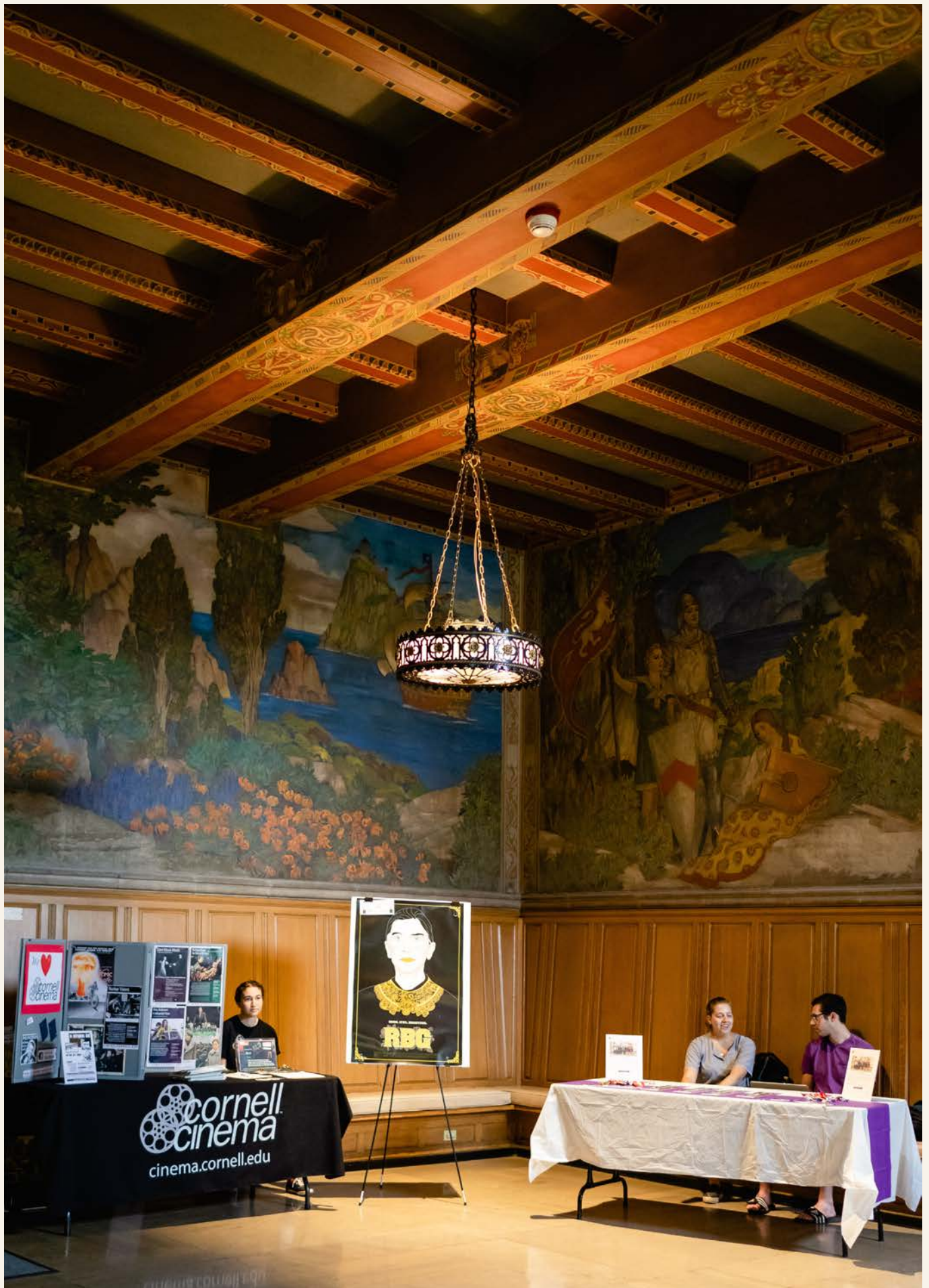
By the time Willard Straight Hall was completed in November 1925 after twenty months of construction, Cornellians were itching to get a look inside: according to the *Daily Sun*, some 4,800 people—students, faculty, and local residents—streamed through the front door to view “this new and tremendous institution of Cornell” on opening day, and 3,000 more the next. “After holding its mounting curiosity in leash for months, practically all undergraduate Cornell swarmed in to inspect and enjoy the magnificent building,” the *Alumni News* noted. As it enthused in the following issue: “The University is still rubbing its eyes and trying to realize that this marvelous building is all its own . . . Visitors were more impressed than their words indicated by the munificent outlay

of costly furnishings, designed to provide all the comforts any hard-working student or professor could ask for, and by the unostentatious dignity of the whole building.”

Back then, not just anyone could avail themselves of the Straight’s comforts; after a five-day open house, it was members only. But that “membership” was expansive: all undergrads were automatically included, and for \$8 a year (about \$115 in today’s dollars), faculty, trustees, and grad students could join (as could alumni, for \$5). “Membership of persons in the Faculty and Trustees class,” the *Alumni News* noted, “will carry with it the extension of privileges of the Hall to their wives.” Still, those wives were presumably not entitled to walk in through the front door. In the Straight’s early years, there were separate entrances and social

spaces for men and women: the former used the grand portal at the front, while the latter came in through smaller doors on the south side. As University Archivist Emerita Elaine Engst, MA ’72, notes, the building’s benefactor—Willard’s widow, Dorothy Payne Whitney Straight—looked askance at the segregation. “Dorothy was explicitly not happy about that,” Engst says. “It made her really angry.”

But it could have been worse. Many had wanted Cornell to follow the example of other schools—including the University of Toronto, which Dorothy had visited on a fact-finding tour during the project’s planning stages—who reserved their student unions for men. As Rebecca Cofer wrote in her 1990 book *The Straight Story*, the separate entrances were a compromise proposed by the architect, “with the >





idea that women once inside the building would go to the 'men's side' to buy their tickets for various events at the lobby desk, and eventually male and female students would mix freely, 'except perhaps for the pool room, and barber shop.' "

Playing billiards and getting a haircut were just two of the Straight's many offerings. It had a cafeteria, a library, a music room, lounges, living quarters, and a state-of-the-art theater, complete with orchestra pit and rotating stage. (The inaugural show—a drama club production of an eighteenth-century American comedy called *The Contrast*—starred future Oscar nominee Franchot Tone '27.) For students, Cofer noted, the Straight offered "a nice place to go between classes, and a convenient and central place to meet friends, have a cup of coffee, or eat lunch." It was especially appealing to those who hadn't joined the Greek system, as E.B. White 1921 observed in an essay. "Before Willard Straight Hall was erected as a pleasance for the independent students, there was a disadvantage in not belonging to a fraternity," he wrote, adding that the building "now offers all the comforts of home to everybody, and the fraternities are beginning to feel the way speakeasies felt after repeal: that there is nothing to be exclusive about anymore."

Ever-Evolving Space

Erected on the former site of two professorial cottages, the Straight was built into the side of Libe Slope—an idiosyncratic configuration that puts the main entrance on the fourth floor. It cost \$1.5 million to build—just over \$21 million in today's dollars, which seems an enormous bargain—and another \$100,000 to furnish (\$1.4 million today). In the near-century since it opened, the Straight has seen countless logistical changes. For example, the space just inside the main entrance that used to be the barber shop (and later a bank) is now a conference room; the former billiard room is a dance studio, with mirrored walls and a commanding view of Ho Plaza. The theater, though still operational for live performances and recently renovated, has been home to Cornell Cinema since the late Eighties, when the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts was built in College-town. A ceramics studio, an ice cream



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shop, various TV lounges—those and many other amenities have come and gone over the years.

What used to be bedrooms on the fifth floor for students and guests were converted to other uses decades ago—though you can still see the outlines on the walls where sinks once hung, and several offices sport medicine cabinets. The Memorial Room—the building’s showplace, which recent grads have compared to the Hogwarts dining hall from *Harry Potter*—was originally outfitted as a lounge, with sumptuous couches; it has long been a multi-purpose space hosting everything from dances to career fairs. The inviting stone terrace on the fourth floor, originally located one level down and raised to accommodate an additional dining facility during World War II, now hosts summer weddings and outdoor film screenings. Where the Straight once had a single eating option, it now has three (four, if you count the free popcorn in the lobby): the Ivy Room, an “à la carte” establishment located in the original cafeteria space on the third floor; Okenshields, an “all-you-care-to-eat” place next door, for students on the dining plan; and Straight from the Market, a new counter service spot opened this semester on the fourth floor, offering grab-and-go meals with an emphasis on fresh produce.

Just as the building’s logistics have shifted, so have those of the wider campus—and those changes have lessened the Straight’s prominence in student life over the past half-century. Most saliently, the variety of dining options that have cropped up across campus since the Seventies has meant that fewer students make multiple daily trips to the Straight for meals. But the building’s fundamental purpose—uniting Cornellians across colleges, majors, and geography—has

stayed the same. “What we see in the Straight now, and what we’ve seen for decades, is that it’s one of the few places at Cornell that isn’t tied to a single academic college,” says Dean of Students Vijay Pendakur, whose offices are located on the second floor. “It’s not tied to a department or program, and the students know that; they feel that. When I’m walking around this building I see interesting cross-pollinations happen as a result.”

In the Straight, the word “tabling” doesn’t refer to parliamentary procedure: it’s the act of sitting at a folding table in the lobby, soliciting passers-by to join a club, take up a cause, or buy tickets to an event. “Students will interact across tables—the ecological sustainability group

will be tabling next to the undergraduate veterans’ group, and they’ll have a conversation because they’re sitting there waiting for people to come up and talk to them,” Pendakur says. “The prescience in Willard’s vision of giving the gift that could create this building was recognizing that Cornellians need a place to gather where they’re identifying not by college or by academic pursuit, but by their broader human interest. That’s part of what enriches the Cornell student experience and makes it not just a process of getting a baccalaureate degree, but of becoming an adult and emerging as a fully fleshed person and not just a fully fleshed mind.”

Especially during the tumultuous days of the Sixties and Seventies, the Straight >



STUDENT UNION: Eating in the Okenshields dining hall this semester. Opposite page, from top: The terrace in the Sixties; studying in the library this fall; playing billiards in the Fifties.



HAND WORK: The building's many architectural details add to its charm—but they also pose conservation challenges. Opposite page: The Memorial Room has been used for myriad purposes over the decades, including (from top) an agricultural fair in the Seventies, an Indian dance performance in 2016, and the Hotel Ezra Cornell conference in 1927.

Share Your WSH Memories

Do you have fond recollections of your time in Willard Straight Hall? Share them with your fellow Cornellians in the comments section of this story at cornellalumnimagazine.com.

was a nexus for debate and political action. For years, a six-foot-tall stump outside the entrance—the last vestige of the row of stately trees that graced campus before perishing of Dutch elm disease—served as a soapbox for all manner of orators. And of course, the Straight was the site of the single most dramatic event in University history: the April 1969 takeover by African American students advocating for academic and social change. (During the takeover, which took place on Parent's Weekend, visiting families were rousted from the Straight's guestrooms, which were phased out afterward.)

Logistical Hurdles

But as Pendakur notes, the building that was a marvel nearly a century ago has serious limitations to serving today's student body. For one thing, it's not big enough; Cornell has more than 24,000 students today, compared to about 5,600 in 1925. "The square footage of this building and the number of reservable rooms are totally incommensurate with that size of a campus," Pendakur says. "Students are always saying, 'I can't get a room in the Straight unless I book months and months out.' From about 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. the whole year, every reservable space in this building is booked, because it's one of the few places that any student can reserve a room. So we need to triple the square footage of reservable space to meet the needs. I don't even know if that would get us there, but it would be a lot closer."

Another major issue is that the Straight's core heating, ventilation, and electrical systems essentially date from the Jazz Age. (And even then, there were issues: the building suffered blackouts both on its opening day and during the official dedication ceremony the following month.) Due to electrical load limitations, the Straight can't be wired for now-typical tech services like "smart rooms" for videoconferencing. For the same reason, there's little air conditioning, mainly limited to some window units—meaning that temperatures can soar into the nineties with high humidity, and on the hottest days some staff have to be temporarily relocated. Even the sound design in the Memorial Room is a relic of an earlier time. "The acoustics were set up

to capture echoes and reverberate them, essentially as a low-tech way to amplify the unamplified voice," Pendakur says. "The minute you have somebody on a mic with speakers, the acoustics are awful—it echoes all over the place and cancels out people's ability to hear effectively."

Then there's the problem of accessibility. Built long before the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Straight is challenging to navigate in a wheelchair. There's only a freight elevator (run by a full-time attendant), located in inconvenient, back-of-house areas. Of the building's six main floors, there's no elevator access at all to the top two—and the same goes for some "half" floors accessible through small, narrow staircases. When Pendakur arrived, in fact, the Dean of Students' office was located on the "fourth-and-a-half" floor, in a charming, wood-paneled suite complete with (nonworking) fireplace. But Pendakur immediately knew that he should relocate; his current office, in a renovated section of the second floor, can be reached via the freight elevator—not an ideal solution, but an improvement. Says Pendakur: "I think the dean of students at any school in the country would be concerned if a certain portion of the student body or faculty, staff, and parents couldn't access their office."

And as Pendakur points out, the issue of establishing full elevator service in the Straight goes beyond wheelchair access; parents pushing strollers—like his wife, who'd need to navigate the freight elevator to visit him at work with their two small children—are also limited, among others. "For people who have temporary mobility issues or who are in a late-term pregnancy, this is a very difficult building to manage," he says. "That's a key concern, because part of telling a campus, 'This is your space,' is also saying, 'You can access it.'"

With the centennial of the Straight's opening coming up in 2025, the University is eyeing a major renovation and expansion—potentially, Pendakur says, as part of the next capital campaign. "There is a pretty vibrant conversation right now, all the way up to the highest level of University leadership," Pendakur says. "There's some buzz in a way that I don't think there has been in the past. It would be a real opportunity if we could come to an accord as a university that we want to prioritize this building for a

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full gut rehab plus expansion. Expansion is imperative; if we want to be relevant and call ourselves the student union for the University, we've got to dramatically increase the square footage. If that becomes a capital priority, we could really change the co-curricular experience for students here."

According to Lisa Anderson, director of facilities for Student and Campus Life, a major study of the building is being planned over the next five years, to explore how best to enlarge and modernize the Straight while retaining its historic character. She points out that one of the enduring challenges of caring for a building like the Straight is maintaining and restoring the work of its original artisans, from the many intricate woodcarvings to the murals that grace both the main lobby and the Cornell Cinema auditorium. "We're having a hard time locating folks that can do that work," Anderson says, "and it's very expensive."

The lobby murals, painted starting in spring 1926, are a nod to the building's namesake. As a placard reads, the images "reflect [Straight's] diplomatic and business career in China, his broad interests in the arts, and his overall enthusiasm for life." The artist, Ezra Winter, was a prominent muralist whose works grace Rockefeller Center and the Library of Congress. Using paint that included whey from the University dairy herd, he created scenes representing such human virtues as chivalry, adventure, diplomacy, creativity, and optimism. "Face the front entrance and look for the Latin words from Terence encased in a holly wreath: 'HUMANI NIHIL-A-ME ALIENVUM PVTO,'" Cofer wrote in *The Straight Story*. "Liberal translated it means 'Nothing in the realm of men is alien to me,' a fitting quotation for Willard Straight." ■





EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Art expert and auctioneer Nicho Lowry '90
is a colorful fixture on PBS's 'Antiques Roadshow'

BY L. P. DREW

Thanks to his many TV appearances, fans often stop Nicho Lowry '90 on the street—but, he admits, “it’s more likely that the person recognizes my suits than myself.” A longtime expert on PBS’s popular “Antiques Roadshow,” Lowry is known for his distinctive wardrobe: vividly colored three-piece suits that he has custom tailored in the UK. “The original appeal was to look more like an appraiser on television, but then I realized I had a fetish for plaids and tartans, so I kept pumping up the wattage,” says Lowry, who owns more than two dozen of the bespoke ensembles. “As far as recognition goes, it has worked very well for me.”

Chatting with CAM last spring at his family’s Manhattan auction house, Lowry is—as he puts it—“dressed fairly demurely today.” His trousers and vest are tweed windowpane plaid (he’d doffed the jacket earlier) in bright shades of green and red. His shirt, white with pink and blue stripes, is accessorized with shocking pink cufflinks, and his tie is a purplish burgundy, enlivened by a repeating print of small starbursts. His ample moustache is waxed into upturned curls; a hoop glints from one earlobe; his hair, silver at the temples, is neatly slicked back and pinned with little pink barrettes.

Lowry’s signature look—along with his passion for vintage posters, his area of expertise—has made him a familiar

character on “Roadshow,” the PBS stalwart that brings droves of hopeful treasure-toters to appraisal events at cities around the country. (A 2017 show promo, dubbed “Nicho’s Checkered Past,” offered a tongue-in-cheek roundup of his sartorial highlights, including a moment when he told a guest that seeing her rare 1930s ads for a bygone brand of refrigerators “sets my tartan all a-twitter.”) Lowry is president and principal auctioneer at Swann

Auction Galleries, a third-generation family business that specializes in works on paper including books, maps, manuscripts, autographs, prints, and drawings. As the *New York Times* observed in a 2016 story on the art of auctioneering, noting a pedigree that traces to Swann’s founding in 1941: “Mr. Lowry practically emerged from the womb with a hammer in hand.”

Such bona fides helped Lowry land the gig as the “Roadshow” poster expert more than



POSTER BOY: Lowry (opposite page) sporting one of his signature suits on “Antiques Roadshow.”
Above: Appraising a vintage French travel poster on the program.



two decades ago. In the intervening years, he has educated audiences about a wide variety of items—from an Art Nouveau ad for French cigarette papers to Rosie the Riveter images distributed as World War II morale boosters. He has weighed in on posters promoting European travel, the Ringling Brothers circus, an 1885 reunion of Civil War veterans, a long-defunct San Francisco water park, performances in Paris by Wild

forensics team, which he calls good training for his current career. He lived in Prague for four years after graduation, eventually joining the family business in the mid- to late Nineties after a variety of professional forays, including working for a New York political campaign. “I tried to do everything else I could before I settled on this,” he says with his trademark dry wit, “just to prove to my parents that I wasn’t inter-

experts often gathering for dinner and libations afterward. (“If it were golf,” he says, “it would be the nineteenth hole.”) As Lowry notes, the appraisers not only volunteer their time, they cover their own transportation, lodging, and some meals (breakfast and lunch are catered on shooting days). “The show has a very large, very talented, entirely free labor pool,” says Lowry, one of several Swann experts who regularly appear on the show.

“It’s worth every penny to us, because whatever few thousand dollars we spend traveling is returned in spades in the form of publicity, recognition, and credibility. It’s helpful that it’s on PBS and not

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West star Buffalo Bill, the 1962 World’s Fair in Seattle, a lost silent film from 1914, and much more. “First and foremost, posters are unintentional art,” Lowry says, explaining what drives his love of the medium. “These were not things that were meant to be saved; they were meant to arrest your eyes as you walk down the street and then slip into your subconscious. They’re colorful, they’re bright, they’re eye-catching. They were made to attract your attention—to excite something in your brain and pass their message on to you. And they were made to look good, which is diametrically opposite from contemporary art.”

A history major on the Hill (his mother, Judith Cohen Lowry ’56, is a Cornellian), Lowry also studied communication and represented the Big Red in speech-and-debate competitions as a member of the

ested.” Lowry’s personal collecting zeal is for posters from Czechoslovakia (where his father was born) dating from the 1890s to the 1970s. He and his dad have more than 1,000 between them—a trove sufficiently distinguished that two years ago, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa) mounted an exhibit of some three dozen devoted to travel. “We like to say it’s the largest collection in the world outside the Czech Republic,” he says with a smile. “Which is impossible to quantify.”

Lowry’s “Roadshow” travel season runs for a few months each year, on spring and summer weekends; this year, the show visited a total of five cities (in Florida, Oklahoma, Kentucky, California, and Michigan). Shooting days can stretch past twelve hours, with Lowry and his fellow

Bravo, like one of the ‘Housewives.’ People trust PBS—it’s the gold standard—and as a result trust all of us for being on the show.”

Among the skills that Lowry has honed over the years is the art of letting people down easy; after all, of the thousands who come to each taping with heirlooms in tow, only a small fraction have genuine treasures. “Everyone thinks that what they have is worth something,” he says. “You don’t want to tell a little old man or a little old lady, ‘This rare Incan object is a modern Mexican forgery and it’s worth \$10,’ and watch as their life’s dream floods out of their body. The inherent risk of doing something like that in front of the camera is that you become nationally known as the ‘dream crusher.’” The most common refrain from guests, he says, is that the item in question was bequeathed by their grandmother, who



told them to keep it, because someday it would be valuable. “When we’re doing the show, I must hear it seventy times a day,” he says, “and it has never been true—never once—at least in the paper world.”

Among Lowry’s most vivid “Roadshow” memories is one from his first year on the program: During a stop in Richmond, Virginia, a woman came in bearing a paint-by-numbers version of the *Mona Lisa*. Lowry, who was still learning the ropes, watched in awe as a colleague talked up the original painting’s priceless nature, its place of honor in the Louvre, and the genius of Leonardo da Vinci—and the guest left happy, satisfied to own a one-of-a-kind reproduction of a classic work. “We get a great deal of turn-of-the-century religious iconography; they’re beautiful, they’re common, and they’re worth about \$75,” he says. “It’s up to us as appraisers to evoke our best bedside etiquette and say, ‘Your grandmother must have loved you to leave you something so precious. On the open market, the actual monetary value wouldn’t come anywhere near the emotional value—but if you were to try it sell it, you might get \$75.’”

Lowry observes that, thanks to the advent of the Internet, the drama of “Roadshow” has changed over the years. When the show began, he says, laypeople had few resources for researching an object’s background and potential value. “You could find an old piece of paper at a flea market and have no idea what it was; if you wanted to know what you had, you really needed an expert,” he says. “Now, you can find 85 percent of what you need to know online, and that means that discoveries have become slimmer on

the ground. Before it was about discovering great stuff; now it’s about finding great stories—posters that had been pulled out of the dumpster or were bought at flea markets because they were attractive, but nobody knew that they were \$20,000 pieces.”

In addition to his “Roadshow” duties, Lowry conducts many of the auctions at Swann, as well as at charity events in and around New York. He also trains the auction house’s staff in the art of wielding the hammer—offering guidance on topics such as keeping the audience’s interest throughout a sale that may include

for which bidders come from as far away as Europe and the West Coast. (An annual subscription to the catalogues—which some consider collectors items in themselves—costs \$550 for U.S. clients, \$650 for international mailing.) The day before Lowry sat down with CAM, Swann had held an auction of nineteenth- and twentieth-century literature, including rare or first editions of works by such authors as Ray Bradbury, Raymond Chandler, Stephen King, Ernest Hemingway, Mark Twain, Leo Tolstoy, and George Orwell. That morning, staff were transforming



UP FOR BID: Lowry (above right) conducting a sale at Swann Auction Galleries. Above left: Catalogs from three spring 2018 auctions. Top: A few of Lowry’s many appearances on “Roadshow.”

hundreds of lots, and the basic importance of pronouncing the artists’ names correctly. “You’re taking bids from four different places—in the room, on the phone, and online, as well as bids that have been left in advance—so you have to keep your head about you,” he says. “It can be a lot of fun. It’s something I enjoy doing tremendously.”

Even in the Internet age, Swann distributes handsomely printed catalogues for the roughly forty auctions it conducts each year,

the auction room into a display gallery for the following week’s sale of contemporary art, featuring the work of Andy Warhol, Sol LeWitt, Alexander Calder, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring, and more. “One of the reasons it’s so easy to love this job is that every week it’s something else,” Lowry observes. “The imagery is changing constantly. It’s a never-ending parade of interesting material, people, and stories. It’s fabulous.” ■

SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Cornell's academic press publishes a chronicle of John Cleese's visits to the Hill

BY BETH SAULNIER



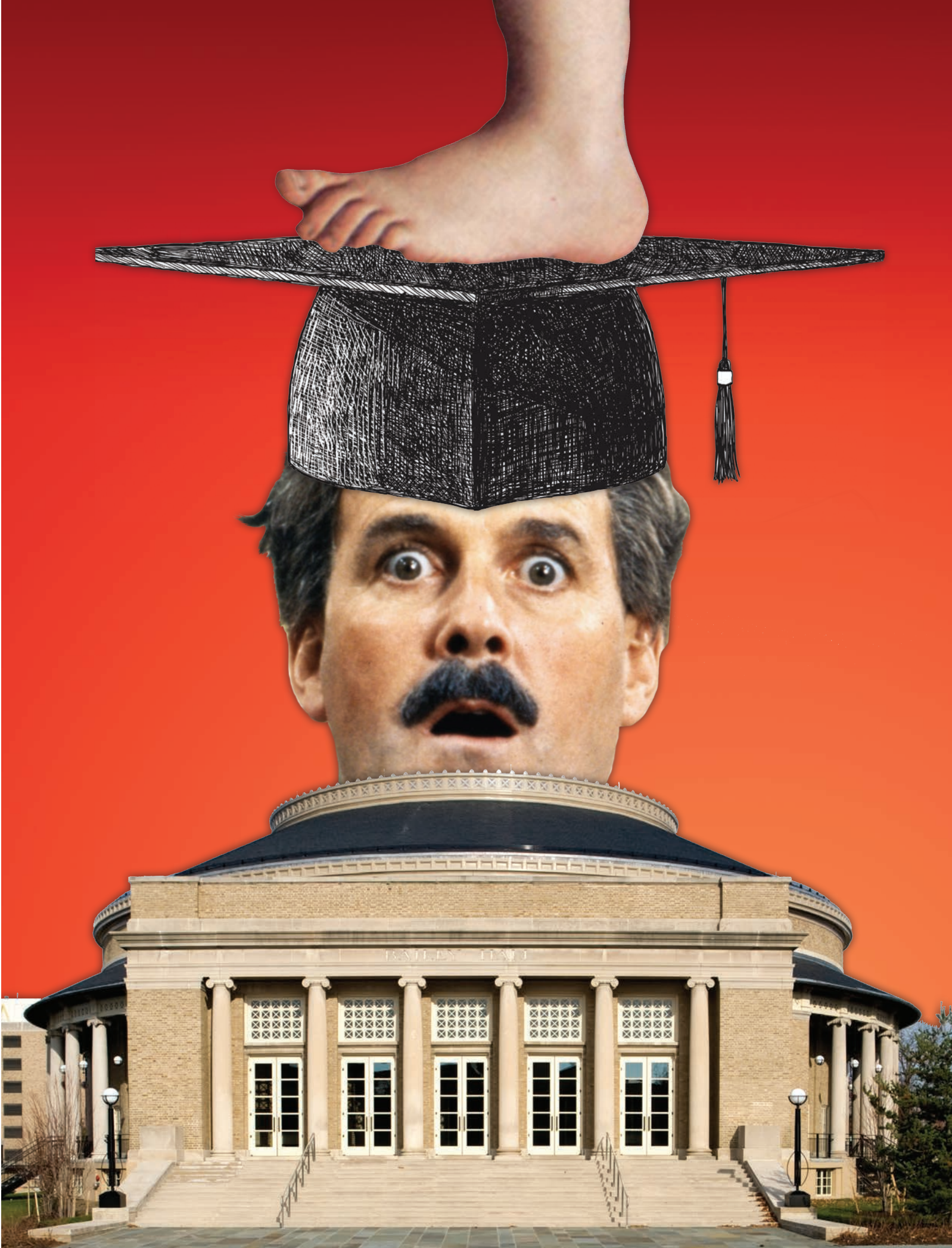
When Dean Smith was a young teen growing up in Baltimore, he'd sneak downstairs to watch a certain program airing on the local PBS station long after bedtime—a brilliant, wildly original show laden with Spam, dead parrots, silly walks, the Spanish Inquisition, and upper-class twits (though distinctly lacking in cheese). Guffawing over those episodes of “Monty Python’s Flying Circus”—and later acting out scenes with classmates at his Catholic high school, where the “dead bishop” sketch seemed particularly naughty—the young Dean never imagined that decades later, he’d be sharing a stage with a member of that antic and erudite troupe.

But in September 2017, Smith—now director of Cornell University Press—appeared in Bailey Hall with Python legend John Cleese. Smith had prepped for the event for months, rewatching every Python show and movie and reading all of Cleese’s writings, up to and including an obscure essay about

cricket. For two hours, he interviewed Cleese about everything from Python’s fiftieth anniversary (coming in 2019) to his fraught relationship with his mother to the relative merits of cats over children. “The great thing about realizing that things are completely hopeless is that you start to relax,” Cleese observed at one point. “Next, your aims become more realistic. You say, ‘I’ll tell you what—instead of changing society, I’ll just be nice to a dozen people instead.’ Because that’s achievable.”

In advance of the talk, Smith had met with Cleese to go over the topics he planned to cover. (To be precise, Smith went to his room at the Statler for a pre-show chat; Cleese answered the door in his boxer shorts and jovially offered him a cup of coffee.) “We agreed to start with Python,” Smith recalls. “That’s always the elephant in the room. He kept saying, ‘People want to know about Monty Python.’ I don’t think he wants to do a lot of talking about that, usually. I think he wants to talk about scholarship.”

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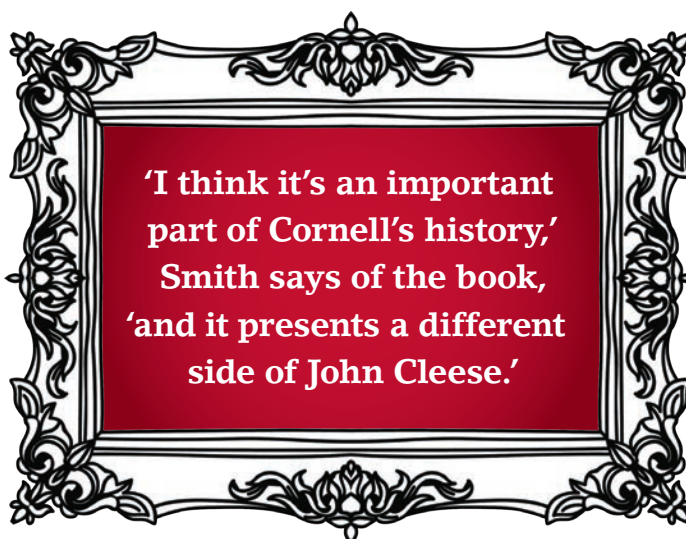
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LIVE ON STAGE: CU Press's Dean Smith (left) interviewing Cleese in Bailey Hall in fall 2017; other than some empty seats at the fringes, the house was packed. Opposite page: The event's promotional poster, which featured a shot of Cleese as the Minister of Silly Walks, a character from a classic Monty Python sketch.

In the time that I spent with him, my sense was that his mind is constantly, endlessly pursuing and devouring content of all kinds. As much as he can get his hands on, he likes to process and think about. Whatever the percentage of the brain that we're supposed to be using on average, he's using more of it."

In October, the Press published *Professor at Large: The Cornell Years*, a chronicle of Cleese's major appearances on the Hill over the past two decades. From 1998 to 2006, Cleese was an A.D. White Professor at Large, serving a six-year term plus a two-year extension; since then, he's been the Provost's Visiting Professor, making regular visits to campus to give public talks and to work with faculty and students. The book comprises edited transcripts of seven events, including the Smith interview, a sermon in Sage Chapel, a talk on religion inspired by the controversial Python film *The Life of Brian* (about a hapless fellow who gets mistaken for a messiah), and a deep dive into screenwriting by Cleese and two-time Oscar winner William Goldman (*All the President's Men*; *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*). "It's completely nonlinear—it's not your typical book acquisition," says Smith. "But I think it's an important part of Cornell's history, and it presents a different side of John Cleese. People have talked about him being a scholar or being interested in intellectual pursuits, but this is it right there."

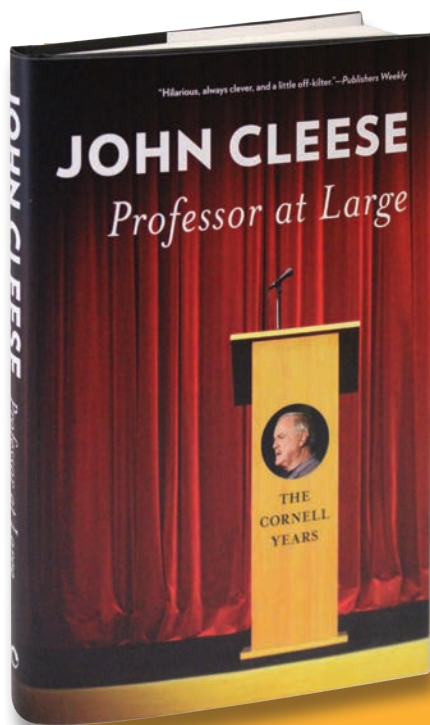


The book project was spearheaded by Gerri Jones, former administrator of the A.D. White Professors program, who had continued to handle logistics for Cleese's campus visits. Jones, who worked with Cleese on Cornell's behalf for nearly two decades, kept an informal archive of his talks. "She had a shopping bag of CDs of audio recordings," Smith says, "and a printout of the speech in Sage Chapel." Jones typed up the transcripts, which went to an editor that Cleese works with on his

literary projects, then to the press's copy editors, then to Cleese for final approval. Sadly, Smith notes, Jones didn't live to see the manuscript published; she passed away in August, of complications of leukemia. "She fiercely loved John Cleese," Smith says, "and she really made the book happen in a behind-the-scenes way."

As of late August, the Press had pre-sold 3,000 copies of *Professor at Large*—which may seem modest by Grisham terms, but

which Smith notes is more than ten times that of the publishing house's typical scholarly monograph. While Cleese's next Cornell appearance hasn't been announced, his relationship with the University is ongoing, and a book-related event in New York City is set for November (see sidebar). As Cleese said at the end of the Bailey chat: "I'm absolutely delighted at the thought of being able to come back to Cornell on a regular basis and stir things up."



'DEMOCRACY GONE MAD'

In a condensed excerpt from *Professor at Large*—chronicling an event in Statler Auditorium in April 2009—Cleese and CU management professor Beta Mannix chat about Python's group dynamics, how Brits handle anger, and much more

MANNIX: Let me ask you a little bit about how you got started doing what you're doing, which wasn't a particularly straight path. You started off going to a fairly well-respected prep school and you took your A levels, which we think of as sort of advanced tests, in things like mathematics, physics, and chemistry. You taught science [and] history. You went to Cambridge. You have a degree in law. And then, life took sort of a different route for you.

CLEESE: Well, how many people really know what they want to do? I've always been amazed that some people know what they want to do. All I know is that I want to do the next project. I think, deep down, psychology has always been my fascination. I think the most interesting thing in the world is how this thing works [he points to his head] and why we do the things we do.

MANNIX: When you decided law wasn't for you, you went to write for the BBC. So much of your work is writing, really.

CLEESE: That's right. I always think of myself as a writer-performer. In other words, I write the thing and then I perform it. But for me, the interesting bit is writing it.

MANNIX: Some of the earliest work you did was with Monty Python—Graham Chapman, Michael Palin, Eric

Idle, and the Terrys—and you've really made no secret that you were not necessarily one big happy group of guys. You really didn't get along that well.

CLEESE: Well, think about it. You can all think of bands, and how many of them have stayed together? A very special, select group. But on the whole, they break up because there are always tensions in any group of human beings. Diversity often means conflict. So it's interesting that we are talking about the Python group because the funny thing was that it was democracy gone mad. I mean, no one was in charge, and it is very unusual, I think, to get a good group of people working together satisfactorily when no one is in charge.

MANNIX: You obviously are brilliant at physical comedy. And I'm sure I'm not the first person who's noticed you often played the angrier person in the group—with a sort of seething rage that's bound to burst out.

CLEESE: Well, I think the English are terribly funny when they're angry because they absolutely don't know how to do it. There's an episode—Connie, who was my first wife, is American. In fact, most of my wives have been American, as far as I can remember. Connie and I wrote an episode called "Waldorf Salad," which is all about the fact that

Americans know how to complain and the British don't. The British just sit there, as happens in that episode, saying, "Isn't it awful?" and, "This food is dreadful," and, "They haven't cooked the potatoes." And somebody comes up and asks, "Is everything all right?" "Very nice, indeed, thank you." All they then do is never come back. The English are very, very poor at complaining. They equate being angry with losing their temper. And it's absolutely nothing to do with losing one's temper. Anger is a kind of energy, which, if you can control it, gets a lot done. If you lose your temper, you dissipate the anger and make a bit of a fool of yourself. In England, to be angry, to lose one's temper, is almost a loss of face. It's very strange, a huge cultural difference.

MANNIX: When you talk about Monty Python, you talk about democracy gone mad. Was there somebody who eventually was able to take control of that group to make the decisions?

CLEESE: Well, what really happened was that there were two people in the group who were slightly dominant. There was me and there was Terry Jones. He and I used to lock horns and disagree on almost everything because I was sort of snotty and superior and using sort of a cold, rather sarcastic intellect. And he

was all Welsh fervor. He felt strongly about absolutely everything, which infuriated me because I didn't mind him feeling strongly about some things, but he felt strongly about everything, and he had to have his way about everything. So we would lock horns, and the other four, to switch analogy, would get on the scales and, because we were balancing each other out, the others would get on and then the majority view could pretty much prevail.

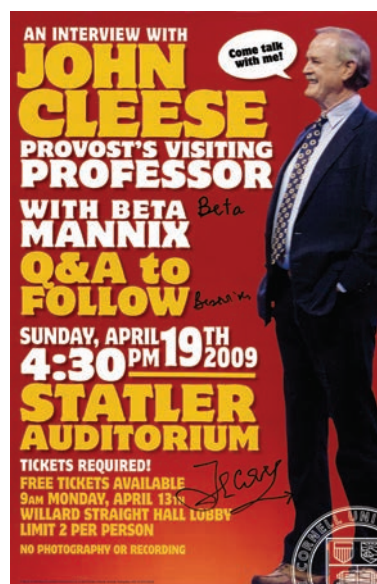
The extraordinary thing was, if you want to understand the Python group, we were six writers who performed our own material. All the squabbles and fights were about the material. They were never about the casting. Which is weird, isn't it? Because you'd think we'd each want the best part—but we didn't. Once we'd written the material, we knew perfectly well that Graham should play that, Michael should play that . . . It was obvious to us.

MANNIX: To go back to your education in science and law, and I think you studied religion as well, right? Were all those things important pieces in your ability to write these unbelievably hysterically funny sketches? Where did all that come from? Or was it just a waste—was the education just a waste?

CLEESE: No, it did teach me to think, but when you look back on it and see what you learned—for example, take trigonometry. It may have been reasonably good for training my mind, but remembering that the sine is the perpendicular of the hypotenuse and all that kind of thing was not of great value to me in my later life. I was not taught anything about health or about how the human body worked, which would have been really useful. I was taught

nothing about psychology, which would have been fascinating. But the important thing was that I was taught to think analytically.

But the interesting thing is that if anyone wants to get into an MBA program, all the questions that they're asked are about critical analytical thinking. There will not be a single question to test your creativity. And yet, if you think of all the people who have really



LET'S CHAT: A poster for Cleese's 2009 event, signed by him to Mannix

made a difference, like Edison, Einstein, Steve Jobs—these are people who were immensely creative. Now, why would it be that you can get into an MBA program without anyone testing your creativity or making any attempt to suggest how you could become more creative? Do you realize how insane that is? It's a terrible, insane blind spot.

MANNIX: So where do you learn that? How did you learn that?

CLEESE: Well, I learned it because when

I was at Cambridge, there was a club called the Footlights, which is like the Hasty Pudding at Harvard, and I joined it. There was no drama department at Cambridge. You see, I've never had a drama lesson in my life. I've simply watched people who were good and stolen from them! So there was a very interesting mix—there were classicists and historians and scientists and engineers. And there was also a mixture of social classes. We had one or two lords and several people from very poor working-class homes. And they'd all come into this club room where you could get lunch and a drink in the evening, and there was a little stage. And I loved being there. The price of being a member was that you had to produce a sketch and perform in it now and again. It was there I discovered that, if I was given a sheet of paper, I could sit down and after two and a half hours I would have written something which had a very good chance of making people laugh. I suddenly discovered that I had this creative ability.

And yet, my entire education from the age of six to twenty-four—I was very old when I left Cambridge—I went through that entire period without a single teacher ever telling me that I was, in any way, creative. I think the problem with the educational system is that, by and large, kids are allowed to paint when they are young, but after that stops, it's all about developing what you can refer to as the left brain, and very little of it is about the right brain. I believe that a pretty happy and successful life has to do with getting a balance between the two.

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Cleese in NYC Two-night event also features psychiatrist Iain McGilchrist



In late November, *Harper's* magazine and the New York City bookstore Book Culture on Columbus are sponsoring a two-night event in Manhattan featuring John Cleese and the psychiatrist Iain McGilchrist. (McGilchrist is the author of *The Master and His Emissary: The Divided Brain and the Making of the Western World*, of which Cleese is a passionate fan; Cleese appears in a documentary film about it that is currently in production.) On Tuesday, November 27, McGilchrist will interview Cleese; the following night, Cleese will return the favor. The events are each set for 7 p.m. at W83 Ministry Center, located at 150 West 83rd Street. Tickets for both nights are \$90 (or \$60 for one). Those attending the first night will receive a copy of *Professor at Large*, while the second night includes a copy of *The Master and His Emissary*. For more information or to buy tickets, go to eventbrite.com.

Visitors Welcome The A.D. White Professors-at-Large program brings global thought leaders to the Hill



MAKING AN IMPRESSION: During environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy's time as an A.D. White Professor in the early Aughts, he created numerous works on campus, including this leaf installation. Bottom right: Primatologist Jane Goodall speaks in Sage Chapel on Earth Day 2002, the final visit of her professorship.

In Cornell's early days, founding president Andrew Dickson White feared that given Ithaca's isolated location, the new University and its scholarship could become overly provincial. One remedy, which he promoted and facilitated, was a regular roster of visiting professors from far and wide, whose contributions would benefit the resident faculty. "Their views would be enlarged," he said, "their efforts stimulated, their whole life quickened."

In 1965, Cornell's centennial year, the University inaugurated a formal program of visiting professorships, named in White's honor. Since then, more than 160 distinguished scholars, artists, and scientists from a vast array of fields have served as A.D. White Professors-at-Large. Each year, a faculty committee considers a list of candidates nominated by Cornell professors and others on campus, who submit proposals on how the individual would enrich teaching and scholarship; its selections must be approved by the president as well as a vote of the Board of Trustees. Up to twenty people can hold the professorships at any given time, typically

serving six-year terms (which can be extended an additional two years, as in the case of John Cleese).

Each year, the program sponsors up to six visits, with the professors receiving a per diem of \$1,000, plus reimbursement of travel costs. Most stay at the Statler or on West Campus, the latter

"There is something about a person's presence in your environment that can't be replicated," notes David Feldshuh.

offering more direct interaction with students. "To me the key element of the A.D. White Professorships is presence," says theatre professor David Feldshuh, who served two three-year terms on the selection committee and is now its chair. "There is something about a person's presence in your environment that can't be replicated, regardless of communication technology. Their presence allows for small, unforeseen opportunities—and even accidents—that create new

energy, new vitality, new insights for the campus and the community."

Currently, there are seventeen A.D. White Professors. They include a Chinese multimedia artist, an environmental journalist, a Mumbai-based architect, an evolutionary biologist, and a French philosopher who's a leader in science and technology studies. Those who've made recent campus visits include jazz great Wynton Marsalis, who gave master classes and concerts last spring, and Duncan Watts, PhD '97, a pioneer in the field of network theory, who gave a public lecture this fall.

"You end up having people who are enormously accomplished, and enormously interesting," Feldshuh says. "It might be someone interested in cheetahs, or who has saved the environment of a city in Texas, or who helped create the legal system in South Africa—I could go on and on. Invariably, what I get from watching the A.D. White Professors live in this environment for a week or two is the joy they have in the activities to which they've dedicated their lives. It just reminds you of how much fun it is to learn." ■



GREAT MINDS Past and present A.D. White pros include many famous names

NATALIE ANGIER (2006-12)
Pulitzer Prize-winning science journalist

MICHELANGELO ANTONIONI (1981-87)
Director whose films include *Blowup*

NORMAN BORLAUG (1982-88)
Agronomist and father of the Green Revolution

JACQUES DERRIDA (1982-88)
French philosopher and literary critic

ANDY GOLDSWORTHY (2000-08)
British-born environmental artist

JANE GOODALL (1996-02)
Primatologist and world authority on chimpanzees

MAE JEMISON, MD '81 (1999-05)
First African American woman in space

WYNTON MARSALIS (2015-21)
Jazz musician and composer

BARBARA MCCLINTOCK 1923, PHD '27 (1965-74)
Nobel-winning geneticist

TONI MORRISON, MA '55 (1997-2003)
Pulitzer-winning novelist

OCTAVIO PAZ (1972-74)
Mexican-born essayist and poet; Nobel winner

OLIVER SACKS (2000-06)
British neurologist and author of popular books

KIP THORNE (1986-92)
Nobel-winning theoretical physicist and astrophysicist

EUDORA WELTY (1984-90)
Writer and winner of the Presidential Medal of Freedom

WENDY WASSERSTEIN (2005-06)
Tony and Pulitzer-winning playwright

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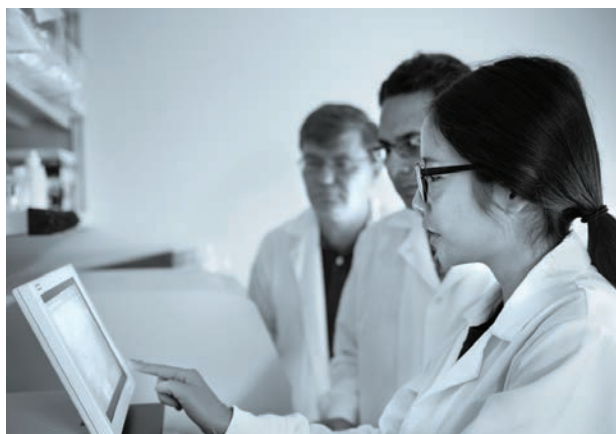
RESEARCHERS ACROSS COLLEGES EXPLORE INTESTINAL BIOLOGY

Praveen Sethupathy '03, right, associate professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and **Nicolas Buchon**, assistant professor of entomology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, collaborate in the study of gut biology, gut microbes, and intestinal stem cells and their function and response to environment, diet and disease. Sethupathy studies microRNAs and the gut in mice and human organoids and Buchon studies host-microbe interactions and stem cell biology in the GI tract of the fruit fly (*Drosophila*) and in disease vector mosquitoes.

Sethupathy also is a member of Provost Michael Kotlikoff's Genome Biology Task Force.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/Sethupathy-BuchonQA.

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“THE GUT ... IT’S SUCH A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT, CONSTANTLY CHANGING. AND WHAT’S MORE, THE CELLS OF THE INNER LINING OF YOUR GUT ARE COMPLETELY NEW EACH WEEK.”

– Praveen Sethupathy

How did your collaboration develop?

Sethupathy: I was recruited to Cornell from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Because our lab mostly uses the mouse as a model system, I was looking for researchers on campus with complementary expertise in other species, whether it be canine, zebrafish or fruit fly. And that’s when I came across some of Nicolas’ research ... and then connected with him to see if there might be some unique opportunities to integrate his fruit fly research with our ongoing mouse- and human-oriented studies.

There are at least 600 or so million years, evolutionarily speaking, separating fruit flies and humans – and that’s the thing I find the most fascinating about the collaboration. Because, despite that amount of time, we find some mechanisms at the molecular level that are very strongly conserved ... and appear to be critical for controlling biological processes in the gut that are fundamental to health and disease.

Buchon: We were already in contact through a common collaborator, John Rawls at Duke University, who studies gut biology in zebrafish. When it was announced that Praveen would be hired, it was a great opportunity because our teams are really, really connected and our work easy to combine. We each have our own desire to look at gut function, and our collaboration allows an evolutionary perspective coming from different organisms.

What does so much commonality in gut biology among these species mean?

Buchon: It means that the gut is one of the most ancestral organs, and as a consequence most organisms inherited its ancient function. When you start to develop a complex organism, you start with the digestive system.

There is now a renewal of interest in the gut as an organ, beyond just digestive physiology, because of the microbiome revolution. Hosting gut microbes is a crucial, and conserved, function of the digestive system.

Our labs are both interested in understanding how stem cells build that organ (intestinal stem cells rebuild the entire inner lining of the gut every three-to-five days or so in humans) and respond to cues from the environment, such as nutrition or microbes. This means that depending on what you eat and the microbes you host, you won’t build the same organ! How these stem cells behave is important for understanding diseases like cancer, inflammatory bowel disease and diabetes.

Sethupathy: That brings us to the other part of my lab, in which we focus a lot on these little “critters” called microRNAs. ... They are very small molecules that function as RNAs instead of becoming proteins. And over the last decade and a half, the RNA field has championed this idea that microRNAs are very important in responding to environmental stressors, bringing the system back to some kind of equilibrium or homeostasis.

And that’s actually why we got interested in the gut ... it’s such a dynamic environment, constantly changing. And what’s more, the cells of the inner lining of your gut are completely new each week. These cells have to digest food, take in nutrients, keep out pathogens, communicate with other organs, and respond swiftly to all sorts of stressors – all of these activities are shared between mouse, human and fruit fly.

What about stem cells holds the promise of what you may discover?

Sethupathy: We can think about stem cells as two types: embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells. The latter are cells that can become multiple different types of cells, but generally only those within the organ in which they’re embedded. So an adult intestinal stem cell can become many other kinds of specialized cells, but all of them remain in the gut and work together. When we talk about the lining of the gut getting renewed on a weekly basis, that’s driven by a population of highly proliferative adult intestinal stem cells.



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Number of days it takes for the intestinal lining of the human gut to be completely replaced

How those cells respond to different kinds of environmental cues, how vulnerable they are to certain kinds of stressors, and how other nearby specialized cells can compensate for that vulnerability, are all questions of significant interest to us because they are critical for understanding diseases like diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease and cancer.

Buchon: The fruit fly, *Drosophila*, is like a Swiss army knife of genetics. It reflects a hundred years of accumulation of tools to manipulate genes at will. And very importantly, it allows us to look at gene function *in vivo*, inside a living organism.

Stem cells are important in multiple ways. They're important for tissue repair and regrowing an organ that faced some damage, but you can consider the reverse: If they start to divide too much, you'll have tumors or even initiate a cancer. With that in mind, understanding how physiology alters normal stem cells' behavior will probably lead to understanding how these environmental parameters, nutrition and your gut microbes can influence health and disease.

Your gut is also one of the organs that produce hormones in your body – it's actually a major orchestrator of the body's endocrine system. So as all those environmental factors change the actual organ you build, they will also have repercussions on physiology way beyond the gut itself.

Are you near a watershed moment, a new level of understanding in your fields?

Sethupathy: One emerging and important concept right now in gut biology is this notion of plasticity. We like to discretize, we like to say, "This cell does this thing." "This cell does this other thing." But what we're finding is that it's highly context-specific. So, depending on the environmental condition, cells can change their behaviors – sometimes even revert into other cells. ... Several different specialized cell types of the gut possess the underlying capacity to revert back into a stem cell if needed.

How are they able to do this, and what kinds of triggers activate them? Some of these triggers we already know about, like radiation therapy and chemotherapy, which are, of course, of tremendous biomedical significance.

Buchon: The gut ... makes decisions based on the environment. And that affects your whole physiology. Currently, we don't know how those decisions are made. Through genetics and cell biology, we try to understand: How does the gut "think"? How does it make its decisions to adjust your physiology? You can see how that can be crucial for health and disease, because if we don't know how the organ makes its decision, we can't influence these decisions. So that's one of the exciting promises there.

Praveen, as a member of the provost's Genome Biology Task Force, what is your perspective on Cornell's collaboration efforts?

Sethupathy: I think our collaboration is exactly the kind of thing that the provost is thinking about. ... How can we reduce the administrative, bureaucratic and other kinds of barriers to allow people to work together effectively and feel like they're being supported by not only their home departments, but the institution as a whole?

I think genome biology is particularly conducive to this kind of radical collaboration initiative because its home isn't in any one department. Anybody can do genome biology if they're in the life sciences. Even people in chemistry who are outside of life sciences have an investment in genome biology.

And so it's really neat – you've got faculty members from engineering, chemistry, nutrition, genetics, molecular medicine, evolutionary biology, plant sciences, computational biology, et cetera, all serving together on this committee to cement Cornell's leadership position in genomics.

That was one of the things that sold me on getting recruited here – the opportunity to participate on this task force and help shape genome biology research on campus and beyond.

Nicolas, what have your Cornell collaborations been like?

Buchon: Cornell is probably the most collaborative environment I've encountered. I do collaborate with people in every one of those biology departments. And that's mostly a question of local culture. However, this culture of collaboration needs nurturing, and I think these initiatives really help maintain this dynamic. I believe it is one of the strengths of Cornell.

Opposite page:

From right, postdoctoral fellow Amy Hung, assistant professor Ajeet Singh and research associate Michael Shanahan perform gene and microRNA expression analysis in the Sethupathy Lab.

Below: Bretta Hixson, a graduate student in the Buchon Lab, examines the structure of a fruit fly midgut using confocal microscopy.



Cornellian giving is powerful engagement



Alumni, parents and friends gave to Cornell in significant amounts during fiscal year 2018, setting fundraising records. By volunteering, giving financial support and staying connected online, Cornellians made July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, one of the most successful years ever for philanthropy and participation.

The university received \$512 million in new gifts and commitments, including approximately \$436 million raised for the Ithaca and Cornell Tech campuses and \$77 million for Weill Cornell Medicine. Gifts to Cornell Annual Funds totaled \$44.4 million, surpassing the FY17 record of \$41.7 million. A record 79,000 donors contributed to these results.

"I am incredibly grateful for the support of so many Cornellians and proud of what we achieved together this year," said Fred Van Sickle, vice president for alumni affairs and development.

An impressive number of Cornellians – more than 85,000 – engaged with the university in FY18 through activities including volunteering, returning to campus and participating in local Cornell alumni events and online. Homecoming 2017, Reunion 2018 and a celebration at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. – attended by more than 1,000 – were highlight events.

More than 11,000 participated in Giving Day 2018 on March 20, raising more than \$7.8 million for the university's colleges, units, departments and programs in one 24-hour period, a record.

"This year's phenomenal support shows us how much our alumni, parents and friends care about the university and all the good it does in the world," said Gary Davis '76, co-chair of the Cornell Board of Trustees Committee on Development.

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

44 **Curt Beck**, BA '43 (Storrs, CT) finished writing his memoir, *From Wannsee to Storrs: A Perpetual Optimist's Journey*. He writes, "Chapter Six deals with my years at Cornell." His third wife passed away at age 90. Curt recalls his professors in history and government—"especially Cornelis de Kiewiet."

Virginia MacArthur Clagett (Atlantic Highlands, NV), a retired English/French teacher, stays busy keeping up with current news. She writes, "My son, Hank, is a retired police captain in Highlands, NJ." She has three grandsons: Andrew, a Lehigh U. graduate working for Ingersoll Rand Inc.; Thomas, a recent Lafayette grad who was seeking employment when Virginia wrote; and Steven, a junior at Red Bank Catholic. Send your updates and holiday letters to: ♦ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

45 **Joe McDonald** (Groton, MA) has been residing in assisted living for a year now and is enjoying it. He keeps busy with his wife, Mardell, memoirs, mail, billiards, his four children, and 12 grandchildren, but also paying bills and making medical visits when he wishes he could be playing golf. His two daughters live in Massachusetts, one son is in Michigan, and the other son is in Colorado. He'd like to hear from **Frank Swingle**, BME '44, MS '49 (Indianapolis, IN). Electrical Engineering professor Eric Gross (1943-45) had the greatest impact on him.

Let me hear your news. ♦ **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com.

46 In our last issue's "Thrive @ 65" section, I pointed out that Lois's and my recent 65th anniversary was outdone by at least two couples here. My update for our resident publication revealed that both couples shared the same given names. Two Dons had married two Junes. My conclusion: if your name is June and you want to enjoy a long, happy marriage, find a spouse named Don. Also, I had revealed that we were planning to dine with the only other two Stoneridge-resident Cornell couples: **Leonard Ladin '55, Ron Roach '60**, and their spouses. The dinner went very well, but we decided we were too few to form a Cornell Club here. However, we will consider forming an Ivy League Club.

Phil Gisser (New York City; pgisser@gmail.com) has been increasingly active in Quest, a New York-based continuing education community for retired professionals. The organization is based on a peer-to-peer learning model where everyone contributes. Phil has lectured, developed, and coordinated many of the 40 classes taught each semester. He has participated in panels and has recently been reelected to the council, the governing body of the 250-member society, which includes several other Cornell alumni. Phil just returned from a visit with his daughter, Marsha Shyer, at her Frank Lloyd Wright house in suburban Seattle. The blooming foliage in the three-acre setting clearly shows how Wright sited the house in the ideal position. Perhaps Marsha and fellow Wright homeowner classmate **Roland Reisley** (Pleasantville, NY; reisley@optonline.net) should contact each

other. His 2001 book, *Usonia*, New York: *Building a Community with Frank Lloyd Wright*, continues to sell well.

Remember our Reunion mantra: "Thrive for 75; Make History on the Hill in 2021!" If any of you have a better mantra choice, send it along to pblevine93@gmail.com. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, or whatever other holiday you observe, as well as a very happy and good New Year. To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

The holidays are fast approaching when you are reading this column, but here in California it is a very hot and dry August and the fires are blazing. This is historically the worst fire season ever experienced in the state, while the eastern states have been having huge rains. I hope you all have been spared any hardships from these fierce weather patterns.

It was wonderful to hear from **Priscilla Axtell** Van Valkenburg for the first time since I have been doing this column. She and her husband, Elwin, are still in their home in Sidney, NY. Priscilla noted that several months ago, *Cornell Alumni Magazine* published an article about Cornell songs, old and new. As a fourth-generation extended Cornell family, she always loved them. Many family gatherings included a Cornell sing-a-long, featuring rousing renditions of "The Big Red Team" and of course the Alma Mater. Her father, **Clayton Axtell, MD 1909**, was the first Cornellian. Since then, there have been sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. **Nancy Mynott** Davis wrote that she and her husband are living in Princeton, NJ, now.

Jan Bassette Summerville sounded great when I spoke with her. She is now permanently living at the Samaritan Summit Village, an assisted living facility in Watertown, NY. Her granddaughter Olivia was visiting her for a few days. Olivia told me that she was having a very busy and exciting summer. She is a lightweight small boat rower and represented the US in an international competition in Poland this summer. She likes the position of first rower (the person who sets the rhythm). This is her third year competing internationally. Olivia enters her sophomore year at Harvard this fall with a major in English. Jan is very proud of all of her grandchildren.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a happy, healthy holiday season, everyone! ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

47 "I have sold my farm in Ireland after 45 years and returned to the US," writes **Kathleen Livingston** Watson from her new home in an assisted living facility in Marblehead, MA, near where her cousins live. "I wish I could still read, but I am vision impaired." Kathleen notes that she's still in touch with classmate **Clara McPherson** Reiss.

Harriet Ross (San Francisco, CA) keeps busy with the stock market, studying French, exercising, reading, traveling, and attending lectures. **Bill Eberle** (Salem, NY)

keeps busy reading—both real books and on his Kindle—and visiting friends and neighbors. There are at least six Cornell families in a half-mile stretch of his road, and many others in Salem—"at least three young women starting at Cornell this fall!" he writes. "I continue to work with friends and neighbors to save an abandoned 1860 courthouse in Salem to use as a community center. It is successful beyond expectations! It's still a work in progress, but is much-used."

Robert Schultz (Murrieta, CA) gave up golf last year, but he still sings in the 50-member chorus that he's been a part of for 20 years. **Shirley Buck** Rabeler (Cortland, NY) has six children, 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. "One grandchild is a fourth-generation Cornellian working on a PhD," she writes, "and one great-grandchild will be a junior in Ag this fall." **Richard Greenfield** (Boulder, CO) has been reading, exercising, enjoying music, and socializing. "Greta and I moved recently from a condominium into our daughter's home. Our younger son has moved to Boulder."

Israel "Jay" Milner was pleasantly surprised over the summer when he received a phone call from fellow alum and SAM brother **Stan Reiter**. He writes, "Having lost contact since graduation, we reminisced about the rehab of our post-war fraternity house at never-to-be-forgotten 210 Thurston Ave., our separate times in the Navy, graduate studies after Cornell, the GI Bill, work career experiences, and fellow fraternity brothers, including **Murray Heimberg '48, MNS '49**, who was just written up in the July/August Class of '48 column." Jay would love to hear from fellow '47ers and also adjacent-year friends at: imilner@comcast.net. ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 I am delighted to begin this issue with the remembrances of your long-term correspondent, **Bob Persons**, that I have collected from fellow classmates and others.

There is no better place to begin than with the Cornell staffers who pull this all together every two months. To quote Class Notes Editor **Alexandra Bond '12**: "Adele Robinette and I both worked with Bob over a period of nearly two decades and always enjoyed the amusing and congenial phone calls from the 'Curmudgeon in Chief,' as he called himself. Over his years as correspondent, he wrote up all the news in precise and elegant longhand, and sent it to us in bulk as he completed each batch. It was compiled from the responses to his personalized Class of 1948 news form, which he designed in order to elicit as much news as possible from his classmates and opinions on everything from world politics to their daily routines. He was unique, and it was a pleasure to work with him." (I suggest you don't look up curmudgeon in Webster's dictionary, as your correspondent did: there are few if any complimentary terms among the dictionary's choices—"churlish, avaricious, cantankerous"—and none fit Bob. However, they do serve to display his sense of humor!)

And so, they are a perfect confirmation of **Roberta Caverno** Roberts's comment: "Loved his sense of humor!" **Nancy Winslow** Doyle says, "Bob 'Punky' was a

special person. He was my husband's fraternity brother and he was always kind and friendly. The world was a better place because he was here. We will miss him."

Bart Holm was also a fraternity brother (Phi Kappa Psi) and friend. "He was always cheerful and creative. His talents were wide and creative. He could write and draw. He enjoyed the challenge of finding and gathering in our widely scattered class members. He was a gem."

Tom Dolan writes, "We all owe Bob a huge debt of gratitude for his long service to try to keep us together through writing about the comings and goings of our classmates—always with a touch of humor." **Alan Van Poznak**, MD '52, adds, "It was always a joy and delight to read his column." **Arthur Behrer** says, "I knew Bob for years as active and responsible to his alma mater." And **Louis "CC" Fisher**, MBA '50, comments, "Punky was always one of my favorites. We met on the West Coast three times. Reminiscent—an honest, generous, un-stuffy, true friend and I miss him!"

Your correspondent knew Bob mostly through occasional contributions—one in particular, where Bob had asked for opinions on issues of education and I produced a conservative, 1940s style critique that probably did not belong in the class news. We debated back and forth until we got something that did not say very much but would pass muster. He did a great job keeping everyone on board. He was certainly not a "curmudgeon" in the Webster sense, and could not hide his many great qualities by calling himself that either! And while we

are giving recognition, I must tell you all how much these columns depend on the staff of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, whom I primarily know as Alex Bond. She has been encouraging, patient, complimentary, and effective in bringing me aboard as class correspondent. Thank you!

Moving on to class news: **Gerald Sallus** was another Cornellian who entered the Navy from Cornell in WWII, returning to Cornell after the war and then going to Korea as a civilian under the Chief of Naval Operations' orders. His degree in Electrical Engineering began a career in the marketing and program management in that field. He now resides in California.

Alan Van Poznak was an undergraduate of our '48 class, got a Cornell MD in 1952, and says Cornell was superb in undergraduate and medical school teachers and colleagues. After his surgery internship at New York Hospital in 1952-53, he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in Texas and then became medical officer in the Army Induction and Enlistment Station in Albany, NY. He describes his Cornell education as "providing a smooth, continuous path from the first day when I met **Howard Adelman** 1920, PhD 1924, famous embryologist, Latin scholar, and Mozart expert, whom I was privileged to have as my advisor. This led me to three professorships: anesthesiology, pharmacology in Weill Cornell Medical College, and adjunct professorship in the NYS College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca." Of his family of four children, daughter **Catherine Van Poznak**, MD '95, went to Weill Cornell Medicine, and is now an oncologist in Ann Arbor; his granddaughter was an undergraduate at Cornell and is now an MD in Rhode Island. His Cornell contacts are still very fresh, with the anesthesiology department giving him a spectacular 90th

birthday party this year. He sums up Cornell's importance: "Professionally, personally, socially, academically—it was all magnificent (and completely undeserved)."

Enough for this issue! Send news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

49 Our Great 70th Reunion is coming up! Let's all start planning now! We shall be hearing more details of our program for the weekend in the near future. We welcome class vice president **Jack Rupert**, JD '51 (Rup18129@aol.com) to his new position as our Reunion chairman, and he and class president **Jack Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@msn.com) have already attended a meeting of the class officers and Reunion chairmen of all classes having reunions this June. Sadly, our former Reunion chairman, **Carl Schwarzer**, passed away last year. He will be missed.

Class VP Rupert, formerly of Lakewood, OH, has moved into Kendal at Ithaca. President Gilbert tells us that he is "getting older by the day." He reports that he, too, is "thinking of going into Kendal. Living alone is no fun!"

We hear happy news from **Jean Schultheis Brechter** (Shelter Island Heights, NY), who writes, "I am so excited because I finally have a family member attending Cornell. **Stefan Brechter '22** will be a freshman in the College of Arts & Sciences this fall." Jean tells us that she very much enjoyed a Cornell alumni trip to Cuba last November. She notes that she is looking forward to seeing **Hannah**

Schwartz Cohen. It was Vladimir Nabokov who made the greatest impression on Jean during her time on the Hill. She was in his first class in Russian literature.

Your class correspondent, accompanied by her daughter Emily and Emily's three young children, enjoyed a great weekend with the Cornell Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) in June. The children enrolled in the children's program, held in the Helen Newman gym concurrent with alumni weekend, which I recommend to all who attend with children. We all climbed the clock tower to see the bells and admire the wonderful view. The children got lots of clothing with "Cornell University" and "Big Red" printed on them and we all had fun! A delightful weekend! Our summer vacation did not take us too far, driving down from Pennsylvania to Washington, DC, for the Fourth of July, which we spent on the National Mall, unfortunately too far from the Capitol steps to hear the speeches or the musical entertainment. We did see the fireworks! Then on to Williamsburg and then to New Jersey to the Cape May area, where we enjoyed the beach. We miss the ocean, living so far inland as we do!

Please tell us all about your summer and what you are up to. Your classmates are eager for your news! ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; tel., (570) 948-9107; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 I, **Pat Carry** Stewart, live in south Florida, between West Palm Beach and Boca Raton—in a quiet area that's quite different from those cities, but close enough to enjoy their activities. It is late September as I write this, and it is still very quiet. We have 23 apartments in our building, but only two are now

occupied, mine and the one directly above me. Other people should be arriving soon. Fortunately, the recent hurricane was out in the ocean when it was in this area, so we got lots of rain but little else.

I keep very busy with bridge and other non-athletic activities. I was always very active in athletics, though not very skilled, so I do miss them. Local Cornell activities are mostly in either Palm Beach or Boca, and I do get to a number of them.

Sadly, a packet of news recently went missing. If you sent in your news in the last few months and haven't seen it published yet, please take the time to write to me or Paul again. I look forward to seeing classmates at Florida events this winter and would love to hear from any of you—whether you come here to Florida or write from your home. ♦ **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd, Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com; **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com.

51 **Harold Bloom's** latest book, *Lear: The Great Image of Authority*, was reviewed in the *Wall Street Journal* this year. David Vezzi writes, "A renowned scholar and professor at Yale, Bloom has guided tours through the Shakespearean landscape for decades. While the book is informed by Mr. Bloom's broad scholarship, it is not an academic study, but a gloss for the general reader. Bloom's companionable reading is a master-class lecture for curious students; a compilation of fans' notes on some of the most wrenching and mysterious works in English." **Dorothy Bartmann** Karcher's daughter Kathy wrote to let us know that Dorothy passed away on June 9, 2018 in Sandy Hook, CT.

Marian Fox Wexler (Hamden, CT) writes: "I have moved to a wonderful senior residence named Whitney Center. I still have my companion, Dr. Braverman, who also lives here. My son, Andrew, has just retired as a plastic surgeon who gives his skills to Operation Smile all over the world. I have just become a great-grandmother to Theo, a 6-week-old son of granddaughter Rachel and her husband, Dustin. Most adorable baby ever seen. My daughter, Susan, is a grandmother looking like a 16-year-old. She directs a community fund distribution center in Bethesda, MD. I have four grandchildren, all exceptional, doing great things with their lives. They are my greatest satisfaction and contribution to the world. I feel very blessed living so long in rather good health surrounded by those I love the most. I also see a lot of my brother-in-law, **Jim Vlock '47**, MBA '48."

Reginald, MBA '52, and **Alice Rice** (Menlo Park, CA) write: "Son John is Deputy District Attorney for San Diego. Son Steve is living with us and teaches primary school. I went to our New Trier High School reunion for our Class of 1947. Had a great time. Hope it's not our last one, but fear that it is. If anyone gets to Menlo Park, CA, please come see us, or at least call us on the phone. I swim for exercise, but gave up tennis." **Sabra "Piper" Baker** Staley (Arlington, VA) writes: "No special news. No more travel, but I do enjoy sitting in my Morris chair reading the *Washington Post*. Springtime, reading, and all efforts to undo what the country did for the 2016 election (and this from a 60-year Republican)" are what please her.

Keith Seegmiller (Sacramento, CA) lives in an apartment closer to the center of affairs. He keeps up with friends from the controller's and treasurer's offices whom he has known since Jerry Brown was the state's youngest governor in 1974. **Joseph Bertino** (Branford, CT) writes, "I'm still working part time at Rutgers Cancer Inst. and

'I am more of a mechanic than a musician.'

TOM CASHEL '52

received the Lifetime Achievement Award in April from American Assn. of Cancer Research. Granddaughter Niia Bertino, singer/composer, has a debut record out from Atlantic." You can find the video Niia did for "California" on Hamada Mania Music Blog.

Albert Moon (Branson, MO) "recently won the Chamber Pioneer Award, given in recognition of efforts to advance economic development in the Missouri Tri-Lakes area." His greatest satisfaction in life these days? "When the St. Louis Blues win a game!" The first person met at Cornell? "I don't remember. I am 92 years old and came to Cornell in 1946. Miracles don't happen!" What would you do with a day in Ithaca? "Don't imagine that happening." **Bob Ackerly** (La Mesa, CA) writes: "My son's two daughters are now college graduates, and my daughter's older daughter is deciding which college to attend in September. This past summer, Marilyn and I had a great three-and-a-half-week trip to Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales), followed by Ireland and Northern Ireland. After two weeks at home, we headed to Maine for our annual two-plus weeks in 'Paradise.' I continue to play tennis three to four times a week—mainly doubles, though, but singles tournaments now and then." For favorite Cornell memories, he offers, "The Library Slope on a snowy winter's day (slip-sliding weather)." Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Happy almost end of summer! You will get this in November. I have the mailbag, but I don't have any responses to the request for additional news, so I have been making specific inquiries.

I noticed that **Tom Cashel**, LLB '56, one of our 70th Reunion co-chairs, reported that he was building a harpsichord. This seemed unusual, so I asked him to tell more. Tom wrote: "I am a retired lawyer and law professor. I am fortunate to still be able to do much of what I used to do, except no more ocean racing sailboats, or any boats for that matter. Golf is fun, but I need projects to keep me busy. I like classic cars, but I also like to work with my hands and take pleasure in trying to be a good craftsman. I built a reproduction of a 1750 clavichord, starting in 2012 and finishing 18 months later. It is very hard to tune. I have had a long fascination with harpsichords since seeing one owned by a friend in New Hampshire when I retired. I have been working on a Flemish single harpsichord for a year now. The case and stand are done, and I am applying gold leaf to the inside case moldings. This will be followed by hand painting flowers and butterflies and perhaps a bird on the surface of the soundboard. (Flemish Rucker School harpsichords are highly decorated.) Inside the lid will be a Latin motto. **Lauren Coffey** (Class of '52 helper and adviser) had a friend who is a PhD in Latin help me understand the word order of the phrase I wanted. She sent me an extensive discussion about it and other mottos I thought of. Lauren and her friend were a great help. When done, I will have painted the motto 'IN MVSICA EST VITA' on the lid. Then comes stringing and voicing and tuning, and perhaps playing in another year or so. I am more of a mechanic than a musician; the challenge is somewhat daunting, but rewarding if you feel you have done really high-standard work. So, when I am no longer as active as I am now, I can sit at something I built and learn to play some Bach (although I am sure he will cringe when he hears it)."

I also chided our class council for their lack of communication and have two responses from them, but I

would like also to hear from some of you out there! The council met in Ithaca in July at the Cornell Botanic Gardens (formerly Plantations). **Dori Crozier** Warren reports that they had lovely weather, a good lunch, and an excellent tour. The 2019 council meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on July 8, 2019, at the Nevin Welcome Center, Cornell Botanic Gardens, in Ithaca, NY. Class members (that's you) are welcome. Interested? Let Dori know at: rivbirch@windstream.net. I was not at the meeting, but **Joy Rees** Hoffman's minutes tell that nine council members and two Cornell reps were present. The following new officers were elected: **Terry and Dori Warren**, JD '56, co-presidents; **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, and **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer, co-vice presidents; Dori Warren, membership chair; Terry Warren, Cornell Annual Fund rep; and Tom Cashel and **Cappy Heyl** Innes, 70th Reunion co-chairs. All other officers remain the same. Dori reported that, as of July 9, we have 191 dues-paying members. Our class has 807 living members, and 370 non-degree members, for a total of 1,177.

Bibbi Antrim Hartshorn, class archivist, reported that she had received 27 memories/life experiences. Now she would like you to email her (bibbi@atlanticbb.net) with ten reasons why you are living so long. Tom and Cappy had sent out a long Reunion report before the meeting. He could not be at the meeting, but many of you have told me how much you enjoyed the last Reunion or how sorry you were to miss it, and how much you are looking forward to the next one. A lot of thought is going into our 70th. To round up, post meeting, I received this from Cappy: "Class of '52 Reunion co-chairmen Cappy Innes and Tom Cashel urge everyone to submit news of themselves and to keep contacts strong with fellow classmates. Our next Reunion is not that distant—June 2022! CU in '22!"

Now to the mailbag. **June Williamson** Turgeon (Williamsville, NY; juneturgeon@1icloud.com) was "in Florida for two months to escape Buffalo's winter weather. My daughter and husband live in Buffalo, but my granddaughter Ashley now lives in Nashville, TN, where she is an art therapist." June's other thoughts: "I use a cane now and find it slows down my activities; I find that my friends are fewer due to the passage of time—many have passed away. However, Alpha Phis are a hearty bunch. We are still here! I enjoyed our 65th Reunion. Cornell holds a special place in my heart." **D. Anne Bezer** Lombardo (St Mary's, GA/Brantingham, NY) was in Georgia when she wrote and noted that it had been a cold winter. She has been taking care of her house and was planning to leave for the lake in the spring and swim and play golf. "I play duplicate bridge up there." Other thoughts: her granddaughter graduated from UConn Law School and is now employed; her mother and her aunt **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorff '73 are also lawyers.

C.V. Noyes, MBA '55 (Adamstown, MD; cvnoyes@gmail.com) wrote, "I am living in a residential home and am a member of Carroll Manor Fire Co. I'm also taking care of Fred the Coon Cat and corresponding with survivors that I can find." He had been to Iceland with a Cornell bunch in 2017, and planned a Road Scholar tour on Lewis and Clark in October and a Douro River cruise in Portugal in April. C.V.'s other thoughts: "Very nice 65th Reunion. There are four Cornellians here, three from the Class of '52: **Harriet Scannell** Morgan, **Richard Hillsley**, me, and **Beverly Prime** Pearson '49." **Ernest Mendel** (comendel88@gmail.com) is enjoying retirement at The Villages in Florida. He has been "trying to start an alumni club; I have been told we have 100-plus members here."

An e-mail just in: **Karen Friedman** See, Cornell '80, is researching for a novel about women on campus from 1948-52. She has been reading the column and checking our web page. Now she needs help from you. "I am particularly interested in what a farm girl from Ithaca (or the surrounding area) may have experienced while attending Cornell. My current plan is that she will have attended the Ag school, probably studying something related to Natural Resources. I am also planning to [bring in] a Native American (Iroquois). Can you tell me whether there were any Iroquois attending Cornell when you were there?" I don't know about the Iroquois, and I am not sure whether we thought much about Natural Resources or the environment back then, but if you can help Karen she can be reached at: karen@kbseeenterprises.com. So be in touch with Bibbi, Karen, or me. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, www.classof52.alumni.cornell.edu.

53 What did you learn at Cornell? Well, says **Julian Aroesty** (Lexington, MA): "One: How to write an intelligible sentence (see below)—sadly diminishing in the e-mail, Twitter, generation. Two: How to converse in German, French, and Spanish—the key to understanding another culture. Three: How to reason, not just math, but with social and scientific issues. Four: How to appreciate great literature ('Dirty Lit' with Vladimir Nabokov). Five: Enough math, physics, and chem to make me a more effective research cardiologist." His favorite Cornellian? "My fellow Cornellians. We learn a great deal from each other, which is only slightly less important than what we learn from our teachers." Julian reports, "A new grandchild, Hayden Julian (Americanized version of the difficult-to-spell Basque family name), is 1 year old." Like all grandchildren, he is engaging, handsome, and brilliant.

Claire Nagel (Cape May, NJ) savors an observation from Child Development professor Dalton, citing the importance of giving young children "immunization doses" of negative emotions, such as fear and failure, in a safe, supportive environment. **Irene Selmer** Griffith (Torrence, CA) recalls an Anthropology course on Southeast Asia in our bright college days when Dr. Morris Opler and others predicted great changes there. "We would watch them as new countries fought for their independence." **Urie Bronfenbrenner** '38 was "a consummate, wise, gentle guru on child and family relationships. I am an only child of two only children, and was concerned about my lack of experience to parent lovingly and well. He assured me that my maternal love would grow to see the challenges of family relationships." He was right. Says **Sheila Olsen** Chidester, MEd '54: "Language can be beautiful. In my kindergarten, I tried to use it well, clearly spoken."

Ed Eigner, formerly a co-student with moi of creative writing, is currently a retired prof of English at the U. of California, Riverside. At Reunion he appeared in his one-man play, based on Charles Dickens's *Bleak House*, *The Rejected Witness*, about Jo, a poor homeless street sweeper boy, a victim of society in Victorian London.

John Nixon and **Al Packer** were among the eight Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties who reprised old favorite swan songs like "Good Night Little Girl, Good Night," and **Liz Fillo's** reply, "Good Night Little Boy" ("You couldn't continue with all that gin in you"), at the CRC luncheon Reunion Friday at the Statler Ballroom. They were also signatories to a vast parchment get well card to moi from reuniting CRC members to the Riverside rehab center, far above the Hudson River, where moi and spouse Hat were recovering from spills. Liz wrote, "Hey Jim! Get out of that

hospital & back up here. Not the same w/out you.” Well, as they used to say in Brooklyn, “Wait till next year!”

CU in Boston? Cornell alums will gather for the annual midwinter meeting at the Boston Sheraton over the weekend of February 8-10, 2019. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 For as long as I have been writing this column, I have been studying patterns—mostly of class members’ moves over the past 20 years, never thinking I would create a unique one of my own. Most of my studied trajectories are along the East Coast, from north to south, some east to southwest, but not directly across the country at the same latitude. My voyage is as straight as an arrow, coast to coast from Historic Alexandria (38 degrees) to the vineyards of Sonoma County (38 degrees). I am headed to Spring Lake Village with my trusty Mac, two cats, and Duffy, my Skye terrier, in tow. Guess some of us never tire of adding one more adventure or cross-country move. To misquote Jimmy Buffett, I am not changing latitude, but certainly attitude, and will maintain my laughter so I don’t go insane.

Many of us are still moving about the country for various reasons. Family connections seems to be a primary reason for relocation, but please tell me your thoughts. The idea was frankly new to me up until this winter, when plain common sense came and had a chat with me. For once, I listened, did my research, and am now movin’ on West once more. I will make a full report in the new year from the other side. Please let me know more about where you have settled for the next decade and why.

William Webber, MD ’60, wisely foreseeing the future, moved to Tucson, AZ, several years ago from EcoVillage at Ithaca to be closer to his two daughters. His volunteer work has not diminished, nor his desire to take on his bucket list of a NYC visit to see Cornell Tech and Ground Zero, among other destinations. **James Martin** and **Lewis Stone** have apparently chosen to settle in the Golden State. James to the north in Alamo, and Lew on the coast in Santa Barbara. James cites both Paul Zwerman and Les Hertel of Cornell as having played important roles in his life. **Bernice Rotter Schmid** of Mineola, NY, like many of us, travels when her health cooperates. Japan is next on her list, and I so hope she enjoys that lovely country. Like many of us, she has not given up her volunteer position. She is lucky enough to work at the museum store at Nassau County Museum of Art.

If you have never read the work of **Elisavietta Artamonoff** Ritchie Farnsworth, I strongly suggest doing so. She is a writer of many voices, and I love them all. She has moved over the past couple of years from D.C. to an apartment overlooking the Patuxent River in Solomon, MD. Her answer to the question re: the first person she met at Cornell is a delight. She was planning on a scientific career in agriculture when she entered, so the first person she met was a professor who proudly introduced her to a group of huge bulls who seemed to be interested in some dainty little cows. “How mean to subject them to those huge bulls!” she said. “Oh, no,” he replied, “we inseminate them artificially.” Then, she thought, how cruel to deprive them of the natural manner of things.

Robert Lynk, DVM ’61, knows a thing or two about livestock, but this month he is discussing his bowling scores. At 85, which most of us are, he bowled his first 300 game of this century. He has bowled three other sanctioned 300 games, but that was over 19 years ago,

when we all were mid-60s. I don’t think the phrase “slowing down” is in Bob’s vocabulary. Golf, gardening, and travel appear to be on **Richard Neilson**’s to-do list. **Robert Jarvis** has lived in Naples, FL, for a number of years in retirement, but this year he is headed north to be closer to his daughter in Illinois.

I have been writing this column for several years, but the tenor of your notes has changed. For the first time, we are showing our age—enough so I wish to send out as much energy of a positive nature as I can. As I read each note, I wish everyone well and hope I hear from you as often as possible. You have my e-mail address. You have a good deal to offer, and my wish is for you to share it. Please let me know if you are relocating to where and why. Remember, we of the Silent Generation were born into the Depression, lived through a world war, and have seen this country change in so many ways.

♦ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesleijreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 **Dave Schmidt** reports, “Our Cayuga’s Waiters of the ‘50s sang their ‘swan song’ at the Reunion weekend in early June. We had sung to the reuning classes every year since 2005 (our 50th Reunion). **Charlie Wolf** and wife **Mary Ann (Peck)** were instrumental in getting the guys together back in 2001. This year’s singers included **Fred Bergmann ’63**, **Jack Brophy ’53**, **Liz Fuchs Fillo ’58**, **John Nixon ’53**, **John Fanton ’67**, ME ’68, **Al Packer ’53**, **John Smith ’60**, **Dave Williams ’58**, MBA ’59, and me. We received a standing ovation at our final appearance at Cornelliana Night.” The Waiters were a key part of our undergrad experience and always the highlight at every Reunion. Thank you very much for all the years of musical pleasure!

Dave gets together for a monthly lunch at the historic Beekman Arms with owner **George Banta ’57**. Regulars have included **Hal Fountain**, **Jon Wechsler ’66**, **Bob Morrison ’56**, **Dave Teter ’65**, **Bob Ulrich ’63**, and **John Lankenau ’52**, LLB ’55. **Ed Faber ’54** has dropped out due to illness. Dave hears from **Stan Stubbe** and **Don Kennedy**, and says that Don will be at this year’s Homecoming. **Ken Carlson** says he’s expecting to attend our 65th Reunion in 2020. Joann and Dave plan to be there too. Hope you all will join us!

Here’s an update from **Edward Cameron**: “I now move, by e-mail, in a circle of curmudgeons (36-strong) from schools such as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, UMass, and the ‘Seven Sisters,’ almost all of whom feel that the values of higher education have gone down the drain, due mainly to politics and a frightening lack of pre-college preparation. I suppose that our own parents may have felt the same about us.” **Daniel Sachs** writes, “Last year I wrote a book, *To Save One Life: Max Windmueller and the Dutch Rescue and Resistance Movement*.” He’s also recording an audio version for sight-impaired people.

Art Burns keeps busy (hospital volunteer, film class at the senior center, and an Irish girlfriend!) and wishes he could be doing more traveling. **Allan Blauth** wrote last winter that he was “still waiting for spring so I can get out on the putting green.” He’d like to hear from “any SAE alums or architects still living; I can’t be choosy.” **Phil Alkon**, PhD ’74, retired professor of wildlife science, says he and Sally “have a pretty full plate and are blessed with good health. I’d love to follow up on some wildlife projects I started, but that may be a vain dream at this point. But who knows?” Phil would like to hear from **Fred Hellreich** and **Don Buckner**.

I sadly report the news that two of our most loyal classmates died last spring: **Philip Harvey** on June 7 and

Peter Schluter on June 22. Phil was a member of Theta Xi fraternity and wrestled for Cornell all four years. After getting his MBA from the Wharton School in 1956 and serving four years at Aberdeen Proving Grounds he worked at DuPont and then the Brunswick Corp., and founded Institutional Furnishings in 1986, where he served as president until he retired in 2012. Peter graduated from Philips Exeter Academy in 1951 and got his degree in 1956 from Cornell, where he majored in Mechanical Engineering. He was also a member of the crew team and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He began his career by working as a rocket scientist, and his efforts on Thiokol’s Minute Man Missile earned him various patents, one of which was on the space shuttle.

George Liptak is a member of Seniors Enriched Living and lives in Sandy Springs, GA, where he is a member of the Methodist church. George’s three grandchildren attend local Georgia colleges. A self-described “bored widower” since his wife died, he has unfortunately lost touch with Cornellians. He finished his AFOTC tours in Greenland and Savannah years ago, and says he’d need a “living directory” to reconnect with old friends. **Barbara Brott** Myers says, “I’d love to hear from anyone who remembers me!” **Suzanne Liebrecht** Joyce was “off to Italy” at last notice. She spends summers in Crested Butte, CO, and winters in Minneapolis, MN (“Is that not crazy?”).

Adrian Phaneuf and his wife remain active with good health, he’s happy to say. Andy is still working as a real estate agent for Sweetwater Homes of Citrus Inc., Custom Home Builders. They are going to Portugal and Spain on a small ship in October. In remembering Cornell days, Andy still misses **Otto Schneider** and **Hank Repeta**. **Judith Ettl** Hazen was fishing in Florida in February, and was with her family in Argentina after that. She’d like to hear from **Jim** and **Joanna Haab Schoff**. **Liz Rothermel** Hopwood is in Fort Lauderdale, where “life is wonderfully busy.” She volunteers as a docent at the local art museum, presently showing a Frank Stella retrospective, and is also active with the Florida Grand Opera and the Symphony of the Americas. Liz relocates to McLean, VA, for the summer, where her two sons live. My thanks, as always, to those who write and keep us up to date on what’s going on in your lives! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 After splitting 15 years of time between Akron, OH, and Oro Valley, AZ, **Tom Merryweather** is back in Akron full time. He says they loved the desert, but it was time to simplify and consolidate. He regularly sees **Joe**, MBA ’58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger ’57** and **Marty Pope**, and he asks that **Diana Motycka** Day—who has recently moved to Ohio—get in touch with the other Ohioans.

Thomas Witschi (Wading River, NY) retired as an orthopedic surgeon and is no longer teaching or doing volunteer work with HVO and MSF. He periodically gives presentations on volunteer missions overseas. Thomas spent three weeks in Geneva, Switzerland, last year. “No car was needed, as the Swiss Pass covers bus, boat, and rail,” he writes. **Rose Goldman Mage** (Bethesda, MD) retired to emerita in 2008 and remains connected to the labs and research on immunogenetics and genomics as a special volunteer at NIH. She writes, “My husband, **Mike ’55**, is a chimesmaster. We regularly visit Cornell when possible so he can climb up 161 steps to play. We try to visit Shenandoah National Park most summers and also go to a music festival in Shenandoah Valley. After traveling to Vietnam in December 2016 for our older

grandson's wedding, we are looking forward to grandson and granddaughter visiting us soon."

Most of **Nancy Koehler** Dean's (Spencerport, NY) activities revolve around church and family. Last year, she spent a week with "almost the entire clan" at a lake cottage on Fourth Lake in the Adirondacks. Nancy and husband Robert celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this past June. **Woody Bliss** (Powell Woodward in his college days), who lives in Montague, MA, says he loves living in Western Massachusetts, an area he finds to have an open-hearted spirit of inclusion. **Robert Winship** (Topsfield, MA) retired from a rewarding career in manufacturing and energy development in 1997. He is on the board of two nonprofits in Maine, where he has a second home. Last spring, Robert toured the Erie Canal east of Rochester in a rented canal boat with **John Holton** and his wife, Susan, in a three-day excursion.

Diana Scudder Briner (Dallas, TX) has lived in Dallas for 55 years and loves it there. She is active in her church, and serves lunch at a soup kitchen in Dallas called the Stewpot. Diana has traveled to 96 countries, many via Road Scholar. When she wrote, she was planning a trip to London for the week of the royal wedding. **Larry Brown** (Lake Forest, IL) has moved to Lake Forest Place, a nearby retirement community. His card—a joint card with wife Ann—lists the following interests: curlers, golfers, grandparents, and senior citizens. "Ann and I continue to enjoy good health," he writes. "Between the two of us (it's a second marriage for both of us), we have six sons, 14 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren." Best regards from **Ellen Shelby Singleton** Fillingane (Ashburn, VA) and **Betty Specht** Rossiter.

Judith Cimildoro Jones (Sparks, NV) lives at the Cascades of the Sierra, an independent retirement community. She writes, "Our son and his wife were recruited by the U. of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine and they moved their research laboratory here. Their research is in muscular dystrophy and they work to develop medical treatments." **Marilyn** "Vickie" **Woollatt** Peckham (Albany, NY) keeps in touch with our classmates **Nancy Van Valkenburg** Seroff, **Virginia Seelig** Lenz (Forest, VA), and **Patricia Hamm** Finstad, who teaches Tai Chi in Sarasota, FL. And Vickie tells us she loves reading Danielle Steel novels. Me too!

Midge Lowenthal Glazer loves living in Tampa, FL. She volunteers at a veterans' hospital and is a member of the Florida Orchestra Guild. She also meets with prospective Cornellians. Midge spent ten days in Alaska and a week in London with two granddaughters—"fabulous!" Rev. **John Maltby** (Monmouth Junction, NJ) tells his caring doctor that he "bleeds carnelian" in dealing with his current health issues. In between, John finds time to sing bass at church and enjoy Scout ceremonies. **Martin Wilens's** (Natick, MA) book, *South of Saigon*, is available on Amazon, and he is now working on his second non-fiction book, *The Team*, which covers 1953-54 Ivy League championship teams led by Chuck Rollins and Lee Martin, the first championship team for Cornell in 30 years.

We are saddened to report the passing of several classmates. **Ernest Stern** passed away at the beginning of September. Ernie was the beloved husband of our classmate **Barbara (Lang)** and was our "class president for life." We also lost our esteemed classmate **Robert Silman** (Great Barrington, MA). It was Bob who saved Frank Lloyd Wright's faltering cantilevered Fallingwater in Pennsylvania from the edge of collapse. I do clearly remember seeing Bob and his then-girlfriend **Roberta (Karpel)** walking hand in hand across the Dickson quad in 1952. My profound sympathy to my dear friend and Cornell

roommate, **Barbara Barron** Starr, at the passing of her beloved husband, Robert. Lastly, my co-correspondent, **Stephen Kittenplan**, passed away last August. He will be remembered for his love of Cornell, for his classmates and colleagues, and for his wife, Gail, and daughters Susan, Amy, and Betsy. Steve, you will never be forgotten. ❖ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

57 **Connie Santagato** Hosterman displayed wonderful class loyalty last spring when she drove north from her home in Schenectady, NY, almost to the Canadian border to watch my grandson, a native of Albany, pitch for his high school team in the New York State baseball tournament.

A gathering of Delta Upsilon brothers occurred in June in Saranac Lake. Those in attendance were **Dom Pasquale**, **Tom Keating**, **David Loysen**, **Dan Barufaldi**,

Lunge Stifel; to **Larry Severino** and Chuck for getting class officer nominations in order for their unanimous election, including, post-Reunion, Chuck's appointment of **Barbara Avery**, MA '59, as our new secretary; to **Audrey Wildner** Sears for her continuing work as our treasurer and help at HQ, along with **Marilyn Bates** Mathias; and to **Meyer Gross** for his overview of the Statler group. Lastly, Connie and Dick "thank not only our six clerks, but our efficient and gracious Cornell contact, Lauren Coffey, for helping us make it all work. Thanks, everyone."

Meyer Gross wrote last April: "We spent about a month last fall going to the five Asian 'stans' that were part of the Soviet Union. We also visited Iran. We arrived at Mossad in the midst of a religious festival. About a million pilgrims were in the city. We were at Persepolis, a place I first read about as a youngster, thinking that

'Tom Merryweather says they loved the desert, but it was time to simplify and consolidate.'

PHYLLIS BOSWORTH '56

Pete Blauvelt, and **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, in addition to several spouses. Go to www.cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery to see a photo of the group. Your faithful correspondent was there in spirit.

Accolades continue to pile up for **Bill Schmidt** (plein airbill@aol.com), the latest being two wonderful impressionist paintings ("View Overlooking Camden, Maine, from Mt. Battie"; and "Rockport Harbor [MA] in the Morning") being juried into an exhibition of New England landscape paintings (ending November 4) at Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, VT, about an hour from Burlington. For more information, go to www.billschmidt.net.

Marj Nelson Smart sent along some sad news—the passing of her dear friend, sorority sister, and maid of honor in her wedding, **Marilyn Way** Merryweather. On a happier note, Marj and her significant other, **Bob Camp** '58, MBA '60, enjoyed a Cornell alumni trip to Iceland, overdosing in the process on salmon, glaciers, waterfalls, and geysers.

In another sad situation, **Phil McIndoo** passed away fairly suddenly in July. He will be remembered as a terrific classmate who distinguished himself as our class president, whose term ended with our 60th Reunion. Who can forget his kilt outfit on that occasion? When our class officers were notified, the outpouring of love and respect was wall-to-wall. ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 We return to regular news reports below—but first, our Reunion co-chairs have some acknowledgments to make, carrying over from their report in our last column. **Dick**, PhD '65, and **Connie Case Haggard** thank these special co-workers, who helped make Reunion such a grand time: notably to **Duffy Mathias** for his expertise in selecting all our wines and other liquid refreshments; to Duffy and **Chuck Hunt** for their excellence in preparing and serving them, and also for their help at the Tower ice cream social; to **Ronni Schulbaum** Strell for her care and work on the decorations, mainly 75 pots of red and white geraniums, with a bit of assist from **Harriet Auerbach** Peters and **Gladys**

as I walked where Darius, then Xerxes and Alexander walked. We were in Tehran and saw the site of the US embassy. It was not easy to view it in its current state. With this trip, Karen has been to 100 countries and I have been to 99. 100 is our goal; **Al Podell's** record is safe from us." Speaking of whom, Al Podell wrote at the same time: "I returned in April from an epic 33-day voyage through the South Atlantic aboard a tiny expedition ship carrying just 50 passengers to the most remote islands on earth—South Georgia, Gough, Tristan de Cunha, Nightingale, Inaccessible, St. Helena, and Ascension, ending up in Cape Verde, Africa. I agree that this is not something any sane member of the Class of '58 should be doing, but might as well do it while you are still able to hop from a rolling ship into a rolling Zodiac surrounded by hammerhead sharks." We learned that Al also trekked the Caucasus Mountains just before Reunion, somehow surviving to join us there, autographing copies of his book given to all Reunioners.

Bill Standen wrote: "Eleven SAEs held a pledge class reunion in conjunction with the 60th Reunion. Returning were **Cal** and **Marsha O'Kane Allen** '59, **Bob Applegate**, **Art Brooks**, **John Denniston**, **Brian** and **Sonja Elmer**, **Bob Knechtel**, **Bob** and **Phyllis Kreiner**, **Bob** and **Lori Neuman**, **Bob** and **Jane Reinhard**, **Bill** and **Sheila Standen**, and **Britt** and **Susie Stitt**. Most stayed at the Statler for the first time and all enjoyed renewing friendships, telling tales about house parties and SAE brothers before and after our class, and marveling at all the development on campus. We hope that someday, SAE Hillcrest will return to Cornell." Other fraternities and sororities had their gatherings too, on Saturday of Reunion, and many classmates participated, including nine Kappa Deltas from '58, all back and sharing in the renovations of their house on Triphammer.

Stephan Wittkowsky, MA '60 (switt787@gmail.com) wrote from Guatemala, his international country when working in management consulting. Stephan also mentors for SCORE in Chapel Hill, NC, and is a lecturer at Duke U.'s Division of Continuing Learning, both being

his favorite activities, along with golf and jogging. **James "Jeff" Brown** (jaebrownmaine@gmail.com) still recruits for the US Army in Portland, ME, but he and Jae get to Europe annually for three weeks, and he still hikes and skis in the mountains. **Carolyn Browne** Malkin now lives

Some of my students—one an opera singer, the other a professional belly dancer—performed, under the watchful eyes of **Alan** and **Dee Rosenthal**, **Peter** and **Carol Horowitz Schulhof**, MEd '61, and others. I am still teaching design at the Fashion Inst. of Technology and

of Reunions past will be missing: we will not enjoy the a cappella singing of the Cayuga's Waiters alumni of the 1950s, who performed at Reunions for 15 years but have decided to retire. You may remember their signature line: "I thought I could win you with all that gin in you . . ."

With best wishes to all for an enjoyable, memorable holiday season, and for a New Year that will include your visit to Cornell for our 60th Reunion. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

'As one of the women who started Engineering in 1957, I can attest to our needing encouragement.'

DALE ABRAMS ADAMS '61

in a retirement home in Louisville, KY, her "one concession to getting older," and enjoys summers in her Adirondack cabin and visits from her family. Meyer Gross sent in the notice of the death of **Albert Lefkovits** last spring. Al was a well-known, highly respected dermatologist in NYC and trained more than a generation of competent, patient-focused physicians in dermatology. We extend the class's sympathy to Cheryl and her family. **Philip Dattilo Jr.** (pbdattilojr@yahoo.com) continues certifying judicial hearings in the New York Supreme Court and traveling: Central America, Brazil, India, and, last April, Japan.

Our last news comes from two more classmates who made it to Reunion: **Sandra Mosher** Dwork joined us with the help of her son Richard, with whom she lives in Hendersonville, NC. Sandra still drives and copes with Parkinson's disease, and we say more power to you, Sandra, for getting back to the Hill. **Jerry**, MD '62, and **Judy Rensin Mandell** '61 also made it up from Charlottesville, VA, where they've been since 1969. They attended grandson **Zach Mandell** '18's graduation the week earlier. Jerry writes, "We are proud to be a loyal Cornell family: Judy, our sons, **Jim Mandell** '84, MD '92, and **Scott Mandell** '92, our daughter-in-law, **Elizabeth, MD** '88 (a Yalie, but she went to Cornell Med), our daughter, **Pam Mandell** Freedman '87, and our grandsons, Zach and **Will Freedman** '22." Impressive, Jerry, and we could see that you and Judy were having a great time at Reunion. Happy holidays to all. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Janet Arps** Jarvie, jan.jarvie@gmail.com.

59 Just published this fall, *Adventures of a Boy on the Bus: Five Decades as a Washington Journalist* by **Carl Leubsdorf** has garnered praise from historians and fellow journalists. "A delightful read, which will trigger memories for anyone who lived through the years he describes so vividly," says presidential historian Robert Dallek. "[His] life as a legendary journalist reads like a novel: from his early days as a reporter, covering segregated New Orleans for the Associated Press, to his years in Washington, breaking news about every significant political figure of his time from Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey to Gerald Ford and George W. Bush. He casts a sharp reporter's eye on all he surveys and the result is funny, acerbic, and revealing," comments Judy Woodruff of PBS NewsHour. Carl's book is available from Politics and Prose Bookstore (<https://www.politics-prose.com>).

"After surviving cancer and my 80th birthday, I thought it was time to celebrate," writes **Marian Fay** Levitt. "I hosted a fabulous party at the penthouse of the Beekman Towers Hotel, with 360-degree views of the city.

hope to do so until they pry the tools from my cold hands." **Jerry Schultz** and his wife, Joan, were in Mumbai for an ophthalmology conference when Jerry reached the big 8-0 in June. He celebrated the occasion during a Bollywood extravaganza with friends and colleagues from all over India and Europe who were attending the conference.

Seen around town: **Gladys Kessler**, who retired last year after a most distinguished career as a Senior US District Judge of the US District Court for the District of Columbia, dining with Jerry and Joan Schultz while the latter were in Washington for an ophthalmology meeting and to visit their son and grandson. **Tom Golden**, accompanied by piano, singing a selection of classic American standards at Barbès in Hoboken, NJ. **Joan Travis** Pittel on campus for the graduation of her granddaughter **Clara Wasserstein** '18. **Doug Dedrick**, DMV '61, enjoying retirement with winters at The Villages in Florida, and summers in East Aurora, NY. **Kate Sickles** Connolly familiarizing herself with her new digs in Exeter, NH. **Benson** and **Mary Ellen Dahlen Simon**, MA '63, in Dallas, visiting friends **Sergio**, MBA '62, and **Charmaine Berg Campanini**, BA '62.

Jackie Sundermeyer Hill and her husband, Emile, recently moved to Gaithersburg, MD. They are inveterate travelers, having visited four continents and myriad countries—with Cabo San Lucas in Mexico their most recent trip, and Egypt and Italy high on the favorites list. Jackie retired from William Paterson U. in 2004, after 18 years as a professor in the library there. Carrying on Jackie's Cornell tradition have been her daughter **Jean Hill** Donahue '87 and granddaughter **Emily Donahue** '15, ME '16.

Reuners par excellence: **Roy Lieberman** reports that his AEPI fraternity brothers held their 59th consecutive reunion this year. It was held at Café Monet in Millburn, NJ. Attending with their wives were **Jim Jacoby**, **Jim Korsten**, **Paul Marcus**, MS '60, **Art Ostrove**, **Joel Rothenberg**, **Burt Scherl**, and **Mike Sussman**, as well as **Marty Symansky** and **Steve Kornreich** '60. Says Roy, "We '59ers are looking forward to our 60th next year in Ithaca and hoping that our class can set a new attendance record. Meanwhile, remember that you can keep up with news and events on campus via the *Cornell Daily Sun* website."

"I'll see you at Reunion," says **Carol Parnes**. And **Carl Hedden** writes: "Looking forward to rowing at our 60th Reunion!" **Ron Demer** reports that the Class of '58 had about 100 classmates and 50 spouses/guests at their 60th this past June. "Reunion co-chair **Jerry Schultz** and I expect more at our Reunion next June 6-9." While there will be wonderful places on the Hill to revisit and many new places to enjoy for the first time, one delight

60 Here's a rarity—the profiling of a classmate's daily schedule in the *New York Times*: **Alan Siegel**'s "Sunday Routine" was featured on July 22, describing his activities on a typical weekend day in the city. Allegedly an early riser (5:30!), Alan was tracked through exercises, meals, play-going related to his board membership on the American Theatre Wing, work on his business publications, and, in the evening, watching "60 Minutes" with his wife, Gloria. "There's no slowing down for Alan Siegel," says the reporter, noting his busy seven-day-a-week schedule that includes commitments to both his brand consultancy firm and philanthropic activity, along with family time and travel. Whatever happened to the day of rest?

Carol Roberts Blodgett writes from New Richmond, OH, that she is working part time as a travel agent specializing in European cruises and also cooking and entertaining, reading, traveling, and visiting family in Colorado and California. "I'm trying to sell my house and move west," she admits. "Anyone interested in a custom timber-frame house on 13 acres with a spectacular view of the Ohio River? I'm also hoping for more travel to complete my bucket list." Carol would like to hear from **Eric Peniston**.

Answering the question, "What keeps me busy at this stage of life?" **Barbara Baillet** Moran reports, "A Raleigh publisher is helping me pull together a collection of my poetry for publication. I'm also continuing my involvement with Greensboro's long tradition of supporting literature and the arts. Too much time spent on health and fitness (didn't this just take care of itself once upon a time?). We don't see enough of our grandchildren—does anyone?—but we do manage several visits a year with the whole family. For Easter and my 80th birthday, our adult children took us to Rome. Highlights were breakfast in the Vatican Museum and a tour of the Sistine Chapel led by an art historian. I'm grateful to be vertical and able to travel at this age!" Another appreciative traveler is **William Henry** (Sequim, WA), who reports that he and his spouse **Joan (Kather)** '64 "have just gotten back from five weeks in Spain and Greece—our first visit to Spain and our 11th visit to Greece. Both are wonderful countries with nice people, great food, and good scenery." A member of the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers whose career included running a consulting engineering firm, Bill recently finished a chapter on "Addressing Corruption in Our Global Engineering/Construction Industry," which will appear in the book *Next Generation Ethics*, forthcoming from the Neely Center for Ethical Leadership at the U. of Southern California.

Congratulations to **Paula Friedman**, whose new book, *The Change Chronicles*, was published by Lillicat Press in June. "Like my first novel, *The Rescuer's Path*," she says, "this one concerns personal and social change in the 1960s antiwar movement and came out of my work as a peace activist and *Berkeley Barb* reporter during that era. I also continue editing books for individuals and university presses and am still active in antiwar and social justice political action groups." In her free time,

Paula enjoys hiking and cross-country skiing around her home in Gresham, OR, and doing landscape and fine art photography.

Peter Vail (Englewood, FL) continues to raise pedigreed dairy cattle, many of which have received major awards, and says he is "still active with our fertilizer business, CaroVail. I'm also pleased to note that my family now has four generations of Cornell graduates, culminating with my granddaughter **Katherine Vail** in 2017. Her father, **Peter Vail Jr.**, was in the Class of 1986, and great-grandparents **C. Hubert** and **Charlotte Dredger Vail** were both 1935 graduates." Another successful cattle breeder is **Tom Waldeck** of Aspen, CO, who reports, "After a career in the grain merchant business and a secondary career managing hedge funds in the commodity sector, I am now fully engaged in our Wagyu cattle operation. What started out as a hobby has turned into a full-time business. My wife, Vivian, and I just celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary. In Aspen, we keep busy with the music festival, ballet, Aspen Inst., Aspen Words, hiking, and biking. Having given up skiing a few years ago, we use winters to visit friends around the US and overseas."

Arthur Kirk Field, MS '61, is involved in community organizations in North Wales, PA, where he and his wife, **Marcia (Case) '61**, have lived for many years. He is a member of the zoning hearing board for the township and a supporter of the North Wales Area Library and the Montgomery County Foundation. The Fields also attend Cornell's Adult University each summer and travel whenever they can. Their children are both alumni: **Karen Field Murray '86** and **Rick Field '91**. **David Berkley**, PhD '66, fully retired from his long career as a scientist, recently announced that he has "bought an apartment in Be'er Sheva, Israel, and has become a dual Israeli-US citizen." He and Marlene also maintain a place in Metuchen, NJ, and now get great satisfaction from "seeing children and grandkids by video and in person and from spending time in the Negev." David continues his interest in ham radio and says that if he had a day in Ithaca, he'd visit the new WVBR studios. Send your news to: ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 A new home, and the last, I pray, for your Reno, NV, correspondent. We are still in Reno, but on the south side and off the highway that heads to Incline Village at Lake Tahoe. A lovely view of mounts Rose and Slide, which was the desired spot. We are sad now for our view, which is overcome with smoke from California fires. I hope our classmates are free from losses due to the several conflagrations throughout that state.

There are a few notices from classmates, starting with **Ed Goldman**. He writes, "We went to Israel and Jordan (Petra and Wadi Rum) in March. My first time (very impressive), and Judith hadn't been in Israel since 1970 (very changed). Enjoying our fabulous city, walking a lot. Wonderful Class of '61 visit to Cornell Tech last summer." **Lassie Tischler Eicher** (leicher@cox.net) writes, "I am sad to report that my husband and best friend of 58 years, **Myron "Mike" Eicher '60**, passed away on April 22, 2018—just a few weeks before celebrating his 80th birthday in June." So sorry, Lassie.

Gail Kweller Ripans teaches at Senior U. of Greater Atlanta—"international relations and US Foreign Policy specializing in the Middle East." She writes, "Three granddaughters are in college, one is in high school, and twin grandsons are in fifth grade. Husband **Allan '55** and I love entertaining and going to our condo in St. Pete Beach, FL." She adds, "I may write a book, which would

be autobiographical." Gail remembers Prof. Steven Muller. **William Kadner** (Walnut Creek, CA; wjkadner@gmail.com) is "playing with a string ensemble, walking, doing some golfing, and mostly goofing off (no more late-night radiology calls!). Wife Jane passed away from breast cancer last January 28."

Larry Abrams (Potomac, MD; liabrams@verizon.net) is "still working full time as a probate attorney in Bethesda." **Diane Baillet** Meakem (dbmeakem@aol.com) says, "I have become a fitness nut! I'm living in Florida seven months a year; I play golf two to three times a week and work out at our fitness center three times a week. I feel great! Two granddaughters will enter Cornell as freshmen this fall. Another got married last March! All others (total of 16) range in age from 2 to 25. When not in Florida, I am in Greenwich, CT, fairly near my big family."

Gerald Schneider is "involved with three weekly contemporary issues discussion groups, as well as presentations on various topics at local senior centers. April 12, 2018 will include my 12th Holocaust Remembrance Day program. International travel trips continue: a river cruise around Belgium and Holland in late April 2018, and Australia in September 2018 (so far)." He would like to be "working more directly on peace efforts worldwide." Gerald would like to hear from **Dick Todd '63** and remembers Laurence Hamilton, a conservation professor at Fernow Hall.

From Worthington, OH, **Carol Moore** Durell (chershey1@aol.com) "is still running a gallery in a 200-year-old building she bought in 2000, now called High Road Gallery & Studios, as a nonprofit showplace for Ohio artists, home to 12 artists with studio space. Regular two-month, invited artists join us. We have receptions. I hope to still be open in coming years." **James Baden**, MD '65 (jpbadenmd@gmail.com) says, "I work at Volunteers in Medicine Clinic—free for underprivileged. I also sing in a Hilton Head barber shop chorus and am active in Rotary." He mentions extensive travel and wishes to be "getting younger," and he would like to hear from **Ralph Giannella**. From Weatherby Lake, MO, **Donald Coleman** writes that he is half-owner of Hydro-Mechanical Resources Inc., a mechanical construction company based in Batavia, NY. He'd like to hear from **Sam Greenblatt**, MD '66. Donald was most impacted by **Clinton Rossiter '39** on the Hill.

There was an e-mail discussion among classmates about women in Engineering at Cornell. **Tom Piwinski** (TPiwinski@dasny.org) wrote, "I believe this year's engineering class has 49 percent women representation." **Dale Abrams** Adams (bocadale@comcast.net) says, "As one of the women who started Engineering in 1957, I can attest to our needing encouragement. In those days, we were discouraged from continuing in a 'man's field.' We saw no female role models. No women professors, etc. Times have changed. I shoulda been born 30 years later." Two classmates checked in: **Phyllis Mark Turner** (phyllisgt@aol.com) from Setauket, NY, and **Jeffrey Gould** (jbgould@stanford.edu).

That's all for this time. Please write to keep us informed about your lives. ♦ **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 It all started innocently enough. Classmate **John Neuman** was passing by Hoy Field, Cornell's baseball diamond, when he spotted something wrong with the electronic scoreboard. That scoreboard had been a gift from our class in recognition of famed Big Red baseball coach Ted Thoren. The Class of '62 had

provided the original money—some \$3,000 in 1978. When the board was dedicated in 1979, it proudly bore our class name, and that had been the case for the ensuing 38 years.

But John did a double-take—because the board was now named for the Class of '82! That just didn't make sense, especially since, over the years, we'd taken thousands from our class gift fund to help maintain the scoreboard. In fact, when \$40,000 was needed to build a new scoreboard in 2002, our gift fund provided \$22,000, and 24 classmates, on their own, contributed another \$18,400. The electronic board was new, but it still kept its Class of 1962 name.

Word of the disturbing new discovery soon reached class president **Neil Schilke**, MS '64. What he found out surprised him: in 2017, an incredibly generous anonymous benefactor (from the Class of '82) funded the resurfacing of Hoy Field and the purchase of a new scoreboard—and it was named for '82. At no time was our class invited to fund the new board; we never had a chance even to make an offer.

Thus began a months-long delicate negotiation between Neil along with our class council, Alumni Affairs and Development, and the Athletics Department, along with the anonymous donor. Lots of give and take, and a bit of drama along the way, led to a successful conclusion. The cooperation and consideration of the Athletics Department, especially Andy Noel and John Webster, and the graciousness of the '82 anonymous donor led to the decision to retro-name the scoreboard for the Class of '62. As for '62, Andy Noel commented, "Yours is an amazing class and the collective support you've provided is extraordinary. We'll be proud to fly the '62 banner once again." If you are in Ithaca, maybe you'll take some time to walk past Hoy Field. It looks terrific—and so does that big scoreboard with the words: "CORNELL BIG RED / CLASS OF 1962."

Bil Walters (bwalters@sover.net) writes, "Instead of retiring quietly to our lovely village of Grafton, VT, I have taken up writing. I recently published my second book, *Bil - A Car Guy's 25 Year Journey with Saab*, about my 25 years working for the US subsidiary of the Swedish car maker. It's a lighthearted look at how much fun life with Saab was, the products I helped bring to market, and my coworkers. Hope you can give it a read." Bil notes that coach **Carl Ullrich '50** had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

Marty Gregg Mount of Doylestown, PA, passed away January 30, 2017. A CPA, she was active in her community, serving a term as president of the Doylestown League of Women Voters and as treasurer and president at Westwyk, where she had lived for the last 25 years. Marty enjoyed sharing her knowledge and experience at SCORE, a small business mentoring program, and was active in the Cornell Alumni Assn., where she interviewed prospective students. Marty is survived by her son and daughter and five grandchildren.

If you send an annual letter, please send me a copy to share your news with your classmates. Happy holidays! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Ave. SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Even though our 55th Reunion is behind us, I collected a few more tidbits from classmates while there. Our 60th Reunion chair and consistent Class of 1963 volunteer **Paula Trested** Laholt is busy traveling when she isn't at home in Philadelphia. In the last few years she has been to Switzerland, Scotland, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Chile, and Rapanui.

Michael Wolfson, LLB '67, is a patent lawyer in Greenwich, CT. His spare time is consumed by sustainable gardening in his 15 raised vegetable beds. **Gary Stern** lives in Lafayette, CA, outside of San Francisco. His love of biking took him to Specialized Bicycle Components, where he was COO. He retired at the age of 48. **KT Mao**, ME '65, spends his time in China and the Front Range of Colorado. **Allan Bergman** sang at the Glee Club alumni concert in Barton Hall on Friday and Saturday nights of Reunion. He keeps busy in the Chicago area with high-impact mission-based consulting and training.

At our Sunday breakfast, I talked with **Susan Pozefsky** Tepperberg, MS '86, who has lived in New York City since graduating from Cornell. She is an avid Yankees fan and a true lover of New York. **Suzanne Goldsmith** Kideckel shared that she raised her family in the Bronx. **Ed Butler**, MS '65, reported at the class meeting that the Class of 1963 has raised \$315,700 for the Tatkon Center Endowment Fund over the last three Reunions. Thanks to Ed for all he has done to encourage donations to the Tatkon Center through the years. Our class had 384 donors, 344 of which are duespayers; 63 donors are in the Tower Club. Our class donated \$6,894,000 to Cornell this fiscal year.

Other news: **Peggy Schwartz** Chipkin is "still working part time as a family nurse practitioner doing alternative modalities, homeopathy, Feldenkrais, and the Anat Baniel Method, based on Feldenkrais. I find my work extremely rewarding and don't have plans to retire in the foreseeable future. I got engaged on my 75th birthday to Lewis Shireman, a software engineer. We are happily engaged and don't have plans to marry. Work, dancing, gardening, and my children give me the most satisfaction these days." **Bob Ulrich** got "bit by the history bug" and is now teaching it at five local college senior lifetime learning programs. He writes, "I'm a guest lecturer for Road Scholar, the New Jersey Revolutionary War Roundtable, and the Mohonk Mountain House lecture series. Granddaughter is a sophomore at Brown—five more to go. Trying to keep my investment portfolio healthy enough to help educate them all."

John Daly writes from Ashburn, VA, that he keeps busy with investments and retirement planning, bridge (Master), and family, especially grandkids. He had a "disastrous operation on a broken ankle that a doctor at Johns Hopkins finally fixed." **John Herslow** writes, "I'm CTO of the company I founded in 2000, plan to become more part-time this year. Enjoying my five kids and traveling. Learning more about computer programs and AV systems." **Carolyn Gottlieb Meyer** writes, "I am sad to say I lost my husband, **Joe '63**, last October, after 54 years of marriage. He was truly my best friend. His Cornell friends have been so supportive and a comfort to me these past months. I am grateful to them all."

Bruce, ME '65, and Theresa **Craig** live in Heathsville, VA. Bruce serves on local boards of the library, Habitat for Humanity, and Area Agency on Aging. "Took up lessons for playing the piano at age 72; trying to understand Dave Brubeck and jazz. Three kids and five grandchildren live far away—have to keep occupied. I am using the US archives to research the local impact of the short-lived Freemans Bureau, which had an office in our county. Also researching and writing a series of articles about the local county poorhouse (1844-1929) for the bulletin of the Northumberland Historical Society." **Evelyn Eskin '62** reported the death of classmate **David Slovic** of Philadelphia in July. David was a prominent architect who designed several buildings around the city. He opened his own firm, David Slovic & Assocs., in 1980. He was among the leading architects of the postmodernist

period, according to Thomas Hine, a longtime architecture, design, and art critic at the *Inquirer*.

Robert Sze reports, "I retired before turning 60 and got my MA in 2005 from Harvard. My wife and I have audited courses since then, including one on revolution, early 20th-century Russia, and China, and a course on why Arab countries can't handle democracy. My son just finished ten years of training as an interventional radiologist and will settle in Santa Fe. We still have our home in Santa Fe, so we are looking forward to much more time with our two grandchildren and our son and his wife. I wish I had more time so as to be able to volunteer in teaching young high school students." Robert paints, does etching and sculpture, and plays the cello in a senior orchestra. He and his wife love to travel and recently did a bike trip around Lake Constance and visited Egypt. That's all for now. Send your news! ♦ **Nancy Biederlcke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com. Class website, <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

64 Thanksgiving may be nigh as you read this—and with our 55th Reunion just seven months away, hopefully you're making plans to attend even while thinking turkey. Meantime, here's what your classmates have been up to.

John McClusky, who lives in St. Louis, MO, with wife Nicki, writes, "I do part-time consulting and training, especially advising leaders of grassroots organizations addressing the most wicked issues facing urban America, such as revitalizing our disinvested communities. Simultaneously, I advise large coalitions of business, public, philanthropic, and nonprofit 'grass tops' (leaders addressing these same issues), and help the two levels work together. Engaging with so many millennials and black-led organizations keeps my lifelong learning growing." The McCluskys also are really fortunate that their son and daughter-in-law live nearby with their grandchildren, who keep "grandpa and grandma" busy shooting hoops, attending concerts, performing musical duets, or just hanging out together.

Joan Greenspan, who lives in NYC's Upper East Side, also still does volunteer work, in her case at the Bottomless Closet, a charity that brings minority women into the working world. **Ihor Evanick**, a retired attorney who lives in Valatie, NY, still works as a personal trainer. Ihor is in constant touch with **John Bailey**, who recently relocated to Florida's Palm Coast. **Wayne Mezitt**, MBA '66, is retired from his family business, Weston Nurseries, in Hopkinton, MA, but keeps active as trustee chair for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society at the Gardens of Elm Bank in Wellesley. Wayne also consults and advises on horticultural business, what he terms "hort-sense," which includes making presentations about plants and growing unusual plants. Wayne and wife **Beth (Pickering) '65** still live near the business, which is now run by their son Peter, the fourth generation of Mezitts to head the business.

Brian Wruble, ME '66, keeps busy in retirement, traveling to multiple meetings of charities and boards he serves on, including the board of the Oppenheimer Fund in NYC, which he chairs. Brian's also on the board of TCP Capital of Santa Monica, CA, and is a trustee of the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, ME, and trustee and treasurer of the Inst. for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ. All this travel, which enables him to see his four grandchildren (two in Santa Monica and two in NYC), is done from Key West, FL, where Brian lives with wife Kathleen. Their recent travel for pleasure has been to

Costa Rica and Panama, and next year will include New Zealand (hopefully not during Reunion, when it's winter down there in any event).

On a Wednesday last July, **Harold Evensky**, MS '67, a leader in financial planning who has received a long list of professional awards over the years, was named the 2018 recipient of the prestigious P. Kemp Fain Jr. Award by the Financial Planning Assn., the FPA's highest individual award. Then the very next day he was awarded this year's equally esteemed Frankel Fiduciary Prize by the Inst. for the Fiduciary Standard, acknowledging individuals who have made significant contributions to the preservation and advancement of fiduciary principles in public life. In presenting the latter award, Harold was cited as "... the Dean of Financial Planning, a compelling choice ... Harold has emphasized the central importance of the fiduciary standard in his own practice and ensured an influential legacy through his guiding role with numerous advisor organizations, his teaching, and his authorship of widely read books and journal articles." Harold is still chairman and principal of Evensky & Katz/Foldes Financial Wealth Management in Miami, FL, and Lubbock, TX, and is professor of practice at Texas Tech U. He has served as chair and member of many professional society boards and has written many books and papers over the years.

Lastly, an update on **Ken Kupchak**, JD '71's vacation home—its very existence on Hawaii's Big Island was being threatened by the ongoing eruption of Kilauea, the world's most active volcano. Of the house, located on the rim of the volcano's caldera, northwest of the main activity zone, Ken wrote in mid-July, "There have been over 18,000 quakes at the summit since the beginning of May, 20 to 40 an hour, many over 3.0 (on the Richter Magnitude Scale), about one a day between 5.2 and 5.6. A 300-foot-long crack appeared in our private road, and a 30-foot-deep sinkhole in the main public road serving our place. I suspect at a minimum that most sealants are fatigued. We watch the US Geological Survey daily reports and webcams constantly. It is all fascinating and, if the worst happens, we being at the summit and in the fault zone of the caldera ... well, we have had 38 wonderful years of use." Ken and wife **Patty (Geer) '67** regularly live on the north shore of Oahu, which may have last experienced volcanic activity some 70,000 years ago.

That's it for now. Unless you want the next column to be nothing but the ramblings of yours truly, PLEASE send your news to me by e-mail or regular mail, using the news form or even a sheet of paper. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

65 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates; or send your holiday letters to: ♦ **Joan Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com; or **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

66 As we move back into colder winter weather, we wish you happy holidays and a joyous New Year! **Linda Lomazoff Roitman** (lrr2@cornell.edu) wrote a nice note, sharing the fact that she and her husband, **David '65**, "are delighted to have two granddaughters on campus. **Rebecca '20** (HumEc) is the daughter of son **Brian '90** and **Sonia Lees Roitman '90**; and **Gabrielle '21** (CALS) is the daughter of son **Mitchell '92** and **Jamie Roitman**."

Jeanne Brown Sander (ebs17@verizon.net) received a high honor, being selected as a recipient of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award for 2018. This award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activity. Here is a link to the Cornell alumni website announcing the award: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/awards/rhodes-award/>. Jeanne wrote, "Three of our '66 classmates are previous recipients of the award: **Alice Katz Berglas**, **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, and **Michael Chiu**. It was a very nice surprise to receive that phone call! The award dinner is at Homecoming in September. In addition to serving as co-chair of two Class of '66 Reunions, I have been pretty active in the Cornell Hotel Society (the alumni organization of the Hotel school), serving as global president in 2004 and chair of the Society's past presidents' organization for three years, 2014-16."

Steve Cohen (scohen207@nyc.rr.com) wrote, "I'm still living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, volunteering as a fossil explainer at the American Museum of Natural History, traveling, and photographing. Jane and I spent ten days in Florence and a 900-year-old monastery in Tuscany in October. In February, we went to India for almost a month visiting 12 cities: a remarkable place and a photographer's dream. While there is obviously a lot of poverty, the people and the mélange of cultures (Hindu, Buddhist, Moslem, Christian, and Jewish) made it a memorable trip. In October, we are going to tour Israel and visit Petra in Jordan. As long as we both stay healthy, there is so much world to see."

Jeff Collins (jcollins@pappas-capital.com) wrote, "The big news is that I finally retired completely at the end of June 2018 from Pappas Ventures, a life sciences-focused venture capital firm based in Research Triangle Park, NC. I had been with them for almost 16 years, although I had been tapering down my workload over the past several years such that the change from my recent one day/week gig to full retirement won't be too big a shock to my system. This will of course free Rose and me up to do even more traveling, which last year included a four-week sojourn to Rome and southern Italy (Puglia, Basilicata, and Calabria) and a two-week trip to Hawaii (Oahu, the Big Island, and Molokai), where we spent some time with **Rich Turbin**. Our vacation prior to that one was a fabulous trip to Slovenia and Montenegro, two countries formerly part of Yugoslavia and now ready to become major destination points for adventurous travelers looking for spectacular scenery, great people, superb food and wine, and low prices. Our first post-retirement trip is coming up shortly with a one-month exploration of Iceland and Denmark (two weeks in each country), two countries definitely NOT characterized by low prices. With my additional free time, I will be expanding my already concerted activities in the political sphere, given the upcoming mid-term elections. I'm also heavily engaged with activities with the Jewish Federation of Durham and Chapel Hill and am currently serving on the board of directors of this organization."

Alice Katz Berglas (alice.berglas@gmail.com) wrote a sweet note: "I greeted age 73 with wonderful Cornell friends—**Diane Stein** Dobrow and **Wendy Miller** Richman—at **Gene Samburg** '63's D.C. apartment. Gene's wife, our classmate **Lorrie (Silverman)**, was our VP, extraordinary 15th/20th/25th Reunion co-chair, and my fabulous (a Lorrie word) great friend. Lorrie's exuberant warm spirit was a gift to all of '66. Watching the Capitol Fourth sky from Gene's terrace, overlooking the two Jima memorial, meshing my birthday with the

country's: terrific, fun, cherished. A peek at my newborn grandniece, my brother **Bob Katz** '69's granddaughter, a new smile. Joys shared. Looking back and forward!"

Nancy Heiser Reinstein (nreinstein805@charter.net) also wrote us a nice note: "I live in Atascadero, CA, a small town of 27,000 on the Central Coast. I live in a house that is like a log cabin in the woods, but close to town. I am retired, but busy. I teach Qigong as a volunteer at the senior center in Atascadero and at my house weekly, and twice a month to the mentally ill. I swim for two and a half hours at the Franklin Hot Springs in Paso

and he would like to hear from **Lew Halpern** and **Jon Glase**, PhD '72. **Joanne Edelson** Honigman (Brooklyn, NY; joanneEH7@aol.com) writes, "I'm a retired book cover designer, and now work part time in an art gallery and custom frame shop." She has two married children and one granddaughter. She would rather be painting now, is still in touch with two close friends, and says the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was academic excellence.

Colleen Livingston (Ogdensburg, NY) still enjoys "practicing adult psychiatry. I've never had a boring day

'I got engaged on my 75th birthday.'

PEGGY SCHWARTZ CHIPKIN '63

Robles every other day. I had both hips replaced recently and am doing well with no pain. I have been in a relationship for the past seven years." Way to go, Nancy!

Did you note that one of our class correspondents, **Pete Salinger**, changed his e-mail address? Send news to: ♦ **Pete Salinger**, petesalinger95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 Jeff Benjamin (Nyack, NY; Jeffbnj@gmail.com) writes, "I recently retired, this time from Avon Products Inc., where I was general counsel and chief ethics and compliance officer for about five years. Betsy and I have five grandchildren between the ages of 3 and 6. Three belong to daughter **Lily Benjamin** Maissen '00 and her husband, Joe, and two to son Ross (Vassar '02). Wish I could have attended our 50th Reunion, but a 'late in the game' priority arose at Avon, which required our cancelling our reservations." Jeff recalls Prof. Donald Kagan, Ancient History, as the faculty member who had the greatest impact on him; he also mentions the late **Sandy Berger**, president of the Interfraternity Council, as a major influence.

George Chelius III (Santa Fe, NM; GBC@famfunds.com), principal in Fenimore Asset Management, quotes Ben Franklin: "I have nothing against retiring as long as it doesn't interfere with my work." **James Crawford**, ME '68 (Oakton, VA) advises: "After 50 years of working, I retired. What was I thinking? I should have done it sooner. Free at last." He adds that he and wife Claudia have four dogs, three cats, and 16 birds. "All the pets are rescues. Would gladly rescue more pets, but zoning laws preclude expanding the pack." He'd like to hear from **Paul Rohan** '68 and recalls that Prof. Robert Wehe had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

"I'm retired and am happily overinvolved in the charitable domain," reports **Jim Foster** (St. Simons Island, GA; jimfoster57@aol.com). "How fortunate I was in attending Cornell. Wonderful campus, great professors, great fraternity life, and, most of all, terrific friends." **Jacqueline Hoeppner-Freitas** (Garden Valley, CA; jhflaw@earthlink.net) writes, "I'm widowed, retired from practicing law, and living happily in the foothills of the Sierra mountains." She'd like to hear from **Barbara Smith**.

Kim Howell (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; kimhowellkazi@gmail.com) is professor of zoology in the zoology and wildlife conservation department at the U. of Dar es Salaam. He cites professionalism and commitment to science as the most valuable things he learned at Cornell,

and know that at the end of the day some people are better off." She and husband Clarence Gratto are "delighted with our first grandchild." At Cornell, she says, "I got an excellent science foundation in knowledge and how to think critically, while my electives and 'humanities' have added to my quality of life." She'd like to hear from **Elizabeth Fein** and **Robert Morse**. **Robert Cucin**, MD '71 (New York, NY; robert@cucin.com) is CEO of Biosculpture Technology Inc. (www.biosculpturetechnology.com), "developing a new patented, minimally invasive obesity treatment involving direct endoscopic removal of the visceral or 'belly' fat within the abdominal cavity that secretes the cytokines or cellular hormones responsible for all the morbidities of obesity: insatiable hunger, lower metabolic rate, hypertension, strokes, heart attacks, autoimmune diseases, cancers, and the bulk of sleep apnea and gastric reflux. I love what I'm doing." At Cornell, he learned perseverance.

Susan Stewart Shaver (Danville, KY; yogasue2@gmail.com) enjoys travel and community volunteering. "Son William is a doctor of audiology in private practice in Northern California." **Barbara Goldman** Eigen (New York, NY; barbeigen@aol.com) is engaged in ceramic design and importing there. **William Doody**, MBA '71 (Wilmot, NH; Duds1234@aol.com) is retired and serves as treasurer of the local church and relief organizations, in addition to his "service to the Town of Wilmot as a trustee of trust funds and on local boards." He notes that he still makes time for relaxation, and says, "Daughter **Emma** '03 married Christopher Stetson in April 2017 in Old Saybrook, CT."

Peter McAfee (Lake Placid, NY) is "a volunteer with Hospice, St. Eustace Episcopal Church, and Uihlein Mercy Center nursing home. I'm active in the Adirondack Mountain Club's Hurricane Chapter and the St. Andrews Scottish Society of the Adirondacks." Peter would like to hear from **Elizabeth Pomada** '62 and says that the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell is, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again!" **Ronald Helhoski** (Fort Myers, FL; reh@citlink.net) "retired August 1, 2014, from the general practice of law in Middletown, NY, after 41 years. Highly recommend South Florida in the winter months. Wife Donnalee and I now have time for travel, golf, classes at local universities, and, most importantly, visits to granddaughter Haviland in Alpharetta, GA."

Noel Relyea, PhD '73 (Cupertino, CA; nrelyea@yahoo.com) writes, "I'm retired from my biotech job and working with my husband, **William Wood** '70, as joint owner and vintner in our winery business (RWVineyards.com)."

Nancy Payne Kronenberg (Carlisle, MA; nancy@rose.path.com) is “still weaving. Researching 17th-century weavers in Northern Europe for Plimoth Plantations projects by the Weavers’ Guild of Boston. Websites on the side.” ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

are active volunteers in the Ithaca community and work at staying in shape hiking, walking, and taking yoga classes.

At our 50th Reunion in June, many of our classmates told me that the Class Notes column is the first thing they turn to when the magazine arrives, so please continue to let us know what’s happening in your lives. You can use

Our super competent Cornell Fund reps, **Jay Noyes** and **Lee Pillsbury**, are hard at work as well. Lee writes, “I’m sure you know that the planning for our 50th is well under way, and it promises to be ‘The Best Ever!’ It is a major milestone for all of us and there should be a BIG turnout! This is also the reunion year when we can come together and make a big difference for Cornell! There are so many exciting things happening on campus in every area, from academics to student life. Our class changed the culture of Cornell in many ways while we were in Ithaca, and now we can create another major legacy. Our fundraising is just getting under way, and I hope everyone will give ‘until it feels good!’” Please note that any gift from a classmate from now until June 30, 2019, will be counted toward our class gift, soooo gift away!

Check out our website (www.cornell69.org) for updates on Reunion, and make plans now to attend our 50th! Please continue to send your news to me. Enjoy the holidays! ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

‘Would gladly rescue more pets, but zoning laws preclude expanding the pack.’

JAMES CRAWFORD ’67

68 Timothy Albright (timalbrights1@gmail.com) lives in Athens, NY. Tim has no intention of slowing down as skiing, golf, gardening, and travel fill his days when he’s not working for a firetruck dealership, delivering new and repaired vehicles, along with his volunteer firefighting duties. Tim is quite proud of his three children: Nancy, who teaches fourth grade; Leslie, who works on Capitol Hill for the House Appropriations Committee; and Tim Jr., who’s an interior designer. Our condolences to Tim on the passing of his wife of 52 years in 2017. **Richard Kasdan** is still running a busy neurologic and magnetic resonance imaging practice in Pittsburgh, PA. Rich is also quite proud of his three daughters. The oldest has a podcast show and has written a children’s book entitled *Ella*, while his middle daughter is an oncologist at UPMC in Pittsburgh. Rich tries to keep up with his daughters, and joined them at the Peloton Bicycle Club, which of course has its ups and downs.

Cle Austin (caustin@eeaaustin.com) and his wife, **Penny (Smith) ’69**, live in Erie, PA, where he is the president and the fourth generation to head up EE Austin & Son, a construction company founded in 1906 by his great-grandfather that specializes in institutional and industrial structures. Both Cle and Penny are active in Erie community nonprofits, and they spend most winters in Naples, FL, where they enjoy the company of several Cornell friends. **Cheryl Christensen** (arnecc522@aol.com) and her husband, Arne, live in Lagrangeville, NY, where they too are active in their church; Cheryl is also a member of a local chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America. Cheryl says that they are very involved with their two amazing grandsons and still find time to enjoy river cruising as well as trips to sites like the Galápagos and Machu Picchu.

H. David Reines (h.david.reines@inova.org) and his wife, Nina Totenberg, live in Washington, DC, which he refers to as a dysfunctional city. David is still quite professionally active, serving on the boards of the U. of Vermont and the Christian Medical College Foundation and as a governor in the American College of Surgeons. He also teaches at American U., is a professor of surgery at George Washington U., and is a senior consultant for surgery at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Nina is still working full time at NPR, frequently appearing on the award-winning show “All Things Considered.”

Terry McKeegan Davis (TerryD68@aol.com) and husband **Duane ’69** live in Ithaca, NY, and enjoy RVing around the country, including trips to daughter **Stephanie Davis Long ’94** and her husband and children in Austin, TX, and to son **Dan Davis ’96** and his wife and children in Seattle, WA, as well as cruises around the world. They

the form that Cornell provides or send your news directly to me: ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all made it through the crazy summer. Fortunately for us here in Maine we enjoyed a relatively uneventful one.

David Zimet (Boca Raton, FL) is working less than ever on his restaurants in New Orleans and can depend on his son—“a very talented chef”—to take over the reins. One of his establishments was featured on “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives” on Food Network. He and his family travel every year to Europe, often to Italy for a Passover family reunion. **Devi Katz Stern** (devi@dragonflyhealer.com) has just published a new book, *Energy Healing with the Kabbalah: Integrating Ancient Jewish Mysticism with Modern Energetic Practices*. “After studying Biology at Cornell, I took a slight tangent into a career as an energy healer (Eden Energy Medicine) and energy medicine instructor. I also became a devoted student of Kabbalah and kabbalistic healing. This book represents a culmination of my work in both fields: it is a practical guide to integrating and healing body and soul. It is appropriate for readers of any background: no previous knowledge of either energy healing or Kabbalah is necessary. Accompanying videos can be found at energyandkabbalah.com.” Good luck with the book, Devi!

John Sulpizio is retired after a career at the Port of Sacramento and a short stint at the California Court of Appeals. He enjoys the gym and motorcycling “every possible chance, logging 15,000 miles last year.” His three daughters have blessed John and wife Patricia with six grandchildren. He is “simply glad to be healthy and able to travel and enjoy family.” He would love to hear from old friends at Delta Upsilon and can be reached at jgsulpizio@aol.com. **Samuel and Ann Goldsholl Varsano** spent last year renovating a condo in Marco Island, FL, and are now retired on the Gulf of Mexico. Son **Doug ’98** is a hotel executive with Omni Montelucia in Scottsdale; son **Josh ’94** and wife **Karen (Ellis) ’94** live in Westport, CT—Josh is global head of human resources for a Wall Street firm. “We see **John Gayner** and wife Leslie all the time, as well as my sister Shelly and her husband, **Andy Schwartz ’70**.”

SAVE THE DATE: 50th Reunion, June 6–9, 2019! Plans for our Reunion are well under way, thanks to the hard-working Reunion committee—and they can use some help. **Jon Kaplan**, MD ’74, is looking for classmates to help contact affinity groups. Please contact Jon at jonkaplan7@gmail.com if you can roll up your sleeves and send some postcards to a specific group (postcards, mailing labels, and postage supplied by our class).

70 Happy end-of-2018 holidays to all of you, my friends and ’70 classmates. The years seem to go by so quickly for me. I wonder if this sensation results in part from having celebrated a birthday milestone this past summer. Yes, I turned 70 on August 13. So did another classmate and member of our class leadership team, **Ellen Kotsones** Kreopolides. Fun to share a birthday. Anyone else from ’70 born on Friday, August 13, 1948? I find it amazing, wonderful, and worthy of celebration that most of us became 70 years old in 2018. As my 92-year-old mom, **Connie Foley Ferris ’47**, likes to say, “It’s better than the alternative!” Any input about being 70 from you all is most welcome.

In a short year and a half, we will celebrate our 50th Reunion at Cornell! Contact your friends and classmates and make plans to meet in Ithaca from Thursday, June 4, until Sunday morning, June 7, 2020. It will be a busy, fun, and activity-packed weekend! Check out our various ’70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. Any of our classmates who want to help with our 50th Reunion (before and during), go to our class website, click on “Get Involved,” and then scroll down to “Officers.” Then you will be able to e-mail our 50th Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD ’73, and **Cathy Forster** Hogan, to volunteer your time and expertise.

William Phelps has not retired, but is staying in business. He reports that nothing new has been happening in his life in the last five years. William would like to be watching the news, and he would like to hear from his old Cornell friend **Jean Walter** Schlafer ’72. He tells us that Prof. **George Conneman ’52**, MS ’56, had a great impact on him during his years at Cornell. **John Nees**, MD ’74 (jeneesmd@gmail.com) and his wife, Silvia, live in Delray Beach, FL. In his retirement, John enjoys piano performances—in spring 2018, he played Cesar Franck’s “Symphonic Variations” at the Steinway Gallery in Boca Raton, FL. He and Silvia take annual trips to Peru to visit her family. While at Cornell, Donald Grout, Cornell United Religious Work, the College of Engineering faculty, and Jody Dillow all had a big influence on John.

Janet Seelbach Lawrence-Nelson (jnelson236@aol.com) is retired and enjoys living near her daughter and two granddaughters, ages 12 and 14, in Spring City, PA. She is the chair of the mission committee at her church, and also helps provide clothing and food for those in need. In connection with her church work, she has traveled to Guatemala. In the spring, Janet wrote,

"Unfortunately, my son-in-law just passed away at age 48. I am co-parenting (driving) and I am blessed that my son has stepped in to help and be a male role model." She tells us that she would like to travel, and Rome is high on her bucket list. She reports that she recently had a great reunion in NYC with classmates **Barbara Eckhoff** Porter, **Ellen Gerhardt** Brown, and **Bethe Moulton**. Janet would like to meet a Cornellian with whom to share her life. She humorously sees that as "off-line dating!" She loved our 45th Reunion in June 2015 (her first) and is planning to attend our 50th!

For nine and a half years, **Naomi Gardner** Kaffee (Rockville, MD; naomikaffee@gmail.com) has had stage four lung cancer, which requires her to be on oxygen. Although her activities are limited, she is still able to draw and paint, and she takes a Saturday art class taught by Gavin Glakas, a renowned portrait artist in the US. She also attends an exercise class for people who are on oxygen. Naomi sends us very sad news about the death of her beloved daughter, Elizabeth Anne "Betsy" Kaffee, on September 27, 2017, at the age of 32. Betsy suffered from eating disorders for 20 years, and her organs had been badly damaged. A bout of pneumonia led her to a near-death situation, and she contracted MRSA, which was resistant to any antibiotics. I know we all extend our deep sympathy to Naomi and to Betsy's father, **Stephen Kaffee '69**, for their terrible loss. When asked who had impacted her while at Cornell, Naomi named her drawing and painting professor, **Gillian Pederson-Krag, MFA '63**. "I loved her classes and learned so much, I realized that drawing and painting was what I wanted to do." ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Philip and Linda Watson Mangones (pmangones@ne.rr.com) reported that Philip has recently retired from the New Hampshire Superior Court. "Linda still works part time for Keene (NH) Housing, and is gradually retiring from housing development and handling the Community Development Block Grant program." Their daughter and her wife have two boys, and their son and his wife have two girls. "We love spending time with our four grandchildren who all live nearby." If you haven't already heard about this, I am pleased to announce that **Jay Carter**, ME '72, is one of six alumni who received the 2018 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award at an award ceremony on September 21, 2018 at Cornell.

There were at least two classmate marriages during the summer of 2018. **Michael Kubin** wrote that **Ted Grossman**, JD '74, married Michelle Eichhorn in a beautiful ceremony at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City on July 28. A few weeks later (on August 18), Michael married Nancy Chemtob in Bridgehampton, NY. Michael reported that several Cornellians attended both weddings; he included a picture of several smiling Cornellians (all dressed in white) who attended his Bridgehampton wedding. The Kubin celebration took place on the beach, "complete with bonfire and s'mores. It rained during dinner, which meant it didn't disrupt anything!"

We asked Michael to provide more details about the bride and the Cornellians in attendance. Nancy, Michael's new wife, went to Syracuse U. and is "one of New York's most prominent matrimonial attorneys. She has three sons, and I do as well—so together we're the Brady Bunch." Michael continues to work at Invidi Technologies, the world's leading provider of addressable television technology, as well as at Ionic Media, a media planning and buying company. "I enjoy what I do and have given no

thought to retirement." Michael's sons are: "Zach, who is married to Melissa; they have an 18-month-old daughter named Isadora, with another baby on the way. **Daniel '08** works at Clear as a senior marketing executive. And **Gregory '09** is an entrepreneur in the sponsorship industry; he is engaged to Dana."

Wedding attendees from the Class of 1971 included **Cliff Essman**, **Stu Oran**, **Bob Beleson**, **Marty Michael**, **Bert Distelburger**, Ted Grossman, and **Joel Glasky**. **Danny Bernstein '70**, **Gary Richwald '70** and **John Megrue '80** also joined the wedding celebrants. "Cliff, who lives outside Baltimore, came to the wedding with his wife, Susan. Cliff is a clinical psychologist who plays the bass and restores old cars. Bert lives in New City, NY; he and wife Cathy joined us. Bert is a successful real estate investor. Danny runs his own fourth-generation construction firm in New York City; he was there with wife Vivian and daughter **Michelle '07**, who also works in construction at her own firm in New York. Ted attended with his new wife, Michelle; he's a litigation partner at Jones Day. Marty was there with wife Kevie; Marty retired from practicing law and now teaches several courses at the Birch Wathen School, where his wife heads the lower school. Stu was there with wife Hilary; Stu runs a private equity firm specializing in the aerospace industry. Bob gave the best speech of the night, really funny. He attended with his boyfriend, Steven Ramotar. Bob is retired, but takes on occasional consulting projects in the liquor industry."

Please be sure to send us your news—weddings, births, retirements, new jobs, vacations, hobbies, or just "hellos." ♦ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 This September marks the 50th anniversary of our class arriving at Cornell to begin our college experience. I'm sure each one of us has vivid memories of our journey to Ithaca and our first day on campus. Who could have imagined that 50 years later, I would be typing this column on a personal computer, and then sending the finished product to Ithaca by e-mail over something called the Internet? I hope I don't get interrupted by a call on my iPhone.

Susan Farber Straus (sfstraus@icloud.com) retired several months ago from practice as a child clinical psychologist. She hopes to spend her retirement writing more children's books, visiting her children and grandchildren in New York and Washington, playing piano, and traveling with her husband, **David, PhD '77**. Susan attended our 45th Reunion in June and had a wonderful time connecting with old friends from classes, orchestra, and D-Phi-E. **Larry** and **Deb Long Taylor** both retired in 2016 after 40-plus-year careers in higher education. They moved from New Hampshire to Florida and have been traveling extensively and spending time with their two children and spouses and their grandchildren.

Rick Norman (ebn115@comcast.net) and spouse Angela live in Oakland, CA. Rick reports that, although he has been officially retired for four years, he is still involved in research in nuclear physics. He and Angela enjoy babysitting their two grandchildren every Thursday. The couple has also done a lot of traveling to India, Nepal, Panama, Costa Rica, Australia, and New Zealand. Rick would like to hear from friend **Bob Currie**. Rick also reports that his freshman dorm-mates in the "Wine Cellar" of Sperry Hall had a great impact on him at Cornell.

Now that they are retired, **Tom**, ME '73, and **Gail Fiteni Giordano '73** (giordanotf@verizon.net) have traveled to

China, Machu Picchu, and the Galápagos Islands. The couple also visits the theater and museums around NYC. Tom and Gail are proud grandparents of a grandson with son Christian and his wife, Alli, who reside in Helsinki, Finland. **Lorenzo Littles** (llittles@csllc.biz) is general counsel at Corliss Stone-Littles LLC and works on opening specialty retail branded concessions at 12 of the nation's busiest airports. Both of his children, Arielle and Wyatt, graduated Columbia Law School and are working for major law firms in NYC and London.

Susan Rosenthal (rosentsu@gmail.com) is associate dean for student affairs at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, where she is a pediatric gastroenterologist. Susan is an amateur flutist and is still taking lessons and playing in ensembles. She has three granddaughters: Johnna Juliet and Ruby Rose in Brooklyn; and Emma Julia in Boston. The person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on Susan was Prof. Neal Zaslaw. **Jay Branegan** (branegan@aol.com) is keeping busy knocking off "bucket list" items. He and wife Stefania took their first safari to Africa. They went to two camps in Botswana and finished up in Cape Town. He says the safari was fabulous. Last March the couple took a birding cruise through the Lesser Antilles with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Nancy Rankin (nrankin959@aol.com) keeps busy using research to drive advocacy, leading the campaign to create Fair Fares, extending half-price subway and bus fares (like seniors have) to the poor in NYC, an idea Nancy first put forward in a November 2014 *Daily News* op-ed. This follows key roles in winning paid sick days in NYC and paid family leave statewide. **Gail Povar** (gpovar@gmail.com) is still practicing general internal medicine, sitting on a national Institutional Review Board, and chairing the George Washington U. Ethics Committee. Daughter Alexandra is nearing completion of primary care internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Son Justin is a new dad to Simon Alexander. That makes Gail and husband **Lawrence Bachorik '71** first-time grandparents. Gail was very saddened by the death of classmate **Betsy Tucker** Testa. She listed several faculty members who had a great impact on her at Cornell, including Arts & Sciences dean of students Barbara Hirschfeld.

Lise Weil (lweil22@gmail.com) has just published *In Search of Pure Lust: A Memoir*, with She Writes Press. Lise was founding editor of the award-winning feminist review *Trivia: A Journal of Ideas*, and in her memoir, she documents her immersion in the heady experiment of lesbian-feminism of the '70s and '80s, a time when women were reinventing everything from the ground up, beginning with themselves. She also takes the reader through a series of torrid but ultimately failed relationships that tended to mirror the tumultuous political currents of the time. A dive into Zen practice begins to turn things around, but Lise's struggle to reconcile hot-headed lesbian desire with spacious Zen mind will persist for a good long while. For more information, go to: <https://shewritespress.com/product/search-pure-lust>. Happy holidays to everyone! Send news to: ♦ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

73 We're seeing a lot of transitions, or at least near-transitions. **David and Christine Dickieson Pesses** live in Gloversville, NY. David is still working as a family practice physician at Nathan Littauer Hospital. He's considering retirement, but still enjoys seeing patients, some of whom have been with him for 40 years. Christine is president of the local public library board, where she led a fundraising drive to renovate the city's

classic Carnegie library. Their three daughters are busy too: one teaches at an American school in Brazil, one works for Google in Chicago, one works as a lawyer in Hartford, and each has one child. They reconnected with Cornell friends **Peter Block**, **Jerry Lupu**, and **Andy and Beth Simon Swartz** at a small reunion of U-Hall 4 second-floor friends.

Vashti Supplee is in Phoenix, AZ, working for the National Audubon Society. She'd like to hear from **Willard Heck '74**. She also recalls that the person at Cornell who most influenced her was **Stanley Temple '68**, PhD '73. Stanley received his PhD in Ecology from Cornell and taught for 32 years at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, where, according to his official bio, "he won every teaching award for which he was eligible." Good choice. **Paul Witt** owns the newly rebuilt Best Western Gettysburg Hotel, near the famous battlefield. Paul's family also owns and operates the nearby Quality Inn Gettysburg Battlefield, and he told the *Gettysburg Times* he'll be cutting back on his duties as his daughter's generation takes over the business.

Jeff Schwartz continues to practice at the same law firm he joined in 1976, although he now does the work-from-home routine on Fridays. He and his wife live in a home along a dirt road in Katonah, NY, where she maintains a serious garden and they can enjoy a little country seclusion less than an hour's drive from Manhattan. Being Westchester born and raised myself I can understand the appeal. Just the same, they're determined to teach themselves how to travel. **Roger Jacobs** is in West Orange, NJ, where he's finally left his law firm to work as an arbitrator and mediator on business and employment disputes. He also chairs the NJTV advisory board, part of the WNET public broadcasting organization.

Dan Smith is in Honolulu, HI, working part time as an emergency physician and teaching at the U. of Hawaii med school. His wife, **Janice (Gorzynski)**, is working on the sixth edition of her chemistry text. Dan reports that they're doing lots of international travel, "while we can still walk." He says they couldn't be happier that all four of their kids and their six grandchildren have chosen to live nearby. Why not? It's Hawaii! **Bob**, MBA '74, and **Betty Palmquist** are living in Houston, where Bob has no plans to retire from his law practice because, he writes, "I am having too much fun helping my clients!" Plus, he's got yoga five days a week, he's received his fourth master's degree at Rice U., and he's taken some great golf trips to the UK. Hard to see how retirement could be any better than that.

Sandy Rabinowitz has retired into driving part time for Lyft. When not helping transport people, Sandy likes to travel, and he's preparing for his son to start college at SUNY Purchase, where he'll be studying theater. Sandy wishes he could spend more time watching the races at Belmont. **Carl Ferrentino**, ME '74, writes from Delmar, NY, where he's working on an old house, "repairing the repairs made 36 years ago." Carl serves as an attorney for the Adirondack town where his family camp is located. He has three grandchildren in Boston and Seattle, and, besides visiting them, he's looking forward to a little overseas travel. Carl would like to hear from **Kurt Schrader**, who is now a congressman representing Oregon's 5th District. He says life with friends off-campus had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

Michael Field and his wife, Lenora Harris, sent news from Cary, NC. Their son, Evan, graduated with honors from the U. of Michigan in 2017. He is now in the global management training program for Anheuser Busch. **John Mangiameli** still maintains his veterinarian practice on

Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound. His daughter is in her last year of veterinary school and will join his practice when she graduates. That will leave John with more time to ski in the Cascades and to pick mushrooms in the Southwest. He'd like to hear from friends **Laurie Harkness Devlin '74** and **Jack Foley '76**. Leonard Feddema, an Ag Sci admissions counselor, had the greatest impact on John during his time at Cornell.

I continue to anchor the morning news at KIRO-FM in Seattle, along with a daily commentary on CBS Radio. Our oldest daughter and her husband recently moved across town and urged us to buy the home next to them as a place to retire eventually . . . so we did. I hope they feel the same way when we finally end up moving in! Our youngest has finally qualified for her license as a speech therapist. And at this writing, **Patti (Miller) '72** and I are preparing to host a group of listeners on a Baltic cruise that will take us to Estonia and St. Petersburg. I promise not to collude with anyone in any way. Except perhaps the pastry chef. ♦ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeiers73@gmail.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 Susan Dallimonti Peck and husband Mike live in Glenville, PA, where she continues to work full time at her ob/gyn practice, taking care of pregnant opiate addicts and their partners. She loves her work and has no plans to retire, although, after 4,500 babies, she did recently stop doing delivery obstetrics calls. In addition to her medical practice, she and Mike have started a trucking company with their son and his friend. Their son also races NASCAR trucks, limited schedule, and they sometimes travel with him. Their daughter is teaching yoga. Susan recently lost her parents "after 94 great years" so she has more time and is planning to try to do more little trips. She and Mike have three grandchildren, ages 3, 5, and 7. She enjoyed all her years at Cornell and loved the beauty of campus. Her response to the question, "Who is an old Cornell friend you'd like to hear from?" was simply, "Anyone I knew!"

Donald Koch (Ellicott City, MD) is retired and working part time. He loves "having more free time and less responsibility—work is more fun, too, with less responsibility." He plans to take up tennis again this summer. His oldest son just got married and his daughter is expecting. An old Cornell friend he'd like to hear from? "All of them." Who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell? "The crew team." **John Hupcey**, ME '75 (Poughkeepsie, NY) recently celebrated 15 years at Cadence Design Systems after almost 25 years at IBM. He is very active in his church choir and hand bell group. (At Cornell he was in the Sage Chapel Choir and played the chimes). John also does woodworking and plays tennis. He has two grown daughters, one married. The other almost attended Ithaca College, but ended up in Pittsburgh at CMU. Last year John went on a trans-Canada train trip from Toronto to Vancouver. He wrote, "It was fantastic, and I would encourage anyone to do this also. The train was fun, the food excellent, and the changing scenery fantastic." He'd like to hear from **Wendy Grossman '75**. The person who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell was Prof. Donald R.M. Patterson, Sage Chapel Choir director and university organist, who instilled in him a love of sacred music.

Michele Toppin Thompson (Burr Ridge, IL) is staying busy in retirement with travel, hiking, dance classes, French classes, and grandkids. Their third grandchild, and first granddaughter, was born in January, and "hopefully she will be in a future Cornell freshman class!" **Eric Darmstaedter** has lived in Hawaii for over 25 years. He

recently retired "after traveling worldwide in the energy industry for 25 years at 200,000 to 300,000 miles per year." He's still active in Angel investing, on the board of a few startups, and has a few other projects on the side, but he's very happy to spend more time body surfing down the road from his house in Kailua at Makapuu Beach. He visits his two sons and one grandson in San Francisco, where he also runs into **Chip Conradi**, **Jeff Hayes**, and **Craig Champion**. On his last trip to Houston, he had dinner with **John Schroeder** (whose news is included below). Eric reported that the Fijis have been having annual reunions at his old farmhouse in New Hampshire for 30 years, and this year's had 11 participants with family members, including five grandchildren. Fiji classmates attending were **Ben Brungraber**, **Al Van Ranst**, MBA '76, **Dana Williams**, **Danny O'Connell**, **Frank Herron**, **Bob Cheney**, **Joe Kowalik**, **Corky Willse**, **Don Flag**, and **Rob Swanson**. One SAE, **Walt Howard**, ME '76, attended with one of his sons, **Brian Howard '04**, also a Cornellian. Sadly, Eric also reported last year's passing of **Vernon Grabel**, a close friend of his and other classmates.

John Schroeder (Houston, TX) wrote, "Regina and I just completed the rebuilding of our house from the inside out at the end of March." John and Regina had had seven months of displacement after nearly four feet of water was in their home for two weeks due to dam release from Harvey. They have just moved back and are happy to be home. He hopes to see "a large contingent of Fijis" at our upcoming 2019 Reunion. On April 17, 2018 classmate (and recently retired class correspondent) **Helen Bendix** was confirmed and elevated to the California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division 2. **Andy Petsonk** wrote, "The Cornell Club of Sweden has been reactivated. Cornellians that travel to our part of the world are welcome to contact us." Please keep sending news. Thanks to all who wrote this time!

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75 My four years in Design and Environmental Analysis at Cornell were instrumental in shaping my career as a designer of senior living environments and introducing me to new friends and mentors, many of whom I still see today. And now I am happy to report that the family tradition at Cornell University continues. My son, Jack Keefe, completed his PhD program in clinical psychology at UPenn in May 2018, and was selected as one of four doctors for a one-year residency at Weill Cornell Medicine in NYC, focusing on behavioral therapy in PTSD. I am so proud of all that he has accomplished, and even more pleased that he has now become a Cornellian, following in the footsteps of his mother and father.

Another child of a Cornell classmate is also enjoying the national spotlight. Ali Rosen Gourvitch, daughter of Robert and **Susan Corner** Rosen, has been well known in "food circles" for many years. As a food and drink journalist, she was nominated for an Emmy and IACP award for her weekly show "Potluck with Ali Rosen" on NYC Life and online, is founder and host of "Potluck Video," authored numerous articles, and, more recently, published a new cookbook, *Bring It!: Tried and True Recipes for Potlucks and Casual Entertaining*. In August, Ali debuted on the "Today" show, treating the hosts to two pasta dishes featured in her new cookbook—delicious! Susan and Robert are both attorneys at the Rosen Law Firm, enjoying the southern charm and history of Charleston, SC. But it's their trips to NYC that bring them great joy when they visit their adorable 2-year-old grandson, Guy.

In August, the US Open in NYC was the site of the annual tennis tournament mini-reunion of Susan Corner Rosen, **Myrna Bank Gardner**, **Karen Seidler** Goodwin, **Louise Belevich**, MBA '76, **Kimberly Christy** Gordon '74, and **Alice Brown** '74. Living in nearby Greenwich, CT, Myrna and husband **Ron** '74 celebrated the birth of their granddaughter, Addison, in 2018. What a doll! We've all enjoyed seeing photos of Myrna and baby Addison, daughter of Eric and Grace Gardner Halpern. Myrna's other daughter, **Callie** '10, and her husband, Myle, are both Cornell grads.

Since 2002, **Rick Adie** has served as general manager of the Statler Hotel on the Cornell campus, overseeing the operation of the 153-room hotel that serves the Cornell community—and now it is time for a long-deserved retirement. Once a student employee at the hotel, Rick has had a tremendous impact on the continuing success of the Statler, implementing policies and procedures that raised its customer service rating to the AAA Four Diamond level and achieving a first-place spot on TripAdvisor for the Ithaca hospitality market. In 2017, the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Assn. selected Rick as their Outstanding General Manager for hotels with more than 150 rooms. While he served as general manager at some of the largest hotels in the country, Rick couldn't turn down the opportunity to manage the Statler Hotel. "What attracted me about the job was working with the students and trying to make their time at Cornell more meaningful and relevant with what was going to be important to them when they went into the hospitality industry," he said. He created the Hotel Leadership Development Program, transforming the hotel into a living learning laboratory where students could work in front-line operations and gain management experience. Cornell will miss you, Rick!

Another Hotel graduate who has recently retired is **Michael Motes**, our Reunion class officer. On June 1, Mike and wife Linda Ruggles completed their last official days as professors with the University of Maryland University College, where both received the Stanley J. Drazek Teaching Excellence Award during their tenures. With two and a half decades of teaching for UMUC (history for Linda and accounting/business management for Mike), their last vacation without computers and classroom work demands was back in 1998! To celebrate their newfound freedom, they decided to wind down with a Cornell alumni tour of Iceland in July. They are planning to attend CALC in Boston in February 2019 and hope to catch up with many of their friends there.

One final note of news is indeed a sad one. In July 2018, cardiac surgeon **Mark Hausknecht** lost his life as he was shot by another cyclist while riding his bicycle to Houston Methodist Hospital, where he practiced at the DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center. An ACC Fellow, Mark's specialty was cardiovascular disease, and he was perhaps best known for having treated President George Bush for an irregular heartbeat in 2000. After graduating from Cornell, he attended medical school at Baylor College of Medicine and Johns Hopkins U. before settling in Houston. Mark is survived by his wife, Georgia Hsieh, and sons Matthew and Paul, and will be missed by family, friends, and patients.

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, college friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. ♦ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com.

76 Belated happy anniversary wishes to our classmates **Richard** and **Debra Sabin Nemchek**! From Stamford, CT, they wrote, "We're looking forward to renewing our marital promises in June to mark our 40th wedding anniversary. We met as freshmen in the fall of 1972 on West Campus, in U-Hall 4. We both worked the window of the Hot Truck. Debbie was the first female to do so (and was working the night the first streaker visited the truck)." And that's not the only event to celebrate. They added, "We became grandparents for the first time when Sophie Ela was born to son Dennis and daughter-in-law Karolina in January 2018." They pay tribute to professors **Jim Maas**, PhD '66, Richard Darlington, Ron Mack, Rose K. Goldsen, and Kraig Adler as having had the greatest impact on them at Cornell.

school next year. Last year during the eclipse, **Don Versteeg** '77 came, as did my brother Bill and his wife, Bekah, to help in the tasting room." Janis names **Dwight Webster**, PhD '43, as most influential to her at Cornell.

Bill Hanavan has slowly eased himself out of his gastroenterology practice by working part time for the past couple of years, returning to Kalamazoo, MI, to work for two weeks every couple of months. It was so gradual that he may not have noticed yet that he's been fully retired since the end of last year. They've been traveling, he notes—a great summer trip to Italy for a friend's birthday ended with Bill and his brother taking a week-long bike ride in the north of Italy, and they'll be in France for a wedding at about the time this issue comes out. They also had plans to spend time with their 3-year-old

'I was trying to register the sight, sound, and smell of a 200-foot-high lava fountain.'

STEPHEN MARSHAK '76

John "Jack" Bramkamp and his wife, Kathy, live in San Dimas, CA, where, Jack wrote, he is "still an agricultural chemical sales rep (30-plus years) for the largest US distributor of ag chemicals, Crop Production Services. Oldest daughter Amber and Matt have three wonderful girls—fun being grandparents. Middle daughter Megan is a nurse, and youngest Kelly is a senior in finance at San Diego State U."

Last June, geology professor **Stephen Marshak** took an unforgettable research trip to Hawaii to witness the devastating eruption of Kilauea on the Big Island of Hawaii. Over the course of a week, he was able to get as close as was safe by land, sea, and air, and wrote a dramatic account for the *Illinois News-Gazette*. He wrote, "I was trying to register the sight, sound, and smell of a 200-foot-high lava fountain. It sounds like the roar of the rocky ocean shore on a stormy day, and it looks like a gusher of blood spurting from an artery. Most images taken at night are time lapse, so the red pyroclasts resemble the streaks of fireworks. But if you stare at the fountain in real time, what you see instead are individual clots of rock being ejected, each heading skyward and then falling back to ground as a newborn rock . . . We say 'river of molten rock.' Actually, it's more like an upside-down river of molten rock. A river carves a channel down into the ground. Here, the contents of the river flow on the surface and arch up." The full article is well worth a read (June 9, 2018 edition: <http://www.news-gazette.com/opinion/guest-commentary/2018-06-09/guest-commentary-see-eruption-hawaii-2018.html>). Stephen is director of the School of Earth, Society, and Environment at the U. of Illinois, a textbook author, and currently co-authoring a book on natural hazards and disasters.

Here's a more tranquil stop to add to your travels: FernCrest Winery and Tasting Room in the Snowbird Mountains in Andrews, NC, owned and run by Kurt and **Janis Versteeg** Olson. Janis wrote, "We are just past our second anniversary of opening the tasting room. We have gotten awards for each wine we have submitted for judging. We can now ship out of state." Check their location and offerings at ferncrestwinery.com. On the family front, Janis wrote, "Our grandson Daniel is going to high

grandson, Theo, in Cleveland and their 5-year-old granddaughter, Hilda Plum, in Nova Scotia. Bill has continued his avocation of planting trees for people—in fact, he's taken to bicycling the streets and knocking on doors when he sees a yard that "needs" a tree. He's planted literally thousands over the years, but now he has time to get serious about it. Neighbors, beware! Please share your own travels and doings with us! ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 Just in time for the holidays, if you find yourself with time on your hands, you can check out the latest comings and goings of our classmates.

Sheryl Checkman lives in New York City, where she runs her own graphic design and online e-commerce business selling her Life is Balance inspirational line of T-shirts, photography, home decor, and accessories. "In addition," she writes, "I started doing some background 'extra' work for various TV shows. If you look closely, you just might see me on the small screen!" She also has been honing her underwater photography skills, recently in the Cayman Islands. "I took a few underwater photography workshops last year—one, a bucket-list trip to Indonesia (the small island of Alor for the diving and photo workshop, and Bali for sightseeing), and the other closer to home at Blue Heron Bridge in Florida." Sheryl plans to go skiing in Italy in February. In August 2017, she spent a few days with **Laurie Robinson** around Ithaca, visiting Treman State Park, having a glass of rosé in a vineyard, and sitting in on a class. It made Sheryl realize how much she loves Ithaca and how fortunate she was to attend Cornell.

Elizabeth "Bette" Mullen Purvis lives in Loudon, TN, with her husband, Clarence "Cap." They retired to Tellico Village 16 years ago to enjoy the beauty of the Smoky Mountains and Little Tennessee River. They are currently building a smaller house in Tellico and want to continue enjoying life in Tennessee, where they spend time golfing, boating, and being with friends. The first person Bette met at Cornell was **Ralph Schmidt**. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would spend it enjoying the beauty of campus and the area.

Gary Buerman reports that in 2016, daughter **Elizabeth '12**, MS '16 (who is currently working on her PhD at Cornell), married **Grigor Lynch '13**, MBA '18, JD '18. Congratulations! After he graduated from Cornell, Gary never thought he would be returning to Ithaca for so many graduations (he can do a rating of graduations and Cornell presidents' graduation speeches). Professionally, he is going through his fourth plant closing. He has spent 44 years in food and beverage processing for Candace Burns and is considering retirement. If he does so, he has a 20-year-old Mercedes on which to work. He would like to hear from **Rob Abend**, BS '80. When Gary sees Ford Pintos with V8s at car shows, he wonders what Rob is doing.

Please keep all your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or send your news directly to either of us: **Howie Eisen**, heisen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu; **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com.

78 Greetings, '78ers! I'm working through more updates gleaned from classmates at our 40th Reunion. Travel takes up a lot of our time. Three classmates randomly found themselves together on a Cornell-sponsored trip to Machu Picchu. **Neal Saslow**, DVM '82, **Melinda Dower**, and **Pat Reilly**, along with Neal's Zeta Beta Tau brother **Jerry Ippolito '79**, made the trek. **Debbie Downes-Stoj**, MD '82, and husband Marion went on a cultural exchange trip to Cuba—for ballroom dancing. **Lori Wasserman Karbel** (Rochester, NY) beats the Upstate New York winters by escaping to Las Vegas. When I asked the normally globetrotting **Walter Milani** at Reunion where his next travel destination was, his response surprised me: "Edgewater, NJ. I've been on the road too much."

Several classmates have recently launched fledglings into the world. In previous years, class president emeritus **Mary Bowler Jones** (Wilmington, DE) brought her daughter to Reunions to help decorate the class headquarters lounge. This year, **Sophie Jones '20** was a Reunion clerk for the Class of 1983. **Matt Sadinsky** (Charlotte, NC) saw his youngest child graduate high school and get accepted at Appalachian State. Matt's a recruiter in the energy sector. **Anne Sierk's** (Shaker Heights, OH) son got married in Philadelphia the week before Reunion. **Meg Mitchell Weingart's** (Cleveland, OH) daughter is attending Miami U. of Ohio. **Vic**, MS '79, and **Bernie Garchinsky Janas**, PhD '93, recently celebrated the wedding of older son **Victor '14**, who was married in July. Their younger son, **Chris '21**, attended summer classes on the Hill.

While many classmates have retired from full-time employment, there are still some working stiffs left. **Randall**

Nixon has served as director of Office of the Census in Maryland and associate director of the Dept. of Planning after shepherding legislation on behalf of the governor earlier in 2018. **Dave Millman** (Washington Township, NJ) was one of several Phi Sigma Epsilon brothers who made their way to Reunion. He works at Siemens Healthcare. **Elaine Zajac Jackson** (Wilmington, DE) does information technology for the Kendal continuing-care retirement communities. **Ileane Stein Voigt** (Chicago, IL) manages an early-childhood center. Among her charges: sister **Amy Stein Schechtman '79's** grandchildren. **Dena Seifer Friedman** writes: "I continue to enjoy my private practice as a psychiatrist in Princeton, NJ, and my husband, Alan, continues to deliver babies in his ob/gyn practice. Both of our daughters, **Jennifer '11** and **Stephanie '13**, are getting married this year so we have a lot to celebrate! Jennifer is living in NYC and works at JPMorgan; Stephanie lives in Menlo Park, CA, and works at Google."

In the kudos department, **Linda Frank** was awarded the 2018 Award for Excellence for Outstanding Contributions to Science and Education from the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. She's a professor of dermatology in the small animal clinical sciences department at the U. of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UTCVM). Linda and her colleagues have developed a new vaccine to treat or prevent skin infections and other diseases caused by a certain type of staphylococcal bacteria. This organism (*Staph. pseudintermedius*) has developed widespread resistance to antibiotics. More congratulations are in order: On September 1, 2017, after 25 years together, **Ed Oyarzo** and **Wedigo Watson** were married in Oakland, CA. Ed would like to thank the US Supreme Court for making this possible.

Ted Feitshans (Raleigh, NC) retired from North Carolina State U. in June. However, he's jumping back into teaching at the U. of Mount Olive as a professor of agribusiness. **Janet Bilton Reyes** is the geospatial information librarian at UC Riverside. Janet reports, "It's been fun, challenging, and rewarding, and I love being back on a campus! My career in mapping and aerial photo interpretation was great, but now I'm thriving on the variety of tasks in the library." **Larry Skoczylas** (Midland, MI) is retiring from oral and maxillofacial surgery at the end of 2018. He plans on living on Duck Lake near Traverse City and promises to provide adult beverages to any visitors. **Nancy Anderson-Berman** is working part time and spending time with a feisty goldendoodle and cockatoo.

In the business world, **Steve Follett** (Center Valley, PA) sold his business in 2016, but is still running the company for the foreseeable future. Both of his daughters are out of the house and gainfully employed. Steve and wife Jeanne travel and do community service now

that the nest is empty. **Pam Savage-Roglich** works in fixed-income sales. Her daughter graduated in 2018, and her son in 2015. **Rick Schwartz** (Menlo Park, CA) leads a life sciences-focused valuation practice within Duff and Phelps. In his free time, he does three to four triathlons and marathons per year. He did the Ironman 70.3 in Santa Rosa in July. That's all the news for this round. Stay well, everyone, and I'll see you in 2019. ♦ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub Lefland**, ilene.lefland@gmail.com.

79 It's difficult to believe that our 40th Reunion starts on Thursday, June 6. **Bob**, MS '80, and **Stacy Buchler Holstein** hosted a great pre-40th Reunion party at their home on Cayuga Lake on the last Saturday in July. At the party, Reunion co-chair **Steve Magacs** reminded everyone that in 314 days we check into Keeton Hall for the start of our festivities. **David Kauffman** and wife **Jody (Weiner) '81**, **Sue Forker Ruoff** and husband **Steve '78**, and **Ira and Ellen Kaplan Halfond '80** mingled with special guest Lou Reycroft, Big Red hockey coach from our era, and his wife Mo. Be on the lookout for pre-Reunion parties in your region. If you want to host one, please contact our regional events officers **Deb Waterman Johns** (deb@dogbunny.com) and **Cindy Green** (cbgreen3@gmail.com).

On North Campus, Steve Magacs also caught up with Cornell's Adult University regulars **Sue Morand Meyers**, **Janet Goldin Rubin**, and **Nancy Sverdluk**. All had a fine Cornell Dining experience before hearing an Isaac Kramnick lecture in Klarman Hall. Our 40th was the hot topic afterward in the Kay Hall lounge, with Janet producing a photo circa 1977 of her and **Sue Landzberg Schatz** clutching spiral notebooks on the sidewalk between Uris and Statler. Steve assured them that this photo will make it into our Reunion slide show. Please scan and send any photos from our undergraduate days to: photos79@parkoutdoor.com.

Two classmates are writing poetry. **Carolyn Clark** sent a poetry book, *Choose Lethe: Remember to Forget*. Last year, her poems were published in a book entitled *New Found Land*, a poetry collection that explores themes of resilience, self-acceptance, and how to achieve both through wandering. After studying Classical Civilization at Cornell, Carolyn completed her MA at Brown and PhD in classics at Johns Hopkins. Carolyn has periodically lived in Italy, Switzerland, and France. While raising her family in Montgomery County, MD, she spent three decades teaching classics-related courses, Latin, French, and mythology for writers. She now enjoys living in the Finger Lakes with her husband.

Ellen Rachlin wrote *Permeable Divide*, a book of poems and winner of the 2018 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Silver Award. Reviewers said her new book is intriguing, ingenious, and deftly wrought, a delight to the mind and the spirit. Elise Paschen said, "In her stunning new book, Rachlin explores, as if from a philosopher's point of view, the world around her." Molly Peacock adds, "In her splendid fourth collection, Rachlin explores what she calls the 'Permeable Divide'—the breach between living and a loved one lost to death, the gap between confidence and hesitation, the gulf between banking and art, and, perhaps most devastatingly, the chasm between freedom and habit." You can learn more at: <http://ellenrachlin.com>.

On Memorial Day, Cindy Green's younger daughter, **Aliza Green Cohen '18**, graduated from Cornell. Cindy organized a dinner party for several of her daughter's friends and their family members at the Statler Terrace lounge. It was so special, especially because one parent



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was our classmate **Wendy Nacht** Motulsky, whose son **Reed Motulsky '18** also just graduated. A few weeks later, on June 23, Cindy's older daughter, **Claudia Green Cohen '09**, was married at the Hilton Pearl River. During the reception, all 29 Cornell alumni guests stood together with a Cornell banner, including 21 friends of the bride and eight "older" guests: Cindy's brother, **Paul Green '83**, **Barry Berkowitz '78**, **Joette Goldman** Mindlin '77, **Dean Mead '87**, **Jeffrey Dunetz '80**, JD '83, and our classmates **Michael Malter**, **Marjory Appel**, and **Daryl Rothman** Malter! Here's a link to the photo: <https://goo.gl/dRNLHy>. **Mary Wilensky** Kahn's daughter **Jackie Kahn '10** was married on the same day, and the wedding was spectacular. The groom graduated from UPenn and Wharton, so between family and friends there were 50 guests from Cornell and UPenn.

Richard Friedman (Westport, CT) writes that the New York law firm he started in March 2015 handles employment-related agreements for executives and management-side employment and commercial litigation and has grown to include seven of counsel lawyers. During college, Rich was a research assistant for Prof. Jim Jacobs, setting him on a journey into law for which he remains grateful. Rich became a grandfather when daughter Alissa gave birth to Max on June 30, Rich's 34th anniversary with wife Sandy.

Congratulations to **Susan Heller**! She was named one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in the US by the National Diversity Council; *Euromoney* named her the winner of its Americas Women in Business Law Awards, "Best in Trademark," two years in a row; Best Lawyers in America named her "Lawyer of the Year," trademark law, for Los Angeles; and Marquis Who's Who recognized her with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. Susan built a leading international trademark practice and is co-managing shareholder of global law firm GreenbergTraurig's Orange County office. Her practice has spanned across virtually every industry and in most jurisdictions throughout the world. Susan serves on PCCW at Cornell, among other volunteer positions at other institutions. She was a member of the steering committee of the San Francisco Mayor's Summit for Women; is a board member of Orange County's Human Options, an organization focused on breaking the cycle of domestic violence; and is a former chair of the Women's Business Forum.

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80 In this column we shall hear of judges, authors, musicians, architects, distinguished attorneys, and the glorious accolades gathered by many of our classmates. We class correspondents are not without our own laurels and hosannas, and I, correspondent **Dik Saalfeld**, can report that I successfully performed delicate hand surgery! But enough about me, let's get on to . . . what? Okay, I removed a fishhook. But now let's talk about . . . what? Okay, from me. I was fishing, alone, and I sunk a fishhook, past the barb, into my thumb. I pushed it through, clipped the barb, removed the hook and resolved to douse it—the thumb—in disinfectant when I got home, then forgot all about it because I hooked into a mess of perky bass. And I didn't even get a trophy.

Joey Green has published another book. He co-authored it with James Patterson. It's called *Not So Normal Norbert*, and its target audience is adolescents. Joey was one of the founders of the *Cornell Lunatic*, the campus humor magazine. The Honorable **Stewart Aaron**

entered service as a US Magistrate Judge in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York. He and his wife, **Christine (Shannon) '82**, live in Larchmont, NY. **Gregory Gordon** is a family physician in suburban Philadelphia. He announced the birth of future Cornellian Levi, his fourth grandchild. Levi's folks are Karen and **Steven Gordon '08**. He would like news of his roommates from his time in Collegenetown.

A news release informs us that "the Int'l Inst. for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, a global nonprofit organization that advances dispute prevention and resolution practices and provides high-quality solutions, has announced that Johnson & Johnson and **Michael Ullmann**, the company's executive vice president, general counsel, are the recipients of its 2018 Corporate Leadership Award (CLA) for leadership in dispute resolution." You may recall that Mike was one of the speakers at the Liberty Hyde Bailey lecture at our 35th Reunion.

Peter Nance writes that he is still practicing architecture and doesn't have plans to retire. He says, "I enjoy my work!" Peter's children are grown and out of college, and he says he'd like to start a family business with them. He would like to hear from his old roommate, **Morin Hanson '79**. Peter says that four people who had an impact on him during his time on the Hill were Chris Otto, **Don Greenberg '55**, PhD '68, **Henry Richardson '67**, MRP '71, and Chuck Pierrmann. We correspondents receive news electronically and by mail, and I must share this broad generalization: architects have beautiful penmanship. Peter, thanks! I slog through a lot of illegible stuff. My wife is a doctor, and her penmanship is—well, I've generalized too much.

Historical architect **Jack Glassman** of the National Park Service's Northeast Regional Office says, "I am enjoying my work on behalf of the national parks spanning from Maine to Virginia." He participated in the annual preservation work weekend in Schenectady, where he caught up with his old mentor, **Michael Tomlan, PhD '83**. He also teaches folks at interior design programs about new career directions related to sustainability. He would like to hear from his old friend **Bruce Salvo**. **Scott Picon** welcomed his first grandchild, Daniel, into the world last year. He would like to hear from **Jarett Wait**.

Suk-Wah Lai Lin, a.k.a. Grace, is a nutritionist who is "busy informing people about the importance of detoxification in view of the global pollution crisis." She is also studying music as an undergraduate, as reported in a previous column. Grace has recorded spiritual music albums, and cites, as a major Cornell influence, her friend **Mary Chang**, who was "gentle and patient" and shared the Christian gospel with her. **Wayne Peterson** won reelection to his post as mayor of Leeds, UT. The greater Leeds metropolitan area, population 852, includes the silver mining ghost town of Silver Reef, a colorful Old West town built on occasional finds of silver but stained by gunfights and greed. Later, Hollywood discovered its charms, and several pictures featured Silver Reef, including *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. In his note, Wayne didn't mention whether he strides about with six-guns strapped to his hips, but we hope not.

Remember to check out the Class of '80 Facebook page! Also, our 40th Reunion is only a year and a half away, which should be enough time to dig your memorabilia out of the boxes in the attic. Remember those snapshots from the Phi Psi 500, where you wore nothing but a roll of Saran Wrap? Bring them along! Heck, bring a fresh roll of Saran Wrap! Or two. ♦ **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu.

81 By the time this column reaches you, the holiday season will be upon us. **Mike Bell** and I wish you all happy ones. Here in sunny and hot Fort Lauderdale, we're still focused on hoping the hurricanes miss us this year. Wondering where classmates are traveling to, as many of us are now empty nesters and transitioning. We recently took a big trip to New Zealand with Mike's mom and our daughter Dana. Beautiful and friendly! And we grabbed a spur-of-the-moment short trip to Havana, Cuba. We live so close that we ran out of excuses. Very interesting; such a difficult life. Having just purchased a tiny trailer for two to pull behind our van, we are planning to take off on road trips around the country to visit as many Cornell friends as possible. Consider yourselves warned!

In the New England area, **Amy Schwartz** Goobar has been an integrated national director for Optavia as a certified health coach for five years, helping clients reach a healthy weight. She is celebrating 30 years of marriage to Bob. Daughter Sam, 25, is attending Boston College for an MA in higher education administration; son Jimmy, 22, graduated from Roger Williams U. and is starting his job with Ernst & Young in Boston; and daughter Jessie, 17, is a senior in high school.

After 30 years in corporate and investment banking, **Scot Martin**, MBA '83, left and spent a year looking for a business to own and run. He is now the owner and president of youRhere Inc., Canada's largest provider of interactive informational digital signage. His fourth child just graduated from university, while child one just received her MA. Child five is just completing grade one and embarking on his hockey career! Scot would love to hear from **Bobby "The Root Hog" Hallstrom**! **Stuart Randle** is CEO of Ivenix. He has more than 20 years of experience in the life sciences industry and is responsible for leading Ivenix's growth strategy as they closed a \$50M round of funding last spring. Stuart started his career at Baxter Healthcare, which developed the first needleless IV system, where he spent ten years in various senior management positions.

I received a press release from the biopesticide company Certis USA, announcing that **Gabe Diaz-Saavedra** was named home and garden account manager. In his new position, he will call on key accounts in the consumer market for home and garden products, as well as the ornamental nursery, greenhouse, turf, and mushroom markets. After Cornell Gabe went on to earn a MBA with a concentration in marketing/entrepreneurship from the U. of Florida and joined Certis USA in 2017. He is a member of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Assn. and the North Carolina Tomato Growers Assn. and a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA). He will continue to work from his office in Bradenton, FL.

Kathleen Philbin Lashoto (kathleen.lashoto@tjx.com) shared that she had brunch in Fairfield, CT, with **Leslie Watson** Pearson (her roommate for three years) and **Melissa Chefec**. Leslie's son, Jeff, is a sophomore at Williams College. Melissa has daughters at Clark and Tufts. Kathy also enjoyed dinner in Boston with **JoAnn Minsker** Adams and her family. JoAnn's son had just graduated from Boston U. Kathy writes, "I am celebrating my fifth year at TJX (parent company of HomeGoods, TJ Maxx, and Marshalls) as director of workplace services at our corporate headquarters in Framingham, MA. My daughter, MaryAnn (Holy Cross '16), also works at TJX in planning and allocation. And son James (Bentley U. '18) works in software sales for Progress Software. Both are living in Boston now. I love spending time with them."

James Destefano (jdestefano01@earthlink.net) shares that he is currently working as VP of distribution for Associated Wholesale Grocers (AWG) in Kansas City, KS. He is up at 4:30 a.m. every day to hit the gym before work. He has been happily married to Christine for 34 years. "We live close to daughters Lindsey and Erin and our granddaughter, Mona. We also live close to our son, James Jr. All have master's degrees and are independent. Great to be close after many years of living apart." James shares that the people at Cornell who had the most impact on him were his friends at Chi Psi and teammates on the football and track teams.

Michelle Goldstein-Dresner, MD '85 (mcgdresner1@gmail.com) writes from Boca Raton, FL, that she is "still doing anesthesia at the Ophthalmology Surgery Center. No call. No weekends." Daughter Rebecca just graduated from U. of Pennsylvania Dental School and started her three-year residency at U. of Connecticut at Farmington. Son Samuel also just started his residency at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. The person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on her was **Robert H. Foote, PhD '50**, may he rest in peace. **Daniel Rosberger**, MD '90 (drosberger@gmail.com) shared that he is in private retinal surgery practice, Maculacare, in NYC. He is also on voluntary faculty as a clinical assistant professor at Weill Cornell Medicine. His daughter **Haylen '22** entered Cornell this fall.

Our class gets an A+ this quarter for the amount of news sent in! Keep it coming; we love to share news, and your classmates love to read about their college friends! It's easy—takes five minutes. See the link to the online news form below! ♦ **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, Tanis MBell@gmail.com; **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

82 When you read this column it will almost be winter in Ithaca, but it is written in the midst of a humid and rainy New England summer. Homecoming is a little over a month away, and I am looking forward to once again hanging out at the awesome Class of '82 tailgate party up on Kite Hill and seeing some of you. Very little new news has come in from our class for this column. Drop us a line to let your classmates know about events and milestones in your life.

Prolific author and classmate **Henry Herz**, a graduate of the College of Engineering, has followed up his children's picture book *Cap'n Rex & His Clever Crew*, with three more books this year, as we reported two columns ago. He has reported in again with more details and some additional news. Henry says, "I'm a children's book author with ten traditionally published picture books under contract. I have three new books that were released in the fall: *How the Squid Got Two Long Arms* (Pelican; 978-1455623884), *Alice's Magic Garden* (Familius; 978-1455623884), and *Good Egg and Bad Apple* (Schiffer; 978-0764356032)." Henry moderated a fantasy literature panel at San Diego Comic-Con in July. He also spoke at the San Diego Festival of Books in August and the Orange County Children's Book Festival in September. In October, he read his two aquatic-themed books, *How the Squid Got Two Long Arms* and *Little Red Cuttlefish*, at the Scripps Birch Aquarium. More information about Henry and his literary pursuits is available at www.henryherz.com.

Mariann Turato checked in; she did not pass on any news, but confirmed that she and husband Ed Matera are still living in Tarrytown, NY. In the small-world department, the inscrutable workings of Facebook just

revealed to me that **Holly Green** Huber, tax collector for the Town of Brighton in the Adirondacks and the woman to whom I send the property tax checks for our summer place, is a classmate!

Brian Pickerall writes in to tell us news about his humble wife: "I thought I'd send along an update about my wife and fellow classmate **Kathy Miller**. She was recently presented one of three Distinguished Senior Executive Rank awards for her work at the Dept. of the US Army. Each year, the President of the US recognizes a small percentage of the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) for outstanding achievements in public service, as well as a proportionate number of senior-level and scientific and professional executives. Their documented achievements save the American public billions of dollars annually. She received the award at a June 25 ceremony hosted by Army Secretary Mark Esper. She is currently serving as the assistant deputy Army chief of staff for operations at the Pentagon. She oversees structure, training, and operations strategy and was the first female SES officer to serve on a four-star general officer transition team."

Some random headlines from the *Daily Sun* from 40 years ago: "Security tight for Springsteen concert" ("A special computer program was run to print seat numbers on labels which Concert Commission members will stick on the 8,000 reserved seats," Monday November 6, 1978); "Demands fill computer capacity: Peak usage taxing university's system" ("Student waiting lines at terminals are lengthening," Monday November 13, 1978); "Trustee panel rejects divestment" (in companies doing business with South Africa, Thursday, December 7, 1978).

Since the last column was written, our class said goodbye to our longtime Cornell support staffer Teri Baier, who recently retired. In a farewell note to our class officers, Teri said, "After ten years working for Cornell in Class and Reunion Programs, I share my exciting news of retirement effective today, Tuesday, July 31. This opportunity gives me time to consider what the next chapter will be for my family and me. I would like to thank each of you for sharing your professionalism and friendship as we worked together to provide positive and meaningful engagement for your classmates. I feel so fortunate to have worked with such a great team of passionate, talented, and competent Cornell volunteers. Our interactions and relationships have enriched my life, and for that, I am forever grateful. I have also enjoyed working with you on your past successful and fun Reunions." Teri, the pleasure was mutual!

Also helping us to remember those summer days are some posts from August on **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom's Facebook page. Terry is co-manager of Hand Melon Farm (Greenwich, NY) with her partner, **John Hand '83**. She posted a picture of an enormous polar bear pumpkin that at the time was on its way to the Washington County Fair to be judged. Successfully, we hope! She, John, and the farm were also written up in an August article in *Saratoga Today* titled "A Fruitful Pursuit" that details the workings of the farm and the role that Terry is playing in selecting and growing produce and flowers for the farm and its farm market. Go Aggies! Send us that news. ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com.

83 Sadly, **Gary Granito '82**, who was close to many '83 classmates, passed away unexpectedly last summer. His wife, Andrea, and sons **Derek '18** and **Gregory '16** organized a poignant tribute for Gary, who instilled in us the power of positive thinking, bringing

people together, and having fun. Gary was an amazing family man and will be greatly missed. He would have been pleased with the turnout to help celebrate his life, including ATO brothers **Rob Carey**, **Dan Carlucci** and wife Ellen, **Dick Cornell**, **Dave Davis**, **Steve Fitzpatrick**, **Stewart Glickman**, **Bill Johnson**, DVM '86, **George Tousey**, **Dave Doyno '85**, **Steve Newes '82**, **Bill Rys '78**, BS '82, and **Henry Zona '82**.

Tim Henn (tjhenn@comcast.net) continues with Spencer Stuart in Atlanta. Tim writes, "Who would have thought a BSEE would end up in executive recruiting?! Still loving it and meeting great people!" Tim is blessed with wife Heather and two boys, ages 9 and 10, but could always use a few extra days of sailing! Tim would love to hear from classmates **Jeff Shaya**, ME '84, and **Steve Turnbull**.

Great to hear from fellow U-Hall 3 classmate **Jan Morawski**. Jan is working for the State of New York in the Dept. of Agriculture and Markets as a commodity and biotech specialist. I recall animated discussions freshman year over dairy versus beef farming. Jan continues to do some part-time farming . . . vegan? **Mark** and **Kim Harbold** (mbharbold@yahoo.com) recently bought a cottage next to the Chesapeake Bay, "sea level rise be damned," and enjoy empty nesting on the East Coast. Mark sees ex-Baltimore apartment-mates **Reid Bowman '82** and **Jim Heineman '82**. Mark and Kim are thrilled to be new grandparents of Harbor Alister Hutcheon, born May 8, 2018 to daughter Caitlin and her husband, Drew. Drew chose Alister after a famous Scottish golf course designer. Mark, a former wrestler, says, "I'll start calling him 'Rock' when he turns 4 and teach him a good headlock."

Also joining grandparenthood is **Dave Davis** (ddavis@romarlearning.com). Dave is very excited about his new granddaughter, Lillian McNeill Davis, born April 3, 2018 to his older son, Nick, and wife Alyssa. Dave and his wife, Wanda, are in heaven. Dave, based in Texas, continues to lead and grow Romar Learning Solutions, which designs custom training solutions that drive results through improved performance.

Several classmates are holding down the fort in and around Ithaca. **Jacqueline Ricotta** (Jacqueline.ricotta@delval.edu) is "very excited to return to Cornell for a semester-long sabbatical during fall 2018." Jacqueline, who is married to **Randall White '84**, is a professor of horticulture at Delaware Valley U., and is "coming back to where it all began—Plant Sciences at Cornell!" **Greg Hartz** (ghartz@gmail.com) continues as president and CEO of Tompkins Trust Co. Congrats to Greg and wife Bev for three children grown and married, including Cornell '07, Penn State '10, and Ithaca College '13. **Thresa Mosely Gibian** (Brooktondale, NY; tg@gibiandesigngroup.com) heads Gibian design group focused on facilities planning, design, and procurement strategies. Thresa and husband **Stephen '79** are proud of the accomplishments of their daughter, **Anyia '12**, a Cornell Tradition Fellow.

Amy Green Manley (aag34@icloud.com) is a certified financial planner with Janney Montgomery Scott in Naples, FL. With husband **Yancey Brame '67**, she enjoys bike riding, sailing, and ballroom dancing. Both are active in the Cornell Alumni Assn. of Southwest Florida and "always have an open door for our alumni, family, and friends." Amy would enjoy hearing from classmate **Nancy Spickofsky**. In his latest exciting venture, **Wendell Brown** (cornell@wendellbrown.com) is CEO and founder of Averon, a cybersecurity company based in San Francisco. Wendell writes that they have created "breakthrough technologies that are revolutionizing authentication solutions for the entire digital world." He and his family,

including spouse Craig Taro Gold, "have been fortunate to travel to dozens of global destinations" including to several Olympic Games. He has also been active in the World Economic Forum community globally. Wendell would like to explore more ways to help deserving students, especially with scholarships, and would love to hear from old friend **Ellen Winchell-Goldman**.

Bryan Mundell, PhD '94 (bryan.mundell@adventuregames.com) and wife Anna share news from Manno, Switzerland. Bryan runs a private hedge fund, inventing and distributing environmental board games, and co-heading a startup producing virtual reality simulations for science education. Their daughter has started studying hospitality management at a top Swiss university (EHL), and Anna has relaunched her career in a new direction. They look forward to farther and exciting travels in Australasia and South America. Bryan would love to hear from **Keith Haynes '82**. **Tracey Weisler** (twduffles@gmail.com) writes that she is senior advisor at the US Federal Communications Commission (Internal Bureau). She is also a board member of the Alliance Francaise D.C. and is proud of her time as a Fulbright Scholar in Paris, France, 2001-02. Tracey lives in D.C. with her husband, Marcio Duffles-Andrade, and two sons.

Eva Bostek-Brady (emb85@cornell.edu) shares, "After 29 years working as a veterinarian at a small animal practice in Madison, NJ, I recently made a career move to a practice in my own town, Bernardsville Animal Hospital. I can now walk to work, and love seeing my neighbors, fellow parishioners, and other acquaintances in with their pets!" Eva and husband Tom happily announce that older son Ethan graduated from Middlebury College last spring and younger son Graham is in his second year at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA. Eva would be excited to hear from roommate **Tracey Henderson**. **John Fraser** (jwf1960@gmail.com) and wife **Amy (Brown) '84** share that son **Angus '20** is doing well in the College of Engineering. Send news to: ♦ **Stewart Glickman**, stewart.glickman@gmail.com; ♦ **Kim Todt**, krt5@cornell.edu; ♦ **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; ♦ **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com.

84 As I write this, the Cornell Class of 2022 is on campus! Let that soak in for a minute.

A couple of classmates have another generation on campus as I write. **Don**, MS '85, and **Karla Sievers McManus** are the proud parents of an Engineering major. **Bob '87** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness** are living the Dyson dream. The two couples ran into each other at (no surprise here) Purity Ice Cream.

Lindsay has been seeing a steady stream of Cornellians now that she is spending more time in Bermuda. She saw **Phil George** and wife Kristin, who took a family cruise before heading to Ithaca College to drop off their daughter. Phil reports that they sold their Massachusetts home and are heading south to the Orlando, FL, area, where Phil will continue to work for his current employer. Lindsay and Bob also enjoyed breakfast and a walk with **Saul Gitlin** and his wife, Anthea Lichter, while they were vacationing in Bermuda for a week. Saul is working with Mt. Sinai on business development projects, particularly in China.

Kathy Thorne Barlow and her husband, **Bruce '82**, BS Ag '83, have moved to Tampa, FL, after living and working in the Washington, DC, metro area since 1987. They are looking to connect with other Cornellians living in the Tampa area—e-mail them at Kathleen.t.barlow@marsh.com and brucebarlow365@gmail.com. **Gina DeGregorio** Taguchi is currently managing the Taguchi

Women's Clinic in Stillwater, OK. The clinic is a premier healthcare facility in the central Oklahoma region designed to provide all women with excellent healthcare by professional healthcare providers.

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

85 Happy Holidays! We hope you responded to the request for online news that was e-mailed to you in September. If you did, look for your news in an upcoming column. If you didn't, it's never too late! Go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to submit an online news form, or send a message or holiday card directly to: ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, jcornett@actslife.org.

he is now SVP for special projects. Dan has been married for 17 years and has a 14-year-old boy, Daniel, who attends Pope John High School in Sparta, NJ.

We would love to hear from you. Please e-mail any of us or share your news via the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; ♦ **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; ♦ **Lori Spydell** Wagner, mwagner@maiwealth.com.

87 Hello, classmates! Hope you've enjoyed your summer and early fall. Hard to believe current Cornellians are already back on campus. **Gabe** and **Katie Roth Boyar '86** dropped off their daughters **Susannah '22** (ILR) and **Allison '20** (HumEc) for the upcoming academic year. There was an added special moment as Gabe's freshman-year roommate, **Dave Price**, gave his annual speech to incoming freshmen, and Susannah got a special

'Jacqueline Ricotta is "coming back to where it all began—Plant Sciences at Cornell!"'

STEWART GLICKMAN '83

86 Busy times! This month's report will be short and sweet. **Caryn DesCombes** has been working at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, FL, since 2001. Her own world has widened through her travels with her son, who is currently in his third year as a journalism major at Northwestern U. In December they went to the Galápagos Islands, and in August to France, where she met her son in Paris following his study abroad program in Indonesia.

Mark Dembo recently joined NYC-based FutureThink as chief operating officer. FutureThink is a training and organizational development firm focused on helping companies transform their culture to enable better innovation and growth. Mark says it's an exciting opportunity to help shape and execute strategy. His oldest daughter just started her sophomore year at the U. of Delaware. Mark stays connected with Cornell by serving as a board member for the ILR Alumni Assn.

Susan Seligsohn Howell, who still runs the Lawrence, MA, Howell Custom Building Group with husband **Steve '84**, had a mini-reunion at **Laura Nieboer** Hine's house in Shelter Island, NY. Also attending were **Mimi Wohabe-Boublik**, **Maggie Holcomb** Schubauer, **Sydney Solomon** Neuhaus, and **Carol Getz** Abolafia. **Ron Cahill**, ME '87, partner and chair of Boston law firm Nutter's intellectual property department was recently recognized as a "2018/19 Global IP Star" by *Managing Intellectual Property*. The IP Stars are intellectual property professionals who have been highly recommended by their peers and clients. Ron has been selected for the guide every year since 2013.

Dan Devine's life has taken some interesting turns. After Cornell, he got a law degree from the U. of Buffalo Law School and then an MBA from Columbia U. He moved from a law career to working for a pharmaceutical firm, and then to Australia, where he started and ran his own biotechnology company (Patrys Ltd.) for five years. Dan returned to the US in 2012, and since then has been working for biotechnology company Mesoblast, where

mention. Dave sent his much younger kids, Caroline and Eli, to day camp this summer, where Susannah happened to be Caroline's counselor. What a small Cornell world we live in. **Jeff Cohen** and **Shari Brasner** recently had dinner with the Boyars and the **Brian Kraff** family. Brian's son, **Robbie '21**, also attends Cornell—he was a walk-on last year on the polo team and plans to continue shoveling the stalls for another year, much to the surprise and happiness of his parents. Brian Forness, son of **Bob** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness '84** and brother of **Keri Forness '15**, is transferring to Dyson this fall, completing the family's "haul" (one more than a hat trick). Three "gap" years playing junior hockey and a year at Northeastern now give way for some serious studying.

Congratulations to **Caroline Wellens** Silver for being honored as the Harrington Park, NJ, teacher of the year for the 2017-18 school year! We also received word that **Gail Stoller** Baer was recently promoted to vice president of philanthropic services at Jewish Family & Children's Services in Phoenix. She will oversee all fundraising and donor relations for the organization including its planned giving initiatives, individual and corporate contributions, grants, and volunteer and marketing programs.

Joanne Friedman McKinney was recently promoted to CEO of the Burns Group after serving as the chief strategy officer for the past eight years. As their first chief executive, Joanne will continue to oversee the agency's strategic offering, while also focusing on current and prospective client relationships and taking responsibility for the future vision for the agency. Thanks to **Charlie Muller** for sharing an article and interview on Shondaland.com about his wife, **Debbie Kranz Muller**. Debbie is the CEO and founder of HR Acuity, and is considered a leading voice in the human resources industry. The interview touched on how young people are changing the workplace in the #MeToo era. Recently she held a roundtable for the tech and entertainment industries at LinkedIn's headquarters that covered how to properly handle sexual harassment claims in the office.

Ingrid Hoffman Zabel recently co-authored a book, *The Teacher-Friendly Guide to Climate Change*, to help teachers who could benefit from a “teacher-friendly” resource on climate change. The book includes the basics of climate change science, a review of climate change across different regions of the US, information about solutions and responses to climate change, and perspectives on teaching a subject that has become socially and politically polarized.

The annual Frozen Apple men’s hockey tournament is Saturday, November 24. We will be battling rival Harvard at Madison Square Garden. While our class block sold out in July, tickets may still be available through Cornell

com). She is also the director of the Estate Planning Clinic at Cornell Law School! Not only does Jill have a lot on her plate, so does her older daughter, Sarah, who is now a senior in high school and in the midst of applying to colleges. Good luck, Sarah! While reminiscing about her years at Cornell, Jill recalls Prof. Steve Carvel as having the greatest impact on her. Jill would love to hear from **Tim Baur** and **Ward Childs**, so if you are reading this, please get in touch.

Through e-mail we heard from **Lesley Topiol** Kowalski, who happily told us that she had a wonderful time at our 30th Reunion. She said it was so great to reconnect with classmates and experience some Cornell fun

specifics as it gets closer. In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help with the planning as well as with the actual events during the weekend. If you are interested, please reach out to our Reunion chairs, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver (cabcope@hotmail.com), **Debbie Schaffel** (cornellian89@yahoo.com), and **Dave Scher** (davescheresq@gmail.com).

Our class is also looking for people who are interested in holding class officer and class council positions for the next five-year cycle. Nominations are open now through CUVolunteer (<https://alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/>). You can nominate yourself or someone else. Search for Class of 1989, and all the available positions and job descriptions will populate. We hope you’ll consider signing up!

Now, on to the news. **John Stuart**, ME ’90, writes, “While my official title at the small company where I work is IT manager, my job is far more varied. In addition to managing servers, networks, and computers, I also have to shovel snow off the roof, check the bilkers, and deal with animals in the building, as well as some graphic design work or whatever else is needed. I have also been teaching a physical science class one day a week at a homeschool co-op to eight young teens. It has taken a good bit of time, but it is rewarding to see the students grow in their understanding.” **Steve Grant** ’90 had the greatest impact on John on the Hill. “He led a Bible study, where I came to faith in Jesus Christ.” John would most like to hear from fraternity brother **Steven Parks**.

Jeffrey Spector (Bethesda, MD) has been working at Sodexo Inc. as an employment lawyer for the past 12 years and says, “Every day brings something new and challenging.” His daughter is a sophomore at Colby College and his son is a sophomore in high school. Jeff answered the question about anything else you wish you could be doing with, “Touring the world after winning the lottery!” **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan writes, “My husband, Randy, and I celebrated our third child’s bat mitzvah on March 17, 2018.” Many Cornellians joined them including: sister **Suzanne Weidberg** Klein ’96, dad **Bert Weidberg** ’62, uncle **Charles Blaugrund** ’67, cousin **Mike Golden** ’62, **Yvonne Schlafstein** Distenfeld ’78, **Bonnie Glick** ’88, and classmates **Allison Freedman** Sacher, **Robyn Wesler** Landow, and **Howard** and **Eliana Saragovia Byck**.

Laura Pearlman Kaufman is starting a new business with lots of support from husband **John**. They expect to open their first of four Office Evolution locations in their hometown of Westport, CT (www.officeevolution.com), offering co-working memberships, conference rooms, day offices, networking opportunities, and other services to small local businesses and entrepreneurs. Laura is excited to be able to combine her interests in real estate, construction, organizing, community involvement, and human resources to build and grow this new endeavor! Meanwhile, John continues to enjoy his job as SVP of revenue strategy and operations at Cumulus Media.

Lastly, I (**Stephanie Bloom Avidon**) ran into **Lee Schreiberstein**, who was shopping for college things in July at Bed Bath & Beyond for his son, who is a freshman at Indiana U. We were shopping for my daughter, who is a freshman at the U. of Virginia, and I can’t believe my son is finishing his senior year at the U. of Texas, Austin. I also had a quick coffee over the summer with **Alyse Etelson** Leiberman, who moved to southern Florida from Long Island. I had brunch with **Darryl** and **Laura Magid Lapidus** ’88, who live in New Hyde Park, NY, and **David Harap**, who was visiting New York from Austin. It was great to catch up with everyone. Our Cornell connections are always so strong—it seems like just

‘I have been teaching a physical science class one day a week at a homeschool co-op to eight young teens.’

JOHN STUART ’89

Athletics, other classes, and, of course, Stub Hub. The link for all the info is <https://cornellbigredtickets.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1584&p=1>. That’s all for now. Please be sure to send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing any of us at the following: ♦ **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Lisa Griffin**, lag77@cornell.edu.

88 Hello fellow ’88ers! This is **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, one of the newest members of our class correspondents team. I am excited to begin my tenure sharing all of our news so that we continue to be a close-knit family! Please forgive me, as I must admit that I have been one of the lapsed classmates and just reconnected with Cornell again since our 10th Reunion. If it had not been for my old housemate, membership chair **Laura Bloch**, who pulled me back into the fold, I may still have been drifting out there somewhere. I am very happy to be reconnected, but have not submitted my own news in decades, so I will begin with that.

My husband, **John Gershenson** ’89, and I just became empty nesters last year as our “baby,” Noah, 19, flew the coop to join older brother Daniel, 21, at Yale U. We are now a house divided, but our dogs sport Cornell collars, so it’s all good. We also just relocated from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to State College, PA, where John has taken the position as director of the Humanitarian Engineering and Social Entrepreneurship (HESE) program at Penn State U. I am just now getting settled in town as I was dividing time between states in the moving process. I would love to reconnect with any nearby classmates or alumni now that I am back East. I did just recently reconnect with my freshman roomie, **Patrice Donnelly** Baker, after more than 30 years! I can’t tell you how great it was to catch up and talk and laugh together again. There are many others from our year in Sperry Hall that I would also love to be in touch with again such as **David Nixon**, **Mike Stalford**, and **Pam Darer** Anderson. It has been too long! Okay, on to more news.

Through good old-fashioned snail mail, we heard from classmate **Jill Miller** Katz, JD ’91 (Jersey City, NJ; jmiller@mtrustlaw.com) who tells us that she is working full time in her own boutique law firm, Jill Miller & Assocs. PC, specializing in trusts and estates (www.mtrustlaw.com).

that she had never done before, like walking up the clock tower to the chimes. It was also great to be reminded just how impressive Cornell is, both by its beauty and by all the amazing research that is going on across campus with so many of the undergraduates! Lesley adds that it was wonderful to see many ’88ers involved with Reunion itself, such as dueling pianos and Alumni Affairs lead **Jim Mazza**. **Christine DelVecchio** Croft (Ithaca, NY) sends news that she and her husband, Norm, wouldn’t dream of leaving the fair hills of Ithaca, and she feels lucky to be able to live and work locally. This year, Christine feels honored to be the president of the NYS Assn. of Realtors (NYSAR), one of the largest trade associations in the state, representing over 56,000 realtor members. Congratulations!

Jayne Gilbert Peister is living in New Rochelle, NY, with her husband, Darren. Jayne is lucky to be enjoying a slower pace these days, as she reports that after working at Eli Lilly and Co. for 30 years, she accepted an early retirement package and officially retired as of March 31! Jayne writes, “So weird! I plan to take off a month or two and then look for another job in (small/startup) biotechnology. I hope it will include travel and be in the medical field.” **Richard Stone** (Palo Alto, CA) also has had some exciting changes to report. After 26 years as a writer and editor at *Science Magazine*, Richard moved to the Howard Hughes Medical Inst.’s Tangled Bank Studios to work on documentaries, IMAX films, and dramas in all areas of science.

To all of you who made my first column so easy to write with all of your news, a huge thank you. Please keep your updates coming, Class of 1988. We want to know what is new and exciting in your life! You can send in your “hellos” and stories using the online form at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or by contacting any one of us at: ♦ **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dag97@cornell.edu; **Andrea Danziger**, alm46@cornell.edu; **Aliza Angelchik**, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com.

89 Can you believe our 30th Reunion is coming up in about six months?! Make sure you save the dates, June 6-9, 2019. We hope to see you there! The committee is putting a lot of fun and different things together for this milestone Reunion. Stay tuned for more

yesterday we were all students on campus. Well maybe not yesterday, but is it really 30 years ago?

We are short on news this month, so please take a minute to return the news form you get in the mail, e-mail one of us, or visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/ and our class Facebook page. Thanks for sharing your news! We hope to see you in Ithaca for our Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com.

90 As the Class of 1990 transitions into our 50s, we continue to receive exciting news of careers, family, and relationships. It's amazing how much our class continues to change and remake itself, although, as we'll note below, the news isn't always what we might expect, or prefer.

Congratulations to **John Cayer**, who writes that he recently landed a great new job as president of Mueller Sports Medicine in Madison, WI. "We make tape, braces, and supports for the teams," he tells us, and invites classmates to let him know if they'd like to see samples of their wares. John says he'd love to hear from **Kate Dellostritto** Schoenle '88, and gives his regards to Prof. **Gene German, PhD '78**, who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **Deborah Lu** has recently been announced as partner at Duane Morris LLP in New York City. Congratulations, Deborah!

Jeannine Cavender-Bares writes to us from the Minneapolis area that she's currently a professor in the Dept. of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior at the U. of Minnesota. She and husband **Kent '88** are raising two daughters, Valerie, 16, and Celine, 12. Jeannine gives a shout-out to **Valerie Braun** Malerba, **Cynthia Loizides** Weber, **Marcela Hahn**, and **Stephanie Best '91**, and says she'd love to hear from you all sometime soon. She gives a tip of the proverbial hat to Ingeborg Wald, Walter LaFeber, Sheila Jasanoff, and Alison Power, who she says had the greatest impact on her during her years on the Hill.

Meanwhile, at Ton Duc Thang U. in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, **Daniel Helman** recently had his article on abiogenesis published in the October issue of *Acta Astronautica*, entitled, "Galactic distribution of chirality sources of organic molecules." We recommend taking a look at his work, which is available online; Daniel is developing models for understanding the possible distribution of the building blocks of life throughout the galaxy. Also in the recently published camp is **Brad Herzog**, whose latest title, *W is for Welcome: A Celebration of America's Diversity*, has been published by Sleeping Bear Press. Aimed at young readers and older secondary school-aged students, this alphabet book with poems and sidebars "explores our immigrant nation." To date, Brad has published 30 titles for younger audiences and five for adults. Check out his author page at Amazon.com.

Here's some heartwarming news from **Jennifer Agnello Linzinmeir**, who says that she and classmate **John Linzinmeir** reconnected after 20 years, "and were married in 2016. We are in the restaurant business in Denver and Vail, CO." Jennifer has two children, attending Pace U. and U. of Oregon, but that empty nest isn't cause to slow down. "We aspire to open and run a restaurant together," she continues, "somewhere in Italy." She gives her regards to Prof. **Peter Rainsford '68**, PhD '74, who influenced her considerably during her Cornell career. Another Cornell couple, **Mike '89** and **Christy Clark**

Pambianchi, are both turning 50 and recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. "We got married at Sage Chapel," Christy writes. "I hope to see a lot of Cornellians this year for our milestone celebrations!" Christy currently works as senior VP of human relations at Corning Inc., but, given the opportunity, she would love to travel the world on a one-year sabbatical.

Lastly, while it is always a joy to read about the accomplishments and milestones of our classmates, we must occasionally also be the bearer of less fortunate news. It is with heavy hearts that we report that **Carolyn DeWilde Casswell** passed away at the age of 50 this past summer at her home in Malvern, PA. She was a Major Gifts officer for Cornell, as well as a proud, energetic, and enthusiastic alumna. She was also a member of the Charlestown Historical Society and Cornell Alpha Phi sorority. Carolyn served as our class president and was a three-time Reunion co-chair. With her passing we have lost a bit of the heart and soul of our class. Carolyn is survived by her husband, **William '89**, MBA '91, her parents, her siblings, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her family has established a scholarship fund at Cornell. If you are moved to make a donation in her memory, memorial donations may be sent to:

William and Carolyn DeWilde Casswell
Undergraduate Scholarship Fund #0015145
Cornell University
Box 37334
Boone, IA 50037-0334

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

91 Summer is wrapping up as I write this, and it is time again to share news of our classmates. I always feel nostalgic at this time of year and wish that I were returning to Ithaca for another amazing year at Cornell. Something about the crisp fall air here in Maine evokes memories of moving into dorms and starting new classes. We heard from three classmates this time. Please consider dropping us a note to tell us a bit about your life, your family, your work, or whatever inspires you.

Michelle Travis has published her first children's book, *My Mom Has Two Jobs*. The book celebrates working moms, and their work both inside and outside of the home. On each page, children proudly describe how their moms care for them in a very special way, while also making the world better through their careers. The book highlights moms in a wide range of professions, including a teacher, an engineer, a police officer, a doctor, a secretary, a dentist, a firefighter, a nurse, a lawyer, a waitress, a military sergeant, a veterinarian, and a pilot. Michelle is a law professor at the U. of San Francisco School of Law.

Debra Etelson-Mayblum told us about the first annual Cornell Alumni Shabbat, held at a synagogue in New Rochelle, NY, in July. Alumni-led, the service ended with a prayer sung to the tune of our Alma Mater. In attendance were Debra, **Eric '81** and **Liz Meller Alderman '83**, **Jayne Gilbert** Peister '88, **David Shechter '95**, and **Caroline Fox '95**. **Joelle Vlahakis**'s oldest, **Olivia Angsten '18**, graduated from Cornell in May. She is pursuing a PhD in archeology at Stanford next. In addition to being a mom of three (she also has two boys, 18 and 14), Joelle is a passionate advocate for palliative medicine in Sarasota, FL. She is hoping to

start a fellowship in Florida to train doctors in hospice and palliative medicine, at which Joelle will teach. Lastly, she shared that her roommate, **Melissa Raksa**, who she met at Mary Donlon in 1987, is the godmother to her younger son, John.

I am amazed that this year my son is 10 and heading into fifth grade. I've enjoyed connecting with many of you on Facebook and elsewhere, and I truly love to see the back-to-school pictures each year, so keep them coming. Feel free to send me any updates that you'd like me to include here in this column as well. ♦ **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wfaflinet.com; **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

92 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates, or send your holiday letters to: ♦ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; or **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

93 Our thanks to **Lisa Bernard**, who has rocked this column with her Reunion musings. Lisa lives in Northern California with husband Matt and their kids, Jack, Justin, and Emma. She is co-writer and co-producer of *The Push*, an award-winning documentary, and has been a television journalist for 21 years.

High above Cayuga's waters, a bunch of middle-aged people pretended they were 21 again. The Class of '93 marked 25 years since graduation with a healthy mix of regression and evolution. Nostalgia was the primary emotion at our Reunion, with a sprinkling of awe at the new buildings, disappointment at the Collegetown skeletal remains, and the pleasure of new memories. One of the highlights of the weekend for me was that the rain and Ithaca humidity held off and frizz did not overpower the hair.

Phones have to be the biggest change since 1993: texting to find friends around campus, taking photos and videos on our devices, googling answers to questions that our dusty memories couldn't produce. Did we really have to wander over to the library or to Ruloff's in person to find our friends back in the day? How tedious and charming.

A distinct change from five years ago is that everyone has gotten just a bit more fancy ("mature"?). In my non-scientific survey, there were many more check-ins at the Statler, and fewer people opting for the dorms. More folks stayed at lake houses with spouses and children. Me? I stayed in a sorority that I wasn't even a member of, with a group of wonderful women and a couple of guys. We jammed the fridges with booze and remembered the joys of communal bathrooms.

During our stroll from North Campus to Collegetown, my crew and I stopped for a photo at Ezra Cornell. He still looks great. Next stop was Uris Library. There was some initial PTSD about the many all-nighters spent in the stacks with suffocating stress because why study for a final exam a little bit each day for three weeks when you can study for eight hours the night before the test? We fondly remembered the socializing and flirting that went on in the main room.

One conspicuous change was the discovery of a large room filled with computers and phone chargers. I arrived at Cornell with my Apple IIC—technology has come a long way, baby. We were marveling that anyone would choose to study in the "fishbowl"; we took photos in

that really pretty room that looks like an “Ivy League library” in movies set in Ivy League schools.

We were amazed by the discovery that the Cornell Store sells tampons now! And we were amused that the original “FaceTime” on the steps of the Straight has morphed into the name of live video on a phone. Speaking of buildings near the Straight, one friend texted, at around midnight, that she was “at Gannett.” We gasped before realizing that she meant she was simply walking past it in that moment.

There was universal relief that Collegetown Bagels is still right where we left it. Hot Truck did not disappoint—it was as greasy and thick and carby as ever. Ruloff’s is still standing with reasonable Bloody Marys, but it seemed to be a bit under-appreciated. We were shocked to get a table without a wait.

A number of people brought their spouses and children to introduce them to the Cornell magic. A group of best guy buddies brought their wives, rented a house on the lake, and hired a student cook and a student to drive them around. Brilliant. When they told me they went to a winery one afternoon for a tour and tasting, I had a secret giggle to myself at the middle-aged/grownupness of it all. Many of these men hold a fond place in my memory doing keg stands. Wine? How civilized.

The dancing in the tent was as lit as ever (that’s what the kids say when they mean awesome). It was a great novelty to have the option to text photos to the music crew, who then instantly put them up on the big screens. We all missed Party with Chuck, but the varied music in the tents was great. I dare say not too many of us were in the “Big Band Music” tent, but maybe at our 50th Reunion? **Mazen Hanna** had an epic turn at the mic doing an incredible freestyle rap. There might have been some pole dancing. Members of the a capella group The Hangovers seem to have upped their game since Andy Bernard put them on the national map on “The Office.” We still can’t believe a hazing scandal brought down the 70-year legacy of the Waiters.

I think the most obvious sign that Reunion is a magical, memorable, hedonistic time to walk down memory lane, or Libe Slope, is that there are Cornellians who go to Reunions practically every other year. The fifth-year senior, the business and law school grads, the spouse’s Reunion, the sibling’s Reunion—amazing the excuses and justifications people make for going to Reunion in years other than five-year multiples of ’93. Send news to: ♦ **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu.

94 Greetings and happy holidays from New Jersey! **Michael Marchant** and I cannot believe we are just a few months away from our 25th Reunion! The committee is working hard to welcome us all back to campus June 6-9, 2019!

First we have to close the books on 2018. We always love spending time with our alumni friends who live near and far. This summer, Michael and I spent time with **Louis Ramos**, his wife, Michelle, and his three children in Ocean City, NJ, and then the couples snuck away to Lancaster, PA. Later this summer, we were thrilled to visit **Amy Unckless** and **Marc Gallagher** in Massachusetts. Mike continues to work as VP and corporate counsel at Prudential in New Jersey. I am loving the freedom and flexibility working as an independent strategic marketing consultant. In fact, one of my projects allowed me to reconnect with **Jeanne Ramage** Rentzelas, who lives and works in Philadelphia.

That’s all the news I can share personally, so let’s share the info that you sent in via mail or e-mail! First up, **Kathy Burdette** Shields wrote that she was recently elected to the school committee in Newton, MA. Business news came from **Mark Gally**, who closed a \$30M Series B funding round as CEO of Zaius, a marketing application that solves the entire marketer’s workflow in a single platform. Also on the business side, we heard from **Alfred Williams IV**, who was appointed president of River Valley Community College in New Hampshire.

Lastly, from the literary world, we received a note about **Allison Fishman** Task, a career and life coach. Allison recently published a book, *Personal (R)evolution: How to Be Happy, Change Your Life, and Do That Thing You’ve Always Wanted to Do*. *Personal (R)evolution* has received a tremendous amount of media attention, including a podcast by success guru James Altucher, a story in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on midlife career transitions, and a feature in *Forbes* magazine.

Would love to share more news from the Class of 1994! Please send your news in to me, Dineen, or Dika via e-mail, or go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to submit your news online. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy new year! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu.

95 Happy holidays! I was trying to think of what to write for this column, knowing it would come out in late fall—what more suitable thought than summertime in Ithaca?

As it turns out, my husband, **Matt French**, ME ’96, and I recently returned from a trip back ourselves. We brought our kids, Sarah, 7, and Ben, 5, and our dog and had a chance to explore some great cideries, breweries, and wineries, visit Taughannock Falls State Park (where the kiddos took a dip in 65-degree water that seemed more like a polar bear plunge in my book!), stuff our faces with corn nuggets and deep-dish pizza at the Nines (which, hopefully, is still open by the time you read this) as well as ice cream from the Dairy Bar, and, of course, drop a pretty penny buying all sorts of swag at the Cornell Store! It was lovely to be up there at a time when campus was quiet—we really got to experience the beauty of the area and all the fantastic things to do! I’m sure **Kevin Yelenik** and **Justin Berk** would agree—both of them were there with their own families just a week after I visited! And **Jennifer Buchalter** Cohen, who works for Citi in the New York metro area, was in the process of planning a trip for her family later in the summer—Jennifer, if you’re reading this, you’ll have to report back as to how it turned out!

This, of course, also makes me think of the summer I spent in Ithaca between my junior and senior year, with **Karen Young** Anderson and some other friends. I interned at *American Demographics* magazine on the Commons by day and worked at Banfi’s at the Statler by night (as well as sometimes—very unfortunately for my social life—the 6 a.m. room service shift!). I absolutely loved being in Ithaca that time of year.

Dale Rosenthal shared on our class Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6386671699/>) that he stayed on campus for the Engineering Co-op Program after freshman year and agrees with that sentiment. “I quickly found out that Ithaca in summer is glorious. Despite a grueling sequence of labs (one of which was five credits and eventually was broken into two three-credit courses), we still got to hang out on the patio of Oliver’s, swim in the gorges, and wander the Plantations.

We even had lunch on top of the clock tower a few times. Best memories!” He added that this experience was not unique just to him—he was joined by many others, including classmates **Mark Lipsits**, **Ilya Pritsker** ’96, **Karen Cheng**, **Tina Chang** Chen, **Protima Banerjee**, **Ronnie Obadiah**, **Jonathan Foo**, **Yoriko Iwanaga**, ME ’97, **Jen Gibson** ’96, **Nayan Hajratwala**, **Mani Rad**, and **Matt Kangas**, who made up just a portion of the 100-plus engineers in the program.

Flash forward to today and one group of classmates that is enjoying the summer now, regardless of where they may reside: those who are teachers. And speaking of teachers, this classmate recently made an appearance on “Jeopardy!” If you answered, “Who is **Erika Eason**?” you’d be correct! Back in May, Erika, a K-12 technology teacher in Washington, DC, competed with 15 other teachers during the Jeopardy! Teachers Tournament and, as she puts it, “squeaked into the semifinals by earning the last wildcard slot. The whole experience was a blast, I met some amazing fellow educators, and I encourage everyone to take the ‘Jeopardy!’ online test whenever it’s offered. For almost all of us in the tournament, we have been trying for multiple years to get onto the show, so take the test and keep taking it each year they offer it—you never know when you might get the call! Here’s the link to the ‘Be a contestant’ page: <https://www.jeopardy.com/be-a-contestant/>.” PS: Last I checked the website (<https://www.jeopardy.com/tournaments/2018/teachers-tournament>), there was a pretty neat moving photo toward the bottom of the page of Erika and her fellow contestants.

Closing out this column we come full circle, traversing the world of academia from teachers to deans, and landing back where we started, in Ithaca, where classmate **J. Meejin Yoon** will soon return to our alma mater as the next dean of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. This announcement was made by Provost Michael Kotlikoff on July 24, who noted that Meejin is the first woman named to the position since the college was formed in 1896. Currently, she is the head of the architecture department at MIT. Her five-year term at Cornell begins January 1, 2019. Congratulations, Meejin!

We received additional information from our classmate **Brian Jeffrey Smith**’s mother, **Margie Greenberg** Smith ’67, about Brian’s death last February: “Many thanks for including the news of Brian’s death in your most recent class column. On February 12, 2018, Brian’s car was T-boned by a drunk driver. He was seriously injured and remained in the hospital until his death on February 27. Brian’s illness and disability were in no way contributing factors to his premature death. He rose above his limitations to be a wonderful father and a contributing member of his community in St. Louis.”

Keep the updates coming, everyone—and keep a close eye on our class Facebook page, where we are about to launch an exciting new “Countdown to Reunion Contest” in the new year! Can’t wait to find out who knows their Cornell Class of ’95 trivia best! ♦ **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu; **Scott Lajoie**, scott.lajoie@hotmail.com. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6386671699/>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

96 June was busy for **Jennifer Lagnado**, MAT ’97, a high school principal for the Lawrence School District on Long Island. Not only was it the end of the school year, but it was also the start of a new chapter for her as she married Timothy Papp in New York City on June 17. ’96ers who attended the reception at

Central Park Boathouse were **A'ndrea Van Schoick**, **Belia Pena**, and **Lee Hendelman**, MBA '03. Jennifer and Timothy plan to stay in the New York area, where Tim is a managing director in investment banking for Stifel.

Meredith Byer earned her bachelor's degree in landscape architecture and is a registered landscape architect in Maryland. She was recently promoted to senior associate at Dewberry, a leading professional services firm with over 50 locations and more than 2,000 professionals nationwide. ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 Happy Holidays! **David Bauer**, PhD '00, has been elected partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, in the corporate department in New York, practicing in the intellectual property and technology group. With a bioscience-related PhD, he has a particular focus on meeting the intellectual property and transactional needs of clients in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, and regularly advises clients in a variety of other industries, such as information technology, media, and financial services. Send your news to: ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; or **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 Greetings, '98ers! **Alberlynn Harris** Woods (alberlynn@gmail.com), who was recently married in July 2017, writes, "I started a new production company with my husband, James, called Quartermain Media LLC."

The Theodore Edson Parker Foundation has named classmate **Chaletta Clark**-Huertas its new lead program officer. Since 2008, Chaletta has been a program officer at GMA Foundations, where she supports foundations and giving programs through all stages of development. Her expertise includes creating and fine-tuning impact measurement systems and exploring innovative program designs. What gives her the most satisfaction in her life these days? "Disciplining/mentoring my own three girls as well as other girls/young women at my church," Chaletta writes. The first person she met at Cornell was **Jennifer Ikoma**, who continues to be one of her best friends to this day! And what would she do if she had a day in Ithaca? "Just walk around campus and remember the good times I had as a student."

Hopefully you responded to the request for online news that was e-mailed to you in September. If you did, look for your news in an upcoming column. If you didn't, it's never too late! Go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to submit an online news form, or send a message or holiday card directly to: ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 Michigan's first home football game of the season was yesterday, and for the residents of Ann Arbor, it is a rite of passage to fall. Since my husband, **Adrian Madland**, my 2-1/2-year-old daughter, Max, and I live very near central campus, the chirping birds of summer have now officially been replaced with marching band practice, helicopters flying overhead, the screams of young college students yelling "Go Blue!" and hip-hop music blaring from the decks of fraternity houses on Hill Street. Oh, the joys of college football season!

However, a few of our classmates were still reveling in sweet memories of summer when they wrote. Classmates and Kappa Delta sorority sisters **Susanna Gordon Michalec** and **Maile Goldstein** Gilmore, their husbands (**Jared Michalec '98** and Adam Gilmore), and their

children caught up at Singing Beach in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. The parents and their nine (!) children—Juliet, 13, Dylan, 11, Lani, 11, Oliver, 10, Jem, 9, Hailey, 9, Callie, 9, Charlie, 7, and Rhett, 3—enjoyed a day of frolicking in the ocean and playing in the sand. Talk about a lot of future Cornellians!

Beth Tulanowski, MS '02, is now teaching Geographic Information Systems (GIS) full time at Colorado State U. Warner College of Natural Resources. For those unfamiliar with what GIS is (like me!), she explains it as computer mapping, spatial data, and analysis. Congratulations, Beth! Another hearty congratulations goes to **Rachel Sterling**, who is now a global director of product marketing at Twitter. Look her up next time you're in the Bay Area (she lives in San Francisco)!

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Lastly, some news out of Austin, TX. **Peter Wang's** open source software startup has been renamed Anaconda Inc. (from Continuum Analytics), reflecting the exponential growth in adoption of its Anaconda software and the Python language for data science. He writes, "We've recently released a major update to our enterprise software platform for data science, machine learning, and AI, and will be announcing partnerships with major tech vendors throughout the fall." He continues, "While Anaconda is used by many students and faculty at Cornell, most people don't know that the original and longtime product manager for Anaconda is also a Cornellian—my wife, **Crystal Soja '01**!"

Please share your news with us! Ping me, Heather, or my co-correspondent, Melanie, connect through the Class of '99 Facebook page, or submit your update online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu.

00 Hello, classmates! I hope the fall has been filled with all things pumpkin spice, cool boots, and the beautiful colors of the season.

Chris Lucas shared that he works outdoors a few days each week as a wetland and soil scientist in Massachusetts. He is the owner of Lucas Environmental LLC, which celebrated ten years in business this year. Chris and wife DawnMae recently welcomed son Ethan Riley, who brings the couple much joy. Chris also reminisced about Ithaca's natural sights, sharing that he would visit the waterfalls if he had the opportunity to spend a day in Ithaca. "We made a trip up in 2016, and with the drought, Buttermilk was dry and Taughannock Falls was a trickle." New York-based attorney **Anna Rips** was recently promoted to partner at Skadden. She specializes in investment management at the law firm.

As for me and mine, life is good here in Williamsburg, VA. I spend my days volunteering, writing quilt patterns, and sharing my love of quilting with the online world. My husband, **Christopher Weld**, is in his third year of a PhD program at William and Mary. He remains on active duty in the Army and was promoted to lieutenant colonel last year. Our girls, Claire, 11, and Abby, 8, are growing

quickly—Claire is in middle school already and nearly as tall as me! We are happy to say that we are happy. Thanks to everyone who shared news. To everyone else—please send an update! Do not think you need to wait for a major life event to write—let me know where you're at in life, what you've been up to lately, or what has made you smile recently! ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Remember your first Thanksgiving as a Cornellian? Didn't it feel weird to be back home? Or did you go somewhere else—your roommate's home, perhaps?—or stay on campus? Visit our Facebook page or e-mail us to share your memories. Hard to believe that it's been more than 20 years since that chilly November!

Does it seem like just yesterday, or like a century ago?

Keeping that New York scholarly state of mind going, **Heather Bernstein Kopleff** is a newly minted PhD in art history and archaeology of ancient Egypt from NYU's Inst. of Fine Arts. "Other than that, I'm living in Rockland County, NY, with my husband, **Steve**, ME '02, and our two children and dog," she writes. Your turn to update us now, Steve! Our class co-president **Claire Ackerman** writes in from Hudson, NY, to report that she's been elected to serve on the board of the Cornell Club of the Berkshires, as the CAAAN (Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network) chair for Columbia and Greene counties. Our alma mater is lucky to have dedicated alumni like you, Claire!

Up in Rochester, **Carrie Andrews** is regional staff director for New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), where she spent much of last year getting ready for the *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court case. "Overturning over 40 years of precedent, the court decided to allow non-members of public sector unions to opt out without having to pay for the cost of union representation," she writes. "In expectation of this decision, NYSUT locals have spent months, if not years, engaging in internal organizing and recommitment campaigns to educate members about the value of the union and the power of their collective voice at work." To recharge outside of work, Carrie enjoyed a winter snowshoe hike in the White Mountains in January and completed the Saranac Ultra6er—summitting six Adirondack peaks in a 33-mile hike in 18 hours and 30 minutes.

On the other end of the aisle, classmate **Lee Rudofsky**, MPA '02, got glowing reviews from the Arkansas GOP leadership as he stepped down from his post as solicitor general in July. "Lee Rudofsky has been an invaluable asset to not only the Attorney General's office, but to the state as a whole as Arkansas's solicitor general. His skills in the courtroom are second to none, and I'm delighted that he's decided to stay in Arkansas. I wish him the absolute best in his new role," tweeted Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson. Lee's new role is in Walmart's ethics and compliance department; he had previously served as the company's assistant general counsel. Outside Denver, **Christina Bove** Ruskin, DVM '06, is doing double duty as a veterinary cardiologist and fitness coach. In the first

role, she recently earned her Diplomate Cardiology; in the second, she runs Inspire Health and Fitness. Basically, she may be the perfect friend for active people with aging pets. (You would be a huge hit in Seattle, Christina!) E-mail her at fitcardiovet@gmail.com for more information.

As for me, I wrapped up my projects as communications director for Days for Girls Int'l, then spent my summer leading the national search for a new editor-in-chief for Religion News Service, a nonprofit news agency that covers faith, culture, and ethics news and trends. I also became president of Emerald City Toastmasters in Seattle's Belltown neighborhood, thanks to classmate **Jessica Pearl**, whose Facebook posts chronicling her public speaking activities with her New York club first inspired me to visit Toastmasters.org and check out my local options three years ago! (I no longer deliver terrible wedding toasts or PowerPoint presentations. You're welcome, world.) Perhaps by the time this goes to print, I'll have found my next exciting project. Find me on LinkedIn to find out—or share new opportunities with me!

Will you be among our classmates in NYC for the November 17 Cornell vs. Columbia football game and parade and the November 24 "Frozen Apple" Cornell vs. Harvard hockey game in Madison Square Garden? If so, please tag us @Cornell2001 on social media so we can connect! Got news? Want to get back in touch with old friends or plan a class happy hour or tailgate party? Visit our website (classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). And if you'd like to join me as a class correspondent, find me online or e-mail me at: ❖ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 Happy Holidays! Send news of your winter activities and plans to: ❖ **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; or **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Here's the second installment of our 15th Reunion update! I chatted with Mary Donlon second floor freshman residents **Lisa Yun**, **Julia Miliken**, and **Erica Frank**. Lisa is an assistant US attorney in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, where she enjoys handling healthcare and government procurement fraud cases. Erica is also a lawyer, specializing in labor and employment law in Manhattan. She went to NYU School of Law and has been in Manhattan since graduation. Julia spent three years in the Peace Corps in Zambia, focusing on sustainable agricultural techniques and income generating activities. She attended U. of Cape Town in South Africa, where she obtained a master's in environmental management. She worked in Nairobi, Kenya, in microfinance and the sale of sustainable energy alternatives, including fuel efficient cookstoves and solar lights. Julia is a social worker at Fountain House, which supports adults with mental illness. They all spent 48 hours together exploring New York City in March, which motivated them to reconnect at Reunion.

Leah Scolere, PhD '17, and **Zeb Lang**, MBA '11, started dating on Slope Day junior year. They were jovially sharing dinner Friday with classmates **Julie Kluka**, **Kristine DeFiglio**, MPS '10, and **Katie Klein** Margolis. Leah finished her PhD in Communication at Cornell with a specialty in new media. She is an assistant professor at Colorado State. Zeb was assistant coach of track and field at Cornell while Leah finished her PhD. He is a business analyst at ADP in Ft. Collins and a volunteer track and field coach at CSU. Leah recently presented her research at ICA in Prague. She recommends Letna

Garden as a must-see when you arrive. Leah met classmates Julie and Kristine in Prague. The three of them were all in Alpha Phi together. Julie is a brand manager for Kimberly Clark; you know her work from the Pull-Ups brand. She most enjoyed dancing on the Arts Quad at Reunion.

Katie Margolis was joined at dinner by her family, Glenn and daughters Lilly and Emmy. Katie is a social scientist at the FDA, where she researches and writes new rules on tobacco products. Her whole family went to Mexico for vacation; they recommend touring Isla Mujeres, where the kids loved the golf cart transportation. Both of Katie's kids have fallen in love with Cornell and are already planning to apply early decision, and Lilly added, "Cornell is the best school!" We can all agree with that!

Julie Guth Gilbert and **Lauren Milstein** Sussberg met at Cornell Summer College in 1998 and were the maids of honor at each other's wedding. Julie's husband, **Evan**, and **Drew Vogel** joined them for dinner Friday, and they shared stories about work and life. Evan, Julie, and Drew left the kids with the grandparents for the weekend and were looking forward to relaxing and catching up. Evan works for Carrier and Julie works in finance for Travelers. Drew and Evan were big and little brother in Sigma Pi and were looking forward to visiting the house during Reunion. They last met up at Drew's wedding in Houston and enjoyed the excuse of Reunion to reconnect.

Steve Gellert, MBA '09, **Julia Macdonald-Ward**, **Ed Kuhnel**, and **Irene Ferrero** were spotted sharing a drink outside the class tent, reminiscing about their many adventures at Ruloff's and calculating their unpaid tab. Steve runs a family cheese importing company with his father, **Joe Gellert** '68, MBA '71, where they import cheese from all over the world. Steve hopes to bring Cornell cheese to NYC and recommends that all classmates try the "scary looking cheese"—it will be delicious. Julia is living in Dallas and runs a small marketing company. Her 18-month-old, Leia Austin, was at home for the weekend with dad so Julia could focus on reconnecting with classmates and sorority sisters from Alpha Phi.

Saturday dinner saw many classmates reconnecting with those they were closest to at Cornell. Kappa Alpha Theta sisters **Jillian Timmermans** '02, **Ali Guy**, and **Chrissy Wais**, MBA '14, who haven't been together since last Reunion, were spotted together and admitted they got a bit lost in the dorm. **Jess Allen** Palahicky, **Katie Lavin**, **Kiva Iscol**, **Mike** and **Missy Carrie Egan**, and **Jen Costello** Werey were enjoying dinner by the lake and were united by their connection to Cornell lacrosse and hockey. **Diana Sur**, **Alice Kim** Kweiller, **Miriam Lee**, **Carla Gabris**, and **Christine Hum** '04, MBA '11, were having dinner together. They said they most enjoyed simply "walking around campus" during Reunion. Carla recently traveled to Europe and recommends Cinque Terre in Italy.

Erin Whipple Treat was hanging out just outside the tent with **Daryn** and **Jessica Berrest Johnson**. Erin and Jessica were Kappa Delta sisters, and they were joined by Daryn and Jessica's children, Maya and Noah. Daryn and Jessica revealed that they met at the Palms and came back to Ithaca for the last night at the Palms, and Daryn proposed at the top of the clock tower! Also regularly spotted together during Reunion were the '03 cohort of Chemical Engineers **Ed Smith**, **Meghan Cuddihy**, ME '04, **Mike Cody**, and **Satch Sil**, ME '04, who were often reliving the glory days in Olin Hall. They last got together at Satch's wedding in New Orleans two years ago. Mike paid out New England craft beer to Ed as a result of the Eagles' miracle victory over the Patriots.

We can't wait to see you in 2023 at our 20th Reunion!

❖ **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu; and **Candace Lee Chow**, cjl24@cornell.edu.

04 Hello, Class of '04! How are you planning to spend the holidays? If you responded to the request for online news that was e-mailed to you in September, look for your news in an upcoming column. If you didn't, go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to submit an online news form, or send a message or holiday letter directly to: ❖ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com.

05 Hello, classmates! As you read this column, Cornellians are trekking across campus, possibly through inches of snow. I hope they are enjoying it while it lasts! I have recently hit my 13-year anniversary with L'Oreal USA and cannot believe that it's been so long since we all graduated. I am currently still in New York City, and work as the assistant vice president of product development for Kieh'l's. I love designing new products in conjunction with marketing, research labs, and operations partners. My favorite part of the job is helping to create innovative and practical packaging in tune with the expectations of consumers and costs, and seeing the results of the team's efforts on the market. I especially enjoy working with fellow Cornellians **Angelina Ang Lee** '07, **Allison Chin** '07, and **Geoffrey Genesky**, PhD '09.

After finishing an 11-year pro hockey career, **Mike Iggulden** is now the director of sales at Bridge Connector, an integration platform as a service that delivers streamlined integration solutions for healthcare organizations. He is responsible for creating and maintaining partnerships with major vendors as well as new business development. Mike lives in West Palm Beach with his wife, and spends his free time playing with his 3-year-old daughter, Ivy, and 2-year-old son, Aussie. If Mike could go back to Ithaca, he would either watch a hockey game at Lynah Rink or do a wine tour in the Finger Lakes region. Mike still is very close friends with his roommate and hockey teammate, **Charlie Cook**.

Don't forget to keep those updates coming! ❖ **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu.

06 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop me a line to share an update with your classmates; or send your holiday letter to: ❖ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu.

07 Happy Holidays! We hope you responded to the request for online news that was e-mailed to you in September. If you did, look for your news in an upcoming column. If you didn't, it's never too late! Go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to submit an online news form, or send a message directly to: ❖ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu.

08 Can you believe it's November already? Reunion came and went, the leaves changed (for those of us in four-season climates), Halloween happened, and now it's almost time to gear up for the holiday season!

In class news, Reunion weekend marked a changing of the guards, as we thanked the outgoing class council for their five years of hard work, Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) attendance, and conference calling, and elected a new slate of class officers. Now, we'd like to officially announce our complete new slate

of class officers and general council members-at-large: president **Mike Wilbert**; secretary **Olivia Tai**, BA '10; treasurer **Eric Frackleton**, ME '09, Reunion chairs **Kristen Auffiero** and **Ebony Scott**; communication chair **Josh Perlin**; membership chair **Lance Polivy**; and general council members **Kimberly Lewis**, **Jessica Coulson**, MPS '13, **Nikki Mangiere**, **Jonathan Feldman**, **William Blashka**, **Haver Markham**, **Kevin Boroumand**, **Elana Beale**, and **Libby Boymel**. Congratulations to all of our Class of '08 council, new and old, and we look forward to another wonderful five years ahead!

As always, please continue to send your news to Elana and me. As she mentioned in our last column, we did sign on for another five-year tenure because of how much we love hearing from classmates, so keep the updates coming of both major life change and the arcane day-to-day life variety! We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame. ♦ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

09 **Max Rockoff** is general manager at the recently opened Daily Provisions at the corner of 19th and Park Avenue in New York City. A Union Square Hospitality restaurant serving up everything from an expertly crafted bacon, egg, and cheese to perfectly roasted chicken for dinner, Daily Provisions is a must-see for anyone living in New York City, or traveling there in the near future!

As this issue goes to print, our classmate **Daniel Ocampo**, ME '10, who has climbed the ranks at Pernod Ricard, the second largest beverage alcohol company in the world, will be matriculating at Harvard Business School. Congrats on this exciting new chapter, Daniel! A huge congratulations is also in order for **Manan Suri**, ME '10, who was recently featured in the *MIT Technology Review* top innovators under 35 list for his pioneering work designing computer chips that mimic the learning ability and energy efficiency of the brain. Send news to: ♦ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

10 Welcome to this edition of the Class Notes! I am one of your members-at-large and am excited to be a part of keeping our class connected. After a couple of years working in South Africa after college, I decided to come home to pursue medicine. I just moved to NYC to start my ophthalmology residency and am loving it! I look forward to connecting with all you NYC folks and hope to see you at future class events. Here are some updates from our classmates.

Christine Yang, BS '09, completed her residency at Columbia U. and is now a dermatologist at a new practice, Latham Dermatology, in Latham, NY. She welcomes new patients in the Upstate New York area! Last fall, she married her fellow medical school classmate and Navy physician Daniel Finnin at an idyllic wedding in South Carolina attended by many of her Cornell friends. **Kayla Valdes** is the current and youngest president of the Capital Region Chapter of Women in Bio (WIB) in the greater D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area. The organization provides women-to-women mentorship and leadership support, and she enjoys the opportunity to connect with women in the sciences to help advance their careers. Her day job is as a program manager at the National Institutes of Health, where she develops new scientific programs that will impact healthcare and disease outcomes.

Josh Novy '09, BS '10, will be graduating from medical school and is applying for residency in emergency medicine. But it hasn't been a straightforward journey.

As he says, "The John Lennon quote, 'Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans,' appropriately captures some of the significant events that have occurred in my life since graduating from Cornell. In 2014, about two weeks before I was set to relocate from New York to Miami and begin my MD, I was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia. I charged forward with my plans to relocate and begin medical school, and I am pleased to announce that I have been off chemotherapy for 15 months as of August 2018." He is grateful for the friends from Cornell who have been there for him throughout this journey—friends from North Campus, Alpha Chi Sigma, and the West Campus Goths. And if he were to go back now, he would seek out Ross Brann, former Alice Cook House professor, for a cup of tea and stories.

Please send in your updates at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Don't think of it as showing off—think of it as sharing with us how you're doing and staying connected, or reconnecting, with your class. ♦ **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com; **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu; **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu.

11 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates; or send your holiday letter to: ♦ **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu; or **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

12 **Emine Ozelkan** is in an accelerated nursing program on Long Island. After working for a few years, she hopes to go back to earn her doctorate in nurse anesthesia. She is still working at a children's hospital and as a travel agent, plus writing and making independent films.

Olivia Boyd is living in Los Angeles and recently changed jobs. She is now an integrations producer for Telepictures Productions, a Warner Bros. Entertainment company. Send news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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14 Hello, Class of 2014! 2018 is coming to an end, and it has been quite the year for our class. We are excited to keep hearing from our incredible classmates as we keep living, enjoying life, and contributing to the world—almost (dare I say it) five years after graduation.

After **Stephanie Chung** moved to the Middle East in 2014, she began to train CrossFit competitively. Her commitment to the sport evolved and she moved to Abu Dhabi, UAE, in 2017 to coach and train full time. She has competed at three regionals, and this season was her first year qualifying for the CrossFit Games, which took place in Madison, WI! Unfortunately, Stephanie suffered a fibular avulsion fracture in mid-July, which limited her capabilities, but competing side-by-side with the 40 fittest women in the world was still an unbelievable experience. She can't wait to get back to training for the 2019 season. **Michael Alan** celebrated his marriage to Sydney Harkreader on August 4, 2018 in Lake Jackson, TX, with several Cornell friends in attendance. Michael and Sydney are now living in New Orleans, LA.

Juliana Garcia gave birth to Jack Alexander on July 14, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. and reported that it had been a whirlwind since, but that she was loving every minute of it! Juliana is currently working on her master's in social work at Binghamton U. while working at Family and Children's Service of Ithaca as the runaway and homeless youth worker. She is also starting her fourth season of playing roller derby with the Ithaca League of Women Rollers, which is a hobby she loves. Juliana hopes to plan her wedding for next summer and looks forward to "partying with my Xis!"

We cannot believe that 2019 is the year of our 5th Reunion. We are already excited and cannot wait to see our fellow 2014 classmates back on the Hill next summer. As always, we love hearing from you; please reach out to either of us if you would like to share in this column. ♦ **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu; **Samantha Lapehn**, srl76@cornell.edu.

15 Happy holidays, Class of 2015! Can you believe it has already been almost four years since graduation? Time flies when you're having fun! Here are some of the things your classmates have been up to since we left the Hill.

Congratulations to **Arjun** and **Haley Jones Bidanda** on their marriage! Haley recently finished graduate school and is now working as a school psychologist in the Chicago Public Schools. We wish them both much happiness and success in their future. **Ian McQueary** has had quite an adventure since graduating from the College of Engineering. Following graduation, Ian made a pilgrimage to the coast of Thailand, where he lived with monks and studied the art of coffee roasting. Upon returning from Thailand, he opened a bakery in his native New Jersey that sold origami crepes and imported coffee directly from the monastery where he lived in Thailand. When the bakery closed, he decided to run for mayor of Hopewell on the platform "Together we aren't alone," in hopes of working his way up politically. Unfortunately, the campaign ended after gathering only 40 percent of the popular vote. Now Ian works in Conshohocken, PA, as an automation control engineer.

Benjamin Hwang and **Sarah Cochran** have enjoyed adventures of their own this year. Benjamin spent ten months serving in Puerto Rico with AmeriCorps, while Sarah traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, with fellow classmate **Alexis Sicklick** at the end of the summer. **Omari "Thunder" Powell**, **Ankith Harathi**, and **Christy Matthews** have all returned to the Ivy League to continue their educations. After founding a startup, Omari began a graduate degree at Cornell Tech this fall. Ankith is attending Harvard Business School for an MS/MBA dual degree. And Christy is finishing her first semester at Princeton U., where she is working toward a master's degree in finance.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston this February! Have some news to share? Did you start a new job or get a promotion? Go on an exciting vacation? Have other things to tell us? Share it all with the Class of 2015. Please send us your updates and we will include them in an upcoming column! ♦ **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu; **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu.

16 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop me a line to share an update with your classmates: ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu.

1930s

'36 BA—Libby Raynes Adelman,
Bryn Mawr, PA, June 26, 2016
'39 BA—Thelma Levine Block,
Ann Arbor, MI, June 8, 2018
'39 BS HE—Anne DuBois Irwin,
Johnson City, NY, December 20, 2017

1940s

'40 BA, JD '43—Alberto O. Ferrer,
San Juan, PR, May 14, 2018
'40 BA—Janice Grossman Halperin,
Sun City Center, FL, April 7, 2018
'40-41 SP Ag—Donald H. Myers,
Moravia, NY, April 4, 2018
'41 BCE, PhD '49—Warner Lansing,
Boca Raton, FL, May 12, 2018
'42—Shirley Clark Shumate,
Lake Katrine, NY, January 25, 2018
'42—Thomas B. Wilson,
Shorewood, WI, May 14, 2018
'43 DVM—Leonard N. Berdan,
Schoharie, NY, May 15, 2018
'43 BS Ag—Abraham J. Brook,
Piscataway, NJ, June 6, 2018
'43—Robert M. Owen,
Shrewsbury, PA, June 16, 2017
'43 MS, MD '47—Charles F. Reeder,
Alexandria, PA, April 22, 2018
'43, BS Ag '44, DVM '45—Andrew S. Ritter,
Hudson, NY, December 26, 2017
'43 BS Ag—Erton W. Sipher,
Gouverneur, NY, April 27, 2018
'44 BME—Ralph R. Bigelow,
Camp Hill, PA, May 31, 2018
'44 BEE—Ward B. Browning Jr.,
The Villages, FL, January 9, 2018
'44 BS HE—Virginia Smith Clifford,
Painted Post, NY, June 15, 2018
'44 BS Ag—Elaine Smith Feiden,
Santa Fe, NM, April 29, 2018
'44, BS Ag '45—Katia Altschuller Jacobs,
Highland, NY, April 21, 2017
'44, BS Ag '47—Yorke F. Knapp,
Kendall, NY, April 26, 2017
'44 MD—Burritt S. Lacy Jr.,
Manhattan, KS, October 20, 2017
'44 BS Ag—Helen Wright Murphy,
Wappingers Falls, NY, December 24, 2017
'44, BS Ag '46—Marie Coville Ortner,
Nashua, NH, April 19, 2017
'44 MD—Robb V. Smith,
DeKalb, IL, December 11, 2014
'45, BS HE '44—Marion Scott Cushing,
Milford, NH, April 23, 2018
'45, BA '44—Martin R. Gardner,
Arlington, MA, June 11, 2018
'45 MD—Donald W. MacLean,
Hamilton, MT, December 26, 2016
'45 BME—Russell L. Pellett,
Nashville, TN, April 23, 2018
'45 MD—Irving L. Selva Jr.,
Scarborough, ME, April 15, 2016
'46—Virginia Kerr Anderson,
Livingston, MT, December 23, 2017
'46—Cecily Bishop Carman,
Pittsford, NY, January 20, 2018
'46 BS Ag, MS Ag '48—Alice Latimer Fuller,
Pine Grove Mills, PA, May 7, 2018

'46 BS HE—Iris Berman Goodman,
Virginia Beach, VA, June 2, 2018
'46-47 SP Ag—Thomas E. Haskell,
Rome, NY, January 29, 2018
'46, BS HE '45—Sarah Whitford Morgan,
Durham, NH, April 30, 2018
'46 MD—Walter J. Richar,
Stamford, CT, December 20, 2017
'46 BME—Sholom M. Shefferman,
Washington, DC, May 10, 2018
'46, BEE '45—Robert O. Sinclair Jr.,
Madison, NJ, August 6, 2017
'46 MD—Franklin H. Streifeld,
Evanston, IL, November 27, 2014
'46 BS HE—Ellen deGraff Teller,
Middleton, WI, May 1, 2018
'46 BCE—Alfred J. Wood,
Cornelius, NC, February 24, 2018
'47, BA '46—David G. Banks,
New Wilmington, PA, May 21, 2018
'47 BS HE—Dorothea Potwin Bridenbaker,
Kennedy, NY, January 29, 2018
'47 BArch—Mary Allen Cadwell,
Pittsford, VT, May 10, 2018
'47 BS Nurs—Helen Hallas Fazio,
Sandwich, MA, November 24, 2016
'47, BA '46, MD '50—Marjorie Helgans Hughes,
Falls Church, VA, March 3, 2018
'47 BS HE—June McRae Lofgreen,
El Centro, CA, November 1, 2015
'47, BA '46, MS '48—Maxine Stern Moore,
Wilmington, DE, October 15, 2017
'47 BA—Hilary Dawson Schlessiger,
New York City, June 10, 2018
'47, BS HE '46—Lauraine Serra Warfield,
Vergennes, VT, January 14, 2018
'48 BS Nurs—Mary Stringe Davenport,
Bristol, TN, April 20, 2018
'48 BS HE—Jane Lawrence Fosdick,
Highlands Ranch, CO, March 31, 2018
'48 BS Ag, MBA '49—Jacob D. Fry,
Brookfield, WI, February 25, 2018
'48 BME—Newton H. Green,
Pittsford, NY, May 2, 2018
'48 BS Ag, MBA '49—Herbert S. Holland Jr.,
San Antonio, TX, May 20, 2018
'48 BA, MBA '49—William G. Kirkland,
New York City, April 20, 2018
'48 BA—Ethel Hoefener Newcomb,
Vienna, VA, April 2, 2018
'48 BA—Thomas S. Rogers,
Boulder, CO, April 20, 2018
'48, BME '49—Benjamin C. Sze,
Somerset, NJ, April 20, 2018
'49 BA—David J. Batt,
Canandaigua, NY, May 14, 2018
'49—Herman Bowman III,
Liverpool, NY, April 26, 2018
'49 BA—Constance Hoffmann Elsaesser,
Cincinnati, OH, March 17, 2018
'49, BArch '50—Marice Deming Guran,
Akron, OH, May 2, 2018
'49 BA—Eleanor Hall Ha,
Kailua, HI, April 20, 2018
'49 B Chem E—James L. Hecht,
Highlands Ranch, CO, April 27, 2018
'49 BCE—Carl P. Irwin,
Somerville, MA, June 22, 2018
'49 BME—Rodney G. Miller,
Greenwood, SC, June 21, 2018

'49 BS Ag—Gordon D. Rapp,
Chapel Hill, NC, December 16, 2017
'49 MD—Alan D. Shafer,
Dayton, OH, February 4, 2018
'49 BFA—Richard G. Shepherd,
Bernard, ME, April 7, 2018
'49 BA—Louise Newberg Sugarman,
Chevy Chase, MD, May 18, 2018
'49 BS Ag, PhD '53—Dionisios A. Theokas,
Shelby, NC, May 17, 2018
'49 BA—Robert G. Van Duynne,
Williamsburg, VA, March 20, 2018
'49 BS Ag, PhD '53—Robert H. Wasserman,
Ithaca, NY, May 23, 2018
'49 BA—Norma Johnson Wiles,
Clearwater, FL, December 23, 2017
'49 BA, MEd '52—Donald C. Young,
Fountain Hills, AZ, August 1, 2017

1950s

'50—Edward A. Bryden III,
Wilmington, DE, December 17, 2017
'50 B Chem E—Elmer K. Erickson,
Wilmington, DE, April 23, 2018
'50 BA—Carl W. Foss Jr.,
Honeoye Falls, NY, January 13, 2018
'50 BS HE—Pauline Levy Heil,
Santa Fe, NM, June 2, 2018
'50 BA, MBA '54—William W. Helman III,
Redding, CT, June 2, 2018
'50 BA—John A. Keffee,
Scarsdale, NY, April 30, 2018
'50 BS ILR—Floyd B. Leroy Jr.,
Lakewood, NJ, April 24, 2018
'50—Earle N. Rothbell,
Rahway, NJ, December 20, 2017
'50 MS HE—Ruth Wicker Sanderson,
Jamestown, NY, May 9, 2018
'50 BS Ag—Norman W. Schiek,
Utica, NY, March 26, 2018
'50 BS Ag—Harry D. Smith,
Brevard, NC, February 19, 2018
'50 BA—Anne Blakemore Stephan,
Quincy, IL, February 8, 2018
'50 BA—Alan P. Towbin,
Bethany, CT, May 29, 2018
'50 MD—Robert P. Vomacka,
Belleair Bluffs, FL, October 13, 2014
'51 BA—Anita Van Hassel Blauvelt,
Ridgewood, NJ, May 26, 2018
'51 PhD—Roshan Bharucha Christensen,
Colorado Springs, CO, November 28, 2017
'51 BS Ag—John H. Clark,
Turin, NY, May 23, 2018
'51 BArch—Robert F. Gatje,
New York City, April 1, 2018
'51 BEE—Joseph P. Hesse Jr.,
Windsor, CT, June 4, 2018
'51 LLB—Philip H. Hoff,
Shelburne, VT, April 26, 2018
'51 BS Ag—Robert C. Howe,
Gouverneur, NY, June 14, 2018
'51, BS Ag '55—Richard P. Kaley,
Baldwinsville, NY, June 11, 2018
'51 BA—Dorothy Bartmann Karcher,
Sandy Hook, CT, June 9, 2018
'51 MS, PhD '53—William J. Mellen,
Amherst, MA, June 15, 2018
'51 BA—Emily Evans Miller,
Orwigsburg, PA, January 30, 2018

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'51 BA, JD '54—**Sherman Moreland III**,
 Endicott, NY, December 9, 2017
 '51—**Courtland Y. White IV**,
 Madison, WI, March 31, 2018
 '51 MD—**Lowell L. Williams**,
 Columbus, OH, August 8, 2016
 '51 LLB—**Paul J. Yesawich Jr.**,
 New Smyrna Beach, FL, December 13, 2017
 '52, BS Nurs '54—**Jane Goostray Bissell**,
 Long Lake, NY, April 27, 2018
 '52 MD—**James C. Gammill**,
 Paris, France, December 16, 2017
 '52 MD—**David Goebel**,
 Forest Hills, NY, May 1, 2018
 '52 BS Ag—**Carl F. Gortzig**,
 Ithaca, NY, June 2, 2018
 '52 DVM—**Edward T. Greenstein**,
 Jamestown, RI, June 5, 2018
 '52-53 SP Ag—**Marie Freeman Grethen**,
 Schenectady, NY, January 1, 2016
 '52 BA—**Betty M. LaGrange**,
 South Burlington, VT, February 8, 2018
 '52 BS Ag—**Charles M. Miller**,
 Binghamton, NY, March 29, 2018
 '52 PhD—**Alan M. Winslow**,
 Pleasanton, CA, December 23, 2016
 '53 BA—**James H. Bowman**,
 Wilmington, DE, April 12, 2018
 '53—**James S. Carrion**,
 Sarasota, FL, March 24, 2018
 '53—**Nancy Myers Coccia**,
 Austin, TX, April 5, 2018
 '53—**Joan Otto Daunt**,
 Bandera, TX, February 25, 2018
 '53 BA—**Joanne Muensch Droppers**,
 Lynn, MA, May 23, 2018
 '53 BA, LLB '57—**I. Robert Harris**,
 Floral Park, NY, June 10, 2018
 '53 BA—**C. Fredric Hobbs**,
 Carmel, CA, April 25, 2018
 '53 BS Ag—**Edgar Inselberg**,
 Kalamazoo, MI, May 11, 2018
 '53—**Joan Burnett Jenney**,
 Chestnut Hill, MA, December 2, 2017
 '53 BS Ag, PhD '60—**Ivan L. Kinne**,
 Ponte Vedra, FL, May 29, 2017
 '53 PhD—**John W. Mastalerz**,
 Chandler, AZ, June 1, 2018
 '53 BS Nurs—**Irene Liebenau Zuckerbraun**,
 Preston, CT, April 30, 2018
 '54 MD—**William H. Gordon Jr.**,
 Upland, CA, April 22, 2018
 '54 PhD—**Leo S. Jensen**,
 Athens, GA, May 23, 2018
 '54 BA—**Selma Pollets Roen**,
 Mountain Dale, NY, April 23, 2018
 '55 BA—**Robert J. Bollini**,
 Montclair, NJ, May 8, 2018
 '55 BS Ag—**Charles J. Collins**,
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 '55 PhD—**Thomas H. Donnelly**,
 Maywood, IL, April 28, 2018
 '55—**Werner L. Flier**,
 Port Byron, NY, May 9, 2018
 '55 BS HE—**Julie Mann Friedman**,
 Pleasant Prairie, WI, April 21, 2018
 '55 BS Hotel—**Axel P. Hochkoeppler**,
 Chico, CA, April 6, 2018
 '55, BCE '56, PhD '63—**Donald E. Johnson**,
 Andover, MA, May 1, 2018

'55 MS—**Ellen Ordway**,
 Morris, MN, February 20, 2018
 '55 BS Ag—**Stanley W. Perkins**,
 Charlotte, NC, May 2, 2018
 '55—**Ruedi W. Schelbert**,
 Gambarogno, Switzerland, April 12, 2018
 '55 PhD—**Jay H. Smith**,
 South Jordan, UT, April 29, 2018
 '55 BS Ag—**Donald Vesley**,
 Columbia Heights, MN, June 20, 2018
 '55—**Marilyn Lenox Zirl**,
 Livingston, NJ, April 22, 2018
 '56 BS Ag—**George R. Askew**,
 Hampton, CT, February 8, 2018
 '56, BEP '57—**Robert T. Braden**,
 Marina del Rey, CA, April 16, 2018
 '56 BA, LLB '62—**Edward V. K. Cunningham**,
 York, ME, March 31, 2018
 '56 BA, JD '62—**Harvey M. Freed**,
 San Carlos, CA, October 31, 2017
 '56 MS—**Robert J. Hall**,
 Worcester, MA, December 18, 2017
 '56, BCE '57, MCE '59—**Douglas H. Merkle**,
 Panama City, FL, May 22, 2018
 '56 BS Ag, PhD '61—**Rudolph J. Miller**,
 Stillwater, OK, December 10, 2017
 '56 BS Ag—**Robert Muller**,
 Westmoreland, NY, April 20, 2018
 '56 BS Ag—**H. Frederick Rice Jr.**,
 Kamuela, HI, January 5, 2018
 '56 MCE—**Clyde W. Scott**,
 Cleveland, OH, February 1, 2014
 '56 BS Ag—**Myron J. Watkins Jr.**,
 Hudson Falls, NY, June 3, 2018
 '56, BA '57—**James E. Williamson**,
 Suffield, CT, May 21, 2018
 '57 PhD—**Ibrahim H. Adawi**,
 Rolla, MO, April 15, 2018
 '57 MD—**Roger C. Breslau**,
 Fallbrook, CA, August 9, 2016
 '57 BA, MD '61—**Marilyn Enck Broman**,
 Coral Gables, FL, April 25, 2018
 '57, BME '58—**Paul M. Gladstone**,
 Denver, CO, November 5, 2017
 '57 BS Ag, MBA '58—**Edgar N. Harland Jr.**,
 Chapel Hill, NC, January 28, 2018
 '57, BS Ag '58—**Richard P. Kirtland**,
 Staunton, VA, December 12, 2017
 '57 BS Ag—**C. Burton Kandel**,
 Brainerd, MN, February 25, 2018
 '57 BFA—**Diane Serber**,
 Old Chatham, NY, June 10, 2018
 '57 MA—**Blema Solomon Steinberg**,
 Montreal, QC, Canada, January 29, 2017
 '57, B Chem E '58—**James V. Tarbell**,
 Palo Alto, CA, May 2, 2018
 '57 BA—**Elizabeth Bloom Weaver**,
 Juno Beach, FL, February 7, 2018
 '58 BS Ag—**Robert W. Adler**,
 Colts Neck, NJ, August 2, 2016
 '58 BS ILR—**Bernard K. Allanson**,
 Schenectady, NY, June 14, 2018
 '58—**Peter H. Bouton**,
 Westerville, OH, January 19, 2018
 '58 MD—**Albert R. Burchell**,
 River Vale, NJ, January 19, 2018
 '58 BA, MA '63—**Stanton P. Durham**,
 Loveland, CO, March 21, 2018
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 Oshkosh, WI, December 15, 2017



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Sea Island, GA, February 20, 2018
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Skaneateles, NY, May 6, 2018
'58 DVM—George Jordan,
Centereach, NY, February 13, 2018
'58 BA—Albert M. Lefkovits,
New York City, May 11, 2018
'58—Charley S. Potter,
Louisville, KY, December 26, 2017
'58, B Chem E '59—Norman B. Schmidt,
Laureldale, PA, April 2, 2018
'58—B. Edward Tibbitts Jr.,
Fayetteville, NY, May 20, 2018
'59—Amelia Johnson Alexander,
Vienna, VA, April 20, 2018
'59 BS HE—Nancy Willman Burton,
Columbia, MO, May 9, 2018
'59 BS HE—Anne Jackson,
Paso Robles, CA, April 29, 2018
'59 BA—Steven E. Katz,
Yarmouth, ME, January 29, 2018
'59 BS Ag—J. Roland Lieber,
Naples, FL, January 2, 2018
'59—Allan L. Mullgrav Jr.,
Hyde Park, NY, May 9, 2018
'59 MS—Hugh W. O'Connor,
Duxbury, MA, May 10, 2018
'59 BS Hotel—Richard E. Speirs,
Brantingham, NY, June 3, 2018

1960s

'60 BS Hotel—Myron M. Eicher Jr.,
Scottsdale, AZ, April 22, 2018
'60 BS Ag—Thomas L. McGuire,
Newfield, NY, February 18, 2018
'60 BA, LLB '63—James M. O'Hara,
Denver, CO, May 3, 2018
'60—Thomas J. O'Neill,
Peabody, MA, January 19, 2018
'60, BS ILR '62—Charles D. Palmer,
Bradenton, FL, April 28, 2018
'60—Arthur F. Paulsen,
Dallas, TX, April 18, 2018
'60, BS Ag '61—Sonja Butenhoff Scott,
Ottawa Hills, OH, September 13, 2015
'60 PhD—David A. Wilson,
San Rafael, CA, May 2, 2018
'61, BArch '62—Robert E. Allen,
Santa Rosa, CA, May 8, 2018
'61 MS—Peter J. Andrewes,
Halifax, NS, Canada, June 2, 2018
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Wilmington, DE, April 1, 2018
'61—Glenn F. Bastian,
Weldon, NC, June 15, 2015
'61 BS Ag, MBA '63—Richard C. Perkins,
Bryan, TX, May 18, 2018
'61 PhD—Bertram Spector,
Potomac, MD, December 25, 2017
'61, BA '62—Warren E. Sundstrom,
Wakefield, MA, April 26, 2018
'62, BME '63, MME '64—William C. Bigler,
Peabody, MA, December 22, 2017
'62 PhD—G. Graydon Curtis,
Westfield, NJ, May 5, 2018
'62 PhD—Julien Gendell,
Rochester, MI, June 20, 2018
'62 MA—Lawrence K. Sheridan,
Stewart Manor, NY, December 9, 2017
'62 MS—John D. Stelling,
Cambridge, MA, February 9, 2018
'63 BA, MA '64—Carol D. Locke-Endy,
Bloomsburg, PA, May 23, 2018
'63, BME '64—John O. Miner Jr.,
McLean, VA, February 24, 2018

'64 BA—Virginia Mai Abrams,
Hockessin, DE, May 10, 2018
'64 BA, PhD '68—Charles A. Evans Jr.,
San Carlos, CA, April 22, 2018
'64 BS Ag—Patricia Mabee Fazio,
Cody, WY, April 30, 2018
'64, BS Eng '65, PhD '73—Douglas E. Kenyon,
Littleton, CO, May 19, 2018
'64 BA—Saralee Robinson McGroarty,
Longmont, CO, March 21, 2018
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'64 MEE, PhD '67—S. Yegna Narayan,
Skillman, NJ, June 13, 2018
'64 BA—Edwin W. Parker,
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'65 BS Ag—Kenneth L. Banse,
Westtown, NY, April 11, 2018
'65, BEE '66—Charles R. Grauling,
Carmel, CA, April 28, 2018
'65 MS—George C. Kelley,
DeRuyter Lake, NY, May 9, 2018
'65 MD—Edgar J. Kenton III,
Danville, PA, April 21, 2018
'65 MS—James D. Maxwell,
Benoit, MS, May 17, 2018
'65 BS Nurs—Anne Koons Meckley,
Mechanicsburg, PA, February 23, 2018
'65—Christopher L. Russo,
East Hampton, NY, January 31, 2018
'65, BS Hotel '66—Donald G. Sullivan,
San Ramon, CA, November 26, 2017
'65 B Chem E, ME '66—Frank J. Washabaugh III,
Ringoes, NJ, June 11, 2018
'65 PhD—Russell A. Willoughby,
Guelph, ON, Canada, April 17, 2018
'66 BS AEP, ME '67—Gary F. Gurski,
Remington, VA, February 14, 2018
'66 MA, PhD '69—Alvin L. Jacobson,
Cambridge, MA, May 21, 2018
'66, BS Ag '67, MBA '68—Robert H. Starke,
Raleigh, NC, December 27, 2016
'66 BS Ag—Ross A. Waterman,
Port Byron, NY, May 9, 2018
'67 BS Ag—Charles D. Brown,
Naples, FL, April 4, 2018
'67 LLB—John W. Clarke,
New York City, May 1, 2018
'67 BA—Susan S. Horsey,
New York City, May 5, 2018
'67 BA—Steven J. Stravinski,
Boynton Beach, FL, February 6, 2017
'67 BEE, MEE '68—Douglas W. Swanson Jr.,
Ashburn, VA, January 5, 2018
'67 BA—Mary McDonald Zirkle,
Green Cove Springs, FL, April 23, 2018
'68 BA—Steven M. Bengis,
Florence, MA, December 13, 2015
'68—E. Daniel Bors,
Long Beach, CA, March 22, 2018
'68 MS, PhD '71—Anna B. Drakontides,
Old Saybrook, CT, June 11, 2016
'68, BME '69—Aaron D. Hertz,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2018
'68 BS HE—Natalie Hirsch Lederman,
Swampscott, MA, December 22, 2017
'68—Allan P. Mensky,
Scranton, PA, February 24, 2018
'68 BEE—Robert A. Wolf,
Atlantic Beach, FL, May 6, 2018
'68 BS ORIE, MBA '69—Pete W. Woodworth,
Winona, MN, May 23, 2018
'69 MST—John J. Ferrier Jr.,
Chiefland, FL, May 14, 2018
'69 MST, PhD '77—John K. Howie,
New Port Richey, FL, February 26, 2018

'69 BS Eng—Daniel W. Jones,
Augusta, GA, January 30, 2018
'69 BA, MD '73—John A. Michal III,
Santa Barbara, CA, August 31, 2017
'69, BArch '70—Leon G. Satkowski,
Gaithersburg, MD, December 5, 2017
'69 BS Nurs—Marcia Hoobler Simmons,
Fernandina Beach, FL, May 19, 2018

1970s

'70 MBA—James G. Hutcheson,
Toronto, ON, Canada, April 26, 2018
'70 PhD—Michael J. Norvell,
Doylestown, PA, April 6, 2018
'70 MA—Jean Philbrick Strout,
Ithaca, NY, May 18, 2018
'71 MS Ag—Allen J. Bejda,
Locust, NJ, May 31, 2018
'71 MBA—Michael R. Carty,
Geneva, NY, February 9, 2018
'71 BS HE—Marlynn Lampert Littauer,
Friday Harbor, WA, May 26, 2018
'71 PhD—Donald R. Schmidt,
Wyocena, WI, May 20, 2018
'71 MA—Frederick Siems,
Arlington, VA, May 22, 2018
'71 MME, PhD '74—William E. Tobler,
Willis, MI, May 21, 2018
'72 BS Ag, DVM '76—Barbara Daab Burde,
Thousand Oaks, CA, June 15, 2018
'72 BA—P. Michael Puleo,
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Naperville, IL, June 7, 2018
'73 JD—Steven A. Pardes,
Lakewood, NJ, April 9, 2018
'74, BS Eng '77—Wesley D. Johnson,
Rising Sun, MD, July 27, 2013
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Arapahoe, NC, April 21, 2018
'76 BA—Mark J. Gundersen,
Chadds Ford, PA, February 16, 2018
'76 BCE—Donald J. Rodis Jr.,
Olney, MD, April 21, 2018
'77 MS—Michael G. Billing,
Ithaca, NY, May 29, 2018
'78, BS Ag '80—Peter J. Farmer,
Lancaster, MA, April 25, 2018
'78 BS ORIE—Steven D. Lecarie,
Commack, NY, November 5, 2017
'79 JD—Alan R. Taxerman,
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1980s

'80 MBA—Mark J. Proudfoot,
San Antonio, TX, May 15, 2018
'80 BS ILR—Christopher M. Wodzinski,
Trumansburg, NY, May 29, 2018
'81 PhD—Richard C. Weiss,
Auburn, AL, April 27, 2018
'82 BA—Michael P. Brady,
London, UK, March 3, 2018
'82 BEE—Thomas C. Crawford,
St. Petersburg, FL, May 25, 2018
'84 BS HE—Sandra K. Lamm,
Fort Worth, TX, March 21, 2018

1990s

'90 BA—Carolyn De Wilde Casswell,
Malvern, PA, June 25, 2018
'93—Samuel D. Postell,
Bronx, NY, January 3, 2018
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In Memoriam

B.U. Nzeribe, Cornell, PhD '58

Prominent Nigerian Educator and Politician Dies at 96

Benjamin Uzoukwu Nzeribe, aka B.U., was a man with a vision who prepared himself to turn that vision into reality. From his initial schooling in Nigeria, he made his way to California, where he earned a bachelor's degree at Chico College of the State University of California. He then went on to earn a master's degree in Economics at Stanford University, and a PhD in Agricultural Economics at Cornell University.

Rather than becoming a public servant in a government office, he became a servant of his home community of Awo-Omamma, where he founded and directed an elementary school, a comprehensive secondary school, an evening GCE School, and a community hospital. Together with his wife, Samiri, they partnered with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee to found a well-baby program that provided maternal child healthcare services to the villages of Awo-Omamma. B.U. also built on his California connections to develop a technical education school at their Awo-Omamma Education Project whose alumni include ambassadors, professors, lawyers, judges, scientists, business men and women, etc.

B.U.'s commitment and concern for his fellow Nigerian citizens led him to run for and be elected as Member of Parliament in Nigeria's first republic, where he rose to the office of Deputy Speaker—a testament to the esteem in which he was held by his fellow parliamentarians. In 1979, B.U. was the vice presidential candidate under the banner of the Great Nigeria Peoples Party.

The extended community of B.U.'s family and friends has applauded him and his life's work with honorary degrees and chieftaincy titles. B.U. was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Samiri Nzeribe. He is survived by six children, fourteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Benjamin Uzoukwu Nzeribe will be remembered, loved, and valued across generations.

Gorging Ourselves

The brainchild of a Cornellian, Ithaca's beloved tourism slogan graces T-shirts (and lots of other stuff) far and wide



AD MAN: The late Howard Cogan '50, MPH '80, in a hoodie bearing his famous slogan. Right: A sampling of Ithaca swag.



Anyone who has spent time in Cornell's hometown knows the city's tourism slogan: "Ithaca is Gorges." The ubiquitous green-and-white logo adorns merchandise from T-shirts to bumper stickers, hats to coffee mugs, cell phone cases to chocolate bars. With an illustration of a waterfall in place of the letter I, the pithy pun encapsulates the city's natural beauty. "It's like a secret passphrase," says Mayor Svante Myrick '09. "'Gorge' is not a common word; it's not like everybody has a gorge or three running through their town. So to understand why it's funny—even the fact that it's a pun—you have to have been to Ithaca."

Over the years, clever variations have sprung up, becoming almost as well-known to Ithacans as the original phrase. They range from the straightforward "Ithaca is Cold" to the tongue-in-cheek "Ithaca is Gangsta" to the more contemporary "Riley is Gorges"—a nod to a local celebrity golden retriever who greets shoppers on the Commons with a drooling smile and a wagging tail. "It's a reflection of the community," says Fred Bonn, former director of the Ithaca/Tompkins County Convention and Visitors Bureau. "It's always fun to go to the Ithaca Festival Parade and see this year's spin on it."

These playful adaptations are possible for one reason: the man who designed the logo in the Seventies—the late Howard Cogan '50, MPH '80—never trademarked it. The owner of a small advertising business downtown, he conceived "Ithaca is Gorges" after local tourism officials tasked him with finding a way to attract visitors to the city. "He came out of his office fifteen minutes later and he had sketched it out," recalls his widow,

Helen Cogan. "Just like that."

An Ithacan since age six, Howard majored in theatre and later earned a master's degree in government. In addition to running his business with his wife, he taught advertising full time at Ithaca College, with part-time gigs at Cornell and Tompkins Cortland Community College. "He loved Ithaca; he never wanted to live anywhere else," says Helen. "The slogan was his gift to the city. He didn't want to make any money on it." And according to Bonn, the logo wouldn't have become nearly as widespread if Howard had capitalized on it. "You don't have one

'To understand why it's funny—even the fact that it's a pun—you have to have been to Ithaca,' says Mayor Svante Myrick '09.

company that controls it and polices how it's used," he says. "The community really owns it."

Like other popular tourism taglines—including "I Love New York," "Keep Austin Weird," and "What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas"—"Ithaca is Gorges" is recognized around the world. Many an Ithacan has a story about a connection they made because of the phrase—whether someone commented on their T-shirt one state over or on the other side of the globe. "When I travel anywhere in the world and tell people I'm from Ithaca, they'll say, 'Oh! Ithaca is Gorges!'" says Myrick, who notes that he probably owns more shirts bearing the slogan than one human needs. "It's a shared identity. It reminds us that we're all neighbors." ■

—Alexandra Bond '12

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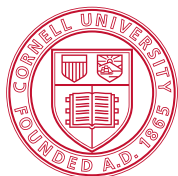
Ollie McNamara '50 (lower right) loved fashion and crafted a career in haute couture. With gifts to Cornell's collections and a scholarship through her bequest, she created a legacy.

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Ollie McNamara and Nancy Sprott Stone adjust a wedding gown
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