

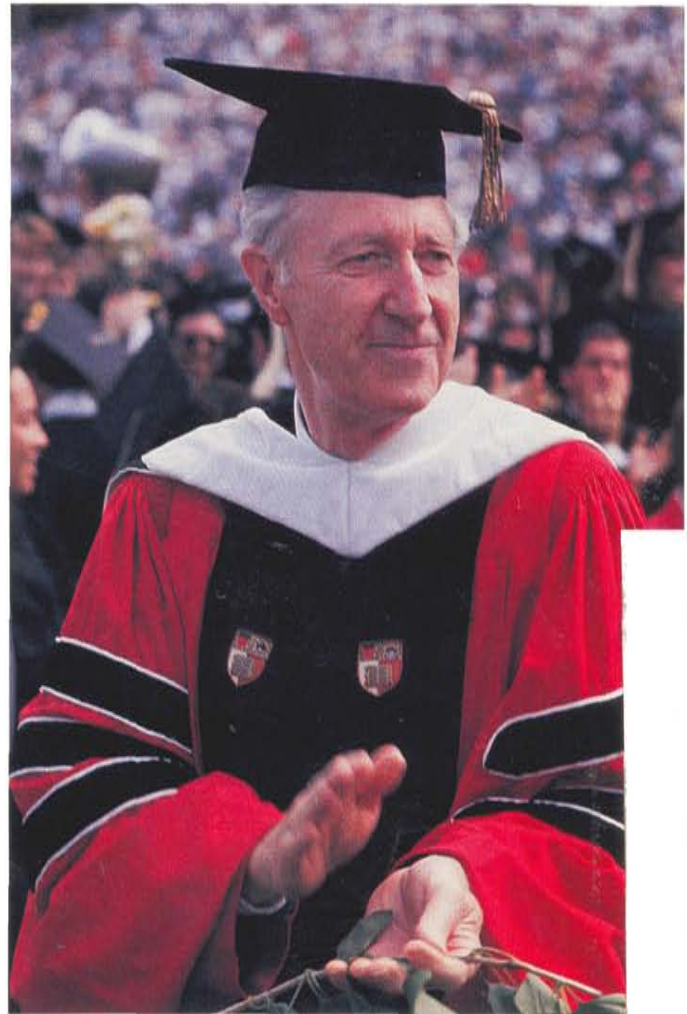
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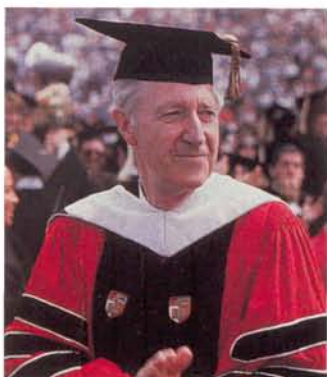


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# Athletic Director Kennedy Resigns, V.P. Palmer Returns to the Classroom

**T**wo senior Cornell administrators announced in February that they will leave their posts, one to return to teaching, one to seek "other challenges." Athletic Director Laing Kennedy '63 said he will leave that position before the summer of 1995. Larry I. Palmer, vice president for academic programs and campus affairs, will return to his position as professor in the Law school in January 1995.

"Professionally it's time to move on to other challenges," said Kennedy. He added that he has achieved the goals he had set for himself and the program when he began the job in 1983. He will leave what he called his "dream job" by July 1, 1995; earlier if a replacement is found.

Kennedy's decision surprised much of the campus community. In a letter to Kennedy, President Frank H.T. Rhodes said the athletic director has served as "the model for athletic leadership in the Ivy League."

Kennedy decided to announce the decision over a year before his official resignation date to help ensure a smooth transition for a new director, he said.

"My emotional roots run very deep here," said Kennedy, who had been an All-American goalie for the Big Red Hockey Team as an undergraduate. "I care very much for this athletic department, and I wanted to assure that there was time for planning and to conduct a first-rate search for my replacement." Kennedy said he will help

campus administrators plan a recruitment and interview process for his replacement, but will not directly assist with the search or interviews. Of his accomplishments as athletic director, Kennedy said he's proudest of helping to improve the university's sports facilities—which included the refurbishment of Schoellkopf Field and the construction of Alberding Field House—and the outstanding administrative and coaching staff that joined the department during his tenure. He also credits backing from alumni as an essential part of Cornell athletics. "One of the things that has impressed me

during my time as athletic director has been the support of our alumni," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said he does not yet have a specific job lined up, but will investigate all possibilities. A position somewhere at Cornell is not out of the question, he added.

Vice President Palmer cited his desire to teach as the reason for leaving his administrative post. "My vocation in life is teaching," Palmer said in a letter to Provost Malden C. Nesheim. "I have not been able to teach for the past two years because of my administrative responsibilities. I miss the teaching, the daily engage-



## A MALL AND ALL

June 9, will turn the area into a pedestrian mall, as the above rendering shows. Plane trees will replace the elms that once graced the area. Work should be completed before Thanksgiving.

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ment with students and the grappling with the interface of the theoretical and the practical that teaching law provides me."

Cornell President Frank H.T. Rhodes said in a letter to Palmer, "You have been a wonderful member of the team, and I wish you continuing professional success and personal fulfillment as you contemplate a return to the satisfactions of the professorial life."

Palmer had faced a variety of thorny issues during his seven-year tenure as vice president for academic programs and campus affairs, including student demands for a gay/lesbian/bisexual living unit, debate over better financial aid for minority students and the issue of random housing assignments for undergraduates.

### **STUDENT DIES FROM ALCOHOL OVERDOSE**

An Arts college junior, David M. Lewandowski '95, died the day after his 21st birthday after consuming too much alcohol, according to the Cayuga Heights Police Department.

Lewandowski, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was found unconscious early February 3 in the Acacia fraternity house, where he lived and was an active member. He was pronounced dead soon after being transported to Tompkins Community Hospital, officials said.

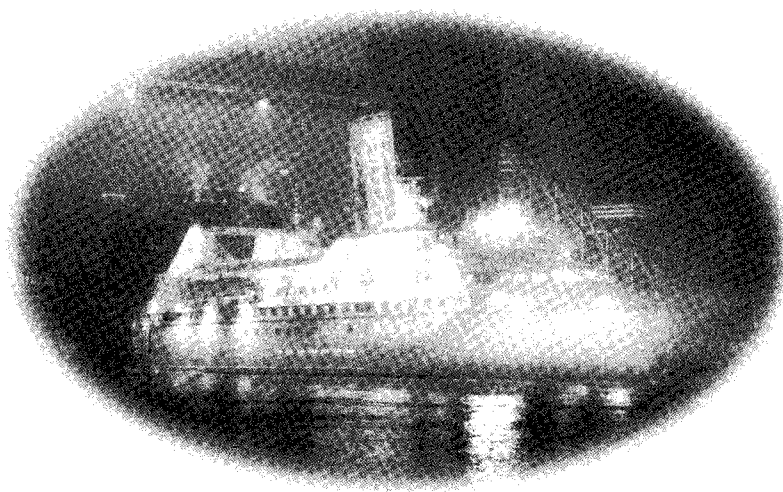
Preliminary autopsy results revealed that Lewandowski suffered from "acute alcohol overdose," according to Cayuga Heights Police Chief David Wall. No evidence of foul play was found, Wall added.

Lewandowski, a chemistry major, was an officer and contributing member of his fraternity, according to Acacia president Jason Wang '96. "We're going to feel his loss for years to come," Wang said.

Although Lewandowski was found in his fraternity house, Wall said there should be no indictment of fraternity members. "It was nothing different than a person living in a dormitory or a private apartment," he said. "It's just a matter of irresponsible drinking."

Lewandowski was remembered by friends and family at a campus memorial service in mid-February.

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## NEWS

### APPLICATIONS, FINANCIAL AID, TUITION ALL UP

After a dip last year, applications for undergraduate admission to Cornell rose this year from 18,907 to 19,860. The biggest increase was to the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, where applications rose 21 percent; applications to the School of Hotel Administration were up 11 percent, while the colleges of engineering and human ecology each experienced a one percent decrease in applications.

Dean of Faculty Peter Stein issued a report in January of a study conducted by senior faculty members on the future of need-blind admissions at Cornell. While noting that the university's financial aid budget is about \$30 million this year, and that almost 50 percent of students receive at least some aid, Stein pointed to a potential financial aid crisis in the not too distant future. Tuition is rising, government support of higher education is declining and more students need financial aid, Stein said. And while the report and President Rhodes reaffirmed the university's need-blind policy, its long-term future is not assured.

In January the Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition for Cornell's endowed colleges by 4.6 percent, from \$18,170 to \$19,000. The increase will be the smallest in 20 years. Tuition for Cornell's statutory colleges is also expected to rise—five percent for state residents and six percent for non-residents.

### DIVESTING DIVESTMENT

The Cornell University Board of Trustees voted in January to rescind its January 1986 policy concerning the selective divestment of investments in companies doing business in South Africa.

Under that policy, the university limited its investments only to those companies that, according to independent evaluations, are "making good progress" or "making progress" with their programs aimed at improving the social, political and economic lives of the black and non-white majority in South Africa.

The latest action by the Trust-

ees was taken in recognition of the appeals made last fall by Nelson Mandela and other officials of the African National Congress that educational institutions and pension plans rescind policies under which they have declined to invest in companies doing business in South Africa and that American corporations return to South Africa with capital and management to speed economic recovery.

After Mandela's appeal, many individual colleges and universities have amended their investment policies. In addition, TIAA-CREF, higher education's largest pension fund, announced that it would eliminate all South Africa-related restrictions on the Social Choice Account, and similar actions have been taken by the pension funds of public workers for Los Angeles, New York City and Massachusetts.

The issue of divestment rocked Cornell, particularly in the 1980s when more than 1,000 students and faculty members were arrested for protesting Cornell's ownership of stock in companies that did business with South Africa. Protesters also built "shantytowns" behind Day Hall. The 1986 Cornell policy to "selectively" rather than fully divest brought the University under fire from various campus groups, including the University Assembly and Student Assembly.

### EMERITUS PROFESSOR RIDEOUT DIES

Blanchard L. Rideout, professor of Romance studies emeritus, died December 3 at his home in Ithaca. Rideout was affiliated with Cornell for 60 years. He taught French language and literature, was director of the Navy's V-12 program at Cornell during World War II, founded and directed the Division of Unclassified Students and the Peace Corps training programs on the Hill, was secretary of the university, and for nearly 30 years, from 1951 to 1980, was university marshal, in which capacity he carried the mace and led tens of thousands of faculty and students in the University Commencement exercises. Rideout was 87.

—George C. Bullis '94



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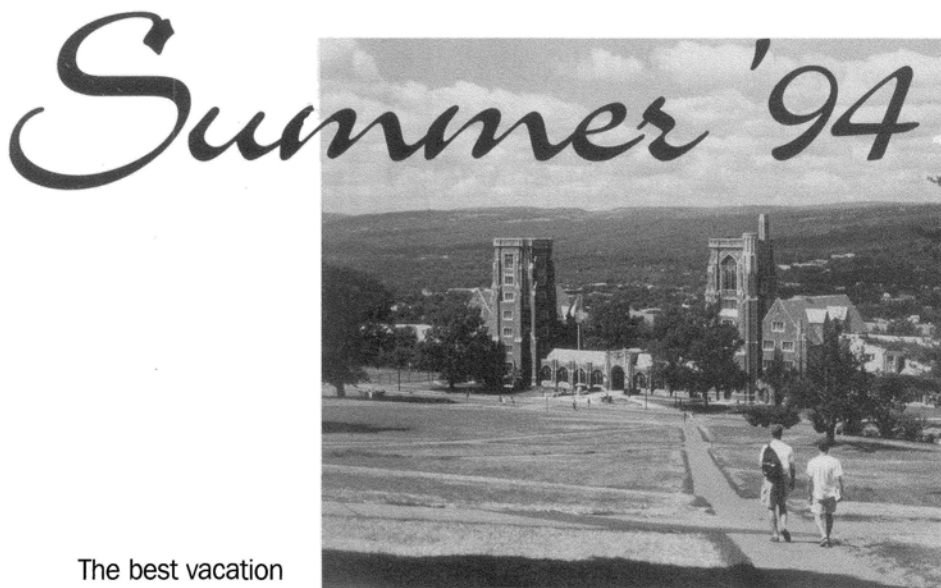
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# Still More on Engineering

*Editor:* I take exception to your printing only two letters to the editor in the January/February issue regarding educating engineers.

I would wager that if you took a poll of those graduating back in those days (the 1950s) that the great majority would praise the Engineering college for preparing them for their careers. Sure it was tough, but it was also fun.

I, too, spent five years in undergraduate studies and returned for two more in grad school at Cornell. It all has been of great value to me. I think that the (few) complainers must have some real problem not recognizing all the value that they received. Most of the graduates I know do not share this self-centered view of Cornell's Engineering college instructions in the '50s. Since leaving Cornell, I have supervised perhaps 100 or more engineers from varying universities, mostly in the Midwest. Few of those engineers were as well prepared as I was. For instance, a young engineer from the University of Wisconsin doesn't know the difference between the three 2s; that is: 20, 200 and two. Somehow, making things more pleasant for these folks didn't involve knowing any English grammar. This lack of care by his instructors has greatly hurt this young man's ability to advance in the field.

Let's not forget that engineers, besides having the job of problem solving, also have to be able to communicate their recommendations to the users of that information. When a student is graded for how he presents his homework, in addition to the accuracy thereof, he is being helped in his career, whether he wants to recognize it or not.

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Clifton E. R. Lawson '50, BCE  
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*We had received only two letters on the topic by the time the issue went to press.—Ed.*

*Editor:* The January/February issue of the *Cornell Magazine* presents two very different pictures of the Cornell College of Engineering. Having been at the college, I cannot resist entering the fray. My memories are supported by Mr. Fitz-Patrick, i.e., of a faculty that for the most part didn't give a damn about us.

I entered in the fall of 1956 as part of a class of 160 electrical engineering students. Five years later I emerged in a group of just under 60. As freshmen we had just one faculty adviser for the whole class. He was a kindly elderly man, in poor health, who could give each of us little information. The following year he died and was replaced by a professor who seemed bored by his obligation.

As Mr. Fitz-Patrick writes, the curriculum was laden with useless and time-consuming courses. Freshman electrical engineers took a whole year of mechanical drawing—five hours per week just in the drafting room. On top of this was the homework. What should have been a straightforward subject had been turned into an arcane science known on campus as Cleary theory. The subject was expounded in the eponymous teacher's privately printed notes. I have since had to use my

drawing skills in my work and was able to get along quite nicely with the short course I had in high school.

We electrical engineers were required to take four semesters of electrical power engineering. The pompous and forbidding figure in charge of these courses taught the first semester out of his own vanity press text. Filled with tortured syntax, it was practically unreadable. Incidentally, none of us was required to take a course in computer hardware or software although I can assure you that many more of my classmates entered the computer industry than the power business.

My 159 freshman classmates were bright people and the 100 who dropped out represent a serious loss of talent. Many left Cornell completely. With a little reassurance and a more intelligently designed program they could have been spared a painful and embittering experience.

Mr. Merkle draws on an analogy between engineering school and medical school. I wish he had developed his comparison further. Neither in the 1950s nor at present has the dropout rate in medical school approached what I saw at Cornell. For a number of years, medical schools had a more diverse student body than what we have in engineering. One sees more women and blacks in a medical school class than in an engineering course. I know because I teach engineering. Mr. Merkle suggests that focusing on "inclusion" in engineering education will somehow weaken the profession. I can assure him that my female, black and Hispanic students have nothing to apologize for. They are as good as the white male majority and are courted by industry at graduation.

A. David Wunsch '60  
Belmont, Massachusetts

## HOOIGANS & BARBARIANS

*Editor:* I was dismayed by your story regarding Latin student protestors who occupied Day Hall for three days in November (January/February). It was "déjà vu all over again" for this 1969 graduate who still has vivid and awful memories of the armed hooligans who took over the Straight and



forced President James Perkins and faculty leaders to their knees. It is disappointing Cornell has learned little in 25 years as yet another handful of delinquents has gotten away with disruptive criminal behavior. I don't doubt Mr. Penalver feels very attached to "that piece of university history," referring to the 1969 disturbances during which faculty were threatened with violence when they opposed the demands of student rebels, thousands of dollars of damage was inflicted on university property, and everything was forgiven by an administration willing to buy peace at any price.

Although some may be tempted to brush off the Latinos' behavior as adolescent acting out, the response of the administration is another matter. The fawning of Dennis Williams, director of the Learning Skills Center, over the "entrepreneurial independence" of the trespassers suggests his priorities are seriously out of order. President Rhodes's description of a proposed Latino living unit as "serious and responsible" is neither. Before he joins President Perkins on the trash heap of history, Mr. Rhodes should remember Perkins gave in to student bullies in 1969 by allowing them to keep a university building as a black headquarters after seizing it by force. That surrender was a prelude to the subsequent armed takeover which, thankfully, led to Perkins's resignation under alumni pressure.

Some may say this is a tempest in a teapot. In truth, it is a reminder that the barbarians have been, are now and always will be at the gates of academic freedom, and they will destroy it, given half a chance.

Thomas E. Albro '69  
Charlottesville, Virginia

### HUNTER'S CAPTIVE

*Editor:* I am responding to an observation by Jody W. Enck reported in "The Decline of the American Hunter" (January/February). In discussing the social benefits of hunting, the Human Dimensions Research Unit [HDRU] research support specialist "claims that hunters pump \$14 billion into the American economy each year."

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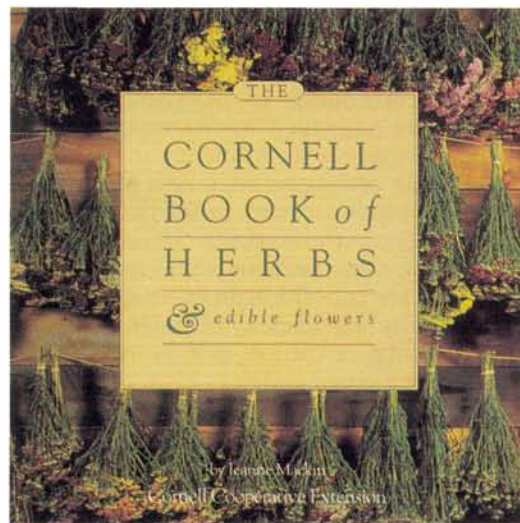
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People often cite such revenue figures as indicators of an activity's contribution to the economy. Usually it is these same persons who argue that jobs are benefits in an economic sense. The significant measure is productivity, or the net gain in welfare from a given activity.

While the measure of spending by hunters captures their costs, it does not capture their benefit from engaging in hunting. As for the jobs argument, many laborers may be hired to dig many deep holes with tiny shovels and refill these holes. Such an enterprise will certainly not yield much, if any, social benefit, except perhaps to the laborers and to the producers of tiny shovels.

As a former student in a single course within the Department of Natural Resources, I am aware of the department's void of economics. This may be the cause of the misunderstanding. However, I enjoyed the department and in no way call for it to embrace economics. Little letters such as this one may serve the purpose sufficiently (and economically).

Marc Landau '90  
Elkton, Maryland

### WHERE THE GRADES ARE

*Editor:* My son, Chris Rakov '96, has recently returned to the Hill after his month-long Christmas vacation. He is returning without any of his first-term grades, however.

Chris had waited for over four weeks for his grades to be mailed home to his parents as he requested in writing (during Freshman Orientation). The grades never arrived.

Why not? Where else in the world would you be mandated to make a \$25,000 annual investment with no right to monitor that investment? And this in spite of my son's request to the contrary. Where does Cornell feel the "rights" of the paying parents lie?

Howard A. Rakov '65  
Yonkers, New York

*Cornell's new policy of not mailing grades to parents went into effect in January to further comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, known also as the Buckley Amendment. The university had already been in compliance with the letter of the law, but now feels it is complying with the spirit of the law as well by letting students be responsible for their own grades, without asking the university to function as an arbiter between parents and students.—Ed.*

### "ALMA MATER" MATTER

*Editor:* In *Songs of Cornell*, published by B.F. Lent in 1900, I have found an early history of our "Alma Mater." The words were composed in early 1872 by Archibald Crosswell Weeks 1872 and Wilmot Moses Smith 1874. Although B.F. Lent presents an enlarged form of the "Alma Mater," the "established form" of the song, as of 1900, was said to have two stanzas plus the chorus as follows:

*Far above Cayuga's waters,  
With its waves of blue,  
Stands our noble Alma Mater,  
Glorious to view.*

#### CHORUS:

*Lift the chorus, speed it onward,  
Loud her praises tell;  
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,  
Hail, all hail, Cornell!*

*Far above the busy humming  
Of the bustling town,  
Reared against the arch of heaven,  
Looks she proudly down.*

Paula Markowitz Wittlin '74  
Mamaroneck, New York

### DATES, BURST PIPES

*Editor:* Something I find quite common in the many newsletters I receive, is the coming events calendar sections which list events past the date the issues are received. For example, on page 87 of your January/February issue there are 54 events listed. Of these, 26 were already completed when I received this issue. Interesting, too, that 15 of them were in the Southeast.

Frank H. Tillotson '39  
St. Petersburg, Florida

*Other readers may have noticed a delay in the arrival of their January/February issue. Unfortunately, Cornell Magazine fell victim to the horrendous weather that plagued the Northeast in late December and January. A pipe burst in the press-room of our printer, the Lane Press in Burlington, Vermont. The ensuing flooding knocked much of Lane's equipment—including the presses used to print Cornell Magazine—out of commission. The result: we were a little more than a week late getting into the mail, where we were slowed further by a series of storms that snarled traffic in the Northeast. Our apologies for what was an unavoidable delay.—Ed.*

### HATS OFF

*Editor:* Hats off to Joe and Carol Reich and their work with the Beginning With Children School in Brooklyn's Williamsburg neighborhood ("What is Worth a Million?", January/February). Thank you for publishing their story.

Herbert E. Parker '75  
Chili, New York

### CHAIR WHAT?

*Editor:* It seems a proclivity of Cornellians to call the presiding officer of a committee "the chair." This irritates me every time I see it. I thought a chair was to sit on. Can't we make some sense and revert back to the good old accepted term "chairman" without worrying about the sex of the person? On page 16 I note Prof. Daniel J. Decker is also "a chair." Is that ladder-back chair, easy chair, rush chair, folding chair or is it chairman? I think Cornell is a wonderful leading institution, but I sometimes wonder about some Cornellians!

Arthur Behrer '48  
New Bern, North Carolina

### HELP ON BIOS

*Editor:* I am writing a biography of a playwright from Belfast named J. Stewart Parker who was an instructor in English and taught creative writing at Cornell from 1967 to 1969. His wife, Kate, was active in the Dramatic Club. I am trying to trace



people who remember Stewart. Anyone who has any information about Stewart Parker and his time at Cornell please contact me at the Department of English, University of British Columbia, 397-1873 East Mall, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1Z1. Tel. (604) 222-1848.

Marilyn Richtarik  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

*Editor:* I am looking for some very special Cornell alumnae: former a cappella singers. Please take pity on me and publish this letter.

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Lorraine Lindhult '83  
Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania

*Editor:* I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew my father, H. Godwin Stevenson, Jr. '44 of Philadelphia, while he studied ornithology at Cornell.

My address is 403 Shipley Rd.,  
Linthicum, MD 21090.

Jane Stevenson Geis  
Linthicum, Maryland

## MEMORIES OF HOME

*Editor:* The article on the Becks' farm (January/February) reminded me of the 1930s and 1940s at my home, Sunnygables (now Turback's restaurant) just outside the City of Ithaca. My father, H. Edward Babcock, then was experimenting with the very features the article describes. If you look at articles in *The American Agriculturist* from those years, in his column, "Kernels, Screenings and Chaff," you can trace the development of the ideas which led to the milking parlor and the platform, and to the bunker silos.

Dad was concerned that the men working on our farm were suffering from back trouble because they stooped four times for each cow to clean the teats and to attach and take off the milking machines. He developed the platform to raise the cow, rather than stress the man's back.

When he first wrote about under-

ground silos—the first was dug back into one of the hills on our farm—the idea was treated as preposterous by many. Now it is accepted, because the silo-lying-on-its-side is considerably easier to load and unload, and cheaper to build and maintain.

H. E. Babcock, as he was known, was the first general manager of the farm cooperative, G.L.F. (now named Agway). He was appointed by the governor to the Cornell Board of Trustees on his 40th birthday in 1929, as the representative from agriculture. He became chairman of the Board of Trustees when I graduated in 1939, and served until illness made him give up the chairmanship in 1946. After that, he served as chairman of the Executive Committee until he died in 1950.

Dad was always sort of amused by his position at Cornell, since he held a *cum laude* BS in botany from Syracuse University.

Paul Cody's excellent article brought back memories of home.

Barbara Babcock Payne '39  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

**Editor's Note:** A story in the January/February issue about the events leading to a Latino student takeover of Day Hall in November contained misleading information about the sponsorship of the "Revelaciones/Revelations" exhibition that served as a focal point of the demonstration. The article stated that the exhibition was brought to Cornell by the Johnson Museum of Art. In fact, the primary sponsor of the event was the Hispanic American Studies Program (HASP). Cornell Magazine should have contacted HASP for comment on the protest, and should have recognized HASP as the primary sponsor. We regret the error.

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# Taking Out the Garbage

Last fall, when Goldwin Smith Professor of Poetry A. R. Ammons won his second National Book Award, a group of his graduate students became so excited that they decorated Ammons's office door with half-eaten bagels, banana peels and crumpled pieces of paper.

An odd way to demonstrate affection, perhaps. But Ammons had a good laugh. The book that earned him the award is a long poem in loosely iambic pentameter called *Garbage*.

The title might sound at first tongue-in-cheek. Ammons writes: "garbage has to be the poem of our time because/ garbage is spiritual, believable enough/ to get our attention, getting in the way, piling/ up, stinking, turning brooks brownish and/ creamy white."

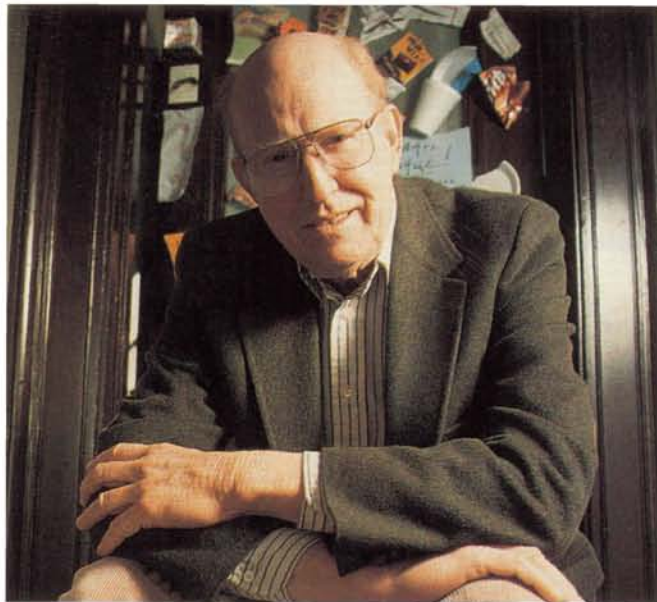
But in fact he finds garbage evocative. Aluminum lawnchairs corrode in landfills. Things break down and new ones form. A sandwich eaten fuels a poem. Energy becomes matter, matter dissolves into energy. Change is constant, and what *Garbage* celebrates is "action and action's pleasures."

"I love a poem every bit assimilated/ into motion, whereas some will dwell with a/ rubbish heap of bone, boulder, rust weir, wing/ feather, cot spring, sounds pretty nice," he writes.

Ammons's poem, 121 pages of couplets, moves along by considering life and death, the advantages of a godless universe, what makes poems good, how we live—with a liberal use of rubbish, waste and leftovers to make these thoughts vivid. A waste of words, for example, he calls "a flattened-down, smoothed-over mesa of styrofoam verbiage."

*Garbage* had its origins in Florida. A few years ago, returning to Ithaca along Interstate 95, Ammons looked out his car window and saw a landfill so tall and terraced that it reminded him of a pyramid or a Su-

*How a Cornell poet turns trash into gold*



CHRIS HILDRETH / CORNELL

**Poet Ammons: Not your average garbage man.**

merian ziggurat, like the Tower of Babel. What a lot of garbage, he thought.

In the poem he has a holy figure at the top of that heap: "a priestly director behind the/ black-chuffing dozer leans the gleanings and/ reads the birds, millions of loners circling/ a common height, alighting to the meaty streaks/ and puffy muffins (puffins?): there is a mound, too, in the poet's mind dead language is hauled/ off to and burned down on, the energy held and/ shaped into new turns and clusters, the mind/ strengthened by what it strengthens."

*Garbage* sold out in stores even before the Book Award. A New York City woman wrote to Ammons that his poem left her "insensible." Sounding like the native North Carolinian that he is, Ammons says, in response, "Now, I don't know if that's good, or bad. But it is a reaction."

"Usually these prizes don't make a difference, but this one surely did," he says. Ammons, known around campus simply as Archie, has had considerable experience with such awards. He won his first National Book Award in 1973 for a collection of poems, and since then has won the Bollingen Prize in Poetry, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Levinson Prize and the Lannan Literary Award for Poetry. In 1978 he was one of the first winners of the MacArthur Foundation's "Genius Awards."

Last fall, while *Garbage* was being nominated for and eventually winning the National Book Award, Ammons was teaching a new course in the English department. It had the quality, said some of those enrolled in the class, of "an event."

The course was called simply "Poems, Good and Bad." It was an



attempt to see what could be said about poems in a critical way while depending heavily on the personal responses of individuals. "Don't people understand that the only real experience people have of poems is impressionistic?" Ammons asked rhetorically one day in class.

The course attracted a mix of graduate students, undergraduates, creative writing students and faculty members interested in what might happen in Ammons's classroom. "His presence made the class possible," said Jonathan Monroe, director of the Knight Writing Program.

It is not unusual for Ammons to attract students—"Any chance you get to work with Archie Ammons, you take it," says one graduate student—but it is highly unusual for faculty to sit in on each other's classes.

As Ammons says, "There are thousands of professors of English in this country who know about pentameter and syllogisms and neologism and who are not great poets. I liken the poet to the figure of a high-wire walker. There might be someone who knows all about high-wire walking—how it was done in the 12th and 13th centuries, how much tension is on the line, and so forth. But he can't walk it. And then along comes an 18-year-old kid who just walks right over it. That's the difference between a poet and an academic."

In addition to his colleagues who audited the course, Ammons invited English department colleagues to visit his classroom each week and present a poem, famous or otherwise, to discuss. "The class went against everything that's popular in literature classes these days," says Dan Coleman, Grad. "Criticism of this kind isn't done. Only theory. But valuation is an important question, especially for graduate students who are going to become professors. No one can read everything or teach everything, yet somehow you have to decide what's of value for the next generation to read."

Some of the faculty who sat in on

Ammons's course did so because there was talk this might be the last course Ammons will teach for a while, and maybe forever. At 67, having survived a heart attack and triple-bypass surgery four years ago, he is taking a leave from teaching this semester as well as next fall. After resting up a bit—staying at home and writing poems and keeping up his extensive correspondence—he will decide, he said, whether to return to teaching.

In his own estimation, he wrote his best poems 30 years ago in South New Jersey, before he moved to Ithaca. In those days he worked as a sales executive for a scientific glass company; before that Ammons was principal of an elementary school. "Poets don't necessarily prosper by talking about what they do. Maybe it's better just to react," he says.

Still, he enjoys teaching, he says. "The nice thing about it is that it's a spontaneous encounter with whatever comes up in the moment,

*"Someone might know all about high-wire walking—how it was done in the 12th and 13th centuries, but he can't walk it. And along comes a kid who just walks right over it. That's the difference between a poet and an academic."*

whether it's matters of aesthetics or poetics or whatever. I wander a little when I teach. Someone else might not teach that way, but that is the way I do."

There is a limit, too, to how much a student or a teacher can expect from classroom teaching. He explains: "You can't learn creative writing from a teacher, because creative writing is about moving beyond what's known. And all you can teach is what is known up to a certain point. Most of teaching is catching people up."

"It's true, creative writing can't be taught," he adds. "But it *can* be caught—like a cold. You can catch the spirit of it."

—Carole Stone

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## LETTER FROM ITHACA

# A Night at the Haunt

**C**an you spare some change for a cab?" The girl is a little on the young side, with an earnest stare and a long coat. When you ask if she has friends who could pick her up, she replies, "My roommate's asleep." If it weren't 10:30 on a Saturday night, you might believe her. Maybe she brought only enough money for the cover charge. Maybe she just needs cigarette cash. She gives up and heads toward the sidewalk sign, a little black cauldron announcing Ithaca's premier music venue, the Haunt.

The club is set in a wide alley off West Green Street, across from an all-night mini-mart and just up the street from Woolworth's. Despite its Rastafarian stripes and black awning, you could easily miss it. Inside, it looks and feels like a flea market. One wall has red, green and yellow stripes; the wall behind the stage appears to be made of leaves and old 45s covered with plastic sheeting. The performing area is a raised wooden platform, set above a cluster of corner tables and just enough floor space to dance on.

The Haunt has been entertaining Ithaca since 1970, when it was opened for business by Brian Dewart '67 and John Peterson '72. Peterson is now the sole owner, and as such makes sure that any hot band passing through Central New York—especially one getting lots of airtime on college radio—stops at the Haunt. Peterson has a knack for booking bands just on the verge of hitting the big time. In the past few years, acts like Pearl Jam, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Faith No More and the Spin Doctors have stopped at the Haunt.

The room is smokeless tonight. A poster of Elvis in his white jumpsuit days is tacked to the ceiling. Old motor



HILDRETH

Tangled up in blues: the crowd at the Haunt's blues night.

oil signs hang cheek-by-jowl with a banner for Stella Artois beer and a faded advertisement for a dandruff remedy. You can spot a glazed bust of Elvis, this time in his pre-Army incarnation. Devoid of people, the place would have the air of an eerie, abandoned barn. "It's a little bit like a haunted house, but not really," says owner Peterson, adding that he tries to make the Haunt a place where "all segments of the community can feel comfortable. We have to be diversified."

And indeed, the Haunt can be a different place from one night to the next. On certain nights, there's a heavy African-American crowd. Collegiate hippies show up for folksy music. Gay and lesbian nights draw a predominantly gay clientele. On a blues night, says Peterson, it's common not to see anyone under 30. Curiously, in a town where collegiate loyalties to watering holes have geographic foundations—



*There's something for everyone at the Haunt, an Ithaca musical institution.*



Cornell kids stay in Collegetown, Ithaca College kids party downtown—the Haunt dispels the notion of exclusive IC vs. Cornell territory. Among the paraphernalia dwells a music stand saying "Property of Cornell Orchestra. Do not remove from this room." There's also a student wearing an IC cap.

*Tonight, the four-man band is bathed in red stageglow as the crowd gets comfortable. The floor reverberates as people begin to dance. Three sway like enchanted triplets who seem to be growing out of the floor. The dancers mimic the movement of the band members, heads down, torsos jerking from side to side. It's a tight sound, music to drink beer to.*

Peterson says the current scene bears little resemblance to the Haunt of the 1970s, when the club was more of a bohemian coffeehouse. During the 1980s, the place took on the char-

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## LETTER FROM ITHACA

acter of a college pickup bar. But whatever its history, the Haunt is far from a pickup scene tonight: it's more of a hat show. There are wool stocking hats and baseball caps. A man at the bar wears a satin cap, another wears a beach hat. Goatees abound. The Haunt is where you go when you want your eccentricity to fit right in. Two skinheads sit quietly on a bench. The clubhouse atmosphere is accentuated by the DJ's station, a nook set at the level of the rafters. From down below, the perch looks like a tree-house wallpapered with posters.

*The drummer of the main act prepares the stage. The lead singer spends some pre-performance time at the bar: he's got streaked hair and is wearing suspenders.*

*In the women's bathroom, the stall doors are like saloon-props. One woman is impressed by the abundance of toilet paper, a scarce commodity in most bars. Compared to a typical College-town watering-hole, there is very little graffiti. The Haunt, unlike most college bars, is not a place where every step is an adhesive battle with the floor.*

**T**he fun wasn't always clean. The building was once an industrial space damaged by fire, the cement floor soaked with oil. "It was punk before punk existed," says Peterson. The Haunt might have lost customers after its 1976 touch-up, when wood, however rough, was installed. The bar got a spanking-new wood surface. Some thought the place had become too nice, but new patrons liked the facelift.

*"I can serve you only one drink," says a waitress in a ponytail, Buddy Holly glasses and a crushed velour vest to a guy at the bar. She's suspiciously eyeing a short woman hiding behind the customer. The woman offers her wrist to the waitress for inspection: the yellow ID bracelet, dispensed to over 21s, is a sanction to drink.*

*Beer flows out of the taps. By now the band is in full swing. The first song is more rock-ish. The second more grunge-ish. The dancers, at least, understand the distinction, and it shows in the different ways they sway to the music. There appear to be as many variations to rock as there are species of plaid. And there's certainly enough tartan in the room.*

Over by the door, three men play a game of pool under the brightest light in the bar. Customers slink out of the way as a player extends himself over the green felt, his pool cue jutting into social space.

*With no one at the video games, Street Fighter II and Sly Spy seem lonely. A man in a suit snags a bar stool. Two high-heeled girls in floor-length gowns skitter across the floor like defectors from a garden party. Giggling, they evaluate the band before dragging each other back to the bar.*

Considering the Haunt's past personalities, the opportunity for change seems manifold. Peterson has hired staff knowledgeable about the ways of college-aged tastes in music and the arts, and that allows him to keep up with the times. Evidence of this perpetual development is the first ever "Haunt Heavyweight Poetry Slam." Thanks to the suggestions of an employee, Ithaca will not be left out of the animated performance readings of poetry and prose that are catching on in metropolitan areas.

But after about 20 years with the Haunt, Peterson has decided to put the nightclub up for sale. "There are better ways to prolong your life," he says of the time and energy required to run a nightclub. He and his wife are expecting a child, and Peterson plans to funnel his energy into other businesses.

*But as the night gets later, and music, dancing and the heady fumes of drinks fill every square foot of the Haunt, it seems possible that the club will rock forever.*

—Dika Lam '94

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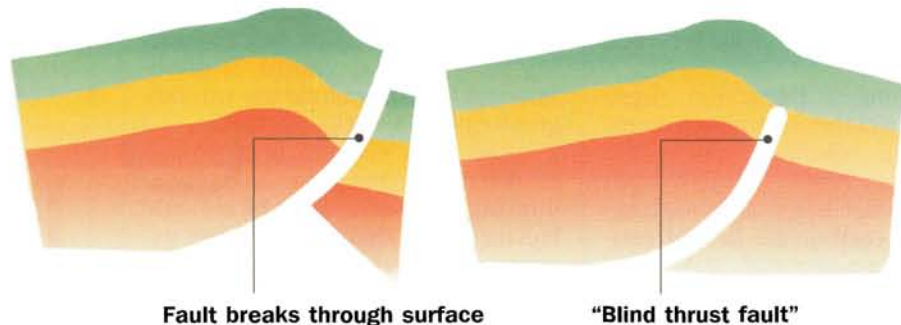
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# Fault Findings



## Abstract:

The recent California earthquake was caused by an invisible menace: a "blind thrust fault." Cornell seismologists are using a technique pioneered by the oil industry to see many kilometers below the surface of the earth and take inventory of hidden faults all over the world. Researchers send vibrations deep into the earth, and then analyze acoustic echoes. Seismic reflection profiling also allows geologists to study the origin and evolution of mountain ranges and other continental features.

**H**ardened Californians may no longer be surprised by earthquakes, but many seismologists were caught off guard by January's jolts: The latest quake struck along a previously uncharted fault. Cornell geologists are using a technique pioneered by the oil industry to "see" far beneath the earth's surface and spot these hidden killers. The same imaging technology may reveal the origin of the world's great mountain ranges.

The Northridge earthquake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, caused over \$30 billion dollars in damage. Hours after the first shock, geologists were able to identify the culprit—a "blind thrust fault." Most of us are familiar with its big brother, the San Andreas strike-slip fault. At a strike-slip fault, one block of earth scrapes along another horizontally. At a thrust fault, blocks of earth ride on top of one another, with mostly vertical motion. According to Muawia Barazangi, senior scientist in the Institute for the Study of the Continents (INSTOC) and the Department of Geological Sciences,

many thrust faults break through to the surface. "That's common," he says. "We're lucky to see them. We can map them and examine them." What made the "blind" fault below Northridge so sinister was the fact that it was hidden below tons of sedimentary rock.

It could happen again. "The San Andreas is not a single, simple, giant fault," explains Barazangi, "it's a wide fault system." Many relatively small thrust faults stand along the San Andreas fault, some as far away as 100 kilometers from the plate boundary. Not all of them parallel the San Andreas. They form a very complex mosaic.

Seismologists use a variety of techniques to search for blind faults, from monitoring barely perceivable "microearthquakes" to using satellites to measure tiny tectonic movements, even digging trenches near suspected locations. But Barazangi

and his colleagues at INSTOC advocate a technique that may be the only feasible way to make a careful inventory of hidden faults: seismic reflection profiling.

In order to get a glimpse of the subterranean world, seismic profilers use vibrator trucks—vehicles equipped with piledriver-like devices that pound the earth with tremendous force. The shock waves move down into the rock strata, and eventually reflect back to strategically placed microphones on the surface. Geologists then use computers to analyze the movements of the vibrations as they pass through the layers of rock. The final product: an acoustic "echogram" picture of the strata that looks like a fractured layer cake. The image is almost complete to the last fault, even many kilometers below the surface. "You have a profile of the geological structure at depth as if someone cut the crust for



you with a knife," says Barazangi.

"This technique has been used for over 30 years by the oil industry," he adds. Those in search of hydrocarbons look for telltale pockets of spongy sedimentary rock containing the remains of prehistoric plants and animals that have turned to oil.

According to Barazangi, there have been isolated attempts to complete seismic reflection profiles of the San Andreas plate boundary, but "they have not been done systematically for earthquake hazard estimation and assessment, which is a tragedy."

Led by Professor Bryan L. Isacks, Professor Larry D. Brown, Barazangi, and a number of other geology department faculty members, INSTOC's Consortium for Continental Reflection Profiling (COCORP) is putting the same techniques to use all over the world in an effort to study the origin and evolution of Earth's continents. COCORP and other INSTOC teams are studying tectonic processes in North America, South America, Tibet, the Middle East, North Africa and, starting this year, Russia.

The Tibet project, an ambitious collaborative effort with researchers in China, may settle a long-standing debate about the origin of the Himalayas, the world's highest mountain chain. Special profiling reflection seismology techniques that can reveal geological structures more than 40 kilometers below the surface may help geologists decide whether the Himalayas were pushed up by the Indian plate sliding under the Asian plate or by the Indian continent crushing into Asia and folding it like an accordion. "We earth scientists feel that this is one of the most important experiments of the century," says Barazangi.

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Professor Joseph Hotchkiss and a former graduate student, Michael Helser, PhD '93, reported in the January *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* that tomato juice contains chemicals that suppress the formation of infamous cancer-causing compounds, called N-nitrosamines (which include the carcinogen found in snuff).

Although vitamin C has been known to have the same carcinogen-busting powers, Hotchkiss and Helser found that tomato juice extracts vigorously inhibited the creation of N-nitrosamines even after the removal of the fruit's vitamin C. The whole fruit does the job better than the almighty vitamin alone.

Juices from other fruits and vegetables—green peppers, pineapples, strawberries and carrots—were found to have the same anti-carcinogenic properties.

A recent publication by another research group in the food science department has an additional warning for nutritional corner-cutters. In last November's issue of *Nutrition Research*, Professor Dennis Miller, PhD '78, former Post-Doctoral Fellow Maciej Buchowski and Peter Minotti, Grad (MS '91) report that, for women and children, getting calcium in supplements doesn't measure up to getting calcium the old-fashioned way: from a cow.

Miller and his colleagues found that calcium carbonate, the most common source of calcium in dietary supplements, somehow reduced the body's ability to absorb iron into the bloodstream. Milk and cheese had little inhibitory effect on iron absorption.

The human body needs a constant supply of iron in order to maintain levels of oxygen-carrying hemoglobin in red blood cells. Although only about ten percent of ingested iron ends up in the bloodstream, any significant reduction in the ability to absorb the essential element can create problems for children and women of child-bearing age, those most at risk of iron deficiency. According to Miller, pre-menopausal women are top calcium supplement users. And for certain individuals, dietary supplements may still be the best way to get needed calcium.

*Hillel J. Hoffman '85*

## 24 Little Hours

**I**ndex cards with everything from chemistry equations to conjugations of foreign verbs lie scattered on the carpeted floor. Students cluster around wooden molecules and confer on couches in French. A dull whisper permeates the room. Stress tank or social scene? It's actually the underground undergraduate reading room known as "the Cocktail Lounge" at Uris Library. And like other cocktail lounges, when the doors lock at midnight, some say it's too early.

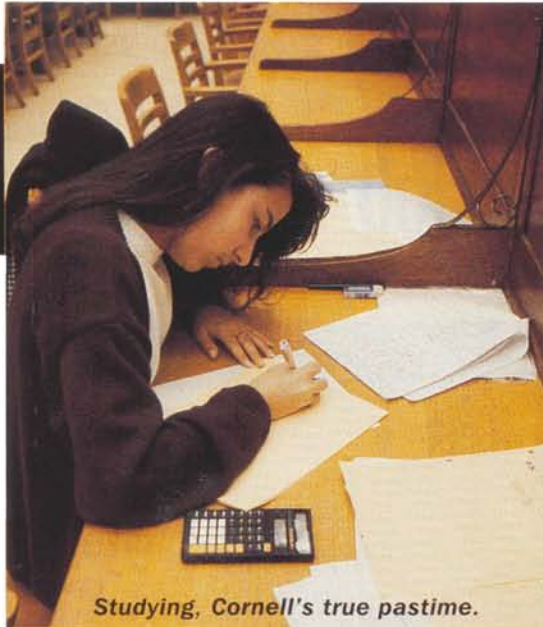
Student Assembly President Bryan J. Schwartz '94 does not think a 24-hour study facility would encourage students to work harder than they already do or increase the number of students pulling all-nighters. "Sometimes you just need to get something done," he says.

Others echo his sentiments, willing to accept hard studying as a simple fact of life here. According to Jungsoo Lee '97, a freshman engineering student who lives in a West Campus U-Hall, "They'd study somehow, even if the study lounge isn't there," Lee says, referring to some members of his floor.

A Student Assembly referendum last March asked students, "Do you believe that Cornell needs a 24-hour study lounge on central campus?" Eighty-five percent of the nearly 4,000 students who voted answered "yes." Cornell already tops the Ivy League with the highest number of hours studied per day by students, according to a Princeton Review poll of 38,000 students at 283 colleges. The average Ivy Leaguer studies 3.4 hours per day, on top of class time. Undergraduates at Cornell study an average of 3.82 hours. Words like *pressure* and *stress* seem to be synonymous with Cornell. "Studying hard" and "the library" rank high on



## STUDENTS



Studying, Cornell's true pastime.

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*What do Cornell students really want? A place to study around the clock, of course.*

the list of what's hot on the Hill in the Review's guidebook for prospective college students.

The Cocktail Lounge is pointed out on campus tours as an area for socializing and snoozing, according to Kirkland B. Vashaw '94, a tour guide and coordinator. In an effort to emphasize that Cornell is not all *sturm und drang* many tour guides pause a moment on top of Libe Slope to mention the facility and explain its name in a humorous way, Vashaw says.

"You've already got a facility open during the 18 hours a day when students study most," says Larry Palmer, vice president for academic programs and campus affairs. Palmer adds that Uris Library extends its hours during exam periods, remaining open until 2 a.m.

Palmer says he isn't convinced that quantity equates with quality. "It is important not to think of the library as merely a building but as a collection of services," he says, noting that students' particular needs must be addressed within the configuration of services offered. Palmer is in the process of forming a task force consisting of students, library staff and faculty to examine students' resource and study needs throughout the year. Appropriate security—both for students and the library's collections—is also an issue. "We want to try to think about it from a student's perspective," Palmer says. "We have

to start thinking about the combination of ways that people study." Some students may be in need of a computer printer at 2 a.m., whereas others may be in need of a quiet place to sit down with a book.

The debate about extended study hours is nothing new. The most recent flare-up started in 1989, when University President Frank H.T. Rhodes endorsed the Student Assembly's proposal for such a facility in the Cocktail Lounge. The Lounge, which has its own external door facing the Straight, was to be equipped with an internal door that would allow the Lounge to remain open while shutting it off from the rest of Uris. The door was never installed.

"What looked like a simple solution was much more costly than anyone anticipated at the time," Palmer says. Building code restrictions and staffing costs were much higher than expected. This provision, he notes, would not give students access to reference librarians or books. "It's important to take a longer-term view of the situation," he says. "It's not really a question of 24-hour study space but a question of whether students have appropriate study space."

Schwartz says one of the university's main responsibilities is to provide a comfortable and safe learning environment for students. "Part of this is providing adequate study

space," he says. Other Ivy League schools provide longer library hours than Cornell. Columbia University's philosophy reading room stays open around the clock and Princeton's Firestone Library closes at the same time as Uris but its reserve reading area stays open until 2 a.m. all year.

Both Goldwin Smith and Rockefeller halls remain open all night and some students use those buildings for study. But the buildings are not supervised, Schwartz says, adding that he would not feel safe there.

**M**any students say they want the all-night study space in case the need arises. And this fall, the need did arise, according to Schwartz: Uris cut back its hours and a large freshman class forced the new students to live in West Campus residence hall study lounges.

The university restored nearly all of Uris's hours in the first week of November, and created additional study space in student unions. The added hours in the unions will be monitored to assist the task force with its long-term recommendations, Palmer says. Schwartz notes that if the union space is well-used, the assembly will have "a strong case" for a 24-hour facility.

Aaron R. Hutman '97, a freshman-at-large representative on the assembly, will serve on the task force. Although he was yet to experience his first round of Cornell finals, he could easily relate to student concerns: Hutman lives in a converted West Campus study lounge. If he needs to study, Hutman leaves the light on and lets his roommate deal with it. Sometimes, he heads down to the main lounge a little later in the evening. "After 3:00 or 3:30 a.m., the main lounge is quiet enough to study in," he says.

—Lisa K. Wiley '94



# The Right Guy for the Job

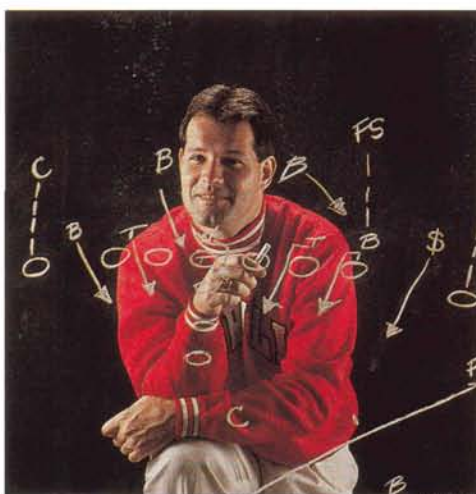
*Football Coach Jim Hofher's contract has been extended.*

**I**t's a lot tougher to be a football coach than a President," Harry Truman once proclaimed. "You've got four years as President, and they guard you. A coach doesn't have anyone to protect him when things go wrong."

Well, Jim Hofher '79 has had four years as Cornell's head football coach, and far more has gone right than wrong, which is why it came as no surprise in late January when he was rewarded with a multi-year extension on his contract. Though not quite the protection of which Truman spoke, the move comes as a vote of confidence. In announcing the contract extension (the exact length of the extension was not revealed), Laing Kennedy '63, director of athletics, pointed to the character and quality Hofher has brought to the football program in a tenure marked by stability and success.

The stability has come as a blessing for the Big Red football program. When Hofher was hired in January of 1990 as Cornell's 22nd head football coach, the program was recovering from an internal scandal and in need of renewed trust and direction. Hofher became the third coach in three years, but should he roam the Schoellkopf sidelines for just three more seasons, he will have the longest tenure of any Big Red mentor since Jack Musick.

Success came immediately, as the team rolled to an Ivy League title in Hofher's first season. Following a 5-5 record in 1991, Cornell went 7-3 in 1992, including a 3-0 mark against non-conference teams, the first time in more than 40 years a Red team didn't lose a single game to an un-Ivy team. Last season, despite featuring the sixth-best defense in Division I-AA, the Big Red dropped to 4-6. Months later, that performance is still a source of frustration for Hofher. "A 4-6 record is not good enough for what that team was really all about," he says, "and that's a bad taste in my mouth."



**Passion: Hofher will stick around Schoellkopf's sidelines.**

Yet, he can't help but be proud of his four-year record. During Hofher's reign, Red football players have set 89 school gridiron records. The team has won at least three league games in all four seasons, a feat last accomplished in the days of Ed Marinaro '72, and Hofher's 17-11 Ivy mark gives him the highest winning percentage (.607) of any Cornell coach since the formation of the Ivy League in 1956.

Had fortune smiled just a little more kindly on the Red, that record would actually have been far better. Ten of those 11 losses have been by seven points or less, with the overall average margin of defeat a mere five points. But when the Big Red wins, it wins big. In Cornell's triumphs against league foes, the average margin of victory has been nearly 15 points.

Ironically, the path toward such winning ways was laid during a 1-8 season in 1977, the second of

Hofher's three years as Cornell's starting quarterback. Though he was a solid player, the former high school All-American realized that he was nearing the end of his playing days, and he began to contemplate his future. "As I was facing the inevitable," Hofher explains, "I figured if I wanted to stay involved with athletics, it would have to be as a coach."

His coaching education took him through various regions and responsibilities—Miami University of Ohio, Wake Forest, Syracuse, Tennessee, graduate assistant, running backs coach, quarterback coach—before the Connecticut native finally returned to Ithaca as the fourth Roger J. Weiss '61 Coach of

Football. He was young (just 32), and the first Cornell alumnus to coach the team since Dan Reed, Class of 1898, led the 1910-11 squads. Yet Hofher was not surprised to get the call.

"In most cases, many guys get their first head coaching job in one of two ways. Either they're elevated within their current program or they're hired at their alma mater," he says. "It's probably the best way to get started because if there's ever a place that a guy, as a first-time head coach, is going to get the benefit of the doubt, it's certainly going to be at his alma mater."

He then proceeds to tick off a list of more than a dozen well-known coaches and the origins of their first head coaching opportunities. As he does so, there is something in his voice that suggests why he was hired in the first place—the tone actors use when talking about acting, and the eagerness artists display when discussing their craft. It is passion.



Hofher considers himself an educator, an innovator, a motivator. He is the kind of a coach who scribbles plays on cocktail napkins, who values football philosophy as much as strategy, whose office is overseen by a poster of Vince Lombardi and who talks shop with coaching buddies after leaving the office.

"Coaching is a lifestyle far more than it is a job," he says. "College football, at the variety of levels I've coached, is 12 months a year, every single day—whether it's advising, counseling and leading your current players, recruiting future players or self-improvement from a professional standpoint."

To Hofher, self-improvement is more than a goal, it's an obligation. "It's a dynamic environment that is constantly changing," he says. "That's as much a challenge as anything. You don't just want to keep up, you want to be ahead if you can be."

**H**ofher stays one step ahead by demanding a great deal from himself and, by extension, his players. He talks of football aptitude, an understanding of the game's intricacies and requirements. He stresses conditioning—football practices often look like a track workout—which influences how well a team practices and, in turn, how well a team plays. He explains that football is not for the faint of heart, that the gridiron is not a showcase for finesse, but a battlefield of mental toughness.

"It's a physical game," he says. "It's a block-tackle-knock-somebody-on-the-ground game. It takes a high level of skill in terms of throwing and catching and kicking and running a football. And guys have to enjoy that. If all they're enjoying is Saturday, then they're playing college football for the wrong reason. Because what you do from Monday through Friday has a direct impact on how you perform on Saturday."

That's as time-honored a coaching cliché as you are likely to find, but somehow when Hofher unveils it you're tempted to strap on a helmet and pound on some shoulder pads. And that, after all, is the point.

After plying his trade in some of the most powerful football programs

in the country, one might wonder if the Ivy League's non-scholarship, Division I-AA, academics-first environment might have fallen short of Hofher's coaching standards. Instead, what Hofher sees is a group of student-athletes who bloody their uniforms for love of sport and a brand of football deserving of higher praise.

"For the level of play, the level of commitment and the level of coaching in the league, it doesn't get

nearly its just due," he says. "I've coached in the Big East, the Southeastern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference, and I can assure you that the players—at least on our team at Cornell—approach football with the same level of commitment and fervor and enthusiasm as the kids at those other schools."

Commitment? Fervor? Enthusiasm? Gee, where do you suppose they pick that up?

—Brad Herzog '90

## Cornell Scoreboard February 1-28

### Men's Basketball (overall record, 8-16)\*

Princeton 74, Cornell 48  
Pennsylvania 70, Cornell 59  
Cornell 83, Harvard 64  
Cornell 84, Dartmouth 62  
Brown 58, Cornell 56  
Yale 83, Cornell 66  
Cornell 62, Harvard 60  
Dartmouth 72, Cornell 69

### Women's Basketball (8-16)\*

Princeton 60, Cornell 44  
Cornell 58, Pennsylvania 56  
Harvard 72, Cornell 57  
Dartmouth 63, Cornell 47  
Brown 59, Cornell 50  
Yale 71, Cornell 65  
Cornell 80, Harvard 69  
Cornell 71, Dartmouth 62

### Women's Fencing (2-7)\*

Rutgers 12, Cornell 4  
Northwestern 10, Cornell 6  
Harvard 13, Cornell 3  
Cornell 9, Air Force 7  
NYU 10, Cornell 6  
Notre Dame 12, Cornell 4  
Cornell 10, Vassar 6  
Fairleigh Dickinson 16, Cornell 0  
Bard 11, Cornell 5  
NIWFA Championships 5th

### Women's Gymnastics (1-3)\*

Cortland 165.85, Cornell 157.40  
Pennsylvania 183.05, Cornell 161.625  
Brown 169.525, Cornell 161.625  
Cornell 161.625, Ursinus 132.325

### Men's Hockey (7-13-5)\*

Vermont 6, Cornell 4  
Cornell 7, Dartmouth 1  
Brown 7, Cornell 4  
Harvard 4, Cornell 0  
Cornell 4, Clarkson 3  
St. Lawrence 8, Cornell 4  
Cornell 5, Princeton 2  
Cornell 8, Yale 2

### Women's Hockey (2-16)\*

RIT 5, Cornell 3  
Brown 9, Cornell 0  
St. Lawrence 4, Cornell 3  
Dartmouth 11, Cornell 3  
Cornell 4, Yale 1  
Princeton 5, Cornell 1

### Men's Squash (6-12)\*

Franklin & Marshall 7, Cornell 2  
Cornell 7, Rochester 2  
Cornell 9, Hamilton 0  
Cornell 8, Vassar 1  
Cornell 7, Stony Brook 2  
Navy 6, Cornell 3  
Cornell 7, Stony Brook 2  
Hobart 5, Cornell 4

### Men's Swimming (5-6)\*

Cornell 134, Colgate 103  
Brown 148, Cornell 95  
Harvard 213, Cornell 81  
Cornell 141, Dartmouth 119

### Women's Swimming (6-5)\*

Cornell 143, Colgate 94  
Brown 153, Cornell 138  
Harvard 174, Cornell 113  
Easterns 4th

### Men's Indoor Track (5-6)\*

Yale 93, Cornell 85  
Cornell 85, Colgate 14  
Penn State 83.5, Cornell 67  
Cornell 67, Waterloo 21.5  
Cornell 67, Western Ontario 35  
Penn 79, Cornell 67  
Heptagonals 7th

### Women's Indoor Track (8-1)\*

Cornell 102, Yale 34  
Cornell 102, Colgate 13  
Cornell 72, Waterloo 12  
Cornell 72, Western Ontario 38  
Cornell 72, Penn 61  
Heptagonals 5th

### Wrestling (14-6)\*

Cornell 36, Columbia 9  
Cornell 22, Ithaca College 15  
Cornell 40, Harvard 0  
Cornell 34, Brown 6  
Cornell 24, Bucknell 12  
Cornell 23, Army 8  
Syracuse 22, Cornell 11

\*Denotes cumulative team record.



# THE LEGEND OF THE STRAIGHT TAKEOVER

by **Dennis A. Williams**

*Why does an event that took place 25 years ago  
this month remain engraved on the  
university's collective consciousness?*

Nothing could have been a more vivid reminder of April 1969. Three days before Thanksgiving last fall, hundreds of mostly Latino and African-American students gathered outside a barricaded Day Hall waving signs, chanting slogans, eventually even sitting down in the street to block traffic at the intersection of Tower Road and East Avenue. Inside, a Latino-led group of students was in the 73rd hour of what may have been

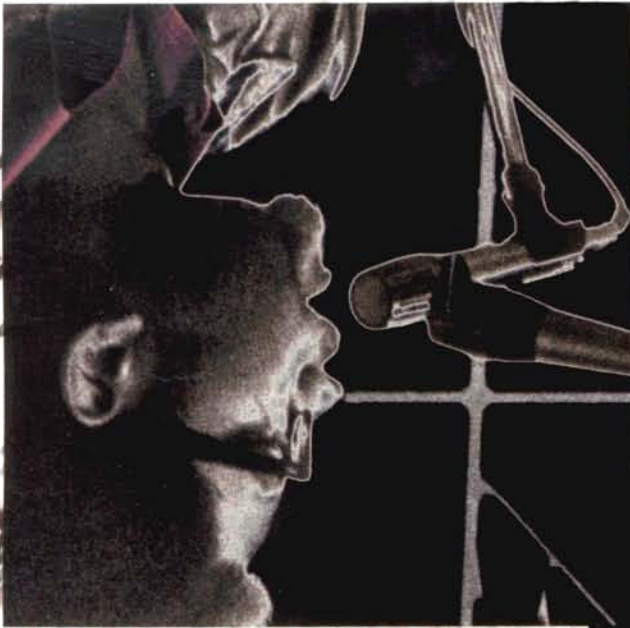
the longest building occupation in Cornell University history. There were no guns and no sheriff's deputies poised in the wings—and no dramatic photographic image—but no one associated with Cornell could miss the parallel: this was the spirit of the Willard Straight Hall takeover come to life.

That crisis, which at the extremes evokes comparisons to Munich and Montgomery, depending on one's point of view, projects a legacy in the



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life of the university that seeps deeper than angry demonstrations. More than any other single public event, the Straight takeover symbolizes the modern history of Cornell. It clings to us like a shadow. "To a large degree the Straight is important because we haven't faced it," says English Professor Kenneth McClane '73, MA '74, MFA '76, who arrived on campus as a freshman six months after the takeover. "A lot of people are reacting to a history largely unexamined, yet it is still our history. It's hard to know what really took place."

In fact, much of the common perception is wrong, beginning with the widespread assumption that the students were armed when they seized the building; the guns arrived later, after an attempt by white students to retake the building. The takeover has also become a convenient marker for the racial diversification of Cornell. Yet that process had begun six years earlier with the arrival of President James Perkins and his commitment, in the words of his successor Dale R. Corson, "to provide opportunity for minority groups because the future of the country depended upon it." The expansion of opportunity continued throughout the 1960s with the establishment of COSEP (the Committee on Special Educational Projects, still the common code name for the Office of Minority Educational Affairs).

**T**he students who seized the Straight early that Saturday morning in April 1969 represented the first four-year cycle of an admissions effort that, given the times, could hardly have been abated. Even as those students occupied the building, their total (about 100) was surpassed by the number of black students who had just received letters of admission for the Class of 1973 alone. Those numbers were to increase rapidly for the next five years. And that population has also changed. The conventional wisdom among black Cornellians for the better part of two decades has insisted that succeeding waves of minority students have been increasingly middle-class; the observation usually implies criticism of Cornell's commitment to disadvantaged students. (The group in the Straight had by no means been monolithic, however. It included private school graduates and even second-generation Cornellians.)

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Susan Murphy '73 allows that while the "upscaling" phenomenon is not literally true, it has become easier for the university to find minority students in the same places it has traditionally looked for applicants. "At first," she says, "affirmative action meant opening doors to kids who should have been here anyway" based on their academic profiles. That relatively easy task was accomplished, for the most part, within the first ten years of outreach. Now, she notes, with the ravaging of urban public schools, the quest for low-income urban students requires new strategies for recruitment, new standards of selection and new modes of education. As Murphy readily admits, Cornell hasn't solved that puzzle yet, and neither have

its peers. The Straight, of course, has nothing to do with that—except to remind concerned students of the enduring gap between promise and reality.

A common perception also holds that the Straight takeover was critical to the creation of the Africana Studies and Research Center, which in fact had already been scheduled to begin operation the following semester. Long-time faculty members do acknowledge, however, that the takeover increased awareness of the need for such a facility and reinforced the university's commitment to establishing it as a permanent academic entity. And some students, among them many residents of Ujamaa Residential College, subscribe to the belief that that institution also grew from the takeover. While that is not entirely untrue, the connection is less direct. Largely as a result of the April confrontation, several COSEP students were allowed to take up residence in the barely-completed North Campus Low Rise 10. Three years later, after a university committee recommended the creation of theme houses, a group of students drafted a proposal to recreate Dorm 10 as Ujamaa. Corson considered that a "straightforward" and uncontroversial decision at the time since Ujamaa perfectly fit the model set by Risley, and he personally defended Cornell and Ujamaa from charges of segregation leveled by the New York State Board of Regents at the prodding of the black social scientist Kenneth Clark.

At the same time, some consequences of the takeover of 1969 not directly tied to minority student affairs were more clear—and potentially far more dire for the university. The sight of young men who looked even less like students to most Americans than the rowdy antiwar activists they could at least recognize as their own children was searing. It dismayed the public at large, and it cut deeply into the image many Cornellians cherished of their alma mater. One former Cornell fundraiser recalls that the university received 10,000 pieces of mail in the immediate aftermath of the occupation, 80 percent of it critical of the administration's handling of the affair. Giving for the annual Cornell Fund, which normally peaks from April to June, stopped, he says, "like the spigot was turned off."

Had those sentiments continued unchecked, the long-term impact would have been disastrous. But the tide was turned by the bold gesture of Trustee Emeritus Nicholas Noyes '06, who walked into Corson's office the following fall and announced "I'm going to do something for you." Anticipating a gift of perhaps \$50,000, Corson was stunned when Noyes offered a challenge grant of \$1 million, to be delivered if that year's Cornell Fund increased by a similar amount. (In return, as Corson remembers, Noyes asked for 50-yard-line tickets for the Yale game.) As a result of Noyes's act, the Fund recovered from the previous year's disaster and has continued to increase every year since. "Lots of people didn't like what they saw but subscribed to values with moral conviction that took them through the hard times," says veteran development officer and Director of Capital Projects David Dunlop '59. "That's magnificent."

Last year, when Thomas W. Jones '69, MRP '72, a black student leader in 1969 and now president and chief



operating officer of pension giant TIAA-CREF, was nominated to the Board of Trustees, students and faculty revived the Straight debate. But Trustee Ezra Cornell '71 insists the past was not an issue in board deliberations. "It just hasn't come up for a long time," he says.

If influential alumni rallied quickly, the administration had a harder time recovering from the unwelcome publicity and the collective, withering judgment that they had succumbed to the threat of force. To this day, several people on campus specifically recall the nega-

at Columbia or the University of Pennsylvania. At Cornell, the outside world hardly noticed.

Neither would people outside the university have much noticed the scars 1969's events left on the faculty. The government department was particularly traumatized. Several professors in that department were close to some of the black student leaders and were stung when the confrontation escalated to personal threats. At least three faculty members resigned in the wake of the crisis, and the department's most prominent member at the time, Clinton Rossiter—tormented by the fallout

*"It (the Straight takeover) destroyed the faculty as an element in the way decisions were made."*

tive press generated by a lone *New York Times* reporter, Homer Bigart, who, says Corson ruefully, "didn't do us any good at all." Former Vice President of University Relations John Burness, now a vice president at Duke University, notes that when he arrived in Ithaca in 1986, "I was struck by the degree to which 1969 was an event that people still talked about as if it had just happened. It was part of the psyche of the institution. It colored the way people thought about dealing with the press and public issues." But the freshness of the memory did not lead to a critical examination of the event or the issues underlying it. Instead, says Director of Community Relations David Stewart, "For a long time it was as if someone had said 'Ye shall not talk about it.' The attitude was bury your head in the sand and maybe it'll go away."

The veil of pained silence finally began to lift in 1989, with the 20th anniversary of the takeover. Burness proposed a university-sponsored observance intended, he says, to get people to look at the event "as part of the educational experience of the university and the people in it." Although by more than one account there was skittishness within Day Hall about reopening old wounds, Burness credits President Frank H.T. Rhodes with immediately understanding the value of laying to rest negative connotations so that Cornell could begin to step out of its own shadow. Stewart sees that willingness to confront the event as having been crucial to ending Cornell's official hypersensitivity.

Still, that attitude has always extended beyond the Straight itself, and some believe Cornell has not yet fully come out of its shell. Admissions Dean Susan Murphy observes that Cornell has often been "reluctant to take a strong position about anything." Former Vice President for Campus Affairs William Gurowitz '53 remembers officials often preferring not to address controversial issues rather than running the risk of making them worse. Burness and others attribute that not simply to the takeover but to Cornell's relative isolation (which, in turn, heightened the effect of the 1969 spotlight). The university is simply not accustomed to taking the kind of hits that occur routinely in major media centers. The 1989 invitation extended by students to the Nation of Islam's Louis Farrakhan to speak on campus during Passover, suggests Burness, would have been big news

from his reversal and acquiescence to student demands—ultimately committed suicide.

More permanent and debilitating, in the view of L. Pearce Williams '49, PhD '52, the John Stambaugh professor of the history of science, has been the erosion of faculty power as a result of the Straight takeover. "It destroyed the faculty as an element in the way decisions were made," he says. "Before, there were regular faculty meetings, often dull and sparsely attended but confrontational, and important things were discussed." History Prof. Walter LaFeber agrees. Partly because of the influence of the late English Prof. Frederick G. Marcham, PhD '26, Goldwin Smith professor of English history, emeritus, there was considerable give and take among the faculty, who debated issues like course requirements and grading policies not just for their departments or colleges but for the entire university. "The discussions brought out the stars of the faculty," LaFeber says. "There was a sense that they were there, involved, taking positions. Much of that was discredited by what happened in 1969, when the president in effect overruled the faculty."

A different, and some say unsatisfactory, system of representative governance replaced the old forums and essentially took the faculty off the hook for making key decisions. "Many of us turned more toward teaching, departmental affairs and research," says LaFeber. It was not, insists Williams, a Machiavellian plot: "The administration didn't grab power, it was thrust upon them." In this, too, the Straight takeover may be less a reason for change than an excuse. The nature of the university had changed fundamentally during the 1950s and '60s. The size of both the student body and the faculty was increasing by leaps and bounds. Research was becoming a greater priority than teaching for many faculty members, in the humanities as well as the sciences. As a complex and expanding institution, the university could no longer be efficiently managed by collegial scholars alone. "Sometimes I wonder whether there wouldn't have been that kind of new governance anyway," allows LaFeber.

In Cornell's case, the transition was precipitated by the compelling and contentious issue of race, which brought questions about academic relevance, educational support and the legitimacy of authority—all of which



challenged the mission and identity of the university. The irony is that whatever role the Straight takeover played in the disengagement of the faculty, it simultaneously forced their awareness of those issues. "Some of us had to sit down and decide how we felt about these things if we were going to stay at Cornell," says LaFeber. "We realized the difficulty of trying to do something like this without understanding the costs involved, some of which still haven't been paid like they should."

Williams laments that Perkins's "incredible mistake"

Corson, who was provost during the takeover and president during the aftershocks of the following years, takes particular pride in the fact that Cornell "never had a fatality." It could easily have been otherwise, as hundreds of armed sheriff's deputies waited downtown to move in and settle the matter by force. If there had been such a battle, the event might have had a more cathartic ending, with easily identifiable heroes and villains or an overwhelming sense of tragedy to cast hostilities in sobering perspective. Instead, it became a drama with-

*Like many before him of all races, Hicks was, in his words, "very miseducated about the Ivy League. I thought it was a group of very highly-educated students wanting nothing but immense knowledge. I came here and found that racism and sexism still exist here. Nothing from the real world is not here."*

was not providing sufficient support for students who, he says, "were picked up out of city streets and dumped here in a rural academic community. It was a cruel thing to do to them." The result, he asserts, was "the black B"—a widespread lowering of standards for black students out of misbegotten pity and fear of reprisal. "You never ever failed a black student," he charges. "It might destroy him, and it might destroy you. The Straight created an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. We are afraid of the black students. They know it and we know it." McClane agrees that the faculty may still be frightened, but not because of black student intimidation. "You can't teach someone you fear," he says, "fear because you don't know them and don't want to know them—or yourself."

Johns Hopkins University President Emeritus Stephen Muller, PhD '58, a Cornell vice president in 1969, suggests that hard feelings among the faculty are internal and transient, inflamed by colleagues—most notably the late Allan Bloom, who defected to the University of Chicago and wrote bitterly about the experience. "Most of the people I talk to are not Cornellians," says Muller. "If I were to mention Cornell in 1969, they would draw a blank. I don't believe it changed Cornell forever or left a mark." Muller and others are quick to point out that Cornell was far less damaged than Columbia in highly-publicized protests a year earlier or Kent State and Jackson State a year later. Barbara Thomas Abrams, MS Ag '84, acting director of the American Indian program, remembers arriving at Cornell as a student in the mid-'70s after riots in her native Buffalo and wondering what the big deal was. "It had a much greater impact on the university than on the world," she says. "My first question was, 'Well, how many people were killed?'"

In the cloistered climate above Cayuga's waters, that may be largely the point. Muller, one of the administrators who negotiated with the students in the Straight, admits that avoiding casualties was a primary motive for resolving the conflict "in the way that it was resolved."

out denouement, timelessly reenacted by stand-ins with fading memory of the first act.

Rehashing began almost immediately. University Trustee Eleanor Applewhaite '59 says she attended her ten-year reunion a month later specifically so that she could "hear people say how idyllic Cornell had been until they let 'those people' in." She went home with laryngitis from debating the point. Even so, she says it took her a while to come to grips with how different a place Cornell had become since 1959, when she was the only African American to graduate. Before, she says, "everybody knew there was bigotry—which fraternity or sorority was Jewish or even Catholic—but they were polite bigots. People were looking to fit in, not break the mold." Black students of that era all knew one another but didn't necessarily band together. "When I started hearing about people being called names, I knew there was a critical mass" of black people on campus.

And that mass was different, at least in outlook, highly skeptical as a group of their predecessors' integrationist philosophy. Applewhaite and many others cite anecdotal evidence of black students being told by others that they must, in effect, choose sides. "That comes from paranoia, people still feeling not fully part of the community," Applewhaite says. "There are faculty and administrators who encourage that view because their careers are based on it."

One aspect of that attitude is the complaint of black students, dating back at least as far as '69, that it is not their job to educate whites about black people. Applewhaite, an attorney, rebuts such views with the legal concept of "last clear chance." If some white people come to the university predisposed to learn about black people, are rebuffed and later commit actions out of ignorance that are harmful to black people, the black students who rejected them bear some responsibility for those actions, because they had a chance to intercede and did not.

That notion of rejection—perhaps even a sense of betrayal—lingers among many white students, faculty



and alumni who now subscribe to the doctrine of outreach for which Perkins was roundly castigated 25 years ago. It is as if they are all transfixed by the message of Martin Luther King, Jr., while blacks are across campus at a Malcolm X rally. Emeritus English Prof. Cushing Strout notes regretfully that "a distance and suspicion between black and white students" has been the only lasting legacy of the Straight takeover. Williams charges that "the black takeover led to a sense of solidarity among black students, which led to a horrible segregation. The polarization of the university is in good part because of the Straight."

Williams is undeniably right, at least about one thing: the Straight created a chain of solidarity that is continually reformed by black students in times of real or perceived threat. The old activist days fondly recalled by many 40-something alumni have never ended for Cornell's minority community. Virtually every generation of black—and now Latino—students for the past 25 years can point to a time of crisis and conflict: COSEP reorganization in the '70s, South African investments in the '80s, financial aid and the Hispanic American studies program in the '90s and several intermediate skirmishes. And behind all of them looms the legend of the Straight, inspiring, motivating and empowering.

Rhodes Scholar Eduardo Penalver '94, spokesman for the Latino students who occupied Day Hall last November, says that the Straight came up often as an example of "people who had forged the way" and reminded the demonstrators of their own "responsibility to those who come after us." Penalver sees the university's hard line in negotiations—refusing to agree to an open meeting with the protesters—as a never-again reaction to the "embarrassment" of 1969. And ultimately, in his view, the major accomplishment of the most recent occupation was internal, "building a cohesive community among Latinos." (On another level as well, the Day Hall takeover brought the Straight full circle. One of the alumni contacted for support by students inside the building was United States District Attorney Zachary Carter '72, a leader of the '69 takeover, who in turn called President Rhodes to urge restraint in dealing with students.)

For 25 years it has always seemed to come to this, or close to it—the threat of angry confrontation hanging like smoke over every interaction between administrators and groups of minority students. "Largely, African American students are seen as a threat," says McClane. "Cornell responds to student protest as if it will lead to Armageddon." Seema Patel '94, president of the College of Human Ecology's Association of Students of Color, who supports the Day Hall action, observes that the students are in a constant state of readiness to take action if all else fails. "But you assume it's going to fail, so you cut to step D, take over a building and negotiate later."

One case in point might be the Latino living center that administrators agreed to after the Day Hall sit-in. There seems to be little confidence on campus that such a proposal would have been received so positively and so quickly had it come through routine channels, espe-

cially in light of last year's prolonged and unsuccessful attempt to establish a gay/lesbian/bisexual living unit. Penalver, for one, does not believe that is so. He is confident that the Latino center proposal, which has been circulating for some time, would have come forth anyway in the compromise form in which it now exists (the unit will be on West Campus and half the residents will be non-Latino) and would indeed have been approved. But he admits that the occupation speeded that process. And he insists that the continued threat of disruption from hundreds of supporters prevented administrators from reneging on their pledge to lift suspensions. In such a climate, where there is no clearly defined and widely accepted rationale for decisions beyond the simple power of disruption, the quotient of principle on both sides is easily diminished.

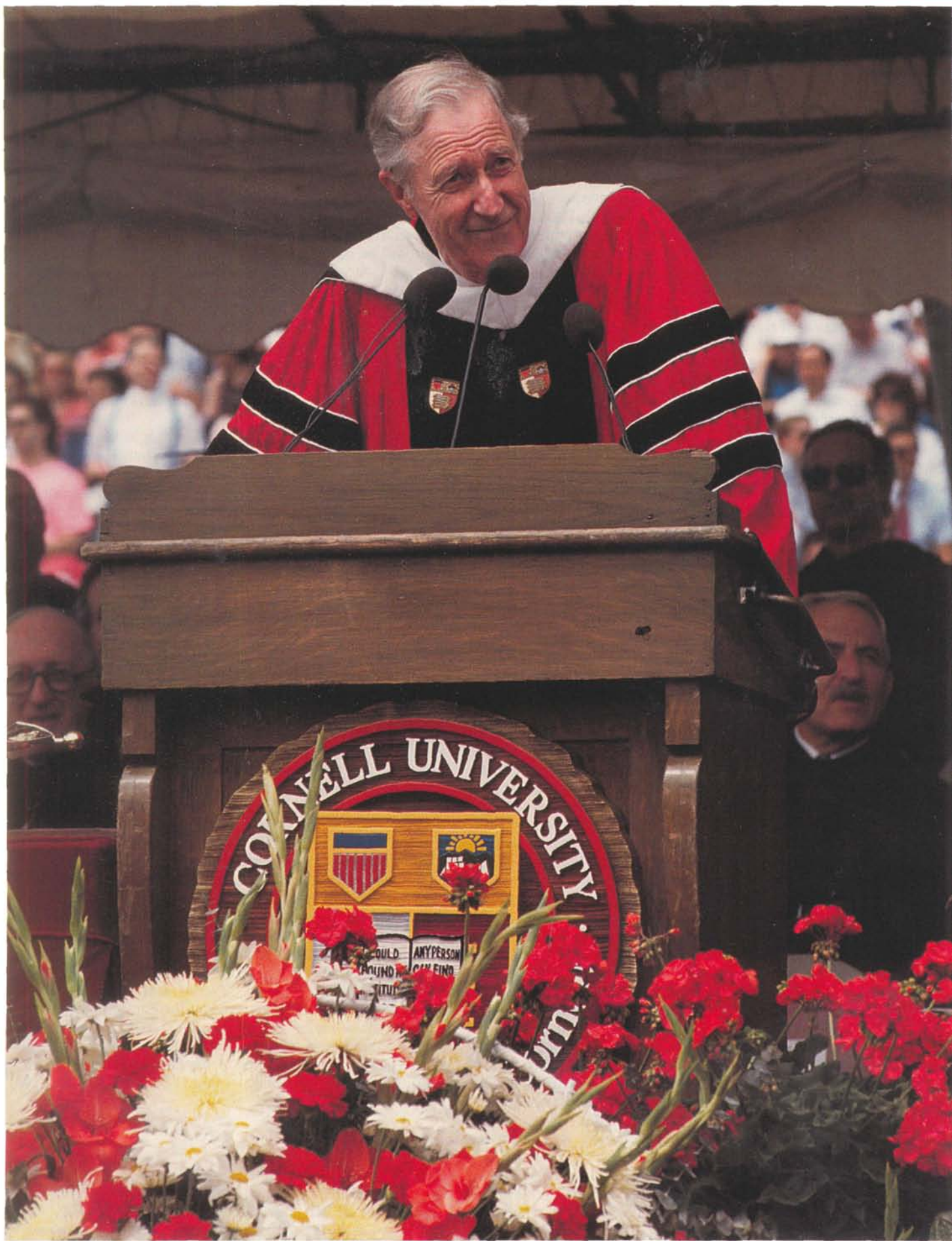
Patel compares that endless wrangle between administrators and students to the love/hate relationship of parent and child, which leads to acting out until the parent is willing to open the lines of communication. Freshman Donnell Hicks '97, Ujamaa resident and Student Assembly member, also believes much of the difficulty could be avoided if the university would discuss issues more openly. "Make it clear to the public that they're trying," he says, "go through things one by one, explain why and why not, and let the community react to that, instead of doing nothing and hoping it will go away. I like openness and honesty. Whether I like you for what you say openly and honestly is irrelevant."

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**I**f that lesson often seems to hit minority students hardest, it is because *they* feel betrayed as well. When they encounter resistance, whether that comes from paranoia or practiced patience on the part of the university, their frustration rises to a sense of urgency. And that urgency compels them to clutch at the symbolism of the past for reassurance that progress can be made. "The students keep it alive," says one minority administrator of the Straight takeover. "They will never let that legacy die." Not, at least, until they are able to believe that taking over a building will no longer be necessary, because they have truly occupied the university itself. **C**

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# “The Best Place in the World to Be.”

*Almost half of Cornell's living alumni don't remember a time when Frank H.T. Rhodes wasn't the university's leader. They'll have to start trying—President Rhodes is retiring.*

BY STEPHEN MADDEN

**I**n the autumn of 1991, Cornell's President Frank H.T. Rhodes turned 65 and sat down for a talk with his boss. Rhodes said it was time to retire, to try something new. After all, he said, the average tenure of a president at an American college or university is seven years or so, and Rhodes had been in charge of the university since 1977. His boss, Chairman of the Board of



## **“He has taken the role of the university president from the parochial to the international.”**

Trustees Stephen H. Weiss '57, asked Rhodes to stay. “The university’s capital campaign to raise \$1.25 billion was underway and we wanted to continue the stability that President Rhodes provided the university,” Weiss says. “No matter what was going on we didn’t want to lose a man like President Rhodes.”

So Rhodes agreed to stay on. In early March of this year, however, Cornell’s ambitious fundraising campaign—aptly named “Creating the Future”—passed the \$1 billion mark, five months ahead of schedule. The success of the campaign and a host of other projects implemented by Rhodes seemed assured, the future of the university bright and its foundation secure. So on Thursday, March 17, Frank H. T. Rhodes, the ninth president of Cornell University and the current Ivy League president with the longest tenure, announced his intention to retire from the presidency of Cornell no later than June 30, 1995.

In a letter to Chairman Weiss Rhodes said, “I have now been in office for almost 17 years—a long time by any standard and certainly longer than I had ever intended to serve. At your request and that of the Board, I extended my term in order to bring a number of projects to conclusion, to launch several others in a timely fashion and to guide Cornell through the current period of financial stress which is affecting all of higher education.”

The president told Weiss that the long advance notice of his intention to retire “will allow the Board to begin a deliberate and systematic search for a new president and will provide time for an orderly transition.”

Rhodes added that “Cornell is now in a very strong position.”

Weiss said that a search committee headed by Trustee Paul Tregurtha '57 would start work by the end of March. When asked what qualities the search committee would look for in the university’s tenth president, Weiss said “A clone of Frank Rhodes.”

But even the wizards of Cornell’s New York State Center for Advanced Technology in Biotechnology, one of the many new programs the university added during Rhodes’s tenure, wouldn’t know how to go about replicating Frank Harold Trevor Rhodes. Described by a *Cornell Daily Sun* editorial writer upon his hiring in February, 1977 as “imperturbably suave,” Rhodes has been a charismatic figure for the university, an engaging public face for an institution many campus observers say once considered itself the poor cousin of the Ivy League. “He has taken the role of the university president from the parochial to the international,” says Ag college Dean David Call '54, PhD '61. With extraordinary communication skills and a strong British accent, Rhodes’s accomplishments go far beyond the academic. He restored what Trustee Emeritus Austin Kiplinger '39—who had headed the search committee that brought Rhodes to the Hill—described as “the university’s faith in itself.” “He has been saying for 17 years that we’re a great university, and it’s true,” Kiplinger says.

**U**nder Rhodes’s leadership, Cornell has risen to second in the rankings of universities receiving funding from the National Science Foundation and eighth in total research and development expenditures, with \$298 million. In 1992, when the university was reaccredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Higher Education, its report deemed Cornell “a world treasure” and said the university’s past decade had been “a remarkable period of growth.”

Almost half of Cornell’s 122,895 living undergraduate alumni don’t remember a Cornell without Frank Rhodes. During his tenure, freshman applications have increased by one third to nearly 20,000; the percentage of the undergraduate student

body from minority groups has risen from 8 percent in 1977-78 to 25 percent today; there are 282 female faculty members now, versus 130 in 1977 (although Cornell still ranks last among the Ivies in percentage of endowed professors who are female); and there are 140 minority faculty members now versus 77 in 1977-78. The number of faculty members has held relatively steady over this period of time.

The campus itself also has been transformed. New buildings appeared—among them Snee Hall, Corson-Mudd Hall, the Theory Center, the Kroch Library, the Center for Theatre Arts, Alberding Field House, Kennedy Hall, the North Campus townhouses, Agwagon and the Biotechnology Building, as well as the \$82 million Veterinary Medical Center now under construction. And, there has been extensive renovation of existing buildings.

But even Rhodes has been unable to hold down the ever-increasing cost of university tuition. Despite a rate of inflation that averaged about 5 percent over the course of his tenure, tuition has increased at a rate of nearly 10 percent per year—endowed tuition jumped from \$4,100 in 1978 to more than \$18,000 for the current academic year. However, he implemented Cornell’s current needs-blind admissions policy and has vowed that Cornell will stand by it.

At a press conference held the afternoon of his announcement, Rhodes praised the faculty, staff and student body of Cornell as well as the Ithaca community for helping make his tenure a success. But it was the university’s alumni for whom Rhodes reserved his warmest praise. “I am immensely proud of the 89,000 people who have graduated from Cornell since I have been here,” he said. “When I walk down the street in New York City, I bump into people who stop me and tell me what a formative experience Cornell was for them. The same happened to me in Hong Kong when I was there in January. That means the most to me.”





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**Left, Rhodes at his 1977 investiture with former Cornell presidents (from left) Dale Corson, James Perkins and Deane Malott; above, Rhodes escorts the Dalai Lama during his 1991 visit to Cornell; right, the president as a young geologist.**



And between alumni and Rhodes the feeling has surely been mutual. Alumni support of the university demonstrates their regard for the man. Cornell received more money from its alumni last year than any other American university; annual giving to the university has risen from \$27 million in 1977 to \$182.7 million in 1993. Thanks to such alumni support—and a long-running bull market—the university's endowment has increased more than four-fold, from \$271 million in 1977 to more than \$1.3 billion today.

But the same attention to financial matters and expansion that Rhodes's admirers applaud has been used by Rhodes's critics as an indictment against him. Protest—in a variety of forms and on a panoply of topics—has been a constant theme of the Rhodes presidency: about 250 student protesters picketed Rhodes's 1977 investiture; kitchen workers struck for the right to union representation early in Rhodes's tenure; the president came under sharp criti-

cism in the mid-1980s when the Board of Trustees failed to divest the university of stock in companies doing business in South Africa. (The board later voted for a policy of "partial divestment," which it recently rescinded.) Subsequent protests have demanded increased financial aid for minorities, a gay and lesbian living unit and continuation of the university's needs-blind admissions policy.

Rhodes Scholar Eduardo Penalver '94, emerged as the leader of Hispanic students in the most recent protest. He says Rhodes may have been a strong leader in the "traditional sense of a university president," but "in a progressive sense, such as facing issues of social justice, he has not been as strong." Penalver adds, "He has not been strong on issues such as affirmative action and with issues related to students. With minority students, in specific, he has been weak."

Joseph Scantlebury '84 helped organize the 1985 Day Hall divestment protests; he remembers

Rhodes as a worthy adversary. "Although I disagreed with his position on some issues, such as divestment, when it came to responding to black and Hispanic students he was willing to be engaged," he says. "We didn't always see eye to eye, but I appreciated that he was willing to sit down at the table and talk."

Anyone who has ever heard Frank Rhodes speak—be it an address to a scientific conference or off-the-cuff remarks at an alumni barbeque—knows that the man can talk. Two of Rhodes's greatest strengths are his oratorical ability and his social acumen. One department chair recalls Rhodes's entrance at a faculty barbeque shortly after his arrival on campus. "Frank and Rosa made their way around the room, introducing themselves to everyone," the professor remembers. "Then when they got ready to go, they went around the room and said goodbye to everyone—'Nice to meet you, Mary.' 'Hope to see you soon, Jim.' 'Let's discuss that staffing prob-



lem, John.' It was astonishing. There must have been 60 people there and they remembered everybody's name."

Even those with whom Rhodes has had a contentious relationship say his speaking ability helps to overcome difficulties. "When Rhodes gives the Gaelic Blessing ["May the road rise to meet you. . ."] at the end of Commencement, at that moment there is very much a sense of connection with him," says Scantlebury. "So although there has been real disagreement and lots of things that have made some people very angry, as they leave students look on Rhodes fondly."

The oratory does not come without effort. Rhodes is a prodigious researcher. He makes use of two shoeboxes of index cards, cross-referenced by subject and author, containing quotes. A typical Rhodes speech uses quotes from sources ranging from race car drivers to former American presidents to religious figures. "I've been sharing podiums with him for 17 years and I've never heard him repeat a story," says Kiplinger.

During his nearly two decades in Day Hall, Rhodes has used his communication skills to good effect as a spokesman for both higher education and science. He has served on numerous national task forces, including George Bush's President's Education Policy Advisory Committee, the Special Commission on the Future of the National Science Foundation and the Task Force on the Role of the National Science Board, which he chairs. He also serves on the boards of General Electric and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Frank H.T. Rhodes was born in 1926 in Warwickshire, England. He earned both a bachelor of science and a PhD from the University of Birmingham. He held a post-doctoral fellowship, as well as a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Illinois in 1950, was a lecturer at the University of Durham in England from 1951 to 1954 and then returned to Illinois as a faculty member in geology for two years.

From 1956 to 1968, Rhodes was first a professor, then a department head and finally dean of the faculty of science at the University of Wales,

before returning to the United States in 1968 to become a full professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of Michigan. He is the author of more than 70 scientific articles and monographs, 60 articles on education and five books.

In 1977, Cornell Emeritus Professor of Geology John W. Wells, PhD '33 wrote in these pages, "Dr. Rhodes's career in geology and paleontology opened early in the 1950s when he began investigation of the enigmatic group of extinct microscopic organisms known as the conodonts, tooth-like structures common in many ancient sedimentary rocks. Although no one yet knows what sort of animal they belonged to, they have proved very important as indicators of relative geologic age."

After three years on the Michigan faculty, Rhodes was named dean of the university's largest college, the College of Literature, Science and Arts, and three years later, in 1974, was appointed vice president for academic affairs.

**I**n June 1976, when Dale Corson announced he would resign as Cornell's eighth president, then-Chairman of the Board of Trustees Robert Purcell '32, JD '35, appointed Austin Kiplinger to lead the committee for a new president. Although the committee's list included 350 people to be considered, Kiplinger says Rhodes's name continually came up. "It wasn't inspiration from the heavens that we hire him," Kiplinger remembers. "We set out to find first and foremost an educator, but also someone who was a good administrator, someone who understood both undergraduate and graduate instruction, someone who was a scholar and who was in touch with educational trends. And at every turn the name Frank H.T. Rhodes came up."

"Being a university president is the best job in the world if you do it in the right place," Rhodes said at the March 17 press conference. "And Cornell has been the best place in the world to be."

Rhodes added that he had no definite plans for life after the presidency, but said that he and his wife,

Rosa, planned to stay in Ithaca. "I am retiring from the presidency but I am not retiring from life," he said, noting that he has four book projects in mind, two dealing with geology. He has been working on a book offering solutions to the problems faced by higher education. Rhodes said that one of the most difficult things about being a university president is the lack of time he has to himself. "There's never a moment to spare," he said. "And that's tough because you need to be reading and thinking and reflecting."

Cornell's next president will almost certainly lead the university into the 21st century, building on the foundation Rhodes and his predecessors have laid. At press time, plans to carry out the search for a new leader were still being made. What characteristics must that person, whoever he or she is, possess? "We need a leader on campus and off," says Call. "Higher education has lots of tough times ahead of it, and there's going to be a lot of debate about its future. Cornell needs to be at the forefront of it." Kiplinger agrees. "The basic needs aren't too different," he says. "Whoever we hire needs to have a deep concern for education and all of the administrative things that follow."

Until that person is sworn in, Cornellians will continue to be led by Rhodes. His announcement means that he's willing to hold the fort for another 14 months, and in that time, there will almost certainly be more student protests, more faculty gripes, more alumni functions and more students who want to bend his ear. Austin Kiplinger says Rhodes will be missed, of course, but adds "Cornell has a character all its own, and it will go on. The university is stronger than any of its administrators."

Still, when Kiplinger, the man who brought Rhodes to Cornell, reflects on the university's ninth president, he has to smile. "Seeking him out and finding him is one of the great satisfactions of my life," he says. "I think St. Peter will think well of me for that." □

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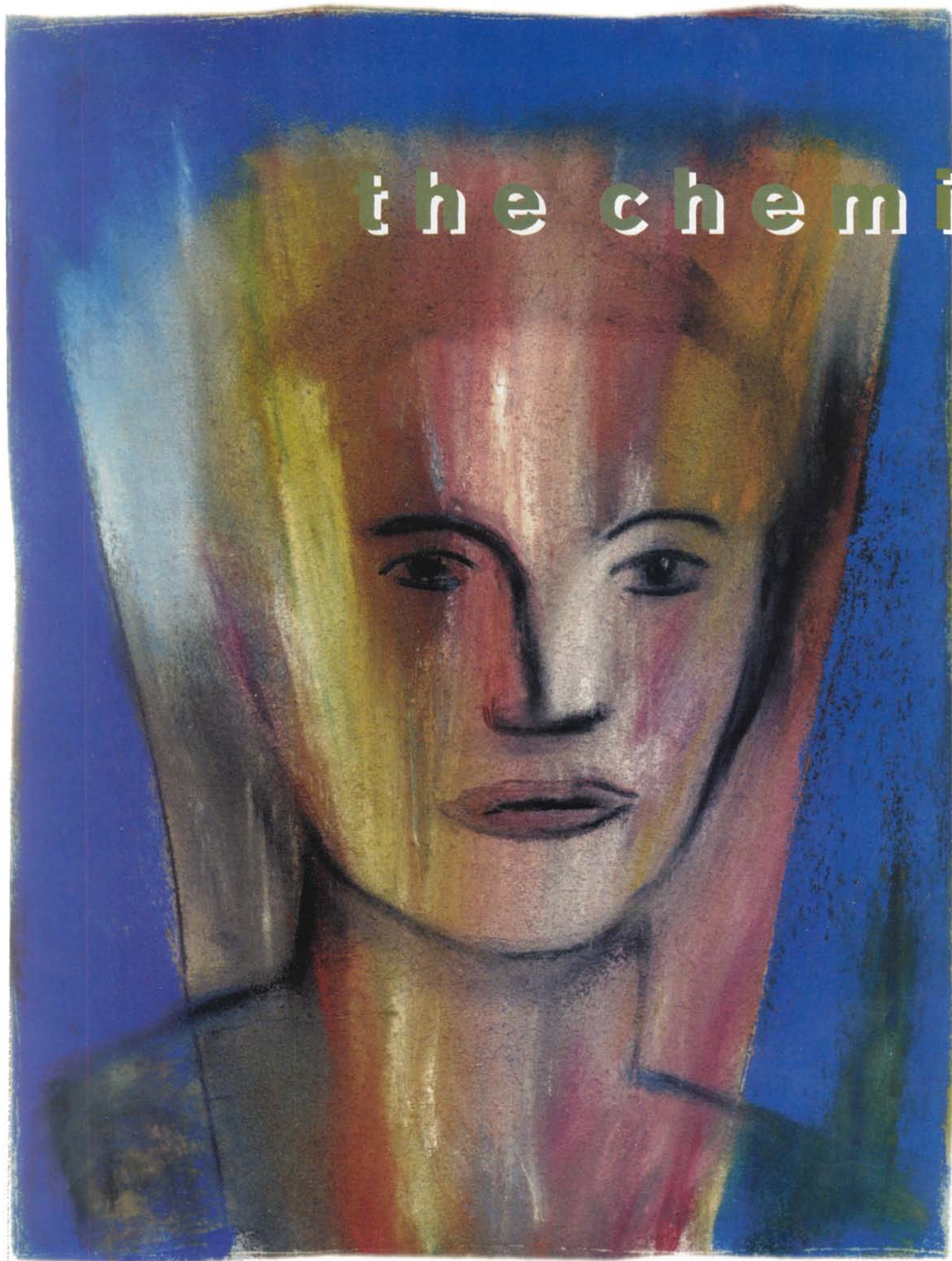
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It's 2:00 a.m. You've been driving since dusk. All that remains of the cup of crypto-coffee you bought back in Binghamton is a bitter gnawing in the pit of your stomach. The steady thump of tires on cracks in the asphalt is like a voodoo drum lulling you into a trance. Just outside Candor your eyes shut, your chin drops, your grip on the wheel loosens, the car veers to the left. Hooonnnkkk! The blast of the trucker's air horn jolts you awake. You jerk the wheel to the right. You're wide awake now. You hardly blink the rest of the way to Ithaca.

Meanwhile, in Carpenter Hall, a first-year engineering student sits staring at an esoteric text she must absorb for the next day's exam. She's been cramming since 8:00 p.m. and isn't even halfway through the tome. She opens her backpack, fishes out a pill bottle, pops it open



and tosses a little white tablet into her mouth, washing it down with some warm soda. In ten minutes she's engrossed in the world of Computer Science 100.

On the other side of Cayuga Lake a Bangs Ambulance pulls up to the emergency room of Tompkins Community Hospital. A young man is sitting in back, furiously tapping his foot. His head shifts position constantly, as if he's a bird on the lookout for cats. His speech sounds like a cassette on fast forward. The trauma nurse recognizes him, smiles and asks, "Did you forget to take your lithium?" He nods yes.

**T**hese three seemingly unrelated incidents are actually closely linked. Abnormal behavioral changes, whether caused by a disease like bipolar manic depression or brought on by taking drugs such as amphetamines, are simply exaggerations of normal biochemical responses like the sudden rush of alertness you feel after a near accident. The manic depressive, and even the schizophrenic, appear simply to be individuals whose natural systems are somehow malfunctioning. And the possibility exists that by taking charge of our natural biochemical systems, we could consciously replicate the effects of amphetamines, barbiturates and even hallucinogens.

The central nervous system can respond in all sorts of different ways to outside stimuli. Each response has its own independent switch. These switches, called receptors, need a particular key in order to trigger the response. For many receptors, that key is a type of chemical. The woman taking speed to study, the man being hospitalized for a manic episode, and you, finding yourself suddenly wide awake after a near accident, all involve the same receptor being switched on by the same key. The only differences are the origins of the keys and the intensity of the re-

sponses.

It's obvious what provided the key for the student: she took a chemical into her system. You, however, didn't have time to pop an upper. Where did your chemical key come from? Inside your own body. Your body produced its own amphetaminelike substance in response to the sudden stress of a near accident. The young man having a manic episode is also producing his own amphetaminelike substance, but he's making much more than you did when your car swerved toward the truck. In other words, the student is taking a drug to get the same response—alert concentration—as you, who's responding predictably, while the manic's body is over reacting. If the student takes too much of the amphetamine, or keeps taking it for a long period of time, she'll end up with the same exaggerated, inappropriate response as the manic.

The need for the body to produce amphetaminelike chemicals in times of stress is fairly obvious. Amphetamines produce high energy and a laserlike concentration on one thing to the exclusion of all else. That's why you were instantly aroused after the near accident and why the student could suddenly concentrate on all that otherwise-boring computer science information. (That's also why amphetamines are commonly used as diet pills. Hunger isn't immediately life threatening, so amphetamines suppress it. You also need to be relaxed to have a large, leisurely meal. If you're just aching to concentrate on something, anything, you're not apt to sit down and luxuriate over three courses.)

But the same link that connects you, the student and the manic depressive exists between someone who takes a barbiturate, an individual going through a natural depression—let's say one brought on by the death of a loved one—and someone suffering from clinical depression. Once again, the same key is turning on the same receptor, which is triggering the same type of response. Why

would the body need to produce drugs that induce depression? I believe it's also to defend against stress.

Humans have a built-in stress response device called the fainting reflex. Around the carotid artery, which supplies blood to the brain, there's a sphincter muscle that, under conditions of stress, shuts off the flow of blood to the brain, causing loss of consciousness, or fainting. As soon as the person falls to the ground, the sphincter relaxes and blood starts flowing again. The body has dealt with stress by removing itself from the stressful situation.

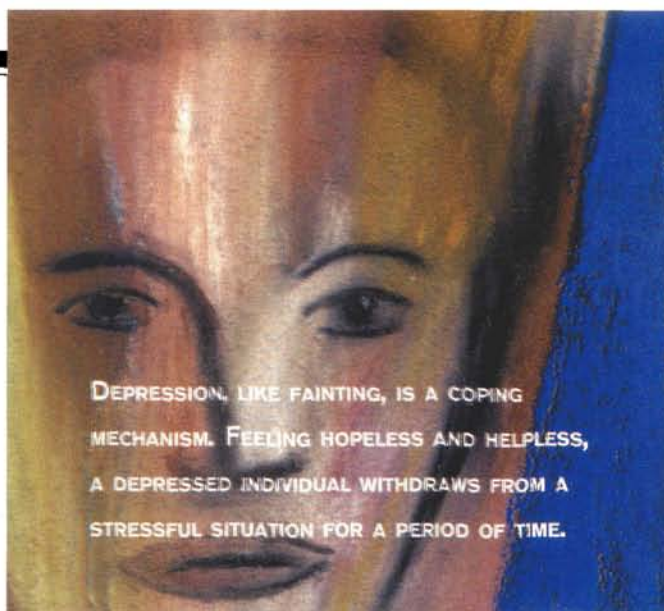
Depression, like fainting, is a coping mechanism. Feeling hopeless and helpless, a depressed individual withdraws from a stressful situation for a period of time. And just as fainting may have the added benefit of drawing assistance, so too might depression. If nothing else, depression is an escape from a threatening situation and is one of a variety of means of avoiding confrontation.

**S**ince we all have two opposite and entirely natural ways to deal with stress—extreme concentration and energy or an extreme passivity—what determines which tactic our body uses? Research indicates it's learned behavior. Scientists have been able to teach some laboratory mice to react passively to problems that seem to have no solution. I believe natural depression could be a response to stress for which we perceive there's no solution.

Those who produce too much of this chemical become clinically depressed. They could be either individuals whose biochemical systems simply are malfunctioning, or they could have been raised to believe they're fundamentally powerless.

All of this information would be nothing more than an interesting scientific diversion, if it weren't for the fact that the body also has receptors for hallucinogens. (Among the





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most recently discovered receptors is one for THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.) And since the receptors are there, they seem to serve some purpose. That means the body produces its own hallucinogenic chemicals.

Proof of this comes from researchers who have been looking for the biochemical basis of schizophrenia. They discovered that the urine of schizophrenics contains significantly higher concentrations of two particular chemicals than the urine of non-schizophrenics. Both of these chemicals are potent hallucinogens and may be among the reasons why schizophrenics are divorced from reality.

The most effective treatment for severe schizophrenic episodes is the administering of a particular type of drug that harmlessly binds itself to the receptors for these two chemicals, effectively "blocking" the psychotic episode. This type of drug is also the most effective treatment for someone who has taken a hallucinogenic drug and is having a "bad trip." That's because an hallucinogenic drug triggers the same response a schizophrenic experiences.

Therefore, we have evidence of two of the three different types of chemical responses to hallucinogens: schizophrenics produce too much of a particular hallucinogenic chemical; and those who take hallucinogens on their own are artificially replicating the response. It's the third element that's the most thought provoking: why would the body produce hallucinogens in the first place? Research on this question is in early stages, but let me present an unsubstantiated but nevertheless intriguing theory.

One characteristic of hallucinogenic drugs is that they let people see commonplace things from a different perspective. They make the stale become fresh. In so doing, they

allow an individual to make new associations and draw seemingly universal meanings from otherwise mundane things. On one level, this could be viewed as recreational. But does it serve any productive purpose? I think it might.

Look at how children react to their environment. Almost everything they see is new and different. They are rarely bored. Children are almost perpetually fascinated, constantly processing all this new information and making associations. Perhaps the body produces hallucinogens in order to enable us to remain fascinated with the world around us; to keep us from becoming intellectually and spiritually stagnant; to provide us with a means to look at ourselves and the outside world in a new way; and to insure that we constantly make new associations and continue learning. If you accept this theory, it could mean that the enlightenment that seems to come from deep meditation, or ecstatic dancing, or even prayer, could be a result of tapping into the body's ability to produce hallucinogens.

Can we prove this? Well, we could insert a tube into the brain of a Tibetan monk and look at whether or not his brain is producing hallucinogens during his meditations. Unfortunately, having a tube stuck in his brain might make it a bit difficult for him to meditate very well. New technology, such as nuclear magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), might allow us to get around this problem of intrusiveness. For now, though, we can only speculate.

However, that's not the only area for speculation. This linkage between abnormal behavioral pathologies, whether produced by disease or the taking of drugs, and natural biochemi-

cal responses leads to a host of fascinating questions:

- Do we truly have free will, or are we merely subject to the whims of our body's biochemistry? And how does that relate to our notions of divinity?

- Since our bodies produce many of the chemicals we find in nature, how closely are we linked to the world around us? How much do we have in common with the rest of nature?

- Are schizophrenics responding to a stimulus that doesn't exist, or are they simply more sensitive than the rest of us? Would biblical prophets today be dismissed as psychotics?

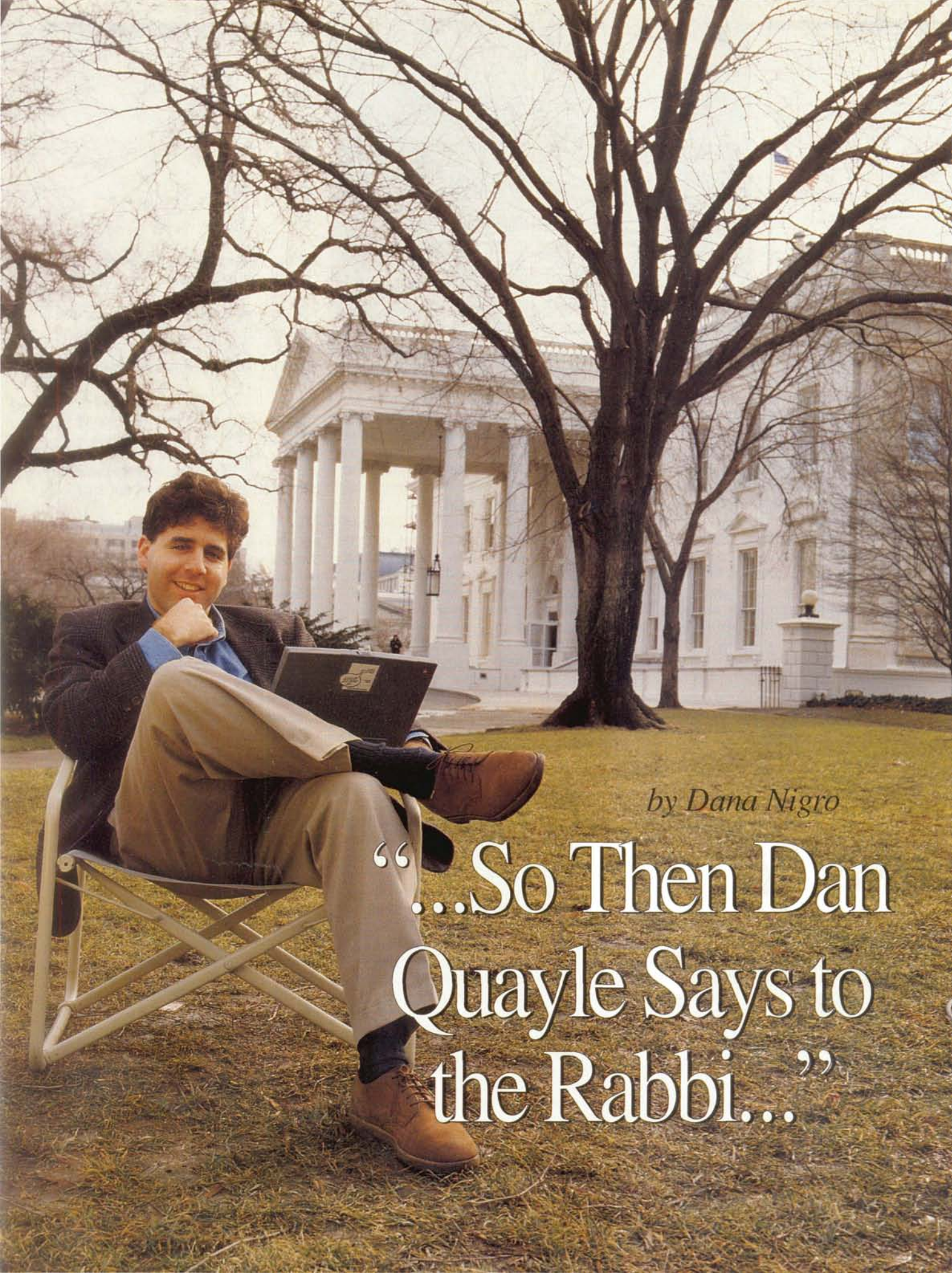
- Because our body manufactures these chemicals, is it possible for us to tap into this system and somehow consciously control it? Does that mean we all have some potential to heal ourselves, both physically and spiritually?

We are just now beginning to explore this nexus of chemistry and emotion. Our understanding is limited. But I believe that by understanding how these drugs and pathologies operate, and why, we'll eventually be able to reach a better understanding of our own psyches. ■

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This summer, Cornell Adult University will present Prof. Levitsky's "The Great Weight Debate," a seminar on the biological, psychological, medical and cultural issues surrounding body weight. The course will run the week of July 17. For more information, call CAU at (607) 255-6260.





*by Dana Nigro*

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**T**he event was the Gridiron Dinner, a venerable Washington insti-

tution. Anyone who was anyone in the nation's capital had turned out in white-tie and tails to hear the President, a member of his cabinet, a member of the opposition and the press roast each other in skits and songs. William Rehnquist, Barbra Streisand, Sam Donaldson, Janet Reno '60 and Colin Powell were only a few of the famous faces in the audience.

Mark Katz '86 waited anxiously among the celebrities and power-brokers. He sat through the sax solo given by a sequined Bill Clinton and listened to Senator Bob Dole's cracks about the Democratic party and the Bush re-election campaign. Then came Madeleine Albright, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations—a dark horse on the political comedy scene, known more for her intellect than her humor. Katz sat up a little straighter. The room, remembers Katz, got just a little bit warmer.

Albright walked out on stage with a grim expression, carrying her briefcase. She put her case on the lectern and clicked it open. After putting on her half-frame glasses, she took out a small American flag and a plaque that said "United States" and placed them on the lectern. She put on translator earplugs, then looked out into the audience. A puzzled expression crossed her face, and she asked, "Who am I? Why am I here?"

Pausing briefly, she began to answer her own question: "The Gridiron Club did try for someone

on the Administration's celebrated roster of wits and cut-ups. Originally, they pleaded for Al Gore."

She pressed on. "I am often asked at the U.N. to describe Warren Christopher. I tell them: Warren Christopher is certainly statesmanlike. Warren Christopher is practically sagelike. Warren Christopher is almost lifelike."

Katz laughed harder than anyone else in the audience. But it was nervous laughter. A political humor writer, Katz had spent the previous three weeks working night and day on the Albright speech and consulting her daily. As she continued speaking, his lips moved along with her words and he kept his fingers crossed, listening for laughter. "It was nerve-wracking," he said. "I kept petitioning the Lord with prayer that my three weeks of work would be vindicated."

The Gridiron was a big opportunity—"the Super Bowl of political humor," Katz says—for Albright to show another, less serious side of her personality. "Gridiron material lives on past the night, it changes the way people are perceived," explains Katz. "My job was to help her make a room full of people laugh. We decided to work with her reputation and took the angle 'I'm not funny. Why am I here?'"

By the end of the evening, Katz was relaxed and smiling. Albright had been a big hit. The next day, the *Washington Post* called her speech a "home run," and President Clinton congratulated her openly at a Cabinet meeting. Clinton also asked Katz if he



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'LIBERAL,' I'D QUALIFY FOR ONE OF YOUR TAX BREAKS FOR THE RICH."**

—Michael Dukakis, second presidential debate, Los Angeles, California, 1988

would work with him on speech material. Katz's barely straight-faced reply: "I'll see if I can find some time."

This was the moment Katz had been waiting for ever since he started his career by mixing politics and humor at an early age. "My first experience in political message-making was in third grade," he remembers. "I had to stand up and give a speech on why my fellow third-graders should vote for George McGovern rather than Richard Nixon." He pauses a beat. "If only they had listened." As a 14-year-old, Katz took up humor writing for his high school paper after other means of expression failed him. "I started out in graffiti and moved on to essays. Spray paint became prohibitively expensive."

But of course, Katz's Cornell experience pointed most clearly to where he was going to end up. "I was most famous at Cornell for being the guy who brought his piano-playing toy poodle, Wally, on David Letterman's Stupid Pet Tricks."

Actually, Katz was probably at least as well known for "Delusions of Grammar," his column in the *Cornell Daily Sun*. Katz got his first big break when one of his columns, about his first beard, was picked up by United Press International. The UPI clip came in handy when Katz, a government major, participated in the Cornell-in-Washington program in the spring of 1985, which he calls in all seriousness "one of the defining experiences of my academic and professional life." Katz's *Sun* columns played a large role in helping him get an internship as a news assistant at The *New York Times*'s Washington bureau. The *Times* provided the perfect place for Katz to do research for his thesis on media coverage of dark horse candidates. He stayed on for a summer job as a news clerk. "While I was there, I even got to do some feature writing," he says. "My pseudonym was Special to the *New York Times*."

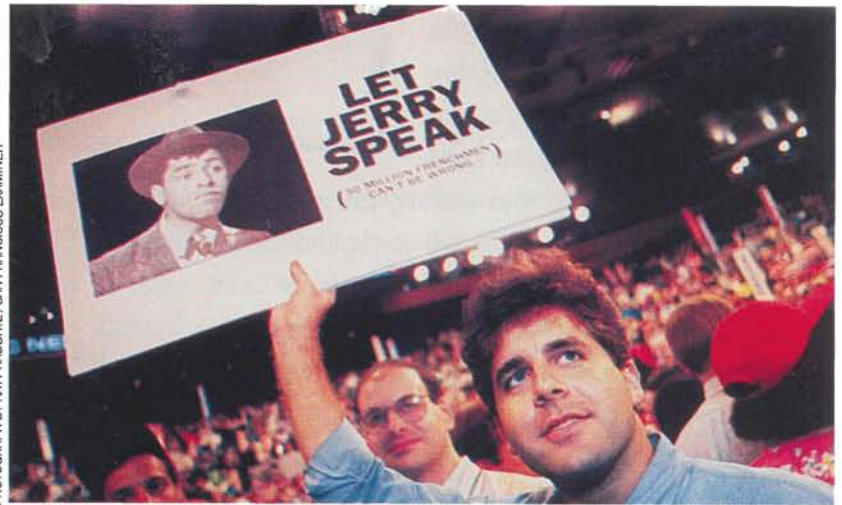
Katz returned to Cornell intrigued by the media and electoral politics. After graduation, he worked for New York's Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan for a year-and-a-half. Katz then turned his thesis into real-life experience and volunteered to work for none other than dark-horse presidential candidate Michael Dukakis. He earned a place on staff ("They find a place for you on payroll just before you pass out from malnutrition.") and progressed through the ranks, integrating humor into press releases, sound bites and campaign messages. Katz worked with George Stephanopoulos (now senior adviser to President Clinton) as part of the "response team."

"Mark wrote jokes and tested them on me," remembers Stephanopoulos. "He's one of the funniest people I know in politics." Katz eventually became a deputy communications director whose responsibilities included preparing sound bites and one-liners for the debates.

Katz is good at the self-deprecating humor he so often writes for others. "Writing one-liners for Dukakis is like being staff photographer for the *Wall Street Journal*," Katz

says. "Even to this day when someone says the Dukakis campaign was a joke, I can't help but feel a little bit of pride. History is going to remember me as the guy who made Mike Dukakis so funny."

After the campaign, Katz decided to go into advertising. The first ad he created promoted what Katz thought was a great product—himself. It featured the by-then



**Katz made a bold plea at the 1992 Democratic Convention.**

infamous picture of the 1988 Democratic nominee riding in a tank. The headline read: "I helped sell this product to 41 million Americans." The tagline: "Mark Katz—It wasn't my fault." Hal Riney & Partners in San Francisco apparently believed him and hired him to work on the huge Saturn account. So Katz packed up and moved to California.

At the end of 1991, Stephanopoulos asked him to help out on the fledgling Clinton campaign. Katz packed up yet again and drove from San Francisco to Little Rock to write brochures for the New Hampshire primary and prepare material for the first debate among the Democratic primary candidates. Stephanopoulos knew Katz was the right person for the job: "Mark is quick, fast and funny. He's fresh because he's so young. It's hard to get people who understand both politics and humor and who can do the work quickly."

He returned to New York City and the world of advertising, while staying loosely involved with the Clinton campaign as a consultant. During the Democratic convention, Katz worked with the cable network Comedy Central as a humor writer and a production assistant for the "Indecision '92" program.

Katz left advertising full-time during the Clinton transition period and started the Sound Bite Institute, a creative think tank of which he named himself "resident scholar." He has been working on freelance advertising projects, humor writing and speech writing, as well as copywriting for Shepardson Stern & Kaminsky, a New York communication strategy firm. Throughout all these



**"WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT CUTTING BACK AT THE WHITE HOUSE BY 25 PERCENT. IN FACT, WE'RE SO SERIOUS THAT I'VE CUT MY HAIR BACK BY 50 PERCENT."**

**—Hillary Clinton, at the University of Pennsylvania graduation, June 1993**

activities, he became increasingly involved with the Clinton Administration—he wrote Vice President Al Gore's speech for last month's Gridiron Dinner, and has written for Presidential Adviser David Gergen and House Speaker Tom Foley, as well.

"We wanted to tap into Mark's vast knowledge and expertise in a way that he could contribute on a part-time basis," says David Leavy, assistant to Clinton's press secretary Dee Dee Meyers and another member of the Administration familiar with Katz's work on the 1988 campaign. "Mark is truly one of the more gifted young political minds of this generation."

About three weeks after his Gridiron Dinner success, Katz was true to his word and found time for President Clinton when the White House Correspondents' Dinner—at which the President traditionally gives a humorous speech—was to be broadcast live on C-SPAN for the first time. Katz was called in, given a desk in the Old Executive Office Building, and worked four straight, 18-hour days to develop speech material. "There I was working for the President," Katz recalls. "This is what I used to dream about when I was clipping newspapers at 5:30 in the morning for the Dukakis campaign."

The speech was another hit—Katz had Bill Clinton explaining his first 100 days in the office like this: "I don't think I'm doing that bad. On the 100th day after his inauguration, William Henry Harrison was already dead for 68 days. I had a stimulus package that lived longer than that"—and after returning from Washington, Katz received a phone call from George Stephanopolous's secretary. She wanted to know how late he would be working because Stephanopolous wanted to call him. That afternoon a White House operator called. "I thought it was strange that George was now having a White House operator make his calls for him," Katz says. "Then she said, 'Please hold for the President of the United States.'" Clinton had called to personally thank Katz for his work.

**T**alking to the President is like an out-of-body experience," Katz says. "First you're talking to the President. Then you start listening to yourself talking to the President. Then you start wondering what the idiot you're listening to is going to say next to the President. Then the President interrupts you, says good-bye, and goes back to running the country." Katz pauses for a moment for full effect. "Thank God for call waiting!"

Katz's next assignment was for First Lady Hillary Clinton. She wanted to go to a roast for political consultant and Clinton Campaign Manager James Carville, but would do so only if she had enough funny material. "That's pressure!" says Katz. Not surprisingly, Mrs. Clinton attended the event, where she offered another Katz pearl—"Those who don't know James Carville well think that he tries very hard to be eccentric. But those who know him best know he's actually trying very hard to be normal."

David Leavy explains the White House's reliance on

Katz: "He's able to synthesize the political dynamics of the current news into humor. So few people in the current generation are able to do that. Mark is the future Gergen and Shields."

Mark Shields himself, a columnist and political analyst on *The McNeil-Lehrer News Hour*, has been familiar with Katz's work since the Dukakis campaign. "Mark Katz is one of my very favorite people," he says. "He brings to political humor a sense of freshness—a wonderful, delightful irreverence without any trace of cynicism. For someone as young as Mark, he grasps a very real and yet elusive political truth. Americans, absent from a profound philosophical difference, vote for people they like. They like people who don't take themselves too seriously, who can laugh at themselves. Mark can write that way, and any politician smart enough to listen to him will be successful."

Shields adds that the Democrats haven't been living up to their reputation as the wittier party in recent years. "The collective humor of Carter, Mondale, Dukakis, and Clinton could be written on the back of a five-by-eight card," he says, explaining that the Republicans, traditionally thought to be stodgy, now have Senator Dole's harsh humor on their side. "Mark couldn't have arrived at a better time for the Democrats."

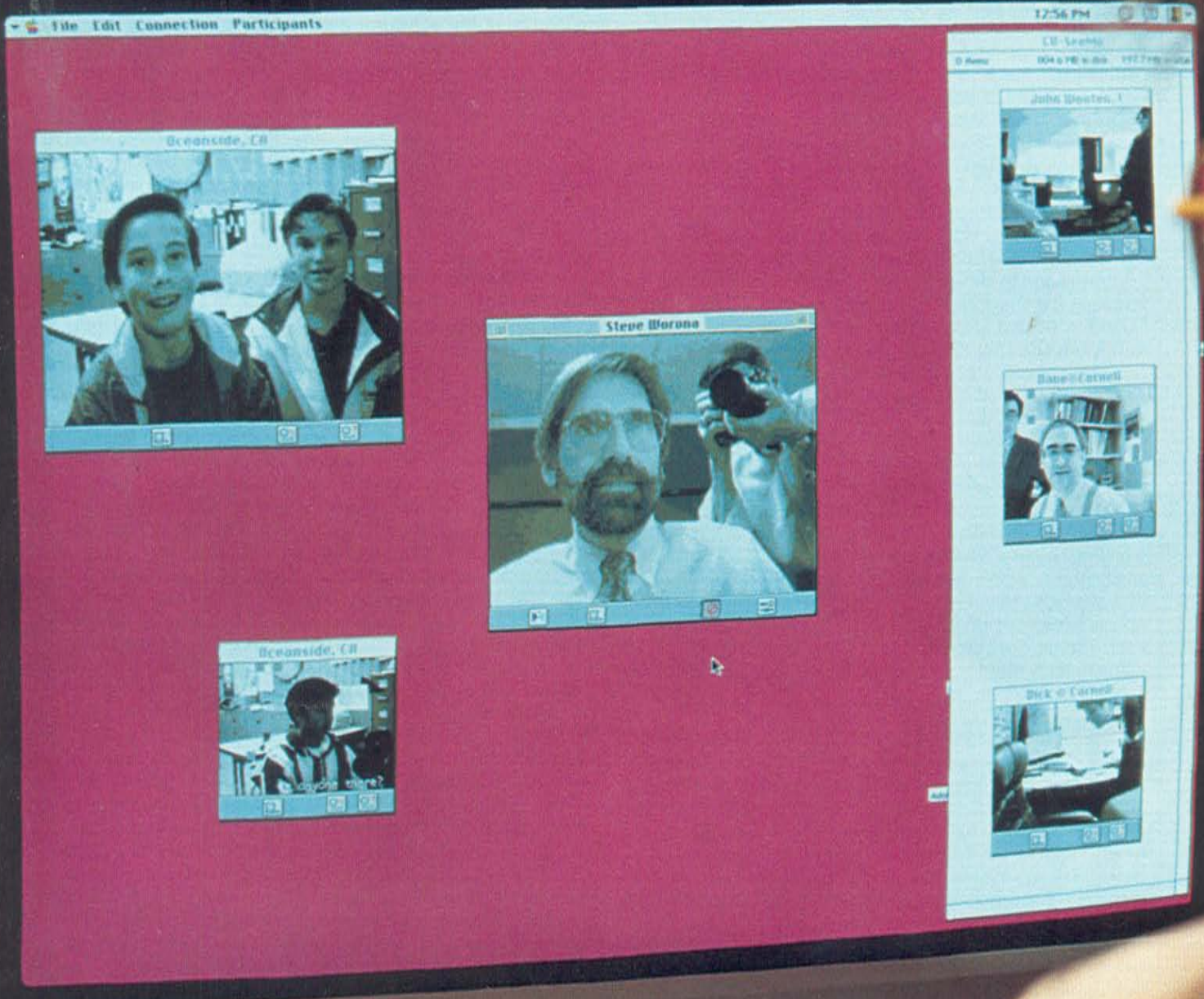
While Katz hopes to continue working with the Clinton Administration, he also has an interest in branching out from humor to comedy. He has written comedy sketches and performed them at Chicago City Limits, a New York City improv theater, and he has worked on a script for a sitcom. He also wrote a string of one-liners—both political and non-political—for Barbra Streisand to use as between-song patter during her recent Las Vegas concerts. When Katz met the diva, he says, she ran her fingers through his hair and called him "a nice Jewish boy." She never used Katz's political jokes, deciding at the last minute that the concerts were a non-political event, but she did use his non-political jokes.

His destiny may well be television. In August 1993, Katz made his debut as a "talking head" on Comedy Central's new show, "Politically Incorrect," which is hosted by comedian Bill Maher '78 [See "Bill Maher Wants to Make You Laugh," *Cornell Magazine*, September 1993]. Katz describes the show as "the McLaughlin Group for political humorists" and said it was a strange experience being grouped with professional comedians. "It was tough because I do my best thinking in front of a word processor. I consider myself a sit-down comic, but I did accomplish my goal of not saying anything really stupid."

So far Katz's career has continuously evolved, shifting seamlessly between political and media work. Yet with humor as the defining link between his diverse career paths, Katz may never have to choose only one. As Stephanopolous says, "Anyone who can train a poodle to play the piano on TV can work well in politics." ■

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# I CAN CU, CAN UC ME?

*A new piece  
of software  
developed at  
Cornell can help  
you organize  
video conferences  
over the Internet  
in a blink  
of the eye.*

by William Steele



teve Worona '70, MS '73 works in a small, cluttered office on the third floor of Day Hall. As an assistant to the vice president for information technologies he spends most of

his time in front of his Macintosh computer, and like most Mac users he has several "windows" open on the 17-inch screen. Most are filled with text, but here and there on the screen are small

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black-and-white video images; each is about the size of a credit card, although with a click of the mouse Worona can enlarge any of them to about postcard size. They carry the window metaphor to its logical conclusion: they are windows opening on other places.

One, picked up by a palm-sized video camera perched on top of the monitor, shows Worona himself. One or two show other offices on campus. Others are from farther away. One shows the office of Dan Updegrove '70, who holds a job similar to Worona's at the University of Pennsylvania, another the Syracuse office of NYSERNet, the New York State educational computer network. One very important window opens on a public school classroom in California.

Worona and all the others looking at each other through these desktop windows are testing a new piece of computer software developed at Cornell called "CU-SeeMe."

**C**U-SeeMe allows video images to be sent inexpensively over the Internet, the worldwide computer network that links government agencies, schools, businesses and just about anyone else who wants to be on it. The idea of video on the Internet is not new, but previously it could only be handled by expensive hardware; CU-SeeMe does it on an ordinary Macintosh. (A version to run on IBM-compatible computers using Microsoft Windows is promised soon.)

Anyone with a Mac, an Internet connection and a copy of the software can receive CU-SeeMe video. To send pictures you need a camera and

"digitizing" hardware that comes with newer Macs and can be added to older ones for about \$300.

The television image is converted into a digital form which can be sent over a local network or the Internet. On the Internet, images are transmitted to a computer called a "reflector," which sends them back out to anyone else who connects to it using CU-SeeMe software. The system will handle up to eight pictures at once. So far there is no audio; to talk to someone you pick up the phone, but you can also type messages that scroll across the bottom of your picture.

The pictures move a bit less smoothly than conventional television, "strobing" at up to ten frames per second, like the images in some video games. (Film normally moves at 30 frames per second.) The picture quality and motion depend on the amount of information the user can exchange with the Internet. A typical on-campus connection like Worona's, handling 10 million bits per second, displays about ten frames per second. A home user with a modem might see a new frame every five or ten seconds.

"It's pretty poor video by most standards," admits Richard Cogger of Cornell Information Technologies. "But pretty poor video when you can bring it up in a moment to a colleague on the other side of the country is extremely useful." Though they can't always explain why, all who have used the system agree that seeing pictures adds something valuable to a conversation.

Cogger launched the project after he saw video conferencing on Sun workstations and wondered if it could be done in less expensive ways. Early

funding came from Steven Erde, MD, director of academic computing at the New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center, who saw possible medical applications. Erde is now developing a system to transmit high-resolution medical images along with the live CU-SeeMe video.

A major boost came when the National Science Foundation adopted CU-SeeMe for its Global Schoolhouse project, which links schoolrooms

to the Internet. Global Schoolhouse began with students exchanging information via electronic mail. Video conferencing has added a whole new dimension to their work, according to Yvonne Andres, a teacher at Jefferson Junior High School in Oceanside, California.

The program lets students in a dozen U.S. states and in Canada, England, France, Germany, Australia and Japan conduct joint research projects, reporting to one another once a week in a formal video conference in which they can display maps and diagrams or even

run video clips. In addition to what they learn from the research itself, Andres says, they are learning speaking and presentation skills. "It forced the students to learn to articulate what they want to say, because they only have 30 to 45 minutes for the conference," she explains.

Time is limited because an expensive long-distance telephone conference call is needed, but a CU-SeeMe window is open on the school's computer almost all the time, just as in Worona's office. In their free time students go "reflector surfing," and hold typed conversations not only with other students but also with Worona and others in academic settings, who welcome

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their participation. They are, Worona says, part of the team testing the new idea, and their suggestions are highly valued.

NSF has provided funding for three years of further development of CU-SeeMe. Plans include adding sound, color, smoother motion and compatibility with other video conferencing systems. Meanwhile, in keeping with the spirit of the Internet



as a cooperative research environment, the university is making the software available free, mostly to see what people will do with it. Although it was developed for video conferencing, it is already leading elsewhere: like Worona and the students, many users are leaving their desktop windows open all day and sometimes all night.

"It's sort of like working with your office door open," says Tim Dorsey, the Information Technologies programmer who wrote the software. "Our notion was a replacement for a meeting, but what may be even more important is the replacement for people being in adjacent offices." Video on the Internet is such a new idea, he adds, that we don't really know yet what it will be used for, or what the social consequences will be.

Worona agrees. "We're all crash dummies on the Information Highway," he says. 

*Internet users may obtain CU-SeeMe software by anonymous ftp from [gated.cornell.edu](http://gated.cornell.edu) in the directory `/pub/video`. Check the `Readme` file to identify the latest version. Information is available from Richard Cogger, [rcogger@cornell.edu](mailto:rcogger@cornell.edu) or 607-255-7566.*

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## Cornell alumni now have their own lane on the information superhighway.

If you want to know when Reunion weekend is in 1995, or what events the Cornell Club of Washington has planned, or how to meet Cornellians in Japan, just join CU-ALUM-L, post your question and sit back. Your answer will be posted soon.

CU-ALUM-L is an Internet mailing list, and anyone who has Internet access can subscribe to it. The electronic postings are sent to all subscribers, and any subscriber may post a message. Electronic traffic on the list is increasing dramatically.

A message posted recently on the list states that the list is "a point-of-contact for Cornell alumni to talk about what's going on in their lives and with their alma mater." From sports scores to Ithaca weather reports, campus events to high level job openings, if it's of interest to Cornell alumni you're likely to find messages about it on CU-ALUM-L.

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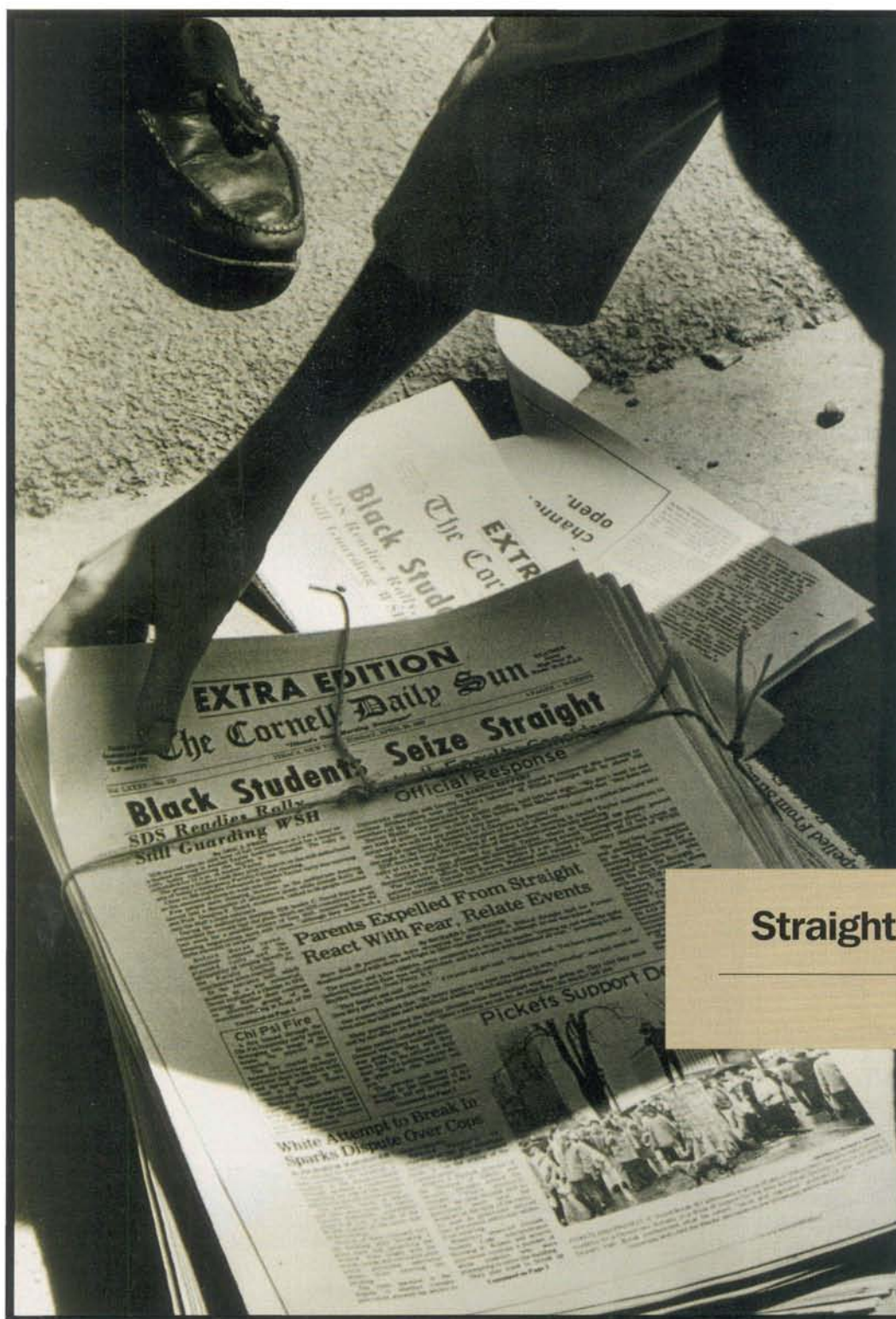
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—Andrew Wallenstein '86





## Straight Seizure

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The takeover of Willard Straight Hall by a group of black students in April 1969 stunned the university and stirs deep passions even now. Beyond the initial fallout of the event—an all-night meeting of students in Barton Hall, the resignations of faculty members and administrators, including the chairs of both the history and the government departments, as well as the President of the university, James Perkins—the event would become a seminal moment in the history of the university, leaving its mark in ways that Cornellians are still struggling to understand to this day.



# Class Notes

**18** Not a lot of news this time, but a letter from **Norman E. Elsas** came in at the end of 1993 with thanks "for continuing to accept memos from the Class of '18! As long as **Mildred Stevens** Essick is 'kicking,' we can expect to get a kick out of whatever she sends in and I would hate to miss it." Norman Elsas's address is 3025 E. Pine Valley Rd., NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. He ended his letter with this PS: "I don't see as much of **Elbert P. Tuttle** as I'd like—we both stay pretty busy—even though we are in the same town."

Stay in touch. Send your news. ♦ Class of '18, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1266.

**19** **75TH REUNION** Here in New England and much of the East Coast we've been in a deep freeze for most of January, with sub-zero temperatures and above-normal amounts of snow, sleet, and ice, causing hazardous driving, power outages, and general disgust with the weather. After a succession of disasters in 1992, the Florida hurricane, Midwest floods, fires in California, and now a severe earthquake in Los Angeles County, we wonder why Mother Nature is doing this to us! Are we humans being punished for polluting our air, water, and oceans over the years? A sobering thought, even if lacking a scientific basis. Let's accelerate efforts to protect our environment.

I've complained about lack of news from classmates, but have just received an item of interest. So like the groundhog emerging from his burrow to let us know if we can expect six more weeks of winter, I am emerging temporarily from my "retirement" burrow to report this item concerning **Hilda Greenawalt Way** (Mrs. **Walter D. '17**) of Westport, NY, matriarch of the famous dynasty of Cornellians going back to Benjamin Cornell, MD, who was the nephew and adopted son of Ezra Cornell, and **William E. Greenawalt 1887, BArch 1889**, who married Cora Cornell, Ezra's niece and Hilda's mother. In addition to Hilda's brother, sister, and husband, she has many Cornell progeny including daughters **Jean Way Schoonover '41** (Mrs. Raymond) and **Barbara Way Hunter '49**, both of New York City and both former university trustees. Jean's grandson **James Schoonover '79** was one of the class clerks at our 60th Reunion. I was delighted to receive a letter from Jean from which I quote as follows: "Mother feels she has no news to tell, so she never writes letters. In truth, she is doing well. We brought her to NYC for the holidays. She saw *The Nutcracker* at the New York City Ballet, had a fine Christmas, which included children, grandchildren, and two of her six great-grandchildren. And on December 28 we quietly celebrated her 97th birth-

day. She's back in Westport now, because she feels most comfortable in her own home, and she has good support. I hope Mother feels up to going to her 75th Reunion, though I doubt that she will." I, too, hope she can represent our class at our 75th in June, and wish I could join her, but it isn't feasible. We are the only survivors of the "six hardy souls" (four men and two women) who attended our 70th in 1989. ♦ **C. F. Hendrie**, 67 Cannon Ridge Dr., Artillery Hill, Watertown, CT 06795.

**21** Last December, News and Dues arrived from **Irene Zapf Witkop** (Mrs. John C.) of S-4102 Blood Rd., Cowlesville, NY, delayed, her daughter wrote, because Irene had been in the hospital. Her message was cheerful, though: "I'm doing as well as can be expected for a person from the Class of '21. I was honored to be the oldest resident of my 'Town of Wales' this past summer at our 'Tri Qui' celebration. In November I became a great-great-grandmother for the first time."

A bit later in December we heard from Dr. **Helen S. Zand**, 2214 Sassafraz St., Erie, PA. According to the news note, she had had a serious fall in June 1993 and was getting about in a wheelchair, but, the note continued, "Her spirits are good and she still hopes to make it to the 75th Reunion [in 1996]." We hope other '21ers will send news for this column. ♦ Class of '21, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1266.

**24** **70TH REUNION** **Mildred E. Neff** sent enough news to fill two columns. She writes so beautifully, it is unfortunate space does not allow reproduction word for word. She told of watching on TV the fury of the fires in Southern California, and of the bravery of the firefighters. Helicopters, with huge buckets dangling down, scooped up ocean water to douse the flames, which died down only to be whipped into flames again by the wind. Last spring nephew George and his wife came from Utah. They then drove to San Jose to celebrate the 2nd birthday of their grandson. Millie wrote: "Four generations! I really don't feel that old."

To bear that out, a clipping from the Santa Barbara *News Press* with a picture of Millie and some kindergarten children with whom she volunteers one day a week. A trip to Livonia, NY last June was for the interment of her brother. Millie said her last goodbye to Ed at the family plot with family and friends gathered about her, their presence much appreciated. She visited Conesus Lake, where the family summer cottage stands. This revived memories of happy summer vacation days. In October, she visited friends in Louisville and Frankfort, KY.



She said: "The house at the bend in the road still looks like home. How I loved to decorate it for Christmas and light the big pine tree." Now she finds California the place to live. Not too hot; not too cold, and plenty of activity. ♦ **Gwendolen Miller Dodge**, 230 Shirley Dr., Charlestown, RI 02813.

I've been asked: "Who did the etching on the front page of the '24 Holiday Newsletter?" The answer is, our classmate, the late **Albert Edward Milliken**, whose drawings appeared in most of our undergraduate publications. Sorry to say, we lost contact with Al many years ago, and we have no knowledge of his post-Cornell career. It would be interesting to know about this.

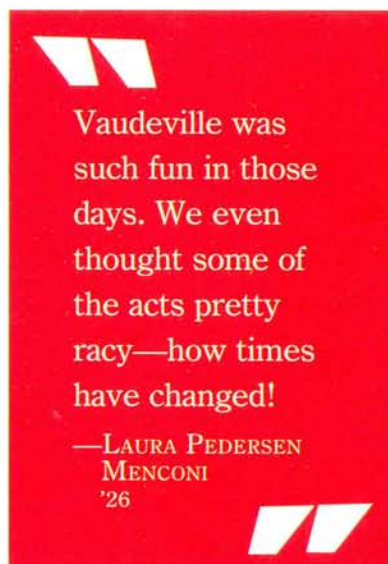
Other members of the class with whom we still maintain contact include **Roger Egeberg** of Washington, DC. The latest word from Rog is that he and wife Meg "are either plugging along or dancing along, and are happy at both. She continues to sculpt. I continue to write." **Dick Yates** and his wife Betty collaborate in reporting, "Our news is pretty humdrum, but for that we are grateful. Denver was awash last fall with the Pope and the President and several hundred thousand youths coming to town—an incredibly well-handled, joyous, peaceful time."

**Dave Liston** of Sarasota, FL says "there has been a void in my life since the death of the mini-reunions. In my 94th year, I question making it to our 70th, but keep me advised. It's not too old to hope!" **Fred Uhl** of Lansdale, PA reports that his 91st birthday "will be observed this year at the same time as George Washington's 262nd, but his actually comes the day after mine."

**Web and Gwen Miller Dodge** of Charlestown, RI wrote this last fall: "Life seems to have come full circle for us. Where we once watched over our children, giving them loving care and guidance to prepare them for a good life, they now are the 'caretakers' of two aged parents. We're so thankful that we have two wonderful children." Gwen, you probably know, writes the women's class column.

Another of our classmates has reached age 94—**Charles Pocock** of Houghton, NY. He still drives his own car, lives alone in his own home, has nine great-grands, and calls on patients at the Houghton Nursing Care Center once a week. You're truly remarkable, Charles. Will we be seeing you at our 70th Reunion in June? ♦ **Max Schmitt**, RR 5, Box 2498, Brunswick, ME 04011.

**25** **Florence Romig Kennedy**, 1501 Kingston Ave., Baldwin, NY, wrote last November: "You ask about my activities. They are considerable. Every morning after breakfast I walk three blocks with my walker, trying to walk normally after breaking my hip in April 1992. Why is it taking so long? It's your AGE, replies the doctor. I read in the *Cornell Magazine* that **J. Russ Clarke** had broken his leg; I wonder if he's still using a walker after a year and a half?" By one of those miracles for which this column is not noted, Russ Clarke, 225 Aspen Cir., Lincoln, MA, had sent in his News and Dues item a week before hers arrived, answering her question: "No change



in my lack of news to report—less active as last year's hip fracture restricts me to a walker—cannot travel." So we're reminded that our arrival at the age of discretion requires extra caution as well as good luck, even though the special perils of ice, snow, rain, and sleet now current will presumably have given way to winking Mary-buds when this issue reaches you. Getting back to Florence Romig Kennedy: she was recently given a dinner by the local Kiwanis Club to honor her establishment of the Duncan Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Fund. Letters from **Helen "Happy" Perrell** from Hong Kong have "relieved the tedium," and she has continued her AAUW French class.

**Louisa Ridgway Davis** lives in a retirement community in Boise, ID (1130 N. Allumbaugh, #169); she moved way out there to be near her son. She is in a "pleasant place where there are many interesting, friendly people. Life is good if not exciting." She has made trips to California, Virginia, and Indiana to visit daughters and attend a granddaughter's wedding, and is thankful for her health, which "is very good for one old enough to be a member of the Class of 1925." We hasten to observe that Louisa's last remark does not mean that there is any age requirement for membership in our class, which would probably violate some equal opportunity law.

A note from **Virginia "Sis" Van-Vranken Woolley** says that since she has reached 90, her family thinks she should give up her New York City apartment and live in Claverack, about 100 miles to the north. Her address will be Box 183, Claverack, NY.

**Hugh Prytherch's** sister writes that he celebrated his 90th last June, is doing well, enjoys reading, and looks forward to his 100th birthday (first mention of that optimistic goal). **Ruleph Johnson's** general health is good, but he has had to shelve Reunion plans because of hearing trouble—he can no longer even use the phone "with all available assists." **Frank Novotny** continues to live with his daughter and son-in-law in Hillsborough, 16 miles south of San Fran-

cisco. His anonymous amanuensis reports that he enjoys good health, has a good head of hair, and spends most of his day reading—without glasses! ♦ **Walter Southworth**, 744 Lawton St., McLean, VA 22101.

**26** [As this issue went to press, word came that **Stew Beecher** had died unexpectedly on February 12.—Ed.] **Estelle Randall Burnette** has moved to Skaneateles from Florida "to keep an eye on my family." **Grace Morris Campbell**, Savannah, GA, "had a rocky start last year (gallstones), then things picked up: three new great-grandchildren, a graduation, a christening, two lively weddings, my 89th birthday celebration. Rabbi Ben Ezra was right."

**Beatrice Bayuk Berg**, Huntingdon, PA, was much impressed by the 100th anniversary celebration of the Cornell-Penn football rivalry and attendant marvels, all arranged by the Cornell Club of Philadelphia (they forgot to arrange the game: Penn 17-Cornell 14), but a sell-out lecture by Prof. Carl Sagan made it all worthwhile. **Geri Tremaine Welch**, Seminole, FL, writes: "Hello, and love to all. Still in my comfortable condo, but a heart attack keeps me close to home." **Laura Pedersen Menconi**, Seattle, WA, reading in *Cornell Magazine* that the Strand Theater in Ithaca was no more, said, "Vaudeville was such fun in those days. We even thought some of the acts pretty racy—how times have changed!"

**Edith Millsbaugh Green**, Washington, DC "had a delightful visit with **Dorothy Lampe Hill** when she was here. Imagine—we've known each other for 70 years. Good friends all the way!" Dodo was planning a California vacation. Sounded like lots of fun, but hope it wasn't "earth-shaking." **Theresa Hermann Trynin**, Brooklyn, is a great-grandmother of three, has daughter **Jane Trynin Feder '55**, granddaughter-in-law **Linda Ripps Feder '80**, and a great-grandchild (2015?) would make four generations.

Some '26 women who sent dues (not news) include: **Marguerite Hicks Maher**, Scarsdale, NY; **Louise M. Russell**, Silver Spring, MD; **Isabel MacBain Barrett**, Florham Park, NJ; **Phyllis Bodler Dunning**, Byfield, MA. See next mo. for mo.

**Dr. Edwin A. Harder**, Pittsburgh, PA, a retired electrical engineer with a doctorate in mathematics, set out last November in his 20-foot cabin cruiser *Cozy Cub* to cruise the Florida Everglades, returning in March. Ed notes that he's been shipwrecked only three times. St. Paul was shipwrecked five times, so he has two to go.

**Dr. John E. Crawford**, Redlands, CA, is pushing 91 and especially enjoys meeting other Cornellians. **Richard F. Pietsch**, Charlottesville, VA, last summer flew to his family reunion in St. Louis, MO. Was happy for a wheelchair at the airport. Dick also visited the Virginia Film Festival at Charlottesville. "With the help of my cane, saw ten films in four days—a lot of fun."

**Philip I. Higley** and wife **Helen (Betis) '25** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last September. Phil keeps active in hospital volunteer escort duty. At their hospital awards banquet, he was named "Auxiliary of the Year," picked from some



hundred volunteers. ♦ **Stew Beecher**, 106 Collingwood Dr., Rochester, NY 14621.

**27** "Now we are emancipated—no more raking of magnolia leaves, no more trimming of rose bushes, no more cutting grass or pulling weeds, no more cleaning gutters or painting siding—we are emancipated!" So with joy that has no bounds writes **Don Huntington**, who has sold, after 37 years, his and wife Lucy's house and moved to White Oaks, a retirement center about three miles east of their former home in Spartanburg, SC. Don continues: "Our grandson Richie Huntington, who is Phi Beta Kappa and a Penn State U. Scholar graduate, was recently elected president of his 105-person medical class at Hershey medical school in Hershey, PA. Granddaughter Jennifer, a National Guard veteran of the Gulf War, is now a sophomore at the U. of South Carolina." Don sends his best regards to **Charlie Werly**, **Art Nash**, **Jerv Langdon**, **Ray Fingado**, and **Al Cowan**.

**Walter Muir** states that, although he and wife **Dorothy (Sanders) '30** saw many, many Cornell football games in the 1930s, '40s, '50s, and '60s, including the famous Fifth Down game with Dartmouth at Hanover in 1940, they felt it was too far to travel from Salem, VA to attend the 100th anniversary Cornell-Penn game last fall. Walt, who played on the Cornell chess team for all his four years in electrical engineering, had a wide-ranging engineering career from which he retired about 30 years ago. He then recruited over 1,500 US chess players for competition in the International Correspondence Chess Federation and was awarded the lifetime title of International Correspondence Chess Master for his awesome string of victories. Dorothy also retired from a teaching and library career to begin a new career in chess and won the US Women's Correspondence Chess Championship for three successive years. The Walt-Dorothy team resulted from a friendly merger 63 years ago. ♦ **C. L. Kades**, PO Box 132, Heath, MA 01346.

For the first time, we were not represented at the winter meeting of Assn. of Class Officers (CACO), as **Fran Hankinson** has had to curtail her activities. It has always been enlightening; happily now, the younger classes are carrying on in strong numbers. **Norma Ross Winfree** and **Tom** spent Christmas and New Year's cruising in the Caribbean on a ship of the Holland American Line, where they had deluxe service and food. They stopped at the island of Aruba which was "so lovely we could have stayed there for some time." **Zaida Hanford** Pierce was fortunate to have six of her family, five Cornellians, celebrate Christmas in John Knox Village, FL. **Henrietta Lowenburg** Marquis's granddaughter, who graduated from Harvard's law school with honors, has been admitted to the NY State Bar Assn. and is now employed with a New York City law firm. **Henrietta** says, "I'm still consulting for the West Virginia Rehabilitation Commission and am planning to go to Florence, Italy in June for the music festival. Lucky me."

**George Hearnden**, husband of the late **Estelle Uptcher Hearnden** and who has been a duespayer since her death over ten years ago, writes that his niece is now in her third year at St. Hilda's, Oxford, living in the hall this year with uncertainty for next, as housing there is at a premium with no funds to build more. ♦ **Sid Hanson** Reeve, 1563 Dean St., Schenectady, NY 12309.

**28** Our class has received a certificate from President Frank H. T. Rhodes signifying that our aggregate gifts have totaled over \$5 million. A copy has been enclosed which it may or may not be possible to include in our column. **Paul Buhl**, who was at our Reunion, walked up the gorge to Taughannock Falls and then visited the Corning Museum of Glass and the Rockwell Museum. **Manson Benedict** has sold his summer home in Massachusetts and will spend the entire year in Naples, FL.

**Ira Degenhardt**, who was a generous supporter of Cornell, died recently. We shall miss our class vice president.

**Fuller Baird** has been busy the last two years chairing the landscape committee of Bentley Village, FL. **Gib Allen** and wife **Dorothy** continue to live happily in Williamsburg, VA. Their daughter and family have returned from four years in Hong Kong and are back in Warren, NJ.

**Arthur Levine** died in September from colon cancer. He has son **Michael '58** and daughter **Jane (Wellesley '62)**. The reason there was no men's column in the January/February issue of the *Magazine* is that it was lost in the mail. ♦ **Ted Adler**, 2 Garden Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

April! The month of blue skies and white clouds—and perhaps, rain! May the sun shine upon you, wherever you may be! For once I have some news about our classmates, courtesy of **Alyene Fenner Brown** and **Ruth Lyon**. Most were responses to the brochure about Reunion that was sent to all class members. **Dot Searles** Munchmeyer enjoyed the news about Reunion, but said it made her back ache to read of all our activities! She and husband **Ludwig** enjoyed beautiful fall foliage in New Jersey and were in good spirits. **Lelah Rouch** Crane also enjoyed reading about Reunion. The only person she recognized was **Ruth Lyon**. **Lelah's** health is not good, but her son is attentive and her needs are met.

**A. Madge Marwood** Headland wrote me that she reached too far while writing Christmas cards and her chair fell over, leaving her with a broken shoulder, two cracked ribs, and an injured elbow! As of January 10 she didn't know when she could return to her apartment. Says she is enjoying winter looking out. **Frieda Hafekost** Richards enjoys the organized activities at the retirement center where she lives in Cheshire, CT. She walks with walker or cane and is getting forgetful. (Are not we all?)

**Ruth Lyon** reports a nice Christmas with family at home and now—so quiet. She and **Betty** are settling into their routine. **Ruth** enjoys sports on TV and there is knitting and reading to do. **Alyene Fenner Brown** writes, "I'm having a good winter,

cooler than many but plenty of sunshine. 'Josie' is a good dog for me. She is big, black, and beautiful and with a good healthy bark to scare off anybody who comes by."

I wrote earlier of **Shirley Miller's** death last June. Recently, a mutual friend told me of a lovely memorial service she attended at the gravesite here in late fall. **Shirley** grew up in Ithaca. Her sister was a French teacher in the high school here for a number of years.

How about sending me a card with some news of you. I need your help for that May column. Send a card tomorrow!

♦ **Rachel A. Merritt**, 1306 Hanshaw Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

**29** **Gerry D'heedene** Nathan asked me to write this '29 newsletter. With frozen Great South Bay waters on three sides of our property, it's no wonder that an icy driveway kept some of our mail from being delivered! After reading her letter and the latest issue of *Cornell Magazine*, I called **Agnes "Tib" Kelly** Saunders and learned that she and **Marian Walbancke** Smith had attended the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-winter Meeting luncheon at the Marriott-Marquis in New York City. They were two of the 400 loyalists who were not bothered by the weather. President **Frank** and Mrs. **Rosa Rhodes** were present and the speaker, a well-known anthropologist, illustrated her lecture with fascinating colored slides.

**Laura Knapp '89** is the university-chosen person to make arrangements for the '29ers' Reunion activities. She organized a four-way telephone conference with **Bob Dodge**, **Jerry Loewenberg**, and Reunion Chair **Marian Walbancke** Smith. It lasted one hour, and they even planned menus for the meals to be served at the Statler, where '29ers will be staying. A few definite attendees to Reunion are **Ruth Uetz Nobel**, **Lizette Hand**, **Jo Mills Reis**, and **Ethel Corwin Ritter**. I have a new address for **Catharine Curvin Hill**: 4540 Beeridge Rd., Sarasota, FL.

It was a joy to hear that **Gerry** is looking forward to visiting with some of her 11 grandees and nine great-grandees. Here's hoping that I, too, shall be attending Reunion. ♦ **Linnea Peterson** Ceilly, 1 W. Concourse, Brightwaters, NY 11718.

We have lots of news of classmates, and the activity level of many of our men suggests that quite a few of us could make it to Ithaca for our 65th Reunion, June 9-12. Here's hoping. **A. Churchill "Al" Blackman**, Williamsburg, VA, lists his hobbies as golf and gardening. He had just returned from a week in California, where he and wife **Jeanne** had lived until 1959, when he wrote, "In December 1958, on the way to Geneva, Switzerland, I traveled in one of the first jet planes from New York to England. I recognized **Ferris Kneen** on the plane—the first time I had seen him since we left school! I was representing the US at an ILO meeting on safety in the lumber industry; **Ferris** was on business for his company." The Reunion in 1959 was only **Al's** second and he rode part way to the gathering with **Ferris Kneen**, who,



sad to say, died in 1981. Al adds, "Have made more Reunions since 1979 than ever before and always find them stimulating." He looks forward to seeing **Bob Dodge**, **Hank Gichner** and **Isabelle (Saloman)**, and **Fred Kelley**.

**Daniel M. Lazar's** news from New York City was that he went to an Adult University (CAU) program last July called "How the Balkans Got That Way," and he calls it a "Great Experience." Dan tutors at a high school, is a volunteer consultant for the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors, and serves in the local Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) interviewing prospective Cornell students. Progeny: son **Frederick "Rick"** and wife **Debbie Cheney Lazar**, both Class of '70, and granddaughters **Allyson**, **Hillary**, and **Corrie**. Now, he should be on hand for Reunion! And so should **Sidney** and **Kay Hannon Oldberg**, who live in State College, PA now, having moved last summer from Ithaca to a Quaker-sponsored retirement village called Foxdale. They say it is "friendly, charming, and has good meals." See you at Reunion! ♦ **Robert I. Dodge Jr.**, 5080 Lowell St., NW, Washington, DC 20016.

**30** [As this goes to press, word has arrived of the death on February 3 of **John Wickham**—Ed.] The "Oyster Fray"—a new double entry: comes now **John Wickham** with his Peconic Bay and Wickham's Creek oysters. It's getting like *All in the Family* with John as a former football-mate of **Norman Scott** and **Norman** and **Horace Shoemaker** as former crew-mates. [For more on how this began, see the '30 column in the January/February 1993 and July/August 1993 issues.—Ed.] Double entry aside, John says the Wickham's Creek species were "natural set oysters" and presents his case modestly but with clout. Norm's oysters were served, according to Horace, in the nearby Buzzard's Bay compound of a former president's family. John's, too, have the elitist virtue, if it may be called such without taking sides against Horace's, of having been served on the crack trains of the New York Central and came from family holdings, including the 400 acres known as Robins Island. (John, understandably, mentioned no cost to compare with Norm's two bits an oyster and Horace's 15 cents a plateful with side goodies.) The Peconic Bay oysters are no longer available, but Wickham's Creek "natural set" oysters are. The farm is protected from storm tides by two miles of dikes; being in the hurricane track, says John, "they don't always succeed." The family's "Old House," built in 1649 in the Village Green of Cutchogue, NY, is a national historic landmark, supposedly the oldest wooden house in the state, and was for generations the family home.

Back to oysters: John's entry has raised an issue of whether his or Norm's oysters can claim superior elitism; perhaps neither one will outrank Horace's oysters, which he claims are of "we the people"—and buttressed by the "Quakerly virtues of the people of South Jersey" with, he adds, himself "as the example." We await further input. ♦ **Benedict P. Cottone**, 1255 N. Gulf-

stream Ave, Bay Plaza #802, Sarasota, FL 34236; (813) 366-2989.

**Helen Lipschitz** Glick and husband **Fredrick** were in Ithaca while Helen attended Adult University (CAU) classes on writing genealogy and life history. (Have you set pen to paper yet, Helen? It is never too late.) They entertained us pleasantly at dinner at Taughannock Inn and then went on with their busy lives . . . **Olive Hoburg** Godwin spends the winter with her daughter in Hawaii, returning to New Jersey for the summer. She often visits **Genevieve Lewis** Wells in Canandaigua.

**Eleanor Smith** Tomlinson called me and we had a long chat. She says she feels no worse, but no better. Her only complaint is of lack of energy. She brought me the sad news of the death by heart attack of **Gertrude Coyne Drake** on December 23. Gertrude earned her PhD in 1939 and married **Louis S. Drake, MS '39**, economics professor at Southern Illinois U. at Edwardsville, where she also taught until her retirement in 1977. She taught Latin and English and published many articles, translations, and books on early Latin history, and, just last year, a novel, *Zombie*. She was working on another book on the day of her death. Her husband **Louis** died in 1982.

Here's a correction: in the November column I misnamed **Evelyn Reader** McShane's brother, who is, of course, **Dr. George Reader '40, MD '43**. We thank you for your hearty response to the Cornell Fund. Our class surely holds its own in gift giving, in spite of graduating into a depression. If you are in need of addresses, I have a copy of the "flatlist" that was printed last fall. My very best wishes to you all. ♦ **Joyce Porter** Layton, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

**31** In her Asheville, NC retirement community, **Hilda Smith** Doob is still puppeteering—a short play each month for the healthcare patients. "One patient sews costumes for me," she writes, "and a man in our exercise class has painted a backdrop for a longer play being prepared. I adapted a story by **Eleanor Fargeon**—you know, who wrote 'Morning Has Broken'; have made all the characters over a couple of years."

**Gertrude Andrews Small** says that she and husband **Cyril '28** have two great-grandchildren and have recently acquired three more because of the remarriage of one of their sons. One grandson finished his junior year at Boston College abroad at Oxford. A granddaughter is attending the U. of California, San Diego; another has been accepted at Brown.

Upbeat news from **Helen McCurdy Grommon**. She and husband **Alfred '33** remain engrossed in Stanford U. affairs, as well as those at Sequoies Portalo Valley, their retirement community. "Both places offer excellent lectures and much good music," she declares, "and we go to Stanford football, basketball, and baseball games. In addition, we often have lunches, cocktails, and dinners with old friends. Rocking chair retirement? Not here!"

Here, this January was truly "the winter of our discontent"—25 days of ice-clad roads and driveways. Thanks to the miracle

of the fax machine, you'll be reading this in April. Happy spring, everybody! ♦ **Helen Nuffort Saunders**, 445 Valley Forge Rd., Devon, PA 19333; (610) 989-9849.

By the time this reaches you I trust you have already received the 1994-95 "News and Dues Letter," and all the usual loyal '31ers have sent in their dues and some NEWS for this column! This then is an urgent cry to the rest of you who, like me, keep putting off 'til tomorrow the things we should have done yesterday. Please dig out the "Notice" from that pile of interesting junk mail, and not absolutely imperative agenda, and send in your own check and news items. The Class of '31 has for years stood high on the list of "Duespayers, Percentage of Class Count," but last year we fell out of the honors group. Let's climb back in!

**Bill Davis** (William N., 52 Mount Ave., Providence, RI 02906) very kindly sent a note and some clippings to a friend of his who also lives in this "retirement community" to alert him to my presence here. One clipping was from the *Bulletin of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen* which included two pages of interesting notes on members of the Classes of '31, '33, and '35 edited by **Jim Knipe** (James R., 3131 Colony Lane, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462) and a picture of 18 members of the "Foods 15" class in 1930, all decked out in tall chefs' hats and immaculate long white coats. **J. Paul McGinn** (6701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250) and **L. R. "Pappy" Knauss** (141 Fulton Ave., #103, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) were among those identified. From Bill's letter to our mutual friend I pirate the following news item: "Dot and I are doing OK at 86. No plans yet for a retirement home, but Dot threatened a reservation for me if I insisted on shoveling and being out in the 'deep freeze.' We did our daily two miles until the sloppy paths and unusual cold" (which hit all of southeastern New England in January). ♦ **William M. Vanneman**, Thirwood Pl., #121, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2075.

**32** A note on his News and Dues form explains why **Dick** and **Teddy Browne** left Connecticut behind and moved to Santa Barbara, CA. They now reside with their son **Lawrence T. Browne '59** and daughter-in-law **Susan (Foote) '60**. The big events of last August were Dick's 85th birthday and the arrival of great-granddaughter **Kaylie Elaine Browne**. The address in Santa Barbara is 690 El Rancho Rd.

Maj. Gen. **William B. Keese**, USAF (ret.), in response to some urging, has provided us with an update. He and **Courtenay** have settled into a retirement community in San Antonio, TX (5100 John D. Ryan Blvd., #2211). They have a son living in Belgium and a daughter in Las Vegas. When possible Bill plays golf twice a week and reports that the increase in his handicap from 15 to 30 is "a fair indication of the great enthusiasm (he has) for the game." His "ranching" days are over as his rancher friend with 23 sections in western Texas died. The quotation marks are his and I have no idea what they signify.

**Stanley W. Hubbel**, 4736 Galicia Way,



Ocean Hills, CA, says he and Charlee are "relatively healthy." His grandchildren inventory as follows: three graduated from college; two in college; two in high school. The Hubbels have given up long trips but Stan finds the energy for a little golf. Apparently **John T. Livingston** has enjoyed a good recovery from back surgery and when he communicated with us in September 1993 he hoped to be able to go to Florida this past winter.

Class President **W. E. "Whitey" Mullestein** is proud of our class. He says the number of active participants has reached a new record. **Melville C. Case** asks what I assume to be a rhetorical question: "Why does a little school like Princeton continually defeat a large and diverse school (Cornell)?" After a few names mentioned above I have given an address, especially if it is a new one. The ancient style book issued by the editors discourages this practice and particularly requests that we correspondents not include zip codes. So if you need an address, write me. I probably have it. ♦ **James W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

**Rose Gruber** began her note with the statement, "There's nothing different to tell." At our stage in life, we all tend to think this way. But I've found that "something different" is often included as you write. Rose continues as a member of the Inst. for Retired Professionals at the New School (NY) where she spends three half-days a week. Recently she donated a fashion scrapbook that she had made in 1929, still in excellent condition. The acquisition department "Oh'd!" and "Ah'd!" and "Wait until they see this!" which was very gratifying to Rose. Also, Rose attends the New York Philharmonic concerts regularly.

**Margaret Sanford Hughes** moved last summer to an apartment in the home of her daughter **Patricia Hughes Dayton '59**, which allows her to live independently while being near her family. Her new address is 1621 Peruville Rd., Freeville, NY.

**Beryl Polhemus Haas** was happy to help **Bea (Anton) '33** and **Herb Saltford '33** celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary last summer. Last fall she enjoyed a train trip from Denver to Albuquerque—what fun! ♦ **Martha Travis Houck**, PO Box 178, Bedminster, NJ 07921.

**33** **Al and Natalie Bennett's** 58th anniversary was celebrated for 58 days on *Holland Rotterdam*. High spots were from Vancouver past Aleutian isles to Hokkaido, Japan, past Siberia, Vladivostok, Korea, to China, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Bali, Indonesia, Darwin, Australia, and the South Pacific islands, an unforgettable experience. **Louise O'Donnell Brownell** enjoyed Reunion. Her son **William Brownell '66**, BA '71 received a Columbia PhD and has written a biography and several magazine articles. **Charles Schleifer** and wife Florence toured Israel in 1993 and were in England and France in 1992. Son **Leonard '73** is chair and CEO of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, where a drug is in final stage of clinical trials for Lou Gehrig's disease. Another son,

Donn E. Emmons proudly reports a chair he designed and built in 1944 was purchased by the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art for their permanent furniture exhibit collection.

—MARJORIE CHAPMAN BROWN '33

Dr. Lawrence, works as an agronomist in Washington, DC.

**Blanche Pearlman Singer**, at age 82, finds selling real estate very exciting. She enjoys volunteering with the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce and running a bingo and happy hour at Ferncliff Nursing Home. Memberships in Rhinebeck Choral Club and Theater Society and a 15-member bridge club add more zest to her life. **Ed Carson** and Betty, his wife of 59 years, while driving over the Chesapeake Bay bridge, thrilled to the sight of a US submarine conning tower moving at a fast pace up the bay. Several men were on it. Betty and Ed winter at the Quadrangle, Haverford, PA, a lifetime retirement home where 475 residents include eight to ten Cornellians and retired Cornell professors.

Judge **Isadore A. Honig**, Silver Spring, MD., received a plaque in August 1993 recognizing him for service to the legal profession. It states: "A grateful Federal Bar Assn. recognizes Isadore A. Honig for service to the legal profession and to the Federal Bar Assn. for more than 40 years." He adds that he was with the Federal Communications Commission in DC. **Donn E. Emmons** proudly reports a chair he designed and built in 1944 was purchased by the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art for their permanent furniture exhibit collection. **Eli Goldberg** and wife Grace cruised the Baltic last summer on board *Renaissance IV* from Copenhagen to Stockholm with stops at Germany, Poland, Finland, and St. Petersburg. In Helsinki, they met **Deiv Salutskij '71**, who runs a hotel chain. With him, they visited the Jewish community and old synagogue and learned about revival of community life and a small but growing number of survivors and children.

**Marjorie Volker Lunger**, Williamsburg, VA, and husband John, who is legally

blind, have three children and seven grandchildren. With son George, she visited **Mary Ellen Ayer Davison** and her husband in a Waverly, OH retirement village last July. Mary Ellen taught school 46 years, has four children, and is an expert quilter. Marjorie's hobby is making collages, and selling a few of the 25 she has made. She also keeps in touch with **Marjorie Hieber Mann**, Oak Ridge, TN. Dr. **Richard L. Marks**, (PhD, Vanderbilt) retired in January 1991 after nearly 50 years as a pediatrician in Park Ridge, IL, a Chicago suburb. He has the distinction of having had as a patient **Hillary Rodham Clinton** from 1952 to 1965. He and his wife have two children and three grandchildren. He has never been back to Cornell nor contacted any classmate. His phone is (708) 825-5335. ♦ **Marjorie Chapman Brown**, PO Box 804, Old Town, FL 32680.

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60TH REUNION

If you are still undecided about attending our big 60th Reunion, June 9-12, we hope the following list of our classmates who are now (as of January) planning to attend will encourage you to also attend: **Randy Agor**, **Carl Allen**, **Jim Allen**, **John Bennett**, **Preston Beyer**, **Eddie Borjesson**, **John Branch**, **Marcus Breier**, **Charlie Bridges**, **Jerry Brock**, **Roger Butts**, **T. Rod Crowley**, **Frank De Beers**, **Max Dercum**, **Jim Digby**, **Roland Edelstein**, **Howard Fairchild**, **Al Fleischer**, **Duane Gibson**, **George Gray**, **Don Hanford**, **Dick Hardy**, **Bob Hoenig**, **Dick Hosley**, **J. Burr Jenkins**, **Herb Kehr**, **Ken Kirwan**, **Jim Kittleman**, **Chester Lee**, **Ed Marion**, **Tom Martin**, **Ed McCabe**, **Don McCaskey**, **Bob McClelland**, **Joe Merenda**, **Leon Mohr**, **Eugene Moser**, **Bill Robertson**, **Lou Rosenthal**, **Dick Rozelle**, **Karl Schmidt**, **Francis Shull**, **Lawrence Spencer**, **Norm Thetford**, **Steve Tolins**, **George Tretter**, **Adrian Unger**, **Hugh Westfall**, **Phil White**, **Don Williams**, **Doug Williams**, and **Herb Wright**. We all look forward to seeing you next June!

In his book, *Good Sports: A History of Cornell Athletics*, the late **Bob Kane** gives credit (pages 391-393) to **Karl Schmidt** and **Max Dercum** (along with the late **Bo Adlerbert '35** and **Millett Morgan '37**) as the founders of skiing as a varsity sport at Cornell. Max and wife Edna and both of their children and spouses have long established homes in a family enclave on the old Boss Mine site in Dillon, CO, 10,000 feet high in the heart of Ski Country, USA. Max and Edna are still active Masters ski competitors and won National Alpine Combined Championships for their age-class in March 1993. Karl and wife Jeanne live in Dallas, TX and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year steamboating from Memphis to New Orleans on the *Mississippi Queen*, followed by a transcanal cruise this past January on the *Queen Elizabeth II* from Ft. Lauderdale to Los Angeles. A fractured leg from a freak accident has reduced Karl's ski competition to that offered by his grandchildren. ♦ **Hilton Jayne**, 8202 River Crescent Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401.



The following 17 women will attend our 60th Reunion in June 1994: **Eleanor Mirsky Bloom, Margaret Pfeif Frank, Shirley Stapleton Fries, Roseline Nadel Gussman, Cleo Angell Hill, Mathilde Hochmeister, Edna Botsford Hollis, Martha English Martin, Vashti Cromwell McCollum, Helen Rowley Munson, May Bjornson Neel, Alice Bennett Planck, Winifred Loeb Saltzman, Minerva Coufos Vogel, Margaret White Wilke, Mary Jewell Willoughby, and myself. Hazel Shattuck Wood and Alberta Francis Young** are maybes and I hope there are others.

**Eloise Conner Bishop, Pauline Keese Wade, and Elsie Starks Shreeve** were roommates in Tri Delt's house in 1933-34. Elsie writes that they all moved into retirement homes in 1991-92 and that she hopes Eloise and Pauline have found their new experiences as rewarding as hers. Elsie and husband Charles spend long summers at their Ocean City, MD beach house. **Esther Nordin LaRose** sounds very busy with embroidery, quilt making, reading, crossword puzzles, bridge, and with a daughter in same building. Her youngest grandson is a flight surgeon and was stationed on the aircraft carrier *Abraham Lincoln* which left the coast of Somalia before Christmas. He graduated from the US Naval Academy and the United Services U. Esther has four other grandchildren and three greats. She would like to come to Reunion.

See you in June at the Statler. ♦ **Lucy Belle Boldt Shull**, 3229 S. Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL 34239.

**35** Oh, to be on the Hill now that April's here! **Jim Mullane** phoned to report that 19 attended the class dinner January 21 in New York City. With spouses and friends were '35ers **Sam Blackman, Gus Gants, Harry Glass, Frances "Sancie" Lauman, Kitty Morris Lockwood, Julius Meisel, Gene Murphy, Al Preston, Dorothy Sarnoff Raymond, Sid Schectman, Anne Shulman Sonfield, and Hank Weishoff**. Sancie went to the Reunion 1995 workshop in preparation for our 60th—June 8-11, 1995. START RECONDITIONING!

**Catherine "Pat" Pennock Predmore** enjoys living in The Forest, a new retirement center at Duke U., where many of her good friends, retired professors, also live. She remembers warmly her summer trek from Middlebury, VT, to Gig Harbor, WA, to Stanford and Mendocino, CA, reuniting with family and friends, among them **Betty Williams Stavelly, Harry Bartlett** is glad that he has moved into an apartment in the Army Distaff Foundation, Washington, DC, where he and his Navy buddies keep busy. **Mary Steinman De Barger** visited old friends in Springfield, MA last spring, attended her granddaughter's graduation from Boston U., and with husband Charles in July celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at her daughter's cottage on Keuka Lake. The fall saw them on a Caribbean cruise.

**Jack Rines** has moved to a "new home on our championship golf course—Greenlands," Lakeland, FL, where he is still active in consulting work in the phosphate and

rubber industries. He enclosed an article from *Harbus* (Harvard Business School News) that included interviews with his daughter Sherill and granddaughter Liz, who were both enrolled at HBS and had attended some of the same classes for their advanced degrees. There was not even gentle rivalry, only wonderful support and understanding of their roles in both careers and family.

**Florence Livernois Hertel** has a "lovely home on the 18th hole of Sunland, Sequim, WA. This Pacific Northwest on the Olympic Peninsula is the most perfect place to live and I've lived all over the country. Only trouble is that it's not handy to Ithaca." ♦ **Mary Didas**, 80 N. Lake Dr., Orchard Park, NY 14127.

**36** Not surprisingly, our classmates, now retired, are traveling much. **Dr. Michael Golben** and wife Norris, in St. Paul, MN, had a 50th anniversary gift from their children: a trip to Asbury Park, Avalon, Washington, DC, and Philadelphia, extending their trip by flying to Moscow and taking a ten-day sail on the Volga River, visiting cities and towns and mixing with Russian business guests on board. **Richard Vonnegut**, despite heart surgery and a pacemaker implant two days after his 80th birthday, walks one to two miles a day, and during the fall traveled on Amtrak from Indianapolis to Oregon and drove the coastline in a rented car. In summer he and Barbara vacationed less than a month at Harbor Springs, MI, on the north tip of the southern peninsula.

In October 1993 **Elizabeth Fessenden Washburn** completed her life's ambition of touring all seven continents by taking a trip to Australia and New Zealand (Australia being the seventh continent she has visited). She climbed landmark Ayers Rock on the less steep backside, "with a big iron chain to take you up, hand over hand, and back down again, like rappelling up and down a cliff." She also went to Kakadu National Park, "a haven for bird watchers," and had dinner in one of the "shells" of the Sydney Opera House, and under another "shell" saw a hilarious performance of Offenbach's *La Perichole*. In New Zealand she visited Mt. Cook, "its summit glistening against the bluest sky ever. And sheep, sheep everywhere. A chronic insomniac couldn't count them all in a lifetime of sleepless nights." In April she camped and hiked in Arizona and Zion National Park.

**Paul Van Nest** and Eleanor visited parks in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and Idaho last September, but were heavily snowed out of Rocky Mountain National Park. In October they visited a daughter in Louisville, KY, then on to visit their oldest grandson **Paul Braun '93** at U. of Illinois,ampaign-Urbana, studying for his doctorate in materials science. Another grandson is **Peter Braun '95** and a granddaughter is class of '97 at Duke. Four more grandchildren are in high school and elementary school.

Capt. (ret.) **Raymond Blumer**, living in Florida, traveled in 1992 to Switzerland to tour and visit relatives and later attended a convention of retired pilots of AAL (the free world's largest airline) in Ft. Worth, TX.

Ray does some flying in a Cub seaplane with a friend.

**Constance Lebair Percy** returned last fall from a trip to Europe, including Vienna and Bratislava, Slovakia, where she attended the International Assn. of Cancer Registrars' (IACR) meeting. She was awarded an honorary life membership, a rare award. IACR is sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) through the International Assn. for Research on Cancer (IARC). She still works full time at the National Cancer Inst. in Bethesda, MD.

Sad news arrived from **Charles St. John, PhD '51**, of the death of **Ada (Bounds)** in November. She also had a master's from Cornell in French and Latin, and she had taught in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Charles was posted with the Foreign Service. They were married for 52 years and had four children and six grandchildren. We extend our greatest sympathy. ♦ **Allegra Law Ireland**, 125 Grant Ave. Ext., Queensbury, NY 12804-2640.

**37** He's "Mr. Golf" in western Massachusetts and a dean of golfing officials. Past-President **George Cohen**, a member of the sectional affairs committee of the US Golf Assn., served close to 20 years on the executive committee of the Massachusetts Golf Assn., is widely respected as an official and admired for his support of the game. Although ruefully admitting that his handicap has slipped a bit, he's still an excellent player who can look back on club and tournament championships. A varsity hockey player, he was also captain of lacrosse in his senior year. Earning a law degree at Harvard, George was an officer of artillery, retiring from the reserves as a lieutenant colonel. He is president of the family's industrial metal company, of which son **Stuart '70** is general manager and daughter Wendy, assistant office manager. Son Edward is vice president of the World Wrestling Federation. Although his wife, Phyllis, may have had to take up golf in self defense, she was runner-up in the President's Cup at their home course.

**Robert H. and Louise Menges** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last November in Ft. Lauderdale, FL—their home is still in Monroeville, PA. They are active in their Presbyterian church, especially in outreach. Adventurous grandson Drew was on safari in Kenya at age 14 and later visited the Galapagos. Bob had a 33-year career with Jones and Loughlin Steel. **Robert C. Hayman**, our class treasurer, has moved permanently to Boca Raton, FL, having sold the Buffalo, NY home of 45 years. He is enjoying lots of golf and doubtless will meet up with at least some of the '37 classmates who now live in that area of the Sunshine State. In Gulf Coast Bradenton, FL, **Henry P. Finlay**, "always on vacation," does a bit of sailing.

**Dr. Lloyd G. Mount**, who retired from the chemical industry in 1986, is public relations chair for the central Pennsylvania chapter of the American Chemical Society. Living in State College, he chairs the county emergency planning committee and is active in the Central Pennsylvania Safety



Assn. Community service includes service as workshop chairman for the area chapter of Service Corps of Retired Executives. Lloyd writes that in his spare time he keeps trying to make golf something more than exercise. ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd., N., DeLand, FL 32720.

**Irene Seidler** Gardner is still working as a psychotherapist in private practice and a volunteer with groups. She reports a close friendship with Sidney and **Gladys Friedman** Stoloff. **Evelyn Carter Whiting** and husband **Ed '29** report grandson **W. Carter Wilson '92** graduated from the Hotel school. **Julia Bockee Winans** of Fort Myers, FL plays bridge every chance she gets. She volunteers in a K-5 grade school. She and **Robert '36** avoided weathering one hurricane by driving to the Orlando area and visiting with a sister-in-law.

**Stephanie Czech** Rader and husband Bill sailed around the French Polynesian Islands on one of the beautiful Windstar cruise ships (with computerized sails). They then went on to Australia, Hawaii, and California. They visited the Reagan Library, which they found very impressive and beautifully done.

During last March and April, **Louise McLean** Dunn visited seven daffodil shows in five states. She is treasurer for a Friends of the Library group, which just had its annual book sale to fund the purchase of items for main, branch, and bookmobile libraries. ♦ **Gertrude Kaplan** Fitzpatrick, 94 Broadway, Box 228, Cortland, NY 13045.

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**Dick Zens** lost his wife in October 1992; in December of same year had three vertebrae broken in a car crack-up, followed by three months in a hospital with a "steel halo." While Dick was there, a daughter's husband died—but after all that he's "got a second shot at life" resuming sales-repping for a son's automation-machinery business.

**Arch Petty** says he and other Sun City Center, FL "inhabitants" are too busy to retire, and his life's filled with Caribbean cruises, junkets elsewhere, and his duties and pleasures as commodore of the local yacht club, "composed of party boats." (Tough duty!)

Our own **Steve Roberts**, who lost his wife **Betty Jane (Harris)** in 1991 after 53 years, has remarried to Ruth W. Shipman of Bath; their 1993 honeymoon was in Vermont and Maine. Steve and his brother James closed their veterinary practice in Vermont, after 21 years; a couple of Cornell vets of '86 and '88 have taken over. Steve's new address is 6751 Route 415, S., Bath, NY, about which he comments, "Being near Cornell again is a distinct pleasure!"

**John Pistor** "spent a good deal of early 1993 fighting the fifth effort to incorporate Marco Island as a city. His side won, 59 percent to 41 percent, best margin yet. On his horizon was a visit to Italy, Greece, Israel, Istanbul, Malta, Cannes, Barcelona, Madeira, and then Barbados, six weeks in all. Plans for 1994 include visiting son and family in Denver and then westward, hoping all the time some relative of Andrew (which cost roof and trees and did other

## Ink and Airwaves

JOSEPHINE BIDDLE McMEEN '36

**I**nk is in my blood," says Josephine Biddle McMeen, and it has remained there for many years. She began writing a newspaper column when she was in high school, and is still at it—writing "Along the Juniata" (Juniata is a local river) twice weekly, and "News of Yesteryear" each day for *The Daily News* of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, a paper her father once owned.



McMeen began a local radio show in 1958 called "Shopping With Jo McMeen," added a second show called "Woman's World" on the family-owned WHUN, which evolved into "Jo's Show," and she then added "Let's Talk It Over," a half-hour interview show.

"It's such a joy," McMeen says, "for people to remind me, 'Jo, I was on your show ... in 1978.' The most recent reminder was a guest from 1963. When guests ask me, 'Don't you remember?' I smile and say, 'Uh—yes.' What I really want to say is, 'Honestly, I can't remember who was on with me last week.'"

McMeen was an English major on the Hill, and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

When her family sold the radio station, McMeen got an unexpected boost. "The new owners-to-be asked me to sign a SIX YEAR non-compete agreement," she says. "I was 78 at the time so you can see I'm going to have to wait till I'm 84 to peddle my shows outside the stipulated 20 air-miles limit."

—Paul Cody, MFA '87

damage) doesn't re-visit Florida.

**Alex Early** happily reports successful prostate cancer surgery upon return from his recent trip to central Europe, with other surgery to follow. **Art Burdin** enjoys summers on Seneca Lake and Florida winters, plus a summertime 4,600-mile trip through Canadian Maritimes. **Bill** and **Charlotte McClintock** had a "wonderful" three-week trip to Colorado, all the way from Pinellas Park, FL. ♦ **Fred Hillegas**, 7625 E. Camelback Rd., Maya Apts., #220-A, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

**Jean Scheidenhelm** Wolff has moved to a lovely retirement apartment at Hilton Head, NC and says she's enjoying the people and is "busy all the time." Many of her paintings have recently been on exhibit there. Her son **A. Dan Wolff '68** and his family are residents of Jacksonville, FL; daughter **Pat Wolff Schubert '63** lives in Connecticut. Following our June 1993 Reunion, **Willie Mazar** Satina and Al toured Canada's capital cities and found an impressive assortment of cathedrals, scenery, historical sites, and friendly people. Willie's articles continue to appear in various Arizona publi-

cations. **Barbara Ives** Weeks made an excellent recovery from a series of medical problems last year, and in the fall she and Charles attended the Texas wedding of their oldest grandson. Their granddaughter, a recent Bowdoin graduate, is now employed in the marketing department of Random House in New York City.

**Dorothy Hopson** Wells is still an active choir member and sings regularly with the Michigan State U. chorus; for a diversion, she "clowns around," amusing children and the elderly. Her plans included a Christmas trip to Arizona and, she hoped, an Alaskan tour this summer. **Mary Etta White** Reynolds keeps busy with duplicate bridge, golf, and bowling. Her granddaughter, **Whitney Reynolds '95**, is in Engineering. ♦ **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. 2nd St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

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55TH REUNION

On this last day of the coldest January on record here, I am looking forward to June's summer weather in Ithaca when we all get together for our 55th. **Naomi Doni-**



ger Rothwell from Mitchelville, MD says she can't come to Reunion but sent money to support our class. We wish you could come, Naomi. Try! You, too, **Sylvia Small Wheeler!** Please come. I'll bring to Reunion a fascinating article about Sylvia's life—too long for here . . . also many other too-long write-ups for you to read while at Reunion.

**Mary Rogers Hillas** had a 50th wedding anniversary at a dude ranch in Flathead Lake, MT with all her 22 children, spouses, and grandchildren. **Miriam Woodhull Acker** sold their winter and summer homes and bought into a life-care facility, Freedom Plaza, Sun City Center, FL. **Florence Morgenstern Dreizen Barth** is still doing law work as an administrative law judge and as an arbitrator and has two Cornellian daughters, **Laura Dreizen Insel '70** and **Alison Dreizen '74**.

**Anna DuBois Irwin** and **Bob** had a great trip to Switzerland, noting the cleanliness everywhere. Anna writes: "The scenery around Kennedy Airport should make us ashamed. Where is our pride? And if we cleaned up our shameful messes (a miracle) where would the debris go?" **Ruth Gold Goodman** writes, "There's a lot more work to the 55th Reunion committee than I thought." Surely, you will all want to come to Reunion to make all her work worthwhile, won't you? See you there! ♦ **Sally Steinman Harms**, 22 Brown's Grove, Scottsville, NY 14546.

Only two months 'til Reunion. You have until May 1 to send your reservation and check to **Bill Fuerst**: 220 Triphammer Rd., Apt. 9, Ithaca, NY 14850; (607) 257-1462. If you've lost the form, write or call him. **Betty Luxford Webster** and **Bill Lynch** and the Alumni Office have a great program planned for us. "Something for everybody!"

**Lincoln White** of Hogsburg, NY and Venice, FL and his wife are retired teachers. Lincoln is a former Chief of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe. **Robert S. Taylor** is retired dean of the School of Information Studies at Syracuse U. Recently "Bob" received the Award of Merit, given annually by the American Society, for his outstanding contributions in the field of information science. Dr. **Joseph Shapiro, MD '42**, is ready for retirement after 51 years of practicing medicine in Paterson, NJ. He was a surgeon in the Army in World War II, then in service with the atom bomb project, and has been associated with the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for 40 years in dermatology.

I recently learned that **Harold Nadler, DVM** and **Aurelia** of Rochester, NY celebrated their 50th anniversary in June 1992. In February 1993, they enjoyed a Caribbean cruise with the American Assn. of Retired Veterinarians. Last September they attended an annual meeting of veterinarians and the kick-off dinner in Ithaca marking the 100th anniversary of Cornell's Veterinary College in 1994.

**Charles B. Hall** had a two week trip to Palm Springs, Phoenix, and the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, and Lake Tahoe. "Chuck" plays piano in a jazz group that entertains monthly for the nursing homes in the Binghamton area.

Stolen tidbits: "There is no evidence that the tongue is connected to the brain."

♦ **Henry L. Huber**, 152 Conant Dr., Buffalo, NY 14223.

**40** **Nixon Griffis** joins those who have passed on. As a student on the Hill he was a vital part of the *Daily Sun*, Psi Upsilon, and a member of the varsity boxing team. He attained a partnership in the firm of Hemphill, Noyes and Co. and was owner of Brentano Book Stores, now part of Macmillan Publishing Co. Spending much of his time in the cause of conservation, he was assistant director of the New York Aquarium and trustee of the NY Zoological Society. He traveled the world to gather breeding herds of endangered species and sponsored underwater archeological explorations of Bronze Age and Byzantine wrecks off the coast of Turkey. As founding director of the American Littoral Society, he had a fish named after him: *Holocanthus griffisi*, a type of angel fish discovered in the South Pacific about eight years ago. "Nick" leaves a daughter, two sons, and four grandchildren.

**Boyd Turner** died in October 1993 at home in Pinckney, MI. His brother **Paul** lives at 1815 Sweets Corners Rd., Fairport, NY. Another death is that of **Don Weadon** in Chincoteague, VA at the home of his son **Don Jr. '67**. He was very ill from cancer for about a year. Don wrote a "guest column" for me, the December 1992 issue.

Let us read on! News from **Elizabeth Keeney Mackenzie** in beautiful Lansing, NY: she is busy with gardening and quilting (enough just there). She is a founding member of the Tompkins County Quilting Guild and also gives time to her church. With six children and 15 grandchildren to visit at least once a year, she travels to Washington State, Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. She has five grandchildren in "assorted colleges."

**Gilbert Flint**, a vocational agricultural teacher for 26 years, has retired from being the superintendent of schools in Salem, NY. He has entered a challenge to those of you with large families: he has six children, two grandchildren, and eight great-ones! Does anyone have more? Gil keeps in touch with **Derwin Alberding** of Westport, Ont., Canada and **Irving Luban** in Lakewood, NJ.

**Roger Parker '43, BME '47** and his wife, Martha, and I were visiting friends on New Year's Eve. Roger spoke glowingly of his attempts to make the freshman football team of 1939. After being bumped around by 170-plus pounds on over-six-foot frames, he decided to concentrate on his courses. That first year his physics professor used methods of training young minds with such skill that Roger has never forgotten them. Cornell's football team may not be near the top in its league, this year, but the teaching still is, thank goodness.

An update from **Arthur Galston** gives us interesting news of his offspring: son **William '67** works in the Clinton White House as a domestic policy adviser; daughter **Beth '70**, a sculptress, has recently exhibited at Chesterwood, Stockbridge, MA, Ward's Island, and Socrates Park, Queens,

NY. Arthur's wife, **Dale (Kuntz) '41**, is a psychologist at Clifford Beers Clinic in New Haven, CT, doing therapy with young children. Arthur has just published a book for the Scientific American Library. He still teaches a college seminar in bioethics after "retiring" in 1990. He also has a research grant and consults with NASA. Busy man.

It isn't too early to search out your favorite "roomie" for our 55th Reunion. A definite "yes" to **Ellen Ford** to be mine for the weekend. Her most recent trip was by train through Eastern Europe—from Berlin to Istanbul for about a week. Too fast, she thought. ♦ **Carol Clark Petrie**, 18 Calthroe Rd., Marblehead, MA 01945.

**41** **Walter "Pop" Scholl** is like the battery. He keeps on going and going. Wife **Eleanor (Bloomfield) '44** writes, "Walt loves to get out and see people. Last March we cruised on Cunard *Jewel*. Liked it so much we took a Christmas Caribbean cruise with our daughter, her husband, and friends. We spend summers in Vermont. We look forward to May when our grandson graduates from Cornell. Hope to have a family reunion then." Pop's letterhead features a red football and underneath it, "Cornell 5th Down." Interesting, because the 1939 football team was undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the country, yet many of the same players are better remembered for their loss in 1940 when Cornell gave the game to Dartmouth as a result of scoring the apparent winning touchdown on an illegal fifth down.

Another important volunteer: **N. Travers Nelson** tutors in an inner-city remedial school. He plays tennis and golf. "Our four children are a constant pleasure. Three families in our Baltimore area, one in Brunswick, ME. Five grandchildren."

A Cornell friend loaned me a book of old Cornell photos taken in 1920-30. One picture proved that crew was a paying spectator sport. There was an Auburn-to-Ithaca railroad line along the east shore of Cayuga Lake. Bleachers were mounted on flatcars and an observation train kept abreast of the three or four races (held late in the afternoon to let the prevailing wind subside). The last train ran in the spring of 1937. ♦ **Ralph E. Antell**, 9924 Maplestead Lane, Richmond, VA 23235.

To continue with holiday updates—**Dot Talbert Wiggins** and **Bob '40** report that the restoration of the 1837 vintage cobblestone store in Sherwood has progressed greatly (this has been a major undertaking for Dot) and that writing a column for the monthly newspaper *Cricket* keeps her in touch with this community. She is in the final stages of writing the history of Poplar Ridge, which includes pictures, and still finds time for art classes and china painting. Oldest son **George '68** has been promoted to top grade by the US Dept. of Agriculture in Washington, DC in recognition of his work both here and abroad.

Congratulations to **Jean Way Schoonover**, who became president of the New York City YWCA in February. This is a major responsibility as well as great honor for Jean,



who has served as a board member for many years. Jean also worked on the Cornell Campaign in 1993 but finds time to thoroughly enjoy her four beautiful grandchildren.

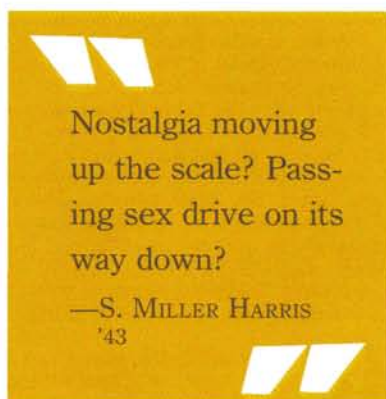
**Pat Mooney** Short, who shared with me the truly unique tapes of husband Joe's memorial service featuring many talented Savage Club members, as well as family and friends, brought back the many happy times our husbands had spent as Savage Club members. Joe was the producer-director of the shows put on for Reunion weekends until very recently and richly deserved the tributes given him. Pat wrote me from Alaska, where she spent the holidays visiting son **John '65** and family in Ketchikan. John is a landscape architect with the US Forest Service and his wife, **Carolyn (Black), MS '76**, is a published author of children's literature.

A dues note from **Ann Wallace McKendry** indicates that she and **Florence Crabb Backus-Doe** (her senior-year roommate) and Flo's husband Frank got together for a visit last June in Bellevue, WA, Ann's home. Ann enjoys leading nature walks for the Bellevue Parks Dept. and has entered the computer age. Good for you, Ann. ♦ **Shirley Richards** Sargent, 15 Cranell Ave., Delmar, NY 12054.

**42** The good news is that Class President **Betty McCabe** (Boston) is now at home following her fall. Treasurer **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (New York City) reports Betty planned to attend the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) midwinter meeting, where mini-reunions were to be discussed following the great success of the Philadelphia get-together.

**Barber Conable '43** was recently appointed to the Notch Commission. Since we are all affected by the actions of this committee, it behooves us to follow their activities and hope Barber will be able to correct inequities existing in the present law. **Walt and Helen Gamble** (Binghamton) told Judge **P. Dick Thomas** (Meadville, PA) about our Philadelphia adventure. Unfortunately Dick was unable to attend due to court activities. **Bob Cooper** (Millwood, NY) works part time in the development and community affairs office of Yonkers General Hospital, where Dr. **Bertram Oppenheimer '43** is administrator. Bob visited his daughter in Redmond, WA recently.

**Charles Dugan** (W. Palm Beach, FL) is a cosmetic-plastic surgeon and dermatologist. He was a service pilot flight surgeon. He completed 12 years as physician member of the environmental control hearing board for Palm Beach County and received many honors during his medical career, including Surgeon of the Year, 1991-92 and in 1993 Practitioner of the Year by FSDS. He was named International Man of the Year 1992-93 by International Biographics Center, Cambridge, England. Certified on six specialty boards and eight fellowships he was listed in 54 Who's Who publications. Amazingly, he had time for scuba diving, philately and numismatics, and participated in tennis, golf, flying, fishing, and boating. An accomplished carpenter, he built an 1,800-foot luxury apartment in his office building and just recently a 17-foot by 22-



foot addition to his home with a vaulted ceiling. Concluding his remarkable life story, I must mention five sons and 11 grandchildren. Maybe he'll write a book. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 2933 76th SE, #13D, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

**43** We may not in this issue get to the huge stack of news you so kindly sent in with your dues, some (both news and dues) with signatures I have not seen in all the years I've been holding down this particular fort. (Nostalgia moving up the scale? Passing sex drive on its way down?) We have some Important Names in the News: **Larry Lowenstein**, long active in promoting gun control—his brother Alard died at his desk, a handgun murder victim—was invited to the White House for the signing of the Brady Bill. A rewarding day for Larry. A rewarding day for all of us.

**Joseph Baum**, creator, as you are well aware, of *Windows on The World*, the Four Seasons, the restored Rainbow Room and like that, was lucky enough to find a position cooking almost immediately after graduating from Hotel school. It was in the galley of the USS *Lindsay*, a minelayer. He not only lost the job; he lost the whole blooming restaurant in a kamikaze attack southwest of Okinawa in 1945. But the allegiance forged in the aftermath of that tragedy did not die. And this past October Joe hosted a dinner for 31 of the surviving crew members and their wives and children. "The problems we encountered," said Joe, "created a wonderful bond. The problems have long since dropped away and the friendships remain." Joe entertained the assembly in the Radio City Suite of the Rainbow complex, the *Lindsay* not being available that night.

Back before the camera once more, **Gene Saks** plays a drunken one-legged Jewish lawyer (no problems so far) representing client Paul Newman in a movie based on the novel *Nobody's Fool*. Also on board are Jessica Tandy, Melanie Griffith, and Bruce Willis, none of whom attended Cornell. Gene says he had to shave off his beard, the absence of which frightened daughter Annabelle. Seems that shaving off the leg would be slightly more traumatic; the beard will grow back. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968.

**Gerry Jenks** Gaenger and husband Frank celebrated all of 1992 the 50th anniversary of their wedding, which took place at Sage Chapel on Oct. 8, '42. Attendance was small because most of their friends were off to war and the groom had only a 48-hour leave from the Navy. Their 50-year marital adventure has been a most happy one. **Bobette Rosenau** Leidner was honored in 1992 by the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts with a Dean's Award for Distinguished Service as a former president of the women's committee of the academy. She was also a former trustee and is now emeritus "of everything." Nice, Bobbe! Thanks to **Connie Luhr** Turnbull for fab pix of Reunion, which I will touch on in a later column. Many of us are apparently EATING WELL!

**Phyl Dittman McClelland** retired from teaching German in a Philadelphia high school and from her organ job last fall. In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, their kids provided her and husband **Fay '44** a week in Hilton Head last August. Phyl and Fay went to their son's faculty recital in Knoxville, TN, where he is professor at the U. of Tennessee and principal bassoonist in the Knoxville Symphony. Their daughter **Lane McClelland '70** is now a captain in the Coast Guard—the senior woman officer on active duty; she's a judge. Phyl was horrified (her word) that there was no official class gift to the university on the occasion of our 50th Reunion. A gift to the Chimes renovation fund would have been nice. ♦ **Helene "Hedy" Neutze** Alles, 15 Oak Ridge Dr., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

**44** **50TH REUNION** You'll be reading this in April (Fool not) but as I write it's January, snow is on the ground, and Super Bowl playoffs dominate weekend TV, so here's a report from the 100th anniversary celebration of the Cornell-Penn football rivalry. Cornell bowed to Penn 14-17 but the game was exciting and the dinner at the Doubletree Hotel enjoyed by 43 '44s and guests. They were: **Hugh and Sylvia Aronson**, **Howie Blose** and **Marian (Graham) '46**, **Bill and Gigi Boothby**, **Roland and Rosalie Bryan**, **Ginny Macarthur Clagett**, **Lou Daukas** and **Janet (Buhsen) '46**, **J. Warren** and **Norinne Finch**, **George and Bobs Gallagher**, **Bob and Isabel Gallagher**, **Hubert Gerstman** and **Lillian (Schneider) '52**, **Charles and Mary Hoens**, **Sig Hoffman** and **Serena (Ginsberg) '47**, **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten**, **Larry Lowenstein '43**, **Andy and Rose Miller**, **Peter and Nancy Miller**, **Jack Murray** and **Ann (Dickinson) '49**, **Larry O'Neill '50**, **MBA '53** [*Larry O'Neill died soon after, on Nov. 29, '93—Ed.*], **C. R. "Robby"** and **Yolanda Robinson**, **Gerry and Deedy Tohn**, **Charlie Van Reed** and **Dorothy (Kleine) '45**, **Cliff and Doris Whitcomb '43**, **Bill and Jane Work**, and **Bill and Mary Jo Zieman**.

Also at the celebration but not at the dinner were **Bobbie Hall Bowne** and **Gerry '43**, **Joel Hillman** and **Henrietta (Pantel) '47**, **Nancy Claney Hoffman**, **Ed Johnson**, **Mary-Lee Stroud Laird** and **John '42**, **Ruth Wilson Long**, and **Tom McDonald**.

**Robert Garmezy** of Jamestown, NY



claims two daughters, **Carrie '92** (MAT '93) and **Lorena '86** who are third-generation Cornellians. **Hank Bates**, whose oldest grandchild is **Annie Crum '96**, says he has eight more prospectives but can't guarantee all will be Cornellians.

**Lew Mix** and **Connie (Avery) '48** report the birth of a 12th grandchild and **Ruth Caplan Brunton** and **Bob**, whose family includes four children and eight grandchildren, announce the arrival of their first great-granddaughter. Ruth, who has a PhD, organizes parent support groups and encourages others to do so through speeches and her book, *Parenting Plus*. She received awards in 1982, '83, and '88 for her work with the National Assn. of Extension Home Economists.

In June the Bruntons vacationed at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI. There they found **Margaret McCaffrey Kappa**, hotel consultant in residence for the tenth season, after 26 years as director of housekeeping at the Greenbriar in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Maggie sent word of the marriage of son **Nick Kappa '82** in May. She included a clipping and a menu from The Anderson House, her family's hotel in Wabasha, MN, now run by her nephew (fourth generation). The 136-year-old hotel, famous for Pennsylvania Dutch cooking and a selection of cats for overnight companionship, has been featured in newspaper and magazine articles, TV programs and a children's book,

*Blumpoe Grumpoe Meets Arnold the Cat.*

**Phyllis Lucille Jones** Grey Hall, a retired elected official of Venice, FL, became Mrs. John R. Halifax on Sept. 17, '93. She enjoys attending the Sarasota Manatee Cornell Club functions and seeing **Mary Foster Schworer '43** and **Jean Quick Bryant '43**, as well as **H. Craig '43** and **Jean McClone Allen '45**. Busy with four children and six grands she's not sure about Reunion. But, as Dotty and Art say, "If not 50th, when?" Call (203) 222-7830 and sign up. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 1800 Old Meadow Rd. #305, McLean, VA 22102.

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Reunion 50 still rolling! The annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York City saw a '45 table with President **Ed Leister** (now partly retired in Cranbury, NJ); Coordinators **Jim Shaw** (E. Amherst, NY) and **Eleanor Dickie Richardson** (LaPorte, IN); **Dick Frost** (Pittsburgh, PA); Cornell Fund Rep **Jane Knauss Stevens** (Ithaca, NY); Co-Chair **Gloria Urban** and your correspondent (both all the way from Queens, NYC). A full day of work sessions produced numerous ideas and plan-firming of which you will hear more. Notes arrive monthly from those planning to attend, such as **Dick Stacy** (Piqua, OH), now fully retired and spending time in Hilton Head, SC, along with **Jean Herr Gehrett** who took time off from her "tough duty" there for a birthday party in Greenbrier hosted by daughter **Gretchen Gehrett Zippin, MBA '77** and her other children. Jean reports that husband John's volunteer fundraising for engineering fellowships for developing countries took them to Taiwan, Canada, Nevada, Arizona, and California, but doesn't say which have developed the most. I have my own ideas, but doubt that **Jim Fields** (Arcadia, CA) would agree. He tried retirement for 4-1/2 months but couldn't handle it, so is now in the corporate engineering group of Nestle. He did take time for a vacation in Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji. A cruise to the Yasawa Islands ended with a feast on a moonlit night on Naviti Island (get out your atlas), at which someone of each of eight nations presented a representative song. Having encountered **Charles** and **Naomi Block Esmon '69**, Naomi and he won a prize with the "Alma Mater."

A recent letterwriter to *The New York Times* berated upbeat articles by youngsters praising the "golden years," saying that we tolerate them only because it's better than the alternative. We occasionally get some sad news, but also good news from those recovering well from the problems that beset us when we wear out. **Jim Jenks** (Garden City, NY), whose sailing was interrupted by surgery, recuperated by writing his sixth book since "retiring" and building model planes. **Bill Pearson** (Bethesda, MD) is thinking about Reunion while overcoming some vascular problems. Both **Ed Spear** and **Amy (Clark) '48** (Bedford, VA) ended up in U. of Virginia Medical Center; Amy, co-chair of her 45th Reunion, missed it, so they look forward to our 50th, at which time Ed can tell his secrets about cigars and bourbon. Not to be outdone, **Addie Kennedy Underwood** (Cortland, NY) gave husband

**Art '41** a ruptured appendix so that she could get a respite from her volunteer work and travels, thus giving her time to keep in touch with roomies **Virginia Ferri** Lorigo (Kenmore, NY), **Rosetta Deni** Newton (Orchard Park, NY—home of the Bills), **Marilyn Potter** Withiam (Holiday, FL), and **Ann Lynch Pape** (Stewart Manor, NY), who had a 50th engagement party in Barbados with husband **Bob '43**. The moral of all these stories is to follow the advice of **Ruth Bussell McLay** (Holmdel, NJ); "Go!—While we're able!". Spooie's recent travels include Alaska, where dress-warm advice was greeted by 84 degrees, Alabama and Georgia (family), Bonaire, Netherland Antilles (scuba and snorkel), and Grand Canyon via the Hualapai Indian Reservation. So, put Ithaca 1995 on your Must-Go list! ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr., 317** Warwick Ave., Douglaston, NY 11363-1040.

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Oops! An error was made on our last dues notices—because of added expenses, dues had to be raised to \$30 instead of \$25 as printed. Perhaps you'd like to rectify this mistake and send the balance to **Ruth Critchlow** Blackman, treasurer, 44 Jacobs Creek Rd., Trenton, NJ. Thanks. Movers or moves: **Gloria Clyne** from Brooklyn to Syracuse, NY; **Albert '47**, DVM '49 and **Margarete Rahn Cosgrove** from Rehoboth to Bethel, DE.

**Phyllis Crane** Gainey (Beverton, OR) wrote that her husband Bill died last March after a short illness of less than a month.

Our Floridians include **Stephen** and **Jane Purdy Cable** (Naples). "We moved three years ago from Ohio and love it. Heavily into golf and Naples Music Club with our new Philharmonic Hall. No longer play the cello but enjoy the piano. Daughter Nancy is dean of admissions and financial aid at Davidson College (North Carolina) and has two daughters; son Davis is a MAI appraiser in Burlington, VT and has a son and daughter."

**Anne Harper** Powers lives in Cocoa Beach, **Dorothy Iler** Sanders in Nokomis, and **Ellen Stein** Ostreich in Boca Raton. (Hope we can get a mini-reunion scheduled down there.)

Our Prez **Louise Greene** Richards (Potomac, MD) wrote "Here in Washington I am basking in the glory reflected by two Cornell women grads—**Janet Reno '60** and **Ruth Bader** Ginsburg '54—hope to meet them someday." **Carol Skaer** Ryan (Austin, TX) wrote, "I have been reunited with my son James after 25 years. Miracles do happen. My daughters Kathleen and Maureen are overjoyed." (We rejoice with you, Carol). ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA. 19607.

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Back in February we heard: Class Bigwigs continue getting opinions from classmates in search of a decision for a class project to undertake in advance of our 50th Reunion in 1997. **Dick Greenfield** retired a bit over a year ago after 45 years in higher education—faculty, academic dean, founding president of two community colleges, a chancellor, executive director of College Consortium for



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International Studies. Whew, so worthy! Now Greta and he are in Boulder, CO, but travel like crazy.

Correspondent **Barlow Ware** with startling-to-him announcement back in December that he'd been named a James E. West Fellow by Boy Scouts of America (BSA), a new national recognition. West was the first BSA chief scout executive. From descriptive literature, "... Those so recognized will cast their lengthened shadow as they help ensure the Scouting legacy for future generations..." Seems a friend at headquarters provided the impetus and means of attaining this great honor. (*A posse ad esse!*) Appropriate national recognition will be given at a special reception held in conjunction with the national council annual meeting.

Remember our news blurbs about the Navy-Marine V-12 50th Anniversary Celebration in November 1993, Norfolk, VA over four days. Well, **Pete Schwarz** forwarded to us a bundle of newsworthy stuff about the affair. Registrants included: **Pete, George Gurnee, Walt Fedirko**, yea those two mighty Cornell team wrestlers, **Ed Gouvier, Ken Eshbach '48, Bill Lawrence**, Charles Sigety, **Ed Goss '46**, Jack Northwood, **Dick Gavin, Herb Canter, Ed Rafferty '50, Jim Beckett '46, Lee Taylor, Joe Butler, and Russ Schultz '48**. Quite a number of wives were on hand, too. Good go! Schwarz will let us know if we've omitted anyone. Pictured on program cover, Capt. Arthur Stanton Adams, 1896-1980. What a fine assortment of color snapshots, too!

**Don and Margi Schiavone Berens** plus your correspondent represented the Class of '47 at the Sage Chapel memorial service for Eleanor S. Malott on February 5 last, her birthdate. A sizeable congregation was there to be with former President Deane W. Malott. Family members conducted the service and the Cornell Glee Club performed special selections chosen by Mr. Malott.

Now everyone reading this take a breath or two. Eat and drink, whatever is appropriate for the moment. Then, if you're so disposed, forward news that might be used in subsequent columns. Barlow refuses to invent material and may have to go into his own grab bag of childhood memories if you all aren't sweet, kind, thoughtful, and attentive. Do you really want him to tell about the summer he played Prince Charming in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* at the age of 11, loudly hiccuping as he approached the body to awaken the adorable 9-year-old? I mean the crowd went wild as Mrs. Ware's heroic child... ♦ **Barlow Ware**, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

**48** Here's more news from the stockpile, by now long out of date. **Fred Rufe**, Stroudsburg, PA: "Now more busy as a retired hotel consultant than when I had a permanent job. Travel throughout the world visiting many fine hotels and Cornellians from the Hotel school. My last position was director of food and beverage planning and development for Hilton International and I lived in New York. Now live in the Pocono Mountains, which is where I came from."

**Betty Buchsbaum** Weinstein, Rye, NY: "Son Daniel at SUNY, Buffalo graduate

school, studying English literature. I've been extending my psychological background to literature and that's been fun. Husband Bill and I are still full-time workers, as art director and clinical psychologist." **Fred "Bud" Seymour**, Winnetka, IL: "Last year today I was eating turkey and last week I was traveling in Canada on business. Yesterday I got ready to eat turkey and today I would rather be eating turkey than filling out this news form. I have learned that paying class dues late delays eating Thanksgiving turkey. The best solution for today's most pressing problem is to hurry into the dining room for the turkey!"

**Richard Seidel**, Wilmington, DE: "Visited Saxony region in Germany as member of YMCA team working to re-establish 'Y's in that region. Enjoyed the three weeks of volunteer duty. Have recently learned that new cars always cost more and that the solution to today's problem is to get away from the telephone, newspapers, and television." **W. J. "Jim" Rea**, Forest, VA: "Had been working in Lynchburg as a contract engineer and got to like it here so much we decided to pull stakes and move to central Virginia. Daughter and family of three children visited us recently from Coca, Ecuador. Not sure what happened last week, but I think I was made a member of an environmental committee and yesterday I remember getting a haircut. Would rather be talking to you and **Bob Seidel**. I most recently learned that there exist specialized carp that don't breed, but just eat plants. The solution to today's most pressing problem is to let the women do it." **Don McCue**, Old Lyme, CT: "Was recently elected to the grade of fellow in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for my work in developing the use of titanium in power-generating plants. The alumni directory of 1991 says I was in 'miscellaneous chemicals' which is in no way true since I have spent the last 40 years in power plant heat exchangers and tubing materials."

**Jim Gannon**, Whiting, NJ: "Now have six grandchildren and family only four miles from me. Other family members in immediate neighborhood. Until last April, son Mike and I lived by ourselves out on Long Island. It's great to have family nearby. Until recently was very active in Pro-Life movement. Haven't found my niche in this area yet. Have learned that there is much peace, happiness, and contentment in a nice retirement village and that the best solution is prayer." **Gerry Fox**, Garden City, NY: "Year ago was trying to decide what to get wife for Christmas and last week the same thing. Yesterday attended board meeting of Cornell Society of Engineers, where I am membership chairman. Would rather be surf-fishing. (Actually caught a bluefish and a striped bass at Montauk Point not long ago.) Today's problems can be solved by having a woman president of the US, one like Mrs. Thatcher." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

**49** **45TH REUNION** Before we become our usual, blithering self and blithely get to the news, two reminders have been ordered by our Reunion chair and class officers. Final plans

for Reunion are in your hands. It is imperative that you locate the registration form—somewhere in that thick mailing—and return it now! Looks like a fantastic, record-breaking weekend at our Cornell. Also, please pay your 1994-95 dues, renew or join a Reunion club, and send news. Our peerless president thanks all Reunion club members—almost half of duespayers, last dues period.

The CU in Philly celebration was great. Congrats to our **Jack Krieger** for a Cornell job well done. The top '40s class dinner was a rousing success. We thank all the planners, especially **Dick Brown**, who delivered a stirring reading of the menu. **Walt Peek** ran the mercifully short program with remarks by Reunion Chair **Bette McGrew Benedict**, appropriate mumbles from all the class prexies and spirited song-leading by **Don Berens '47**. Many cries of "PU"—obviously referring to that university, not the program.

The annual newsletter from **Betty-Jean Wright Law**, Ormand Beach, FL, details the constant travels of "B. J." and **Sid '48**. Their daughter **Nancy '84**, assistant director of Cornell Clubs programs, joined the '49 "Zingo" card section at Dartmouth, where we had a surprise visit from **Sue Kallfelz '90**, a 40th Reunion class clerk and a member of that women's national championship crew. **Janice Schultz Moss**, Santa Cruz, CA: "Had a great 11-day painting trip in Mexico with other watercolorists." **Barbara Kurtz Crouch**, Oak Brook, IL: "Still running our business. Active on Purdue U. president's council." **Ralph Pickus**, Centerport, NY: "A month in Australia, New Zealand... now planning a cross-country motor trip." **Helen Hoffman Casey**, Old Saybrook, CT: "Trips to Florida, the Maritimes, and then, France. See **Ann Lynn Cousin '48** and **Dee Kane Duff '48**... reminiscing about our wild (?) times at Cornell. Rather than writing this, would like to be mid-Atlantic on *Queen Elizabeth II*." Ditto. Wild times at Delta Gamma? Where was Mrs. Coffin?

Seeking knowledge. These '49ers participated in Adult University (CAU): **Tom Latimer, Nat Myers, Dave Williams, Mary Olsen Stanley, Bill Elmendorf, Bob and Sylvia Hirschhaut Frank, Nancy Hewlett Kierstead, Marcie Shlansky Livingston, Elizabeth Rannells Wood, and Norm McIver**.

**Fred Joy**, Scottsdale, AZ: "Still back and forth between here and our island in the Thousand Island group. Second daughter adopted a Russian orphan. Bought him a fishing pole and thought of the irony that I had spent five years flying jet bombers in the SAC fail-safe system with 'the bomb' targeted against Russia!" Fred also said "Memories are important." **Mildred Christopher Bradshaw**, Baldwinsville, NY wrote for the '49er Bradshaw family. **Aaron** and "Chris" are retired. Busy with volunteer work and travel. "Chris" lost her father, mother, and only brother, who was a noted author, in a short span of time. Her father was head of the foreign language department at our high school in New Haven and gave me invaluable counsel during a key decision time. He was a real teacher-plus. Indeed, memories are important.

**Rob Johns**, Covina, CA: "Completed



first retirement year but still own/operate our 160-acre alfalfa farm in San Miguel. Enjoy horseback riding . . . been to ranches in Arizona and Steamboat Springs." Well, flip my sombrero, it seems to be Western time with a long, overdue news bit from **Dick Dietz**, Chaddsford, PA: "Retired public relations director of Remington Arms Co. Headed west to begin another career as freelance writer for outdoor magazines. Now full time, including monthly columns in three magazines . . . drifting between here and the Rockies in a 4WD pickup. If Norman Maclean didn't write *A River Runs Through It* until his 70s, there may be hope for me. Put my feet on the ground of 49 states, including 19 in the past year . . . missed Hawaii, probably 'cause my pickup doesn't float." Sure, but it's a straight overland shot back to Reunion!

**Ed Slusarczyk**, Remsen, NY, is president, AG Radio Network Inc. and, at the Celebration of Democracy by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland and the College of Democracy in Washington, DC, received an award for promoting agricultural businesses in Poland. Recently he trained Polish radio, television, and newspaper reporters to deliver farm commodity prices to farmers.

Don't forget the Class Gift Projects for Reunion and '94 is 4 '49. Be there. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; (203) 661-8584.

**50 Ephraim Segerman** writes from Chorlton-sum-Hardy, Manchester, England that he is running a small business called Northern Renaissance Instruments, making and selling pre-modern musical instruments. Ephraim has been researching the history of early musical instruments for the last 20 years and publishes his work in a journal called *Early Music*. He says his background in crystallography and physics has really helped him in this work with musicology and early instruments.

**Sally Stroup** De Groot writes that she retired in May after 22 years as a college professor working as a consultant on multimedia computer education and learning strategies. Sally attended the third International Seminar on Misconceptions and Educational Strategies in Science and Math at Cornell in August 1993. **Libby Severinghaus** Warner and **Pat Thornton** Bradt '52 were cheering for her in the audience. Sally is also involved in the family farm in North Carolina, making cheese and trying to raise apples without chemical sprays. **Sally Wallace Murray** and **Ken** '49 parked their RV "Boulder" in her front yard for a much too short visit last November.

**Robert Davenport** sends news from Kingston, NY and says that he is now a semi-retired vegetable grower and lets his two sons, **Robert** '78 and **Douglas** '84, do all the work while he gets in the way. He has been enjoying vacations in Melbourne Beach, FL and particularly likes fishing, golf, hunting, and skiing, but the latter not in Florida!

**Harry Daniell** writes from Redding, CA that he is still in solo practice of internal medicine and has an appointment as a clinical professor in the department of medicine at the U. of California, Davis medical

school. Harry has practiced medicine in Redding—after the Army and pay-back time—since 1964 and has seen the town grow from 17,000 to 70,000 with now some air pollution but continuing to be more country than city. Harry helps teach a group of 18 family practice residents rotating through their health care system, and judging from the list of wonderful publications he sent, he has been very active in a lot of interesting clinical research—much of it recently on obesity and cigarette smoking with respect to breast cancer and prostate problems; great work, Harry—it was good to hear from you! One of Harry's and Barbara's daughters is also a practicing internist, in Spokane, and the other daughter is a physical therapist.

**Robert Bucky Ellis** reports from Galena, IL that he has now been retired for two years but still puts in some time on the board of the Galena Historical Society. Robert and wife Mary Jean had a great trip to the Pacific Northwest last year, including visits to Banff, Yellowstone, Glacier, and the Tetons. Robert's hobbies now focus on building model ships and dollhouse construction—when he is not playing golf! **William Atkinson** writes from Weston, MA that, although retired, he still does mechanical engineering computer programming and consulting which means being retired is still 40 hours of work per week! He has also been mountaineering with friends in the Tetons, scaling the southwest ridge of the 10,000-foot Symmetry Spire. That's pretty high, Bill!

Sadly we report the passing of two fellow alumni, **Robert Corrigan** and **Mark Casper** '49, and classmate Libby (Severinghaus)'s husband, Dr. Si Warner. ♦ **Ralph C. Williams Jr.**, 2516 NW 20th St., Gainesville, FL 32605.

**51** Even though we're heading into spring, classmates might want to consider the following suggestion from **G. Trev Warfield**: A Class of '51 ski trip in the winter of 1995. If interested, drop a line to Trev at 4 Coniston Rd., Baltimore, MD and let him know your preference as to area, East or West, and what length trip you'd like.

**Alvin Macomber** retired from the US International Trade Commission in 1991 after 37 years of government service. His wife is a professional basketmaker and he now has time to assist in her business. They also vacation at a farmhouse in the Adirondacks that the family has owned for a long time. Home is 5201 Remington Dr., Alexandria, VA. **Jim Hillas** is still practicing law in Morristown, NJ, though "not as hard." He also sits as a municipal court judge in three towns and represents three planning boards. **Don** and **Carolyn Niles Armington** checked in with holiday greetings and news of their year's activities, which included several cruises on their boat, an Elderhostel, frequent visits with family, and their numerous volunteering efforts. And, according to **Jack** and **Betty Meng Howell**, the highlight of their year was a two-week bicycling Elderhostel in the Netherlands. They biked nearly 300 miles in the northern provinces of that country and liked it so much that they've signed on for a trip in May to the East Anglia area of England.

**Arthur Brandt**, whose primary profession is that of a physician, has developed a business as a result of his interest in art. It is a service for placing art in offices and public spaces to augment and reinforce the image the building or business wishes to project. They will be able to create computer images of the structures showing placement of sculptures and paintings so clients can have a preview. **David Carruth** writes that he's a retired landscape architect, after 40 years of productive, rewarding, environmentally constructive work, the last 20 as head of his own firms. He moved from NY State to Wisconsin, then to Mentor, OH, now his "permanent home."

While **John Gernon** classifies himself as "still on the treadmill" as a chemical engineer in Pasadena, he found time for a great vacation trip to Germany to visit a daughter and son-in-law. ♦ **Bob** and **Joanne Bayles Brandt**, 60 Viennawood Dr., Rochester, NY 14618; (716) 244-6522.

**52** First, a quick reminder from **Sid Goldstein**: "Plan to join the Classes of '53 and '54 for a 'Picnic in the Park' on Sun., May 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the Alexander Hamilton statue in Central Park behind the Metropolitan Museum. Bring your picnic and a friend. For further information, call Jim Hanchett '53 at (212) 982-1392."

In the December column, I wrote of **Patricia Lovejoy** Stoddard's address in New Canaan, CT, then said she would retire in "NC," and the editor of this here magazine transliterated that to North Carolina. No, friends, Pat hasn't moved. Beautiful New Canaan is still home and will remain so. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Earthquakes have almost eclipsed the fires that took place in Malibu in early November, but when last heard from those flames were still clear in the memories of **Richard** and **Jane Kiely Davis**. Rich and their son Tim saved their house in Malibu without the aid of firefighters, primarily because they had salvaged 300 feet of old fire-hose that had been abandoned by the fire departments after previous fires. They had a gas-driven pump and water in a 700-gallon hot tub. In addition, Jane had spent 20 years planting giant yuccas on the canyon side of the house and annually cleared 100 feet of brush down the canyon side. As the smoke began to clear and they knew their house was safe, Rich and Tim watched, helpless, as homes next door and across the canyon turned to chimneys and piles of rubble. They did manage to start their across-the-street neighbors' new pump and save their house, too. The yucca plants absorbed great amounts of heat and were "black and droopy" when the fire was over, but they have been cut back and should grow again to offer protection if there ever is another need, because, as Rich said in his Christmas letter, "this is Malibu." Rich is chairman of the Performance Development Corp.—an international computer consulting firm—and Jane works at the Malibu Museum. Happy to say their address is still 22062 Carbon Mesa Rd., Malibu, CA.

**Pierre** and **Anne Coddling Tonachel**, 26 Bethune St., NYC, "shuttle happily be-



tween a granddaughter in NYC and another living on Anne's old family farm in Towanda, PA," where daughter Ruth edits a journal for the Pennsylvania Assn. for Sustainable Agriculture. Anne is a volunteer teacher of adult literacy; Pierre is a sometime painter. He reported, "Over 100 Watermargin alumni and friends met in NYC in December to celebrate the organization's 45th anniversary. In addition to Pierre and Anne, alumni of our vintage at the party included **Bill Ayers '51**, **Chuck Daves**, **Gene Feingold**, **Jon Lane**, **Dick Reichart**, **Bob Waill**, **Harley Frank** (who flew over from England), and **Jack Sherman '49**, a Watermargin founder. Cornell's Vice President Joycelyn Hart updated alumni of the pioneering interracial house on developments at Multicultural Living and Learning Unit (McLLU), the university's current innovative experimental dorm.

As I write this, 200 of you have mailed in dues and will receive *Cornell Magazine*. Of those respondents, 115 sent no news except home address. A hearty thank you to those who took the time to write answers to the questionnaire. First, new addresses: **Theodore W. and Gertrude Krueger Winsberg** say their correct address is 12750 Hagen Ranch Rd., Boynton Beach, FL; **Ana Davidson Thompson**, 1145 S. Leopard Rd., Berwyn, PA; **Walter K. Hildebrandt**, 6780 E. Cedar St., Denver, CO; and **David L. Diana**, 1703 County Rd., 1800 E., Urbana, IL.

I look forward to more returns, more class dues paid, and more news from all of you in the coming months. ♦ **Gayle (Raymond) and George Kennedy**, 18306 Shaver's Lake Dr., Deephaven, MN 55391.

**53** It's back by popular demand! Once again we meet at the feet of Alexander Hamilton, Columbia '74 (1774), to picnic in New York's Central Park. That's behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Ave. and 84th St., Sunday afternoon, May 15. Bring a blanket, consumables, and your best friend and look for the '53 banner. And it's not too early to plan to join the poolside crew *chez Clark and Pres. Claire Moran Ford* in Westport, CT, on Sat., July 16. AND plans are underway to eat, drink, and be merry once again at What's Your Beef at Homecoming (vs. Princeton). It's early this year: September 17. We hope to see many at any/all of the above.

"The second career is in high gear," **Joe Hinsey** reports from Harvard. (He's still there after 30 years but has moved his professional chair from business administration to business law.) **Tom Little** says he's "restarting a career managing the turnaround of the Garrison Electric Sign Co. in Clearwater, FL, after becoming enmeshed and mangled in the New England real estate development market." He sees progress. And youngest child Felicity is a Phi Beta Kappa grad of the U. of New Hampshire. "Thankfully she has not followed her father's footsteps," saith Tom. In his 65th year, **Nestor Alzarez** is "still active and planning to keep on going" as president of a moving company in Chevy Chase, MD and a food company in Newark and as director

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—**GAYLE RAYMOND KENNEDY**  
'52

**GEORGE KENNEDY**  
'52

of another food company in Westport, CT. Daughter Nancy is in Cardozo School of Law, NYC.

Back from a visit to the Outback of Australia, **Bob Beyers** continues to volunteer his pen to the Pacific News Service, commenting in print on education. Wife Charlotte is the proud producer of a warmly-received film on women and AIDS, which premiered in Prague, after which Bob and Charlotte visited small towns in the Czech Republic, Vienna, Cortina (Italy), and Florence. Georgetown, TX airport office manager **Naomi Pollin Zucker** checks in with three grandsons at last count. Semi-retired after 32 years at Prudential Insurance, **Bob Dilatush** of Cranbury, NJ has seven grandkids. Semi-retired psychiatrist **Hal Tatar** works *pro bono* to a free Haight-Asbury, San Francisco medical clinic, teaches part time and still gets to travel to see his five kids and three grandkids. The picnic in the park won't be far from the door of **Joan Werbel Eisenberg**, corporate events coordinator for schools, social service agencies, and corporations. She throws big bashes, mostly in large hotels, for 200-1,500 people. So Joan's glad to get away and enjoy golf and two grandsons.

Felicitations to **Roz Zalutsky** Baron's kid, **Stu Baron '82**, newly elected to the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) board. Welcome back to the world of New York news to **Gloria Gross Kreisman's** daughter, **Polly Kreisman '78**, who's shipped on with WWOR (Ch. 9). **Lynn Rosenthal Minton's** son, **Tim Minton '79**, has been on WABC-TV (Ch. 7) for quite a while now.

Friends of the late **Winthrop W. "Bud"**

**Grice** may wish to contribute to the Hotel school scholarship in his name. Donations may be sent to School of Hotel Administration Development Office, 257 Statler Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-6902. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009.

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40TH REUNION

Come on to Ithaca in June! Early returns from the following classmates indicate they'll be at Reunion: **Annadele Ferguson** Jackson loves living in Ithaca but loves to travel too—recently, to Australia to see the coral and fish at the Great Barrier Reef and to watch bungee jumping in New Zealand. **Ken Hershey**, who is celebrating the arrival of his first grandson (his son's) three months premature, on the eve of his daughter's wedding; exciting weekend, Ken!

**Janice Jakes Kunz**, whose oldest daughter Kate was married in October. (Thanks to Ken and Janice for a great 35th Reunion!) **John Eisele**, an anesthesiologist in California whose first grandchild was born last November; **Bob and Jan Levitan**, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in October, and **Bob and Carol Rodler**, who also celebrated their 40th recently.

**Bill and Catherine Ryan** Nelson headed off in their Airstream last October to the Balloon Festival Park in Albuquerque, NM, then to Texas, through Mexico to Arizona, and home to Wisconsin before heading to New York. She'd still like to see a gathering of trailers/motorhomes at Reunion.

**Pete Plamondon and Lorrie (Pietrycka) '55** will be there. Pete's company has just opened its 15th Roy Rogers Family Restaurant. **Dick '52, BCE '53 and Goldy Meresman Rosen** attended Adult University (CAU), visited Big Sky, MT, and enjoyed visit of daughter **Susan Rosen Itzhak '82** and two grandchildren last summer. The Rosens plan to be in Ithaca in June. **Lew Stone and Joan (Steiner) '55** will be there, and so will **Bob and Carol Tanenbaum**. They have a perfect balance—Scottsdale, AZ in April and November, Montauk, NY in June and September, and Captiva, FL in January. New York City is home. Lots of letters have mentioned **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, expressing congratulations and hopes that she will be at Reunion. **Ellen Shapiro Saalberg** sent a copy of **David Behrens's** article from *Newsday* about our class entering Cornell in 1950 and Kiki in particular. Ellie is working as a development officer at U. of Michigan's education school. **Jane Barber Smith** writes that she and Duane have moved to Dalton Farm, a development on Franklin Roosevelt Jr's horse farm. Duane is a Yale research fellow and Jane continues to enjoy the energy of the first grade and is president of the NY State Reading Assn. promoting literacy in the state through 45 local reading councils.

**Jim Weaver** has retired from Merrill Lynch and will be spending more time with the Baltimore Opera Co. (vice president of the board of trustees) and chairing the development committee of Camp Dudley, a YMCA boys camp on Lake Champlain. **Bailey and Posy Smith** are in the "more than interesting" process of building a house



in the Exumas. Classmates cruising the Bahamas near Georgetown can call them on VHF "Quickstep" or "Ironshore."

Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meetings were held in NYC in late January and Bob Levitan, Lew Stone, **Frank Delle Cave**, **Clancy Fauntleroy**, **Bert Rosen**, **Marian "Eloise" Mix Unbekant**, **Fred Jensen**, and I caucused to discuss the Reunion campaign and our class project, the Center for the Environment. What a great opportunity for synergy in the hallowed halls! If you'd like information on the Center or to join our class's support, drop me a line. Meanwhile connect with old friends, call your freshman roommate, and plan to be in Ithaca June 9-12 for our 40th! Plus, make sure to save May 15 for a picnic with Ezra in Central Park, NYC! ♦ **Louise Schaefer** Dailey, 51 White Oak Shade Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840.

**55** If your news hasn't turned up here yet, keep watching for it. Some of the items in this month's column came in a year ago, and because I'm systematically working my way from the earliest to the most recent news, it may seem as if yours has been "lost." Fear not; it'll turn up.

**Elaine Rose Cerny and Lawrence, '52-55 Grad**, owners of Cernyland, have become industrial affiliates of the biotechnology program at Cornell, and hope to see their artificial blood product become available to everyone who needs it. When not visiting family, the Cernys have attended meetings in Prague, Bratislava, California, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and the Slovak and Czech republics. **Laura Weese** notes that she's returned to her birth name after her divorce. She continues to work as director of the international program at the graduate school of public affairs, U. of Washington, Seattle. Laura's main responsibility is administering the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program, which brings professionals from developing countries to the US; U. of Washington is one of 13 host schools for the program and Cornell is another. Laura had lunch with **Pat Wells Lunneborg** last spring. When she's not busy at her job as deputy town clerk for the Town of Newfield, **Donna Jean Avery** Darling's free time is devoted to birding. Ithaca reports great numbers of spring migrants up on Mount Pleasant ("Some of us remember indulging in other activities up there," Donna adds.) Senior Vice President, General Counsel **Don Biederman** has chalked up his tenth year at Warner/Chappell Music in Los Angeles, and reports that he is "currently pooped" after teaching courses at UCLA's law school and its graduate school of management.

**Norm Nedde** is a substitute teacher in the Indianapolis public schools, and last spring bowled the highest game of his life—279. "Not bad for a 60-year-old ex-jock." No argument there, Norm. **Bobbie O'Connor** Kenny says her last child will graduate in June 1994 and adds, "Hooray—this is a biggie!" Bobbie switched careers from bacteriologist to second-grade teacher and still finds time for lots of golf. **Dick Hort** and wife were planning a trip last summer through the West, visiting with Cornellians **Dan Begin** and **Tom Deveau '58** on the way.

Dick says he's enjoying retirement, especially their winter home in San Carlos, Mexico. **Charlie Shipman** and **Harriet (Merchant) '57** flew their own plane from Missouri to western NY State for a family reunion, and can also report firsthand on the flooding from the Mississippi and Iowa rivers. **Gerri Sobel** Katz and her husband are semi-retired in Great Neck, but still meet with prospective brides and grooms by appointment to help them choose unique wedding rings which the Katzes design. **Phyllis Birnholtz** Melnick is retired and devoting her time to a variety of volunteer activities: a program that administers community service assignments, tutoring a young Egyptian in English, and reading on tape for the Sight Center. The Melnicks went to Adult University (CAU) in July to learn about the ancient peoples of Israel, and were planning a trip to Israel with an alumni group last fall. **Ann "Toni" Telfer Eaton**, a systems analyst in NYC, commutes from Tuckahoe daily and spends weekends in Pioneer Valley, where she and her husband hope to retire. We're hoping that Toni's husband continues to recuperate smoothly from a series of strokes he suffered in 1992—good luck to both of you. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Morris, 110A Weaver St., Greenwich, CT 06831.

**56** Life changes: **Lewis Klotz**, Teaneck, NJ, retired from Thomas J. Lipton Co. at the end of October 1993. His wife, Brenda, is still with the Teaneck Board of Education as a learning disability specialist. **Keith Johnson** has officially retired from Time Warner Inc., and his new project is to be a book on our favorite subject: Cornell!

**Eric Truhol**, Tierra Verde, FL, reports that he's begun his fourth year of retirement. He and wife Ruth play lots of tennis and golf, spend the winter in Florida, the rest of the year in Grosse Pointe Shores. **Bob Schermer**, Oakland, CA, writes that the recent demise of the "superconducting supercollider," which he says was "his most interesting project," made him decide that retirement is a great option. So far, Bob says, all he's done is "fix the car and the house!"

**Maria Radoslovich** Cox, New York City, is not working at architecture now that her husband, Donald, is retired. Maria is taking courses at the New York Botanical Gardens in gardening, horticulture, and landscape design and auditing a course at New York U.'s New York Inst. of Fine Arts. **Perry Bradley, Jr.**, Freeport, ME, retired from Procter & Gamble last October and is building a new home in Freeport for all year 'round living.

New business: **Herbert Cohen** of Binghamton, now in business brokerage and doing business evaluations. He can be reached at (607) 754-5990.

More news: **Dan Chernoff** had heart surgery in February and is back at work at full speed, 35 pounds lighter. Dan's trial law practice in Portland, OR is very active, and his book *Federal Circuit Patent Case Digests*, is updated annually and doing well in intellectual property law circles. Dan also sent us an interesting article concerning classmates **Carol (Ruttenberg)** and **Al Edel-**

**man** from *The Oregonian*. Both are super-successful architects in Portland.

**Linda Hudson** Scanlan, Virginia Beach, VA, has accepted a Fulbright Fellowship for the 1993-4 academic year at the American U. in Bulgaria. Linda retired in June after 15 years at Norfolk State U., where she headed the Journalism department for the past two years. We thank Linda's husband Don for the news.

It was great to hear from **Lorna Jackson** Salzman, Brooklyn, who is a wetlands planner for the NYC Office of Natural Resources. Lorna and husband Eric, both serious birders, have traveled extensively to tropical rain forests all over the world, and in 1992, at the invitation of the Nepalese tourist bureau, they birded there on a six-day trek on the Annapurna circuit.

**Syrell Rogovin** Leahy's newest mystery book is out: *The Christening Day Murder*. Syrell writes her mysteries under the name of Lee Harris. Her publisher is Fawcett Books. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 E. 83rd St., NYC 10028.

**57** This column is devoted to one classmate. **Bruce Clark** has forwarded a summary of how he has spent the last 37 years. For those who remember Bruce as a biochemistry major, extremely competent lacrosse goalie, and Sigma Pi social chair *par excellence*, read on. And see his photo, too.

After completing Naval air training, Bruce served on five aircraft carriers over a five-year period, with more than 1,250 carrier landings and 2,000 flight hours. He received his law degree (JD) from the U. of Denver in 1964, passing the Colorado Bar exam and resuming his naval career at Patuxent River, MD. For the next eight years he was involved in more phases of civil and military law than are imaginable, augmented by his proximity to Washington, DC and by now a member of the Maryland Bar. In 1972, he received his post-doctoral master's degree (LLM) in international and comparative law *summa cum laude* from George Washington U. He served as trial lawyer and military judge, negotiated labor contracts, and worked directly with the Judge Advocate General and Secretary of the Navy, transferring to Jacksonville Naval Air Station in 1974. In 1984, he received an MBA from the U. of North Florida. Bruce continues to live in the Jacksonville area as attorney/broker/consultant specializing in estate planning and labor relations as well as a myriad of other professional and civic activities.

His most significant coup occurred in 1961 when he married Geeske (Gay-Ska) Boekee, a thoroughly attractive and charming native of Holland who, along with her family, had survived the Nazi occupation. They have five "brilliant, handsome, and costly" children, the eldest, 32 and the youngest (twins), 24. Geeske has taught elementary school at all the stops along the way.

Bruce's major activity now is in-depth training for the alumni lacrosse game at our 40th Reunion in 1997, where he promises that he will run rings around **Robert "Blackie" Black Jr.** You can contact him at 2401 Foxwood Rd., S., Orange Park, FL 32073-



6010 or call (904) 264-3414, or Fax (904) 272-9205. ♦ **John Seiler**, 563 Starks Bldg., Louisville, KY 40202; (502) 589-1151.

Our class lost one of its most loyal and stalwart members last December 28, when **Charles F. "Chuck" James** died of cancer. Cornell was such an important part of his life. An active member of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey, Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN), University Council, and Alumni Federation, Chuck also found time to serve our class, most recently as regional vice president for northern New Jersey. He was responsible for convincing a number of high school students to choose Cornell, and he was so proud of his two Cornell daughters, **Cathy '91** and **Debbie '95**. His wife, Jean, although not a Cornellian, attended every Reunion with Chuck. Deepest sympathies are extended to her and the girls.

Chuck was remembered fondly by his classmates at our annual gathering in New York City in January for the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting. Friday evening started off with a reception at the Cornell Club. Among those attending was **Dian Porthouse**, who has been living in Reno, NV for many years and loves it. Dian works hard on behalf of the university. Dinner at Rusty Staub's was arranged by **Paul Noble** and among those sharing news were **Eda Green Krantz**, **Ruby Tomberg Senie**, **Sharon Flynn**, **Doris Blum Baker**, **Judy Madigan Burgess**, **Betty Rice Keane**, **Mollie Turner**, **Sheila McGrady Callahan**, **Sue Derosay Henninger**, **Judy Richter Levy**, **Tom Itin**, **Ara Daglian**, **Bob Watts**, **Phil McIndoo**, **Ed Vant**, **Charlie Stanton**. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #1109, Bethesda, MD 20816.

**58** What a winter the East Coast has had! and with the earthquake in California, I know a lot of you will be glad to see an early spring! As of this writing, Texas has fared very well and we prefer a late spring to forestall our hot summers! **Elsie Dinsmore Popkin** has been appointed to the President's Council of Cornell Women, joining other '58ers—**Barbara Buehrig** Orlando, **Trish Thomson Herr**, DVM '60, and **Almeda "A. C." Church Dake**—great representation from our class. One of Elsie's garden pictures was used as the cover for the City of Winston Salem's 1993 annual financial report—she says it definitely stands out from all other financial reports! Elsie sent a wonderful article on **Bill Hazzard** and his family and their exemplary life in removing racial barriers. Bill has had a wonderful career in medicine and has now moved back to North Carolina, but while living in Seattle, their neighborhood was home not only to black and white families but also to mixed-race couples and gay couples. They lived across the street from a leader in the Black Panthers and down the road from a transvestite who kept a lion and boa constrictor in his basement and who was the host at seances! In 1986, Bill was recruited to start an aging research program and chair the internal medicine department at Johns Hopkins. He is also president of



**Bruce A. Clark '57, former Navy pilot and military judge, says all the trees and shrubs he and wife Geeske have planted at their northern Florida home still leave him with lots of grass to cut.**

the American Geriatrics Society and has won many awards.

**Lois Pape** Dam lives in Lincoln, NE, where she is an instructional systems designer for the Nebraska videodisc design production group at the U. of Nebraska. **Anna Jean Schuler** Cushwa is wife/mother and community activist. She now has three grandchildren (one newly adopted from Paraguay). She enjoyed a wonderful nature study trip to Alaska and is still active as a member of the Youngstown Board of Health and the regional board of Society Bank. **Dottie Blow** Dane is in real estate sales with Re/Max Elite Properties.

**John Ritrosky** has been practicing pediatrics at the Children's Center in Ft. Myers for 25 years. He is also an associate clinical professor in the pediatrics department at the U. of Florida. He loves fishing, the beach at Sanibel, and is an avid Florida State football fan! **Bruce Marshall** is the director of business development at Smiths Industries in Arlington, VA. He recently visited friends on St. Barts, FWI and states that it is one of the last worthwhile, relatively unspoiled islands! ♦ **Jan Arps Jarvie**, 6524 Valley Brook Dr., Dallas, TX 75240.

**59** **40TH REUNION** The world of show biz took little notice (ok, NO notice) as a giggling gaggle of '59ers gathered at **Steve Fillo's** New York City apartment on January 22 for a truly theatrical event: the taping of the "We are the alumni" verses of "The Song of the Classes." It'll never be shown on PBS's "Great Performances," but you'll be seeing it in the class video that should be arriving soon in your mailbox. Clustered around **Lenny Rubin** at the piano were **Ellie Applewhaite**, **Nancy Sterling Brown**, **Rick Cohen**, **Steve Fillo**, **Sue Rollins Fried**, **Barbara Benioff Friedman**, **Marian Fay Levitt**, **Sally Schwartz Muzii**, **Harry Petchesky**, **Sue Tonkonogy Witty**, **Bill Wood**, and yours truly. Those few with vocal talent were drowned out by the rest of us, and each toast and retake increased our hamminess... and our giggles.

That same day, Sally, Reunion chair for the 35th, met with Cornell Caterers and finalized plans for many of the class activities

during Reunion (June 9-12). **Lenny**, who is now the medical director for the NY State affiliate of MCC Managed Care, which manages mental health benefits for CIGNA, had just come from browsing the auction galleries and antique stores, looking for treasures for his newly renovated apartment. I was revealing memorable experiences from my just-completed trip to the Andean highlands of Ecuador. **Sue Rollins Fried** was focusing on the following Saturday, January 30, and a wedding in the family. Then, to recuperate, Sue was to go off to Spain for ten days. **Rick** was bragging about his older daughter, who had just passed the bar exam, and about his wife **Linda (Rogers)**, whose photography has recently been in several shows, including one at the Fine Arts Museum of Long Island. **Steve Friedman** showed up midway through the taping, took one look at us, and headed for a bookcase.

**Bill and Mary-Kay Clarey Taber** "continue to enjoy the life of travel and oversee a staff coordinating travel for a number of upstate and Manhattan corporations as owners of Red Carpet Travel in Rochester, NY." Their older son, **Scott '85**, is rooms division manager at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills. Younger son **Greg, Grad** is attending Johnson School of Business Management, working toward his master's. Another '59er whose career includes lots of travel is **Barbara "Kappy" Kaplan Krause**, who is director of continuing medical education for the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology in Newton, MA. Kappy's older daughter, **Joan**, is a law clerk on the Ninth Circuit, Court of Appeals. Younger daughter **Diane** is at Boston U. medical school.

The Packer Collegiate Inst. in Brooklyn, NY, a college preparatory independent day school, named **Carol Horowitz Schulhof** to the post of interim director of the pre- and lower schools. A teacher at Packer since 1978, Carol has taught kindergarten through fourth grades and has been a reading specialist for the first through seventh grades. She also has been instrumental in creating Packer's computer curriculum. Carol is the NYC general chair of the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) and a governor of the Brooklyn Heights Assn. **Lois Ullman Berkowitz**, an educational writer and consultant for the Washington, DC public schools and other organizations, is completing her second year as president of the Cornell Club of Washington. ♦ **Jenny Tassar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; (203) 792-8237.

**61** Three thousand, three hundred fifty characters belong to the Cornell Class of 1961. That's our official allocation of space in the *Cornell Alum*—oops, *Cornell Magazine*. If these were poems/In Japanese characters/200 haiku.

But since they're not: it's more than one character apiece for the 2,365 characters who matriculated with the Class of '61; two for each of the 1,775 mailable living classmates; 11 for each of our 302 dues-paying members. Put another way, we get 570 words, which I will divide impartially among the 0 (zero) people who sent me news earlier this year.



## Affecting Eternity

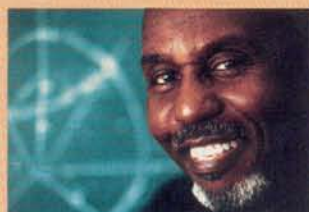
ABDULALIM ABDULLAH SHABAZZ, PhD '55

In 1957, when Abdulalim Abdullah Shabazz arrived as chairman of Atlanta University's mathematics department, there were two students pursuing master's degrees in math. "During the six-year period, 1957-1963, when I was chairman of the department, 109 students graduated with master's degrees in mathematics," Shabazz wrote in a paper he delivered to the National Alliance of Black School Educators. "More than a third of them went on to earn PhD degrees in mathematics or mathematics education. Many of them went on to produce students who earned PhDs in mathematics. Now it is estimated that nearly 50 percent of the roughly 200 African-American mathematicians in the U.S. resulted either directly or indirectly from Atlanta University's 109 master's degree recipients between 1957 and 1963."

"A teacher affects eternity," Henry Adams once wrote. "He can never tell where his influence stops."

Last year, Shabazz was honored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its national convention in Boston with the AAAS Mentor Award, which is awarded to members, according to the AAAS, "who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in efforts to increase the participation of women, minorities, and individuals with physical disabilities in science and engineering."

Wallace Maryland, a former student from those seminal years, and current chairman of the math department at Alabama State University, told the *Atlanta Constitution*, "At that particular time he was the only



known black PhD in math in this country."

Shabazz, whose name was Lonnie Cross when he earned his PhD at Cornell, converted to the Muslim religion, changed his name, became politically involved and was accused by Atlanta University's president of being a communist. Shabazz left the university

in 1963 and spent more than 20 years as an educational consultant, as well as working within the Muslim organization, and teaching mathematics at universities in Saudi Arabia.

In 1986 Shabazz returned to what would shortly become Clark Atlanta University (following a merger of Atlanta University and Clark College). The math department was in terrible shape; many students were unable to cope with even basic math. At a meeting of the faculty, Shabazz took the floor.

According to the *Atlanta Constitution*, "He told them the department would begin to teach more students higher math in courses that gave credit. When some professors said students weren't ready, Dr. Shabazz told them, 'Give me the very worst ones you have, and I'll show you that they can be taught.'"

By 1992 Shabazz had made good on his promise. The *Atlanta Constitution* reported that "500 students had earned at least one A in a math course, and 155 undergraduate students were majoring in math."

And as Shabazz has shown, a math major today may well earn a master's degree next year, and a PhD after that. Like Shabazz, each of them could be affecting eternity.

—Paul Cody, MFA '87

Hearing none, let me take this space to commend the scholarships established by that eccentric recluse from Las Vegas, Randy Chance. Other scholarships are biased in favor of the smart or needy, but not a Chance. There's no discrimination against the intellectually or affluently challenged, because Random Chance winners are determined in a lottery. You don't have to be present to win. As they say, "Everybody Deserves a Chance."

From our mailbag, one press release and one News and Dues note: last year we reported **Richard A. Olson** was with a British pharmaceutical company—general manager of the Fisons US Consumer Division. He has returned to the land of liberty, specifically Liberty Corner, NJ, as vice president of business development for Schering-Plough HealthCare Products: acquisitions and strategic alliances for the makers of Coppertone, Dr. Scholl's,

Gyne-Lotrimin, Afrin, and Correctol.

Next year **Susan Williams** Beelick will be back in Australia for a sabbatical semester as a volunteer on two slide collections. She is humanities reference librarian and slide librarian at California State U., Sacramento.

No, not enough news to fill our allotted space. How many characters (and spaces) are here? Just 1961, of course! So tell us about the character of your life. Write **Nancy Hislop McPeck**, or me. ♦ **Allan Metcalf**, 212 Brookside Dr., Jacksonville, IL 62650.

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Did you know that class columns are longer for classes having more subscribers to *Cornell Magazine*? Do your part, and enable yourself to read more about your friends—send your class dues! **Shel Severinghaus** explains his new

position: "Someone once said, 'Go West, young man.' And so I am, although not so young, and when I get there, I'll be in the East! After six years in the Asia Foundation's home office in San Francisco, I am moving to Ulaanbaatar (Ulan Bator), Mongolia as the Foundation's representative in that fascinating country. **Lucia (Liu), PhD '83** will continue to pursue her equally challenging career with the Inst. of Zoology in Taipei, Taiwan. She is an active research ecologist and prominent environmentalist there.

"Communications with Mongolia are extremely difficult and unreliable. Mail will be forwarded from 66 Cleary Ct., #609, San Francisco, CA, 94109, whenever we can find a courier going to Mongolia. I've been there nine times since 1990, and am thrilled to have this opportunity to open our office and be the Foundations's representative there.



It's one of the last great frontiers—vast, unspoiled landscapes, wonderful down-to-earth people, a nomadic way of life, and a democratic government emerging from 70 years of communism. It won't be an easy assignment. Winter temperatures are below zero, consumer goods are scarce, power outages are frequent. Green vegetables? They're like an oasis in the desert! Yet it is an enticing, captivating place.

"Should you think of visiting (you're welcome anytime), the Lonely Planet guidebook is helpful. In the winter you can experience the coldest capital in the world. In summer, enjoy Mongolia's national drink, airak (fermented mare's milk). The Foundation's office is a historic log cabin that has reportedly been used as a trading post, hotel, Bolshevik meeting place, Lenin's communications center, Russian military billet, a school, and a library. Luckily, our office is on the southeast corner, receiving full benefit of winter sun's warming graces. And so, on to the Great Adventure!"

Shel can probably expect a visit from my daughter, Valerie, posted to the US Consulate in Shenyang, Manchuria. Val surprised us by coming home on her way from China to Bali and Irian Jaya on R&R. It WAS a surprise. She wanted to help her brother and sister-in-law pack for their two-year stint as volunteers running a medical clinic on the shores of Lake Victoria, Kenya. Good thing we added extra pages to our passports.

Looking for yet another offshore destination to visit? Try Dr. **Frank Burghmeier** at 23 Hayarden St., Ramat Hasharon, Israel.

Other new addresses to report: **Lawrence E. O'Brien**, 30 Watervliet Ave., Albany, Dr. **L. Richard Poggi**, 558 Woodbury Rd., Plainview, and **Helen Redleaf** Neuborne, 1 Washington Square Village, Apt. 4-O, NYC.

New addresses in Colorado include **Roger Freischlag**, 501 Penrose Blvd., Colorado Springs, and Dr. **Bill A. Jones** at 1302 S. Shields, Suite A2-1, Fort Collins.

Update from **Willa Radin Swiller**: son **J. Aryeh '91** works for the Democratic National Committee, Josh (Yale '92) is in Zambia with the Peace Corps, two younger ones are at Syracuse and Colgate. **Hillel '61** and Willa enjoyed seeing friends at the Cornell-Penn game last fall.

Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ (I love that name!) is home to **Barnett "Buzz" Rukin** and **Donna (Proopis) '71**. Buzz is CEO of Short Line. **Ron Cassie**, of Cassie and Assoc. in Easton, PA, is involved in executive search in the health care field. Send YOUR News and Dues! ♦ **Jan McClayton Crites**, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

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While I write this April column, the temperature outside is six below zero and snow is falling—January in Wisconsin. Anyway, in news still dating back to 1993 is word that **Bob Myers** is president of Cal-Pac Corp. in Stockton, CA. His firm in Taiwan and China manufactures bicycles, ice skates, and miscellaneous sporting goods. Bob married Pati Waggoner in 1992. His children are Jeff, 21, and Sarah Hannah, 4. Bob still plays competitive hockey in an old timers' group. He has been play-

ing hockey since he graduated, having played four years on the Hill with **Laing Kennedy** before the Ned Harkness era. **Bill Kroll** is a bookseller for New Horizons Christian Supply in Coram, NY and lives in Miller Place. **Joe Brennan** writes from Belmont, CA that he and wife Sharon have a second grandchild, Joseph, born in 1992 to join grandchild Aubriana, 5. **Nancy Blanford** lives in New York City. After 13 years as a senior controller at ABC News, she took early retirement and happily began working at Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. They had their first million-dollar week last spring with the Easter Bonnet Competition and three benefit performances of *Company*, with the original cast. **Susan Pozefsky** Tepperberg is editor of *Travel Magazine*, working for Cahners Publishing in NYC. She and husband Jerry have five children, three of whom graduated last spring. **Sara "Suki" Tepperberg '89** graduated from State U. of New York Downstate Medical School; Josh, from U. of Delaware; and Noah, from Stuyvesant High School. She remarks that with all the packing and moving going on, a station wagon was a lifesaver. **Francine Geber Buckley** and **Paul, PhD '66**, live in Saunderson, RI. Francine returned from Barbados last year where she was investigating Bajan avifauna. She is currently the editor of *Colonial Waterbird Society Bulletin*. She received an appointment to the Dept. of Natural Resource Science Center at the U. of Rhode Island in Kingston as an adjunct assistant research professor. She continues to study seabird ecology.

**Mark W. Spitzer** is an architect in Seattle who continues to be active in the public art side of architecture on the Seattle Metro Arts Commission. He recently gave a presentation of the Metro Tunnel public art to a California arts council symposium in Los Angeles. **Kathy Riemer Hartnett** was at Reunion and is a busy defense contractor and unit manager for SEMCOR in Warminster, PA. She and husband **John, PhD '68**, live in Chalfont, PA. **Rosalie Weiss** Hemingway writes from Kinderhook, NY, where she is employed by the State Insurance Fund in Albany. Oldest son Daniel graduated from U. of Regina, Saskatchewan in industrial design. Middle son Ian works part time trying to sell his paintings. Youngest son Paul is a senior in high school. He traveled to France with his French class last spring. **Nancy Chu Woo** lives in Hong Kong and is an artist and lecturer. Her catalog is available through the Cornell fine arts department and the Johnson Museum of Art. **Nancy Reisler** Wexler is a licensed family therapist and private geriatric care manager for Gerontology Assoc. and Alzheimer Case Management in Tazana, CA. Her book, *Mama Can't Remember Anymore*, is doing well and her practice is doing well. She was back in New York last year for the anniversary of the death of her father, **Raymond Reisler '27**. Nancy also had lunch in NYC with former roommates **Margo McKee** Bates and **Chris Householder** Schneider. ♦ **Nancy Bieder** Icke, 5 Maplewood Ct., Racine, WI 53402.

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### 30TH REUNION

Spring has sprung! Here's hoping all of you in the North have reclaimed your sidewalks and driveways from their ice coatings by now. And with Reunion just two months away, better make plans. At Reunion, ink in Saturday, June 11, to go to the John Hartell Gallery in Sibley Hall where **Valerie Jesraly** Seligsohn will have an exhibit of her paintings from June 5-18. That morning she will be fêted at a dean's continental breakfast from 8:30-10. Valerie mixes her pigments at 2114 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA. Later that day, you might toast Col. **John Brimmer** (PO Box 16327, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN) who is to retire from the Army in July after a 30-year career—his last position being inspector general, 123rd Reserve Command. Then he'll have more time to spend with wife Elaine and their two children, and on the golf course.

**Charles C. "C. C." Smith Jr.** gives his new address as McCormack, Box 4034, Boston, MA. C. C. is a civil engineer. (We should hope so!) Another sign we're getting older: **Stephen Abramson** and wife Phyllis became grandparents last July. The Abramsons try not to doddle at 7 Knoll Lane, Smithtown. His company, APS Pension Services, moved last summer from Syosett to larger quarters in Uniondale. **Don Allen** (700 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC) and ex-wife **Val French '63** also became grandparents recently. His DC law firm, Duncan & Allen, specializes in energy law.

Another sure reminder of Reunion is the proliferation of second-generation Cornellians our classmates have contributed, to wit: **H. Michael Newman**'s son **Kevin '88**, BS '93 spent nine months of his senior year in Australia as part of Cornell Abroad—and Mike got there to visit him for two weeks. Plan on seeing Mike at Reunion; he lives at 907 Cayuga Hgts. Rd., Ithaca. **Hans Weisshaupt**'s daughter **Stefanie '92** graduated from the Hotel school. Hans and wife **Arenda (Spiele), MS ILR '67** live at Robach 371, 9038 Rehetobel/AR, Switzerland, where he is now a "blissfully" retired hotelier and says of it, "... come on in, the water is fine!"

Journalists **Bart and Nancy Dunhoff Mills** (563 29th St., Manhattan Beach, CA) had daughter **Bonnie '91** graduate *magna cum laude*, followed by son **Kevin '93**. Two of **Carol Willner** Thurm's three daughters are Cornellians: **Audrey '93** and **Emily '96**. Carol and husband Joel live at 8 N. Bridge Tr., Mount Kisco. Another Mount Kisco-ite: patent attorney **William Frommer** has daughter **Hillary '95** who was befriended by **Howard Raymond**'s daughter **Dana '95**. Bill and wife Karen live on Charles Rd.; Howard's at 333 Ardsley Rd., Longmeadow, MA.

**Randall Odza** and wife Rita, 15 Loch Lee, Williamsville, NY, have son **Kenneth, Grad.** Physician **Paul Kruger** (431 Harris Dr., Watertown, NY) visits son **Michael '94**. With older daughter **Stacey '95** on the team, **Stephen Lengyel** and wife Betsy (25 Stuart St., Medfield, MA) are supporters of women's varsity basketball. Steve is product development manager for non-woven fabrics for Veratec. **Thomas Mueller** (1955



## Stewart O'Nan

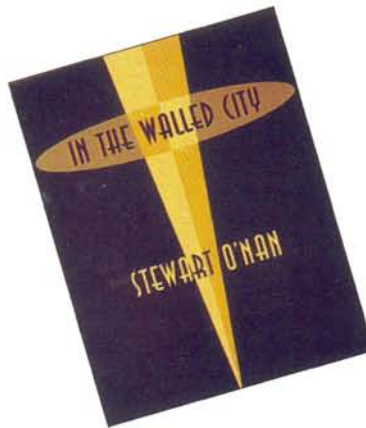
When Stewart O'Nan's short story collection, *In the Walled City*, was selected as the winner of the prestigious 1993 Drue Heinz Literature Prize, the contest's judge, writer Tobias Wolff, said, "These are stories of a high order, sophisticated, humane, persistent; once read, they don't go away." An endorsement from an author of the stature of Wolff, who's written such celebrated books as *This Boy's Life*, *Back in the World* and *The Barracks Thief*, is something young writers dream about. Wolff picked O'Nan's work from nearly 400 manuscripts submitted for the prize.

Not only did O'Nan, MFA '92, get \$10,000 in prize money, but *In the Walled City* was published in December by the University of Pittsburgh Press.

The stories nearly all take place in or around Pittsburgh, where O'Nan grew up, near Boston, where he went to college, or in upstate New York, where he now lives. They are about husbands separated from their wives and children, about a poor woman who steals a steak from a grocery store, an elderly doctor who is losing his memory, a woman who tries to run a gone-to-seed golf course after the death of her husband.

In "The Big Wheel," a high school vocational teacher named Crandell, an unexceptional man, saves a little girl from a burning house on his way home from work; in school he's losing a student to drugs and indifference. O'Nan writes, "It was the dope, Crandell figured. He'd seen him out by the smokestack, getting stoned at seven a.m., or walking by his windows during class time. He wasn't a bad kid—an evil kid the way some were. He liked the lathe." But by the end of the story, Crandell realizes that the child he has saved from fire is being neglected by her mother, the student is arrested, and his remaining students help tear down the house they had been building as a class project. Crandell is left with the remains. "He pinched off his tie tack, unclipped the tie and dropped it on his desk, then rolled down his sleeves, pulled on a pair of gloves, and began sorting through the wreckage, trying to decide what could and could not be saved."

In "The Finger," Carter is separated



from his wife, works days at a landfill, and in his time off he refinishes a dresser for his estranged wife. "He brought a wobbly floor lamp over and took off the shade so he could see what he was doing. He soaked a pad of steel wool with stripper and rubbed along the grain. The stain came off gummy, dying his fingers like nicotine. He skipped dinner, scouring the scrolled legs, the ball-and-claw feet. The steel wool wore down and pricked his fingers, the stripper burned. Midnight, groggy from the fumes, he could see it was going to work. He stood back, admiring the bare whorls." Carter makes a thing of beauty from the junked furniture, but his efforts don't save his wrecked marriage.

All the characters in O'Nan's world struggle against long odds, and though many lose, some win a grim shot at grace and redemption. Their struggle for dignity is unforgettable.

O'Nan has written several novels and screenplays; last year his *Snow Angels* won the 1993 Pirate's Alley Faulkner Prize for the Novel. In November, *Snow Angels* will be published by Doubleday. And if Tobias Wolff is right, O'Nan, 33, has unusual promise as a writer. With *In the Walled City*, Wolff wrote, "We see life through the eyes of—among others—a ruined farmer, a black day-laborer, a young cop separated from his family and descending into madness, an old Chinese grocer; all of them vividly alive and different from the rest, yet mysteriously joined by the author's feel for the weight of the histories they carry."

—Paul Cody, MFA '87



## RECENTLY PUBLISHED:

**Science in the New Age: The Paranormal, its Defenders and Debunkers, and American Culture** by David J. Hess, PhD '87 (University of Wisconsin Press). Hess's book, according to Gary Downey of Virginia Tech, is "about how people construct discourses about science to make it meaningful in their lives."

**Buildings of the District of Columbia** by Pamela Scott and Antoinette J. Lee (Oxford University Press). Scott, who teaches in the Cornell-in-Washington program, and Lee provide a guide and history of the architecture of Washington, D.C., of its public buildings as well as its neighborhoods.

**Plain Talk About Drinking Water** by James M. Symons '54 (American Water Works Association). The book offers 101 questions and answers about drinking water.

**Feminism, Socialism, and French Romanticism** by Claire Goldberg Moses and Leslie Wahl Rabine '66, MA '67 (Indiana University Press). A study of early feminists in Paris in the 1830s.

**Small Cap Stocks** by Robert A. Klein '74 and Jess Lederman (Probus Publishing). The book provides "investment and portfolio strategies for the institutional investor," according to its subtitle.

**Arms Control and Military Preparedness from Truman to Bush** by Martin E. Goldstein '61 (Peter Lang Publishing, Inc.). The book "analyzes how presidents have utilized arms control and military preparedness to enhance American security," according to the publisher.



Belmont Ridge Ct., Reston, VA) has son **Steven '96**. Two years ago, Tom, a mechanical engineer, participated in an underwater and on-land archeological expedition in Turkey that got a big write-up in the newsletter where he works (Naval Surface Warfare Center). Tom would still like to correspond with others having multiple sclerosis.

**Joe McEntee** and **Carol (Naylon) '66** (215 Maple Ct., Lake Forest, IL) have son **Justin '96** on the Hill. Joe is a trial lawyer with Jones Day. **Leonard** and **Charlotte Berman** (30 Fort Hill Rd., Huntington) have daughter **Maggie '96**. Leonard is director of scientific affairs for Pall Biomedical Corp., and enjoys tennis in his leisure hours. **Nancy Taylor Butler** and husband **Ed '63, BEE '64** (20 Cedar Pl., Tinton Falls, NJ) saw the last of their three Cornellian children enter: **Katie '96**. The other two are **Jeffrey '89** and **Gregory '92**. Nancy, our class president, is assistant director of Project TIDE, a statewide vocational equity technical assistance project based at Trenton State College. So far, two of **Charles** and **Ellen Laughton's** three children are Cornellians: **Chris '94** and **Carrie '96**. The third is still at home (11 Richardson Rd., N. Chelmsford, MA). In his free time, nurseryman and garden center owner Chuck enjoys fishing and skeet and trap shooting.

Be sure to keep those dues and news comin'. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015.

**65** Here is an update on the **Andrew A. Persily** Memorial Scholarship Fund. The value of this fund is now over \$100,000. **Billy Kaufman, Don Weiss**, and members of Andy's family started this fund almost ten years ago. When Billy hit the big 5-0 this year, he asked that, in lieu of birthday gifts, donations be made to this fund. **Nancy Alfred Persily '64** asked the same thing when she hit 50. This year, two undergraduates are benefitting from the fund: **John Stanik '94** and **Jeremy Callahan '94**. Nancy notes that the Persily family is doing well: Nathaniel spent last year in Israel as a Wallenberg Scholar and on a Rotarian Scholarship. He studied political science at Hebrew U., taught Ethiopians, worked on an economic development project in an Arab neighborhood, and studied at a Yeshiva. He is a PhD candidate at U. of California, Berkeley. Meredith is a senior at Brown and a volunteer in Brazil. Nancy is a half-time associate professor at the U. of Miami medical school. Donations to this fund may be sent to **Rob Scott '89**, Student Development and Stewardship, Cornell U., 55 Brown Road, Ithaca NY 14850-1266.

**John V. Steiner** is a veterinarian in Lexington, KY. **Anup Singh** and his wife **Surinder Kaur** visited the US last fall for the first time in seven years, visiting friends and relatives on the West Coast. They send "our best wishes to the Class of 1965." **Jon Schwarting** is an architect with Karahan/Schwarting Architecture and teaches architecture at New York Inst. of Technology. Their firm will be assisting with additions and renovations at Mann Library. Jon has been promoted to full professor at NY Inst.

of Technology and to chair the School of Architecture in Islip. Daughter **Jessica '96** is in Architecture.

**Richard Evans** has been on extended travel in China. **Charlie Barndt** is an engineer with Lockheed in Sunnyvale, CA. If you are in or near Bordentown, NJ, be sure to see **Alex Mastoris** and Peggy at Mastoris Restaurant, at Routes 206 and 130, phone (609) 298-4650. Also in the family are daughter **Michelle Mastoris '95**, and son **Nicholas '90** with three children, 1 to 4, whom, Alex says, "I am looking forward to sending to Cornell."

**Frank McCreary** is with the law firm of Vinson and Elkins in Houston. **David L. Mellon** writes that he has moved, with Monsanto, from Detroit to Los Angeles. His daughter **Andrea** started U. of Southern California law school this year; daughter **Kim** was a 1993 June bride: she married "a Norwegian." **Arthur J. "A. J." Parmiter** is a business executive with AT&T in New Jersey.

**William H. and Mary Anne MacCallum Perks** write from Horseheads, NY. Mary Anne taught Human Anatomy and Physiology at Elmira College last summer. She spends a lot of time on volunteer activities, particularly with the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross. She was voted "Volunteer of the Year" in Chenango County and was elected to the Veteran (NY) Town Board of Supervisors. Daughter **Suzanne Marie '94** is a senior in the Human Ecology Honors Program. **David S. Schreiber** is a physician, internal medicine, in Norwood, MA. **John P. Scullin** is an orthopedic surgeon in Greenville, PA.

That is the news for now. The exact dates for the 1995 Reunion are June 8-11; we ask you to mark those on your calendars and date-reminders. See you soon, on the Hill.

**David Bridgeman** is a great-grandfather; watch this column for details. ♦ **Scott MacEwan**, 2777 SE Bybee Blvd., Portland, OR 97202-8733.

**66** Classmates **Jim and Susan DeWire Hosek** work for the Rand research organization in California. Jim is corporate research manager for human capital research, and Susan is a senior health economist working on health reform. Their daughter **Katie '94** is an anthropology major. Their other children are **Adrienne**, 16, and **Peter**, 13.

**Richard Ekstrom** seems to be living in constant jet lag. In March 1993 he became CEO of Preferred Solutions Inc., a specialty managed care company in San Jose, CA. However, he and his family have remodeled an old house in Pittsburgh, PA and are living there at the present time. **Lawrence Rubenstein** is a partner in a marketing research company, Directions for Decision Inc. in New York City. He and wife **Fran (Stern) '70** have a daughter **Beth '97**. **John Monroe** reports that his son received a prize as top poet at Princeton last spring. John now deals with order-fulfillment-quality efforts for Hewlett Packard's minicomputer and workstation businesses. He reports that classmate **Larry Mohr** has a daughter at Stanford and **Bill Maxfield** has

a son **Peter '96** on the Hill.

Ithaca resident **Don Stewart** is a senior vice president and trust officer at Tompkins County Trust Co. Son **Chris** is a sophomore at U. of Colorado, Boulder and son **D.J.** is a senior at the Hill School. **Gary Schoener's** son **Alexander** has entered kindergarten. Gary traveled across the US and Canada last year speaking on the topic of sexual misconduct by professionals. Dr. **David Lederman** writes of the marriage of his son **Jonathan (Brown '92)** to **Jennifer Weiss (Brown '92)**. His daughter **Jeanine** will graduate from Emory this year and go on to law school in Boston.

**Donna Swarts** Piver reports that both sons **Brad** and **Todd** have graduated from the U. of Rochester and are pursuing graduate degrees in business and medicine, respectively. Donna is a middle school adjustment counselor in the Amesbury, MA school district. More duespayers equals more space for news! ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, 424 Pea Pond Rd., Katonah, NY 10536.

**67** "I work as a bookseller and special events resource person for Books & Co. in Dayton," writes **Carolyn Crouse Willard**, 9250 Clio Rd., Spring Valley, OH. "We're one of the largest independent bookstores in the country. Enjoy doing the events because I meet some extremely interesting authors—Anne Rice, Robert Fulghum, Graham Kerr, Ollie North, Dave Barry, and Fabio—and that was just in the last three weeks!"

"Son **Christopher Willard '97** enrolled last fall. **Bonnie (Kupchak)** and **Peter Winckler's** son is **Tate '97**. Our daughter **Kate** is a senior at Bellarmine College in Louisville, KY. She also works full time at a home for disturbed adolescent girls and plans to continue there after graduation. Matt, 14, is 'majoring' in phone communication with girls."

"My wife **Fran** and I have relocated to the cold Northeast after seven years in the Florida sunshine, where I was dean at Nova U. Shepard Broad Law Center in Ft. Lauderdale," reports **Roger I. Abrams**, newly-appointed dean of Rutgers School of Law in Newark. "We are back to being honeymooners: older son **Jason**, 22, lives and works in FL; younger son **Seth**, 20, is in his second year at U. of Michigan."

"The move has been wonderful. Rutgers-Newark is an extraordinary place—superb faculty, excellent students, and 8,000 loyal alumni. It has been fun coming home to NJ. I had lunch a few weeks back with **Bobby Holmes** and **Peter Buchsbaum**, both practicing law with large, prestigious firms in Woodbridge. I saw **Marv Goldstein '66** at the Cornell dinner this fall. All are prosperous but only Bobby has stayed in shape. (I'm afraid that includes me as well.)"

**Roger W. McCauley**, 10271 Antle Orchard Rd., Glouster, OH, is development director for the Corp. for Ohio Appalachian Development in Athens, OH. **Anne Sack Heybey**, 2878 Ticknor Ct., Ann Arbor, MI, "enjoyed the Cornell Club of Michigan's Ann Arbor get-together and the visit here of the Cornell Glee Club." She's updating *Hunt's Highlights of Michigan* and gets to "research



## Best Doctor

HARRY S. GREENBERG '68

**N**euro-oncology is the medical specialty that deals with brain tumors and the neurologic complications of malignancy. As a professor of neurology, and professor of surgery (in the section of neurosurgery) at the University of Michigan's medical school, Harry Greenberg's work requires extraordinary levels of heart and mind and pure surgeon's nerve.



And as director of the University of Michigan's neuro-oncology program, Greenberg wrote in the Cornell Class of 1968's 25th Reunion yearbook, "I have guided a multidisciplinary neuro-oncology program and seen it grow into one of the leading programs in the country, involved with both patient care and clinical and basic science research. We were recently designated a Brain Cancer Center by the National Institutes of Health."

Dr. Greenberg has been principal investigator for 143 publications, and has been listed in *The Best Doctors in America 1992-93*.

Greenberg is married to Anne Ferris, who is director of operations of the University of Michigan's medical school, and is stepfather to two children. The family, Greenberg says, "skis, paints, plays golf and tennis, runs, walks, stairmasters, philosophizes, tailgates, hot tubs, argues and genuinely enjoys one another's company."

—Paul Cody, MFA '87

Michigan's vineyards, beaches, and other attractions."

"In August, the campus looked great," advises **Doris Nicloy Folger**, 1244 Fish Hook Way, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, reporting on a summer trip "to enroll **Ryan Folger '98**." "Happy memories came flooding back," she adds. "Convocation was marvelous; President Frank Rhodes's speech was outstanding—he said everything that a parent wanted to hear, everything parents would want their freshman child to hear, and everything a proud alumna should hear. It was great!" ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008.

**68** Hope you've had a good winter. So far the skiing in New England has been hampered by cold weather, but I'm hoping for a thaw and looking forward to some trips out West. **Sue Rosenfeld Franz** is a caterer under the name Good Food in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Another classmate in the food business is my old friend **Joe Gellert**, who is a cheese importer. His company is Long Island Cheese, based in Hauppauge, NY. **Mike George** lives in Louisville, KY and is a site manager with Borden. **Jane Frommer Gertler** lives in Scarsdale and is director of

special services with the Edgemont School District in Scarsdale. Jane and husband **David '67** have son Howard at Princeton and daughter Meredith, a senior at Scarsdale who expects to enter Cornell in the fall.

**Becky Johnson Irvine** has returned to teaching full time after years of substituting. Becky reports that son **Matt Irvine '96** loves Cornell as much as she did. Becky indicates she enjoyed reading the new mystery novel *Stolen Identity* by classmate **Brian Regrut**. Brian's wife, **Joan (McElhinny)**, was one of Becky's roommates. A note from the Regruts reports that *Stolen Identity* traces the search for a missing telephone company executive and \$1 million worth of cocaine. **Terry Kanaya** is president of Kanaya Enterprise Co. Ltd. in Tokyo. **Henry Siegel** is an actuary with New York Life in the mergers and acquisitions department in New York City. **Benny Rubin** is an orthopedic surgeon in Orange County, CA, where he practices sports medicine. He travels frequently with the Olympic diving team as their team physician. Another physician is **Harry Greenberg**, a neuro-oncologist in the neurology department at the U. of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**Elissa Cogan** lives in Tokyo. After receiving her MBA from Cornell in 1976, Elissa worked for Touche Ross and then Coopers & Lybrand before starting her own accounting practice in 1981. She also became a faculty member at Kean College of New Jersey. In 1990 she returned to New York U. to work on her PhD in accounting, and there, in a calculus class, met her future husband, a Penn graduate. She went with him to Tokyo, where he is manager in the systems department for J. P. Morgan Investment Management. In Tokyo Elissa has worked for Merrill Lynch and Johnson & Higgins and also does some teaching.

**David and Karla Morkel Roth** live in Switzerland near Zurich. Dave is international tax counsel for General Motors Europe. Karla is active at the American International School of Zurich, where she is on the board of trustees. Living in Switzerland gives the Roths time to see more of Europe, including recent visits to Prague, Cracow, and Budapest. The Roths have three sons, one at the U. of Michigan, one at Wittenberg U., and the youngest in high school.

**Joan Weinstein Pettis** is a dietitian with the New London Hospital in New London, NH. **Richard Pozzuto** is director of the mental health center in Warwick, NY. This comes after an academic career that included stays in Oregon, California, and New Jersey. **David J. McGee** lives in St. Louis Park, MN and works for Sears. **Joyce Banch Flynn** is assistant superintendent of the Three Village Schools in E. Setauket, NY. Joyce received her doctorate at St. John's U. and mentioned friends **Lynne Holliday Beller**, **Barbara Hurd Mazzeo**, and **Candi Dabi Vene**.

I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109.

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### 25TH REUNION

Congratulations to **Laura Purnell Krich**, who has received the 1993 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching for Massachusetts in the secondary school category. The award ceremony takes place in Washington in late April, which means a trip for the whole family, including husband **Steven '66** and children Jacob and Abigail. The Krich family is looking forward to a Reunion trip in June, as well.

From **Caroline "Kate" Lyon Kastner**: "If you read computer periodicals you are sure to see **Peter** quoted frequently about trends for software and hardware. He often even helps the *Wall Street Journal* or *Business Week* as a partner in Aberdeen Group, a Boston-based, marketing consulting firm." Kate is a senior vice president for IRI Software, which she sincerely hopes "will remain in its upward trend as one of the top 50 software houses." **James P. Trozze** (Duxbury, MA) is now publishing his own investment research publication, *Value Investing*, through Moors and Cabot Inc. in Boston.

A "year of change" reports **Diane E. King**, who was forced to change jobs due to Onondaga County layoffs and the closing of her microbiology lab. She found a new job with a long commute—she has set up a lab in a small hospital—but would like to be working in a larger lab. "The economy has



hit other members of my family as well, causing early retirements and job relocations. It has been a tough year, but that is what I have to report."

**Michael Lederman** has returned to the US after 22 years in Italy racing cars and going to vet school. He lives in Venice, CA with his Italian wife, Monica, who works with him. "Still racing Porsches on the West Coast and don't miss Ithaca snow or northern Italian snow whatsoever." **Steven Marx** was also tired of snow, so he relocated his family and business to Tampa, "and I haven't looked back even once." Steven has begun construction on a new home that was eight months in the design and planning phase. Snow aficionados include the **David T. Stevens** family—including wife Jan, children Kelly and Chris—and the **Glenn Mann** family—with wife Gail, and children Becky and Stephanie—who spent the winter holidays skiing in Steamboat, CO, their sixth year of skiing together.

**Barbara Schultz** Spencer and family have relocated to the Chicago area from Dallas "where we lived for two years following our three in Milan, Italy." After working in Africa for more than nine years with the US Agency for International Development (USAID), **John J. Mitchell** is now assigned to Kathmandu, Nepal. John met his wife Janice (from the U. of Nebraska) while in Bangladesh. They were married in Sage Chapel in 1980, while John worked on his MPS in international agriculture, and have children Patrick, Kevin, and Emily. When on leave from overseas assignments John returns to the house he bought in Ithaca in 1986. **Susan Wohryzek** Mittler teaches third grade at Caroline Elementary School near Ithaca and is resolutions chair for the state board of the New York Parent-Teacher Assn. Her daughter **Jessica Mittler '94** is in Architecture and son Craig is a senior at Ithaca High. Husband Dan works at and commutes to Syracuse U. "Just heard from freshman dormmate **Carol McCambridge** Swart in San Antonio, TX. She has three daughters and is still with husband Bill."

After three tours overseas (Guadalajara, Mexico; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and Lahore, Pakistan) the **Jeffrey Olesen** family is back in Washington, DC for at least a two-year State Department tour. Daughter Wendy will use the time to choose a college—class of 1999—and "our sixth-grader son Brad will learn about football and all things American." **John Murphy**, a lawyer in Wellsboro, PA, reports on son John, who is a freshman and "doing well" in the pre-med program at the U. of Rochester, and son Edward, who played on the high school football team which completed its season undefeated.

**Dr. W. Michael Scheld** is professor, internal medicine, U. of Virginia medical school. He is board-certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases and is associate chair for residency programs. He has received the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award, the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, and Attending of the Year Award. He is married to Susan E. Vaughn (Ithaca College, '69) and they have a daughter, Sarah.

**Jerry K. Jensen** has fulfilled a "life-

long ambition" to manage an arts organization. He is now executive director of the Wichita Center for the Arts, a multi-purpose art gallery, theater, and school facility. Drawing on his experience as president of the Cornell Cinema Society, Jerry established a classic film series which presents "high quality" foreign and art films, with attendance rivaling regular movie theaters. "There is art and culture in Kansas beyond Dorothy and Toto. I urge you all to visit." After Ithaca in June, of course. ♦ **Joan Sullivan**, 51 Skyhill Rd., #202, Alexandria, VA 22314.


**70** Congratulations to the Class of 1970! We have over 400 dues-payers now and so we get 1-1/2 columns in each issue of *Cornell Magazine* (that's a 50 percent space increase). Well done! **Bliss Arneberg** Ireland and husband Tom have been living and traveling in Mexico for almost four years (Sierra Mimbres 29 Bis, Colonia Lomas de Chapultepec, CP 11000 Mexico DF Mexico—note, this is new). She wishes that she had taken Spanish at Cornell! Bliss has been working part time as a management consultant (c/o PO Box 311, Mendham, NJ) in human resources and volunteering on the advisory board of a professional women's group in Mexico City. She is also using her Hotel school background to help set up the food facilities for a senior citizens' center. **Paul Levy** and his wife have had another baby (third and last!), Claudia, born Jan. 15, '93. Paul works with **Steve Unger '68** at Norden Systems Inc. in Norwalk, CT.

**R. D. "Dan" Ladd and Jill (Jayson) '73** have hectic weekday and weekend schedules due to their four children. Each child is in soccer plus at least one other activity (Girl Scouts, baseball, religious school, riding, art class, etc.). In February 1993, they celebrated the bar mitzvah of son David. He did great during the service and they all enjoyed the formal celebration, aka the party, afterwards. Early in April 1993, the family went skiing at Snow Shoe, WV, with lessons and together time and 80 inches of snow left from the blizzard of 1993. Last June they attended Jill's 20th Reunion and the 50th Reunion of Dan's parents (**Bob '43** and **Carol Bowman Ladd '43**)! Dan continues to work with Booz, Allen and Hamilton in Arlington, VA, helping the US Navy manage its foreign military sales program with the Saudi Navy in the area of logistics and financial management.

**Dr. Michael Turell and Barbara (Fuchs) '69** are pleased to report they now have two extra reasons to visit Cornell, **David '94**, a communications major in ALS (Ag college to us old folks), and **Mary Beth '97**, an apparel design major in Hum Ec. (Yes, it stopped being Home Ec in '69!) Mike took his third trip to the Philmont Scout Ranch in June 1993 and he is now a scoutmaster after nine years as an assistant. He continues to study the ability of mosquitoes to transmit viruses. **Meryl Pugash** Bralower, a longtime management consultant, author, and human resources expert proudly announces the opening of Bralower Associates. It is a consulting service specializing in executive decision-making and career initiatives, located at 260 Franklin St.,

Boston. For the last 20-plus years, Meryl has assisted senior managers in a variety of industry situations, helping them in the management of restructuring, down-sizing, mergers, and transitions. Her firm will be promoting career initiatives in organizations, while maximizing individual career potential and aligning these careers with business's objectives. She holds a master's from both Columbia and Boston U. and a certificate from the J. L. Kellogg School of Management, and she was formerly executive vice president of Right Associates in Boston. She and husband Michael live in Chestnut Hill, MA with their daughter, 17, and son, 15.

In September 1993, **Michael Dooling** joined Witco Corp. (a worldwide manufacturer of specialty chemical and petroleum products and engineered materials) as director of its information center in Woodcliff Lake, NJ. He has overall responsibility for end-user computing, emerging technologies, and information systems quality assurance. Michael has an MBA from the Wharton School at the U. of Pennsylvania and has 17 years of experience in technology services. He had been a group manager at PepsiCo Inc. and was a management consultant with Arthur Andersen & Co. in NYC. **Suzanne Grisez** Martin writes that after nine years in the NYC public hospital system she has left to start her own healthcare consulting



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business, Suzanne G. Martin and Associates Inc. at 116 Village Blvd., Suite 200, Princeton, NJ. The immediate benefits have included exposure to a wider range of health policy issues (in this era of health care reform), a shorter commute, and relief from the daily stresses of a city bureaucracy. She is still adjusting to being on her own, minus the staff of 75. Husband David has taken a long-term consulting job with NYNEX on an international fiber-optic cable project. Daughter Stephanie is a junior at Williams College and plays varsity field hockey. Son Doug is a sophomore at the Peddie School and plays football. In the summer of 1993, Suzanne visited **Margo Williams Pollak** and her daughter Ryan, 15. The Pollaks have relocated from Wilmington, DE to Cincinnati, OH, where Margo's husband, **David Jr.**, '69, MBA '70, has taken a new job. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355.

**71** In Brookline, MA, **Tom Nally** is a registered architect/planner and director of the Artery Business Committee in Boston, which was established to support the \$6 billion Central Artery Depression Project and to represent the interests of the downtown business community during the ten-year period of the project. A new Harbor Tunnel is under construction, and utility renovation begins in downtown Boston in 1994. **Amy Noble** is a teacher's aide in Canton, MA. Amy is making a change, still trying to "break into" teaching by working as a teacher's aide for a second year, but has found making a career change from journalism to education an uphill struggle. **Leslie Jennis Obus** is still practicing law in NYC. (Note to Leslie: No special requests this year? Anything happen from last year's special request?) **Susan Phipps-Yonas**, a psychologist in St. Paul, MN, was just appointed by that state's governor to serve at the Minnesota Inst. of Child and Adolescent Sexual Health. **Paul Rahe** is a historian at the U. of Tulsa and reports: "My book, *Republics Ancient and Modern: Classical Republicanism and the American Revolution* (Chapel Hill: U. of North Carolina Press, 1992), has been chosen as an alternate selection for June 1993 by the History Book Club." Also, this academic year—September 1993 through June 1994—Paul will be in Washington, DC as a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (which is located atop the Smithsonian Inst.). **Howard Rubinson** is a radiologist in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

**Rodo Sofranac** is executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Phoenix, AZ. **Sally Clark Shumaker** is a public relations consultant in Tucson, AZ and poses an idea for a social network among classmates. She writes: "It could be called 'The Class of 1971 Bed and Breakfast Reconnection Network.' Those alums in our class who would like to be in the network (or would be willing to be in the network) would make their names/addresses/phone numbers available to our coordinator at Alumni House. The idea is to have a pool of homes around the country where fellow classmates would be welcome to stay overnight for a reasonable fee (say, \$40-\$50/night). Not only would they be staying at a fellow classmate's home and recon-



necting with that person on a social basis—they would be helping to raise money for our class coffers (\$40 to \$50/night could be sent directly to our contact at Alumni House for each night's stay, with checks made payable to Cornell Class of 1971). I would be happy to have classmates visit me in Tucson—stay for a whole week on vacation, if desired, with complete family. What a fun way to reconnect and raise funds!"

Rather than change, **L. Cawood South**, Canfield, OH, reports that he has been with American Paper Products & Envelope Manufacturing for 22 years, currently serving as marketing manager. Short notes: **Daiva Tucker Staman** is a writer in Jacksonville, FL. **Kenneth Stillman** is a doctor in Northborough, MA. **Douglas Stone** is with Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY. **David Tausig** is a financial consultant and president of a public financing economics consulting firm in Newport Beach and Sacramento, CA, now with more than 20 employees. **Edward Thompson** and **Jeremiah Cosgrove**, '81 are attorneys with American Fairland Trust and announced the formation of a very informal organization: Cornellians in Conservation. Membership inquiries and suggestions should be addressed to 1920 H Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC. **Dorothy Preisner Valachovic** remains involved with Cornell Club of Schenectady activities, serving for the third year as president. **Richard Zelman** is a practicing attorney in Coconut Grove, FL, and he and wife Jacqueline are celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary. He is still teaching part time at U. of Miami law school and riding his bicycle to Key Largo and back for a 150-mile charity ride. ♦ **Joel Y. Moss**, 110 Barnard Pl., NW, Atlanta, GA 30328.

**72** Dr. **Richard Fish** took one look at his last name and decided to become a veterinarian at the U. of Missouri in Columbia. **Charles Braun** is a plant manager for Bechtel Power Corp., where his surname also fits right in. Since receiving

his master's degree in mechanical engineering at Cornell in 1973, Charles has worked in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Hawaii, Colorado (again), Michigan, Arizona, California, and Virginia. Charles and wife Mary Louise have daughters Becky, 12, and Christina, 8, both of whom recently placed third for their age levels in the Virginia state gymnastics competition. The Brauns reside in Ashland, VA, where Charles manages the largest non-utility power plant in the country.

Dr. **James Hotz** is a physician at Albany Area Primary Care in Albany, GA. His wife, Trish, is director of the paramedic program at their local college. Jim writes that if any Cornellians would like to apply their medical skills in a manner consistent with their 1970s idealism, they should contact him. He says there are plenty of opportunities in the Albany area and in community health centers around the country. Jim and Trish have children George, 10, Jimmy, 8, Mary, 6, and Bubba, 4.

**Ruth Stark** is a professor at the College of Staten Island, City U. of New York, and says she is enjoying her laboratory as much as ever despite tough times for research funding. Daughter Aliza started kindergarten last fall.

My former roommate, **Mark L. Goldstein**, is an attorney with Squadron, Ellenoff, Plesent, Sheinfeld & Sorkin in Manhattan and resides in a tony section of Fifth Ave. **James Watson** is a specialist in public utilities and energy management for the US General Services Administration in Washington, DC. **Robert Dalrymple** is an engineer for Chemung Contracting in Pine City, NY. **Fali Blatman** Rubinstein is a marketing manager for Merrill Lynch in NYC. **James Gordon** is a business consultant for Maryland First Financial Services in Baltimore. **Robert Plattner** is an attorney at Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear in Albany, NY.

**Susan Wingerd** Webster is a school psychologist in Old Forge, NY. **Donna Schlingmann** Heckscher is a retail manager for Gap Kids in Ardmore, PA. **Keith Friedman** is a physicist in Santa Barbara, CA. Dr. **Wayne Conrad** is an orthopedic surgeon in Lancaster, PA. Dr. **Mitchell Kase** is a physician in Acton, MA. Dr. **David Reed** is a physician in Pittsburgh.

**James and Carol Kukka Detzel** live in Longwood, FL, where Carol is a senior medical marketing representative for a pharmaceutical company and Jim is a branch manager for a computer distribution company. They have sons 15 and 5. **Maxine Roeper** Cohen is an adjunct assistant professor of psychology at SUNY Ag. and Tech. College, Farmingdale. **Janet Lynn Cornfeld** is a psychologist in Bethesda, MD. **Nicolina Fedele** is a psychologist in Wayland, MA. **Judith Fox** is a self-employed social worker in Skaneateles, NY. **Nora Cheng** is an anesthetist at Kaiser Permanente in Clackamas, OR. **Linda Johanson** Beal is a self-employed accountant in Palos Verdes Estates, CA.

On July 15-17, '94, a reunion will be held for the staff of Open House, the 24-hour crisis and counseling center which existed in Ithaca between 1970 and 1975. The



reunion will be held at the Cayuga Nature Center in Ithaca, with the attendees sharing expenses. For further information, contact Susan Lerner at 504 S. Plain St., Ithaca, NY; (607) 273-1154 (H), (607) 255-1119 (W). ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, 512 Lenox Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090; (908) 232-8468 (H), (212) 686-7700 (W).

**73** I just returned from a cold weekend in New York City attending the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) midwinter meeting. Our class had strong representation (number-wise, at least!) with **Eliot Greenwald**, **Walter Johnsen**, **Susan Murphy**, **Richard Saltz**, **Marty Slye Sherman**, **Jon Kaplan**, **Ed Schechter**, and myself in attendance. Due to the increased number of duespayers in our class, I have been given instructions to lengthen this column because we are due more space; so forgive me while I ramble on a little longer than usual this month.

Here's some of the news that is "hot" off the News and Dues forms. **Robert Mukai** manages to squeeze in a round of golf now and then when he is not managing his law firm, teaching courses in patent law, or enjoying time with wife Merri and two sons. Bob sees **Jamie Sylvester Smith**, a partner in a Chicago patent law firm, and **George Ragsdale**, who is working towards his law degree in Philadelphia. **Donald Orlovsky** was recently successful in defending the sovereign immunity of the Seminole in Florida in the US Supreme Court. He lives in W. Palm Beach with wife Nancy Richmond and daughter Kyle, 2.

**Melanie Rodin Polk** is a consulting nutritionist in the Washington, DC area. **Marcia Kramer Taylor** is a full-time wife to husband Steve and mother to three children, and a part-time nurse in the Portland, OR area. **William Britz** and family (wife Maureen and five children) live in Gaithersburg, MD, where he is the program manager for Raytheon Service Co. supporting the Federal Aviation Administration with engineering, construction, and technical services. **Janice Bair Byrne** is an obstetrician and clinical geneticist at the U. of Utah. **Chuck Cohn** just moved to New Jersey with wife Dori and two daughters; he's a manager of consumer deposit products at the First Fidelity Bank.

**Paul Chirlin** is definitely a proud papa in Ohio: "Happily parenting three great kids. All brilliant, athletic, and gorgeous." **Robert** and Cheryl **Lepore** and 6-year-old twin girls split their time between Melrose, MA and Maine. Robert is the senior vice president of Cambridge Systematics Inc. "We have hired many from Cornell; they counterbalance our hires from MIT: the normal vs the unreal." I never knew that we were considered "normal" by anyone. **Dan Sperling** (professor of civil engineering at U. of California, Davis) is currently a member of the transportation policy committee in the Clinton Administration.

**Sarah Elfrieda Osborn** reports, "Daughter Betsy participated in her first graduation ceremony in June 1973 at Cornell when her parents received degrees: Betsy's most recent graduation was May

1993 at Oberlin College." Betsy is now teaching English in Indonesia. As for Betsy's parents, I have no idea what they do. **Vicki Simons** works for the second-largest architectural firm in the country—NBBJ—as a senior facilities planner in Columbus, OH. Now her interests are snow skiing (she never learned at Cornell in spite of all the snow), aerobics, traveling, and "learning" to play golf (for the past three years).

I just saw **Rob Loranger's** picture in the winter issue of the "Cornell Connect" newsletter. Rob participated in the 1993 Alumni-in-Residence program in November. He stayed in the dorms, ate in the dining halls, and attended classes. In the picture Rob looks tired: thank goodness we were all a lot younger when we were students and had the stamina to thrive in that lifestyle.

I thoroughly enjoyed my first issue of the "Totally Cool and Unofficial Kappa Newsletter"—one issue every 20 years. Much of the news was collected at Reunion. "The parties were great, very great, and I must say, the women looked a lot younger than the men in our class, with the exception of Delta Upsilon **Peter Durkalski**, who looked like an astronaut. (Get this. While the rest of us were nursing hangovers, he got up and ran five miles every morning. I hate that!) And Sigma Alpha Epsilon **Ray Van Sweringen**, who looked like a movie-star playboy." Actually, Ray is an attorney in Annapolis, MD. As an offshoot of the newsletter, I received a letter from **Cindy Williams**, who lives in Salem, MA in a sea captain's home built in 1810 and has a career as a partner in the firm of Day, Berry & Howard in Boston. Cindy has developed a new skill in gardening. "During the spring and early summer, with black dirt under my fingernails, I can trade Latin flower names with the best of them and regularly exhibit the garden during the biennial Historic Salem garden tour."

**Charles Camisa** produced two items in 1993 of which he is especially proud: the first (and most important) is his son, who was born on Halloween. The second item is his first book (and probably his last), *Psoriasis*, a textbook about the skin disease for dermatologists and general practitioners. I do like to read books written by people I have met, but I'm afraid this one does not fall into the category of light reading before falling asleep at night.

**Jeffery Corwin** reports from Charlottesville, VA that he is still single, but is developing a bit of a life outside of science by taking up canoeing and rowing. He retired as chair of one of the panels that ranks grant applications for the underfunded National Insts. of Health (NIH): a difficult task to be involved in because more than 85 percent of the grant applications cannot get funded due to lack of federal money. He was also promoted to full professor this year at the U. of Virginia. He helped to teach a course in neurobiology (amongst the sea gulls) at Cornell's Shoals Marine Lab in Maine.

The oldest of **Susan Kennedy Cox's** five sons is a freshman at the U. of Minnesota, while Susan has started a new career as a fabric design consultant. Susan and husband **Donald '71** and family live in Grand Forks, ND. **Torin Togut** was named to *Who's Who*

*in the South* for 1993-94, but he didn't tell me why! **Don Curry** and **Sandra (Whitney) '74** of Chappaqua, NY started their family in 1993 with the birth of Peter Douglas. **Barbara Gallen** has a Los Angeles-based company that teaches a revolutionary self-defense class for men, women, and children; they teach the "victims" to remain calm so they can think clearly and engineer their own survival. The actor/attackers wear protective gear so students get to fight back full force and experience what it is like to completely neutralize an armed attacker.

As I hear from our classmates I am continually amazed at the diversity of our accomplishments and triumphs; I am proud to be a part of such a unique group of individuals who spent four years sharing an incredible educational opportunity. ♦ **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko**, 4586 McDonald Rd., Syracuse, NY 13215; (315) 475-0034.

**74** **20TH REUNION** Pack your bags. It's Reunion time! Someone at our 15th put it in perspective: most of the kids who will be getting their degrees this June weren't even born when we graduated. Hmmm. But let's turn our attention to the folks we do know, **Marilyn Krinsky Price** is an attorney in private practice on Long Island. **Bill Van Sweringen** writes about the arrival of daughter Jessica in June. He's had lots of trips to Taiwan working on a plastics plant for a Chinese oil company.

**Junichi Tsuji** checks in from Honolulu and reports he was recently married and had (we assume wife Eiko did) a baby named Madoka Lani. From Duxbury, MA, **Thomas J. Rich** reports daughter Julia joined son James in the family, adding potential to the Cornell tradition started by grandparents **Tom '38** and **Helen Brew Rich '38**.

President of Slug-A-Bug in Melbourne, FL, **Doug Vander Poest** just moved into a new building custom built for the operation. **Mary Norfleet Young** is a clinical nurse specialist in private practice in Belmont, MA and married to **Jonathan Ross '75**. They recently welcomed son William to the world.

Food safety education is the specialty of **Diane Wright-Hirsch** who's with the U. of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service. In a more southern clime, **Astrid Muller** is the general manager of a time-sharing project in Aruba called Costa Linda Beach Resort, recently hosting the Queen of Holland. She enjoys the tropical life, along with daughter Kendra, 8. Living on the Gulf Coast of Florida, hospitality administration department chair at Florida State U., and loving life is **Joe West**, in Crawfordville, FL. **Robert Wuest** writes that he paid a one-day visit to campus last summer with wife **Wendy (McKee)** and kids Jim, 11, Diane, 8, and Ellen, 3.

From Jackson, MI, Dr. **Cathy Glick-Halman** reports she's a cardiologist in private practice and keeping busy with job, three kids, an old house, and a Mr. Mom raising the family. **Paul C. Schmitt** writes from Suffern, NY that he recently received his certified financial planner license. From Israel comes news from **Leonard Shoval**, who lives in Nazareth with his wife and sons



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Aviha, 13, and Ofer, 6. He works at Nilit Ltd., which is Israel's major manufacturer of nylon for the textile industry. **Ellen Franklin** started her own TV production company developing sit-com series under the Lorimar banner and reports life is hectic balancing the company and caring for Jennifer, 4, and David, 2. **Debra Hinck** moved to a new home in Woodbury, CT and, along with husband **Vincent deLuise, MD '77**, has girls Kyra, 8, and Linnea, 6.

**Phil Terzian** forwarded a brief note from Cupertino, CA, where he's president of PT Technology. **R. L. "Rob" Swanson** is a management consultant in Winchester, MA. He celebrated his 40th with a houseboat charter in the British Virgin Islands and a five-week trip out West with wife Merlly and boys Jeffrey, Brian, and David. It was a bad year for **Brad Buchanan** in Los Angeles, what with attorneys, job, and home values . . . "Get me a snorkel!" he writes. Life is good, he concludes, it just takes perspective . . . Brad always did have a unique view of the world.

**Scott Neslin** was named associate dean of faculty at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business Administration and is a recognized expert in market research and sales promotion. (Hey Scott, that's what the news release said.) **Peter Kaplan** reports that he is still in the tennis business in the Metropolitan New York area with three retail locations at which he sees lots of Cornellians. **Marianne Stein** Kah is manager of market analysis at Conoco in Houston. She's happy to be back in the hot South after experiencing three New England winters.

**Libby St. John Weinstein** is in Charleston and busier than she wants to be, but finds it hard to say no to part-time jobs, volunteer groups, and kids' activities. She has a new house on the Intercoastal Waterway and reports a good year shrimping. **Mary Ellen Smith** visited with her children last summer. In between all that Libby's an RN at the Medical U. of South Carolina. **Lynn Moskowitz** Glasser, husband Steve, and children David, 9, and Marla, 5, live in Wynnewood, PA. Each June since 1985 they have vacationed in Cape May with two of her former roommates and their families: **Ruth Zafren Ruskun '75** and **Jon '71, JD '74** and **Lil Konowitz '75** and husband Jeff Calish.

Dues but no news from **Kenneth Courage** in Bethesda, MD, **Alice (Johnson)** and **Victor Fornari** in Great Neck, NY. **Mark Wright** in Londonderry, VT, **William Young** in Clifton Springs, NY, **Tim Metcalf** in Owego, NY, **Dr. Ron Pies** in Lexington, MA, **Marilyn Ryan** in Devon, PA, **Robert Tasilo** and **Karen Reamsnyder** in Stoughton, MA, **Dr. Larry Schulman** in Englewood, NJ, **Kathryn Dubina** Seawell in Mobile, AL, **Cliff Segal** in Chesterfield, MO, and **Ray Seraydarian** in San Diego. See you in June! ♦ **Steven Raye**, 25 Litchfield Dr., Simsbury, CT 06070.

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I have a stack of news to report that came with your dues. This news is hardly recent but it should be of interest. **John "the Greek" Rodis** wrote that he is an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the U. of Connecticut. He serves as the director of the ob/gyn

residency program and specializes in maternal-fetal medicine (high-risk pregnancies). Marythenese and he have daughters Alexandra and Katrina. They are looking forward to the 20th Reunion in 1996.

**M. Suzy Schwarz** Quiles bought a new home in Cranbury, NJ, is teaching reading and math to kindergarten through fifth graders in the bilingual education program in Princeton. Also teaching, **Richard Nemchek** works with fifth graders at Hindley School in Darien, CT. Wife **Debra (Sabin)** is vice president of the Easter Seal rehabilitation center. The family took a vacation in Sanibel Island, FL last summer. Children Kyle, Cara, and Dennis and parents rode the autotrain from Virginia to Florida.

In June 1993, **Dr. Lee Morisy** was a delegate to the young physician's section of the American Medical Assn. (AMA) annual meeting in Chicago. Wife **Michele (Landis)** is busy with their children, Michael and Katie, who were on their club's swim team this past summer. **Dr. Ann Rosovsky** Beaton and husband Neal have boys Eric, Gregory, and Andrew. Ann teaches histology and microbiology part time at the SUNY College of Optometry. A new addition to **Ellen Cord** Dember's family is Ross, born in June 1993. He joins brother Sam.

**Steven Flatow** and Nancy Jane Casella (Tufts '86, Fordham Law '91) were married on March 6, '93. Classmates attending the wedding were **Bob Harrison** (best man), **Jerry Osher** (usher), **Zed Francis** (usher), **Meryl Kaynard**, and **B. J. Gluckstern** Greenspan. Steven is vice president, director of marketing for NHL Enterprises, the marketing company for the National Hockey League.

Moving from New York City to New Hampshire, **Michael Gerling** left Wall Street behind after a year of commuting. He took a position with Digital Mapping Co.-Geographic Data Technology and is executive vice president and CFO. Wife **Barbara (Rackow) '77** left her position at Cornell Medical-New York Hospital for Dartmouth Medical/Mary Hitchcock. Their son Christopher was joined by Megan Jeanne, born in October 1992. Michael was elected director-at-large Cornell Alumni Federation. That, together with the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO), keeps their contacts at Cornell active.

**Ilene Rosenthal** Hochberg bumped into **Reina Shakin** Schiffin (a former roommate) at Ilene's 4-year-old stepgranddaughter's dance recital. Reina's daughter was in the same dance. The following week Ilene's doorbell rang unexpectedly and another roommate, **Iris Schneider** Rosen, who was meeting someone in the neighborhood, dropped by. Iris brought news that their fourth roommate, **Nancy Todes** Taylor, would be visiting from San Francisco. Ilene was working on her first novel and has also written a children's picture book.

News from **Peter Digiulio** reminds me of how long it has been since our college days. He writes that daughter **Jennifer Yax '97** is in Arts and Sciences. Peter has been elected to the American Inst. of Motion Engineers. He is employed with Pitney Bowes, working on advanced concepts in product architecture and information technology.

♦ **Lisa Diamant**, 31 Ingleside Rd., Lexington, MA 02173.

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Our more faithful readers will no doubt have noticed this column's prominent absence from recent issues of *Cornell Magazine*. **Mark Petracca** and I, of course, have the usual excuses (work, family obligations, etc.), but the real reason has more to do with writer's fatigue. You see, I have been writing this column for close to 17 years, Mark for 12, and we are in desperate need of fresh penmanship. We urge the more enterprising among you to contact one of us and undertake to write one or two columns. Think of it as a chance to thrust yourself and your Cornell friends to the forefront of Cornell news, or, more modestly, as a way simply to ease the burden on your loyal class correspondents.

To whet the appetite of the more timorous among you, I thought I would share with you some of the responses to the question posed in our annual dues form—"20 Years Ago—Won't you please tell us some of your special memories or anecdotes of when you were a freshman at Cornell?" (A more complete report will follow in an upcoming class newsletter.) **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin remembers "watching guys streaking on West Campus—in the snow" (a recollection fondly cited by several classmates), while **Mitzi Young** Lucas recalls (painfully, for many of us!) being "thin and trim and diving across the volleyball court with reckless abandon." **Paul Ozarowski** remembers "living in U-Hall #1's third-floor lounge with five other guys for the first month," and "pulling all-nighters to get Comp Sci 101 projects done"; **Rita Redberg** recalls her "Wilderness Reflections bicycling trip through the Finger Lakes—seven days of great cycling, camping, sunshine, and camaraderie with my now best friend **Gail Ruter**man Schwartz and Carey, George, Fred, and Larry"; **Drew Nieporent** cites "Sperry in 1973—vivid memories of cinder block and pretty girls" and "everybody switching rooms on the fourth floor." **Ilene Wasserman** recalls "being swarmed by fraternity men recruiting us for parties" and "meeting the woman who became my best friend and the godmother of my daughter." **Michael Livingston**'s "biggest impression of freshman year at Cornell was the contrast between the sophistication that was expected of us and the childish reality beneath the surface," and, noting that "Psych 101 had more people than your average small town," Mike asks, "Is it any wonder I felt a little bit alienated?" **Candida Kreigh** Torgeson recalls "speeding down the curves of Plan-tation Road in Chip's sports car," **Eugene Wypyski** remembers "swimming in Fall Creek under the Suspension Bridge on Labor Day 1973, a blistering hot weekend," and **Alice Benton** Lanham speaks of freshman roommate **Diana Gonzalez** Villamil, who was from Puerto Rico and had never seen snow: "So we showed her how to make snow angels. After that, whenever we went anywhere, Diana would occasionally 'disappear,' and I would find her flat on her back making a snow angel." Imagine four years in Ithaca as a baptism to winter!



View this column as an opportunity to dream, to remember, to laugh, to cry, to wonder how the pre- and post-Cornell in you could inhabit the same body, to share your reflections with your peers. And, in the process, to relate the comings and goings of your classmates. Won't you pitch in?

More news next time. Keep warm!  
 ♦ **Gilles Sion**, 501 E. 79th St., Apt. 20A, NYC 10021.

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15TH REUNION

**Lon Hoyt** had a seven-week substitute role in Broadway's *Tommy*! His morning job during part of this period was helping Whoopi Goldberg prepare for the singing part in her next movie. Wouldn't it be great if Lon would step up to the microphone at one of our class dinners at Reunion? Another classmate who could take the mike during our 15th Reunion, June 9-12, is **Keith Olbermann**. He is the marquee name on the new cable network ESPN2. The *Cornell Daily Sun* reported that the three-hour Sportsnight which he hosts on "The Deuce" allows for more analysis, commentary, and foolishness—three things that Keith is very good at.

**Mary Anderson Ochs** is pleased that classmates are learning about her work as a Cornell librarian working with freshman

seminar (remember?) students as they use computing and the libraries to develop their writing skills. Gifts to our Reunion campaign can be designated to help equip a computer laboratory facility for Mary's students. Speaking of the class campaign, **Karen Min-eo Weale** and **Michael Tucker** thank everyone who came to February phoning in Princeton, NJ and to the many other phona-thons happening around the country. Special thanks also to **Stephanie Jacqueney** for working on a pre-Reunion party at the Cornell Club—New York in March. **Dan Mansoor** is hosting Boston-area classmates at his apartment on April 24. Call Dan for more info, (617) 923-3041. There's still time to have a spring gathering of classmates in your area; call **Beth Spinner** Sutherland at (217) 871-2285.

Send in your Reunion registration as soon as possible. Early registrants are assured of housing, childcare, etc. Plans are coming together for great class and university events. Be there! **Keith Fischer** has joined **Peggy Goldenhersh** as Reunion co-chair. They are handling most of the preparations, yet will need many willing hands during the weekend for brief assignments. Please call Peggy at (310) 459-7775 or Keith at (202) 337-6172.

**H. Fisk Johnson's** appointment to the Board of Trustees was recognized by the Class of 1979. A cash gift from the class treasury was sent to his adviser and mentor, **Michael Isaacson**, professor of applied and engineering physics. Fisk wrote, "Many thanks to the whole class . . . truly honored to be appointed . . . an enriching and challenging experience. I am also proud to represent the Class of 1979 as I take on this challenge. I have indeed marked my calendar for the June Reunion."

One activity you can enjoy during Reunion Weekend is a visit to the Johnson Museum of Art to view a special exhibition of ancient coins from the collections of **Jerry Theodorou** and **David Simpson '60**. The exhibit runs from March 25-June 12, '94.

Classmates who have recently changed jobs include **Natalie Spezio** of Greenwich, CT, who has joined Cellular One of New Jersey and New York as director of promotion marketing. Natalie, who holds a MBA from Harvard U., is responsible for planning, developing, and executing consumer, trade, and business-to-business programs, as well as special events and trade show participation. **Henry Schiemann** lives in Frankfurt, Germany, where he is marketing new technologies in the telecommunications field. Henry is looking forward to the 15th Reunion and is wondering what other classmates will be there. On behalf of the class officers, we urge YOU to be in Ithaca, June 9-12, '94! ♦ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, Box 1413, E. Hampton, NY 11937; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, 912 Meadowcreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23236.

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Happy spring! Congratulations to **Howard Homonoff** who married Susan Tuchman in Lawrence, NY in 1993. Guests included **Larry Kasanoff**, **Joan Kleinman**, **Ellen Tohn** and **Cay DenHerder '78**. Howard and his wife live in Brookline, MA. Howard is director of corporate and legal

affairs for Continental Cablevision in Boston. From 1988 until the beginning of 1993 Howard lived in Washington, DC, where he was counsel to the US House of Representatives' subcommittee on telecommunications and finance. Another attorney, **Jon Landsman**, has hung out his own shingle. He was formerly with the firm Shea and Gould in New York City (Good timing, Jon! Shea and Gould has announced that they are dissolving). Jon concentrates on commercial, real estate, and constitutional law. His office is in Manhattan.

Congratulations to our class members who were elected last May as officers of the Cornell Alumni Federation. **Sondi Johnson** was re-elected vice president for a two-year term. **Cathy Cosentini Bonczek** was elected director-at-large for a two-year term. Cathy currently lives in Boston, where she is a vice president with Bank of Boston. She was a director for the Cornell Club of Boston and chaired the membership committee in 1991.

Reporting on last November's CU in Philadelphia weekend, **Michael Hoard**, class president, writes that despite our loss against Penn and the cold weather, everyone had a spirited time. Thanks to **Steve** "I don't have a clue how many classmates are going to attend" **Ritchey**, regional vice president, the class reception and dinner on the Schuylkill River's Boathouse Row was a success. Other classmates seen during the weekend included **Fred Cohen** and wife Eileen, **Miriam Rogers**, **Heidi** "I'm stranded" **Fleischman**, **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis and husband Jim, **Margaret Gallo** and **Fred DeWolf**, **David Hoff** and wife Karen, and **Katy Noonan**. The Classes of '80 and '82-85 also joined in on the festivities.

**David Hoff** and his wife had a baby boy, Patrick Purcell, not long after the Philadelphia weekend, on January 6. David has been working for the past three years for Our House Inc., in Berkeley Heights, NJ. Our House is a non-profit agency that finds employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. David is a project manager with them and is currently working with Prudential to place individuals with disabilities in office and clerical positions. David also just completed a master's in social work from Rutgers U. He and his family live in Metuchen, NJ. Congratulations to **Scott Schiller**, who married Melissa Glaser on Nov. 11, '93 in Cleveland, OH. Scott is an account director of advertising sales at the MTV Networks in New York City. He has an MBA from Northwestern U.

Here's some news from the Ag college's newsletter: **Thomas Menke** has been a supervisor for the NY State Dept. of Correctional Services since 1985. Thomas lives in Dansville, NY with his wife Joanna and children Avery and Leandra. **Peter Orecki** lives in Wyanntskill, NY with his wife and three children. **Daniel Pisaniello**, wife, and daughter live in Lowville, NY. Daniel and his wife work as family physicians. **David Graham White** was chosen by the NY State Agricultural Society as a recipient of the 1992 Creal Agricultural Journalism Award (which honors the late **Harold L. "Cap" Creal '19**) for writing and reporting on state agriculture.



## Here's the scoop!

If every classmate who reads this sits down today to call or write five other classmates, we could say that all 1979ers probably heard from another as we celebrate 15 years since our graduation! Remember our years at Cornell by getting in touch with your personal friends.

Reunion, June 9-12, is a way to get together with those special people and see the campus and campus people.

Do you need the latest address or phone number of a classmate? Would you like copies of a Cornell postcard for mailing to friends? Can you help with Reunion? Call Mary Maxon Grainger, (607) 257-3268.



## An Appealing Couple

ARZA RAYCHES FELDMAN '82, STEVEN A. FELDMAN '82

Steven A. Feldman says, "I proposed to my wife in Collegetown, near Sheldon Court, two weeks after I met her. Although she said no then, and for the next four years, I never met anyone like her—either before or after. She finally said she would marry me at the Barnum and Bailey Ringling Brothers Circus." The partnership that had such a tentative start in Collegetown has gone on to bigger and weightier things.

Today the Feldmans are law partners as well as marriage partners. Their firm is located in Hauppauge, New York, and in only seven years they have been involved in the "Pizza Connection II" case, which involved the biggest heroin importation ring in United States history, the appeal of Kharey Wise, who was convicted in the "Central Park jogger" case, and the "Munchausen Syndrome" case. Munchausen syndrome by proxy, according to medical literature, occurs when a "parent fabricates or induces medical conditions or illnesses in a child, thereby requiring extensive treatment and intrusive diagnostic procedures." Arza Feldman became law guardian for three siblings in the



Arza for her *pro bono* work on behalf of the indigent," adds her husband.

The partnership has also produced two daughters, Jennifer, 3, and Michelle, almost 1. What started with a polite refusal in Collegetown, seems destined for a life, and marriage, and partnership, of considerable affirmation.

—Paul Cody, MFA '87

I've been working as a marketing consultant for the J. B. Williams Co. in Glen Rock, NJ since last July. The company markets some well-known brands that were formerly owned by SmithKline Beecham. Last summer I ran into fellow Riverdalian **Steve Silverstein**, wife Cathy Radons, and son Jonah, 3. Steve is in merchandising with the retail chain Linen and Things. They recently moved from New Jersey to Riverdale, where they bought a house.

Class News and Dues are now due! Don't forget to respond—it's your job (and ours) to keep this column interesting and current! Remember, class dues can be charged to your credit card account by phone, (607) 255-3021. ♦ **Robin Rosenberg**, 2600 Netherland Ave., Apt. 201, Riverdale, NY 10463; **Kathy Philbin LaShoto**, 114 Harrington Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and **Jennifer Read Campbell**, 103 Crescent Rd., Glastonbury, CT 06033.

**82** **Julie Dzik Anderson** has big plans for this summer. For now, she and husband Jonathan both work at the U. of Minnesota, where Julie is a clinical instructor in the dietetics program. But, come July, they will be moving to Tanzania to do Christian missions and community development work over the next five-to-seven years. We hope she'll write and keep us posted on life in Africa, and perhaps make

a stateside visit for Reunion in 1997.

Class Correspondent Emeritus **Nancy Boyle Rudgers** and husband **Nate** welcomed Bridget Claire to the family last November. Big sister Lyla is in kindergarten and big brother Judson is in fourth grade.

Warning: The rest of our news is darn-near one year old, so if anything is out of date, don't blame us. Send more stuff! **Cynthia Hall Domine** lives in Greenwich, CT and works four days a week in Manhattan as vice president for Leisure Concepts Inc., which licenses cartoon characters and movie and television personalities. She also reports "loving" motherhood—Elizabeth Paige turned 1 in January—but admits the schedule is hectic, writing, "I'm afraid it is slowly killing me." **Ron Dombrowski** went water-skiing with **Kurt Holstein** while they vacationed with their families in Port St. Lucie, FL. **Lisa Aronson Fontes** visited with **Wendy Cole**, who was in Northampton, MA researching a story for *Time* magazine on the town's lesbian community. Lisa joined her father, **Shepard Aronson '33**, at his 60th Reunion last year. **Jean Ratty Chidley** says she is having a great time running her own equipment-leasing business from home near Chicago, where she also helps with Cornell fundraising. **Gloria Parham Turner** reported she was named president-elect of Human Ecology's alumni association. We assume she's

president by now. **Rich Berkowitz** is in politics in Washington, but not the Washington you might expect. He's a policy analyst for the Washington State House of Representatives.

**Lidia Diminich Depardieu** is a management engineer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She also has one of the coolest names in our class. **Gail Schmertz Kerner** is general counsel for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. (MDA). **Dale Shuster** is a research immunologist for American Cyanamid Co. He and wife Victoria purchased their first house, in St. Johnsville, NY, last year. **Mark Stenzler** has been living in Zurich, Switzerland for five years. He has a weekly blues radio show there, 10 p.m. to midnight Fridays, so tune in if you're in the neighborhood. **J. J. "Jim" Paradiso** owns "Ratsy's," a popular hangout near the U. of Maryland campus in College Park.

So much for the 1993 news. Let's get each other up to date. Don't wait until your next dues form arrives to send news. Before going to sleep tonight, take five minutes to write a short note to one of the addresses below. Yes, that means you! We can't report engagements or pregnancies, but are happy to relay news of weddings and births, and most everything else is fair game. ♦ **Neil Fidelman Best**, 207 Dellwood Rd., Metuchen, NJ 08840; **Nina M. Kondo**, 323 W. 82nd St., NYC 10024.



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Greetings from disaster central. They now say Los Angeles has four seasons: fire, flood, drought, and . . . EARTHQUAKE! [Not to mention mudslide!—Ed.] So far I have made it through with no losses and I hope the rest of you fared at least as well. Many thanks to everyone who sent news. Like **Lisa Richman** Naimi, who gave birth to her and husband Moshe's first child, Samuel Jacob, last September 7. Lisa is a vice president in Chemical Bank's real estate finance department so she won't be getting any sleep until 1997. She also let me know that **Winnie Sandler** and **Steve Grinspoon** had their first baby, Reid Aaron, two days later and have recently moved to Wellesley, MA. Also, **Dawn Levine** and **Arnie Markowitz**, residing in Philadelphia, celebrated the birth of their second child, Samantha Madison, in December.

And a baby also for **Mike Darrow**, who is manager, total quality, at Sar Lee Hosiery in Winston-Salem, NC. Brandon Scott arrived last September and brother Josh just turned 3. Our former class treasurer, **Alan Ioffredo**, and wife Cathy are going to have to put their extensive travel plans on hold now that Michael Joseph has come into their lives. Speaking of disasters, the Ioffredos just escaped meeting Hurricane Iniki in Kauai. They also recently exchanged parenting tips during a visit with **Chad** and **Angel Crandell** and **Ralph** and **Karin Palmer**, families having two children each. **Doug Ranalli** is ready to start a family now that he's married **Shelley Plimley '86**. They currently run their own business, Fax International, a telecommunications company.

From my old stomping grounds in New York City, **Dana Gordon** reports she and **Elanor Brand** recently attended a dinner hosted by the Cornell Women's Alumni Council which provides undergrads an opportunity to network with alums. Dana also recently did lunch with **Shari Rabinowitz** Reig, after five years of having passed each other in the Rockefeller Center Concourse. She also hears from **Meryl Friedman** in Boston, who loves her new job with the State of Massachusetts Health Care Administration. **Lyle Mayne Owens** and husband **Greg '84** had their second son, Charles Brent, last spring. They are a systems analyst with Exxon and an engineer with Domino Sugar, respectively. Another former class officer, Correspondent **Michele Silverman** Krantz, is keeping busy as a full-time mom and attorney for the Dept. of Health and Human Services. She loves living in Cleveland, but she said it before January's deep freeze. She tells me that **Joanna Bures**, who is practicing psychiatry in Boston, recently was married and both **Michele** and **Amy Tayer** Goldman were bridesmaids. Also, **Beth Schlegel** Rand is juggling being a part-time attorney and taking care of 1-year-old Brendan. Lastly for this month, we hear from **Cheryl Siegel** Schneider, a mother of three (count 'em, three) children who has put her marketing career temporarily on hold to take care of her brood and husband Alan and work on their 75-plus-year-old house in Maplewood, NJ. Thanks again for all the news, but don't rest on your laurels, we still need much

more. And people, please show me that Ivy League graduates can put a little more effort into penmanship, especially in the names. ♦ **Matthew Tager**, 14055 Tahiti Way, #208, Marina del Rey, CA 90292, Fax (310) 823-1549; **Nancy Schlie** Knowles, 5 Elmcrest Cir., Ithaca, NY 14850.

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## 10TH REUNION

Well, I am writing from the Great White North of New England. There is yet another blinding snow storm blowing up outside. Hopefully, by the time you all read this spring will be with us, by the calendar and in reality. Plans for our 10th Reunion are in their final stages. You should have received your Reunion Registration packet by now. Mark your calendars for June 9-12 and get your registration back early. Call your friends, old roommates, lab partners, sorority sisters, fraternity brothers, etc. and encourage them all to come back. We are expecting a great turnout.

**Tony Ryan** is trying to track down '84 Sperryites for a get-together during Reunion. Check your Reunion packet for more information.

We have a Pre-Reunion Blast-Off planned for April 22. Events are planned for Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. It's a great opportunity to get together with other '84ers before Reunion. Check the ad in this issue for more details on the Blast-Off.

**L. L. "Beth" Nash** threw herself a 30th birthday bash in New York City in October 1992 at the Cornell Club-New York. Plenty of Cornellians were on hand, including **Lisa Batter** O'Rourke, **Jackie Zoladz** Buffon, **Janice Parmelee** Wingo, **R. Hayden Scholfield**, **Chris Cummins**, **Charlie Cole**, **Suzanne Karwoski** Jonker '83, **Sarina Monast** Bronfin '82, **Elizabeth Warner** '87, **Ali Sanderson** '86, and **Tom Vecchione** '86. Beth said that Jackie delivered her baby the very next morning. It must have been some party! Beth has also been involved in starting a Cornell Club of Oklahoma. There are more than 100 alumni in the Tulsa area. Good luck keeping the red and white spirit going down there; Beth might want to give **Andy Baxevanis** a call to hear about all the great things he has done with the Cornell Club of Maryland. Andy was re-elected to a third term as president of the club. He says anyone interested in getting involved or organizing a Class of '84 event should give him a call. As club president, Andy had the privilege of representing Cornell at the inauguration of the new president of a university in the District of Columbia. Andy has also been elected director, Mid-Atlantic region, to the Alumni Federation board. He has helped organize several local events, such as Cornell Day at Baltimore's Oriole Park last spring. In addition to all of his Cornell volunteer activities, Andy does find time for his new position as a research associate at the National Insts. of Health (NIH).

**Jay Lindy** is in Memphis, TN practicing law at what he jokingly calls, "The Firm." Jay says that **David Horne**, **Clay Lifflander**, and **Andy** and **Debbie Kramer** with their daughter Alexandra joined him for

the 1st birthday of **Cara Greenstein**, daughter of **Sheryl** and **Rabbi Micah Greenstein**. Jay said David and Clay also made their annual visit for the Memphis in May international barbecue contest.

**Deirdre Eileen Ryan** reports that she graduated from the U. of Tennessee veterinary college and has passed her NY State Boards. Deirdre has recently seen **Lisa Rini**, **DVM**, and **Marty Heebner**.

**Kersten Lanes** became the proud mother of **Richard Jagolta III** last December. Kersten and husband Rich have been busy renovating their home in Salem, MA. Kersten is a senior manager with Price Waterhouse, based out of Boston. **Nancy Rubin** Smith also sends news of the birth of a son, **Zachary Harrison Smith**, on Oct. 6, '93. Nancy is a plant human resource manager for Carrier Corp. in Syracuse, NY.

I look forward to seeing you all at Reunions. **Lynn Scattareggia** Duffy and **Joanne Restivo** Jensen have a great weekend planned. If we could only guarantee good weather for the weekend, we could almost guarantee a perfect weekend all around. ♦ **Terri Port** McClellan, 32 Bartemus Trail, Nashua, NH 03063; **Lisa Star-sky** Bronstein, 77 Haverford Ct., Hillsborough, NH 08876.

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If recent mail is any indication, the Stork is getting a major aerobic workout from the Class of '85. Our President **Debbi Neyman** Silverman is having a wonderful time with her new delivery, **Zachary Aaron**, to whom I had the pleasure of speaking unintelligible baby talk at the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) mid-winter meeting this past January.

**Lisa Chronin** Bregman and **Melinda Messick** are also enthusiastic about the joys of baby boys. Lisa's friend **Jill Kreutzer** Orent reported that Lisa is a very happy mom to son **Justin**, born last April, while **Melinda** writes, "Lots going on, but all I seem to remember is the most important—my husband **Bob Masters** and I had a baby boy, Oct. 10, '93. He's cute as could be and keeping me very busy for the moment, until I go back to work."

**Bill** and **Stephanie Liniger Page** report that their son, **Robert Alexander**, is also an energetic bundle of joy. When not cooing over Robert, the Pages enjoy partying with **Jim Joseph**, who celebrated his 30th birthday at a karaoke party also attended by **Mark Martin**, **Mike Greenberg**, and **Ed Catto**.

**Beth Friedman** Levine and **Carolyn Hargraves** Cassidy are singing the praises of motherhood. Beth's daughter **Emily** was born Dec. 1, '92, while **Carolyn** gave birth to son **Timothy James** on Sept. 17, '92 at NY Hospital—Cornell Medical Center. Downtown at Beth Israel Medical Center, cardiology fellow **Scott Mandel** tried to still his beating heart as he watched the miracle of daughter **Sage Hillaire's** arrival, while in DC, pulmonary care fellow **Nancy Parkhurst** Lawless demonstrated her expert breathing technique as she gave birth to daughter **Lyla Jean**.

**Mary Shih** Clevon, executive assistant manager of the International Golf Club and Conference Center, and **Jill Beckenstein**



Lerner, owner of several Golf Club Factory stores, probably yelled out something other than "Fore!" when they were bringing their children into the World. Nevertheless, Mary was delighted to announce the birth of her son Stone, and Jill enthusiastically noted that her daughter Amanda was "the second '216 Delaware' baby. **Margaret Vanasse** and husband **Luke Vaughn** had the first one, Katie, two years ago."

In other hotelier/mother news, **Cheryl Nolan Wendel**, HR director of the Guest Quarters Hotel in Windsor Locks, CT, sent word of her new daughter, **Chelsea Lee**, while **Jeanne McAlister Griffiths**, director of catering at the Hotel Macklowe in New York City, wrote to say that her family "now consists of Jeanne and Chip (charter members), Brad, 7, Jamie, 19 months, and Rio (the German Shepherd)." Adds Jeanne, "I'd love to know if anyone hears from Mireille Bouvier, who was with me at the IHMI Cornell-Essec in 1981."

One hotelier mom who has temporarily left the fold is **Dawn Makwinski Young**, who welcomed son Jack Andrew into a family that already included her son Matthew. Dawn writes, "I am currently away from the hotel industry in order to run my own daycare from home and raise my own children during their preschool years."

In addition to these baby announcements, my mailbox was also filled with missives from newlyweds. **Charlie Bostek**, a Seton Hall MBA and senior electrical engineer at GEC Systems Inc. told me that he got the sparks flying with his new bride, Mary, in a July ceremony that included wedding party members **George Sakona** and **Eva Bostek-Brady '83**.

**Christina Hauer**, an interior designer, sent word of her wedding to K. C. Hart aboard the MV *Diplomat*, a vessel berthed on the Hudson River. Classmates who joined the happy couple on their nuptial sail into the sunset included **Tracy Clippinger**, **Ann Welker**, **Joni Kats**, **Frances Smith Tolan**, **Stacy Weinstein**, **Karen Murphy Dougher '84**, **Robin Haskel Epstein '84**, **Robyn Jensen Buga '83**, and **Rickie Hauer Beagler '82**.

Landlubber **Lisa Wultz Waldman** was on solid ground when she said "I do" to husband Marc in a ceremony attended by **Jackie Brooks-Muller**, S. D. "Bonnie" **Ruben Nissenbaum**, **Dave** and **Judy Marlinski Doyno**, **Patrick** and **Lauren Miller Collins**, **Tracey Nichol Austin**, and **Jeannine Taaffe Smith '87**. Lisa, who runs the nationwide marketing effort for the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Assn., credits party-planner **Ellen Eskenazi '88** of Paint the Town Red Inc. with making the celebration so successful.

If you want to help make this column a success, drop me a note with details of your latest cause for celebration. ♦ **Risa Mish**, 269 Broadway, #2D, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522.

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This month's abbreviated focus will be on "alternative lifestyles"—nothing too racy, just those classmates who've pulled free from the medical-legal-business troika and opted for more individual or exotic pursuits. East met West

in February 1993 when **Poon-Ming Wong** moved to Hong Kong to be vice president for Bankers Trust, where she's responsible for "marketing derivative products to institutional investors in the Asia Pacific region." She invites Cornellians in the region to contact her at 23 Peak Rd., Apt. 38B, Tower 1, in Hong Kong, phone 852-804-6811. **Susan Paolini**, an old friend from chimesmaster days, is also doing something in Hong Kong but she wouldn't say just what. **John Saliling** is a management consultant for Booz-Allen and Hamilton in New York City, and while working on a project in Hong Kong in January 1993 he ran into **Bliss Blodgett** and **Arun Bedi**. Together they "drank a toast to Cornell memories from the heart of Asia."

**Albert Stamp** works at the Foreign Correspondent's Club in Tokyo. Though that in itself sounds exciting enough, he writes that he's basically still "plodding along, waiting for the economy to recover." **Ellen Nearman** has opted for the best of both worlds through work at the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco. **Daniel Salazar** has sailed from Frisco to Okinawa and back again as a naval gunfire instructor based in Coronado, CA. **Timoticin Kwanda**, now a manager in Surabaya, wrote to announce that the Cornell Club of Indonesia is now in full swing with 75-plus members.

**Laurie Rosseau** works for Pilot Software in Surrey, England and had the chance

last year to kibitz with **Craig Beving** and **Karen Dillon** on a visit to Cork, Ireland, where Craig was on a six-week assignment for Pepsi. The trio kissed the Blarney Stone and were blessed with the "gift of gab."

Back at home, **Marc Meyer** works as a paramedic and firefighter for the Houston Fire Department. He completed his MS in biochemistry some four years ago, and in addition to being a blazemaster he's selling real estate (no doubt using a "hot property" pitch) on the side. "And as if that isn't enough," he writes, "I'm caring for a Dalmatian, a 22-pound cat, and a new house" to boot.

Marc should call **Lida Rodriguez** Bringe to fiddle while Houston burns; she's still playing and teaching said instrument at the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago, and completed her first self-produced album of instrumental music called *This Life of Care*.

**Mark Feinknopf** has begun a photographic partnership with Scott Cunningham in Columbus, OH, snapping fashion, corporate, architectural, and portrait photos for a similarly wide range of clients. **William Alba** finished a PhD in chemistry at U. of California, Berkeley in 1992 and now teaches science and math—and leads search and rescue trips—for Phillips Academy in Andover, MA. **Paul Reed** is also a science teacher, for Chenango Valley High School



## Class of 1984 Prelim Schedule

— April 22, 1994 —

**Our** 10th Reunion is right around the corner (can you believe it?). Recognizing that classmates would enjoy a chance to begin refreshing memories and Cornell relationships in advance of Reunion Weekend, arrangements are being made to have regional get-togethers on **April 22**. We encourage you to attend one of these happy hours and to bring other Cornell friends (whether or not you are confirmed to attend Reunion).

### (Prelim Schedule)

- ATLANTA:** Location and time to be determined. Contact **Ellen Barre**, (404) 262-2309 (home) for more information.
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Contact: **Terri Port McClellan** (617) 558-2119 (work)
- NEW YORK**  
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Contacts: **Carol Leister** (212) 860-8472 (home)  
**Paul Stoddard** (203) 778-0030 (home)
- PHILADELPHIA:** Dock Street Brewing Company  
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Finally, **Jeff Dunlap** wrote personally to announce his marriage last September to Albion College grad Amy Lyden. **Byron Delavare**, **Leora Brayer** Mechanic, **Neil Hoyt**, **John Smales**, **Cindy Davis** Redemacher, and **Pam Schmitt** Cary were in attendance.

I'll be taking leave for a few months to be a doctor in Africa, but will resume my duties here on my return in July. So keep writing! ♦ **Michael Berkwitz**, 2301 Delancey Pl., #3, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

# 87

After weeks of frigid temperatures and cloudy days, it had to be sunny on Groundhog Day. This has to be the coldest winter I've experienced since we arrived on the Hill some ten years ago. I'm not sure I can stand six more weeks of winter. I received congratulatory notes on my wedding from several of you as a result of my December column. **Yana van der Meulen** Rodgers was one, and asked me to bring her friends up to date. Yana earned her PhD in economics at Harvard in June 1993. She and husband William are now assistant professors in economics at William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. Speaking of doctorates, on Oct. 10, '93 fellow hockey fans **William Sangrey** and **Lisa Sweeney**, PhD '93 tied the knot in Ithaca. Their courtship began two years ago as William's car broke down in Boston during the ECAC hockey playoff, and Lisa was kind enough to give him a lift back to campus. (Little did she know . . .) **Dale Braden** and **Steve Paul '90** served as ushers, and **Lynne Raymond** and **James Habron '85** were on hand to celebrate with the newlyweds. I must note two other Sangrey family members who are alumni: William's father **Dwight**, PhD '68 and sister **Karla '89**. William himself will soon pick up a graduate degree. He and Lisa live in Tulsa, OK, where ice hockey is a little-known sport.

The Winter 1994 issue of *Cornell Today* prominently featured (with a photo) our very own **Barbara Comminos**, who has worked in Albany in the NY State Legislature as an analyst, monitoring legislation for the Assembly's majority leader. **Carol Tong** wrote from Canada that she has been a "supervising editor for a college and university textbook publisher in Toronto—now I know why those textbooks cost so much." **Susan Richardson** sent her new address: "I've moved again . . . relocated by AT&T to Portland, OR." Susan works as an account executive and has recently picked up fly-fishing as a hobby. From New York City, **Amy Siskind** Bayer reports her promotion to the head of bank debt trading at BDS Securities Corp. Chemical engineering major **Julia Tuthill** was promoted to Ivory Clear brand manager at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati. Next time you buy an Ivory Clear product, you can take pride in knowing that a classmate was in charge.

I continue to be amazed by the different paths many classmates have taken since graduation. Listen to **Adrienne McVicker** Reing: "My position as an embryologist (at Cornell Medical College) for 6-1/2 years is now leading me into various consulting opportunities abroad. After returning from an

exciting trip to Belgium and France, I'm leaving for Israel for the second time (in 1993)." **Julia Ann Pisani** had an interesting trip in Alaska while taking "a sightseeing tour of Denali National Park, wearing a Cornell sweatshirt. The bush pilot saw it and introduced himself as a 1978 Cornell grad. He then sang the 'Alma Mater' (I'm not making this up!). Guess I should wear this sweatshirt more often."

Back on Long Island, **Amanda Dookram** Slade reported that after she and physician husband Johnny honeymooned in Hawaii in 1990, they "decided that Hawaii was wonderful and moved there. (While in Hawaii) we have traveled to Australia and New Zealand. Had it been closer to our families, we would have settled in the Land Down Under. Our first child was born in the Aloha State (her name: Sabina Gabrielle Leilani). Now we are back in New York as we enter new phases of life—parenthood and homeownership." I also heard from our fearless Class Vice President **Paul Morenberg**, who wrote from Boston: "After a year at U. of Buffalo law school, I transferred to Boston College law school. My decision was motivated by my fear of a fourth consecutive Super Bowl loss by the Buffalo Bills. My roommate will be **Dan Gershator '86**." Well, Paul, I guess your premonition of the Bills' defeat has come true. Paul also reported sightings of **Jacob Moss** and **Susan Figelman**, who both work for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Boston. (Correspondent's note: Susan, please drop me a line.)

I'll end this writing on a happy note with a couple of recent nuptials. **Reva Gold** wed **Eric B. Fischman '86** in October 1993. Reva is a policy analyst at Abt Associates, in Bethesda, MD. Eric works as a lawyer with the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System. The wedding ceremony was held at the New York Marriott Eastside. Also in October, **Keith Lostaglio** married Kathleen Mary L'Esperance in Stamford, CT. Keith has been a graduate student in the history of medicine and science at Yale. For more class news, send checks or money orders (and your news, of course). ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, c/o Engineering Admissions, Carpenter Hall Annex, Ithaca, NY 14853-2201; **Richard Friedman**, 32 Whites Ave., Apt. 2205, Watertown, MA 02172; **Stacey Pineo** Murdock, 428 Porter St., Manchester, CT 06040.

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Ah, April! What a warm and comforting thought on this frigid day in January as I write this column. January did, however, usher in more than just blustering winds and Arctic blasts to New York City: the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) midwinter meeting was held January 21-22, and no fewer than eight '88 class officers attended, proving once again how strong and dedicated the Class of '88 is to Cornell. **Eric Hoerdtorfer** was there. He works at the Westin Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport, after four years living in Vail, CO.

On the other side of the Pacific, **Laurence Rosoff** is working in Bangkok, Thailand, doing hotel development for First Pa-



cific Land. Laurence would like to hear from his freshman roommate, **Robert Grossman**. Robert, and anyone else wishing to get in touch with Laurence, can write him at Apt A, 128 N. Sathorn RD, Bangkok 10500 Thailand. Another member of the international contingent is **Eric Way**, who lives in Lyon, France. Eric is playing parent to his 14-year-old brother for a year while he attends Lyon's International Junior High School. Eric even attends PTA meetings! (That's good practice for you, Eric.) Perhaps Eric can send some parenting tips to **Leon** and **Beth Rosenshein**, proud new parents to Miriam Sophia, born on Leon's birthday, Oct. 19, '93. What a great gift idea! **Colleen Piscione Mattoon** and husband **Dale '87** welcomed Morgan Elizabeth into the World on June 2 '92.

Quite a number of '88ers work in the healthcare industry: **Bradley Foster** is a medical resident at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston; **Mary Barber** is a psychiatry resident at the Payne Whitney Clinic in NYC; **Jay Dubowsky** is an internal medicine resident at the New York U. Medical Center in NYC; **Cecille Tapia** is a second-year resident at Parkland Hospital in Dallas; **Jean Ferreri** is a member of the Vet College's class of '97; **Richard Reid** holds a faculty/internship position at Michigan State U.'s vet college; **Sue DeClerck Pegg** is administrator of a subacute health-

care facility in Mystic, CT; **Rina Eidelberg** works in the corporate marketing department at Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield in NYC; **Marc Chevrier** has a PhD in pharmacology from Johns Hopkins U. and is working on his MD; **Debbie Shalvey** is a pharmacist in Buffalo; and **Denise Filler Strauss** works in pharmaceuticals for Pfizer in NYC. So, what do all you guys think about Hillary's healthcare plan?

Many of you recently took trips down the aisle and are enjoying wedded bliss. Happy couples include: **Amanda Rose** and **David Campbell**, married Oct. 10, '93 in Princeton, NJ in the presence of **Abigail Rose '90**, **Rachel Sifry**, **Nadine Freed Bernard**, **Alice King '87**, and Professor Isaac Kramnick [**Joshua Goren '87** also attended shortly before his death, Oct. 23, '93—Ed.]; **Lori Kelsey** and **Joe Stauder** married April 24, '93 with **Alba Catapano Zobel '89**, **Andrea Kirchgessner**, **Rina Eidelberg**, **Ted Cox**, **Kristina Schneider '89**, **Heather Campbell Forkey '89**, **Michelle Adelman '89**, and **Mark Zobel '89** in attendance. Announcements spotted in *The New York Times* wedding section include: **Justin Fries** to **Pamela Horland** in Palm Beach, FL.; **Spencer Kroll** to **Nona Balaban** on Dec. 18 '93 in Rumson, NJ; **Jody Gonzalez** to **Robert Werner III** on July 10, '93 in Wayne, PA; **Stacy Silverman** to **David Chaikin** on Dec. 4, '93 in Woodbury, NY; **Bonnie Weissblatt** to **Douglas Weill** on Oct. 23, '93 in NYC; and **Nona Weiner** to **Thomas Ullman, MD '92** on July 17, '93 in Chicago. May you all enjoy many years of happiness together.

ATTENTION all you classmates who like contests! Starting with this issue our class will hold a contest to see how many "missing" classmates we can locate. "Missing" classmates are those for whom the university has no current addresses. In each issue, five "missing" names will be listed in this column. Every six months the '88er who has supplied us with the highest number of current addresses during those six months will win a piece of Reunion '88 memorabilia. Addresses should be sent to Class Secretary **Diane Weisbrot**, 3 Wadsworth St., Allston, MA 02134. The five "missing" names for April are: **Schiller Ambroise**, **Jennifer Edith Amos**, **Robert Whitney Anderson**, **Lawrence Sallee Antoine**, and **Lessy Antunez**. Good luck and happy hunting! ♦ **Alison Minton**, 333 E. 56th St., #11B, NYC 10022; **Wendy Myers Cambor**, 610 W. 110th St., #9B, NYC 10025; **Diane Weisbrot**, 3 Wadsworth St., Allston, MA 02134.

**89** **4TH REUNION** Hey, the countdown's in its final stages: we have just a few more weeks to wait! For what? FOR THE REUNION BLOW-OUT THAT'S PLANNED FOR OUR CLASS... Here's an abbreviated schedule: Friday, June 10, AM—Breakfast; All-Alumni Luncheon (optional); PM—free time to hang. Saturday, June 11, AM—Class Breakfast; Lunch, Ivy Room, followed by a class photo on the Straight steps; PM—6-7 p.m., Happy Hour between U. Halls 4 and 5; Dinner, beside Noyes; 9:30 p.m., campus-wide

"Cornelliana" program at Bailey Hall. Sunday, June 12, AM—Class Breakfast, swap addresses. According to Class Prez **Elise Billings Hamann**, our headquarters is in Dickson. It's still not too late to be a part of the fun, call Alumni House at (607) 255-7090.

Elise also shared some news about some newlyweds in our class: **Emily Farnham** Mastrianni was married Oct. 23, '93 in Allentown, PA. Emily's bridesmaids (**Elise**, **Jinny Van Deusen**, and **Mickey Kamfjord**) helped her celebrate in style. Emily and husband **Joe** moved into a new house in Saratoga Springs, NY. He has his own software company in Schenectady while she still works for the Omni Sagamore Resort on Lake George, NY. Mickey had her own reason to celebrate: she married her high school beau on New Year's Eve in Cincinnati. **Mike Clarkson** and **Jen Carini** were wed last August in Nantucket. With the number of alumni in attendance, their wedding sounds like a mini-reunion all its own: **Elise** and **Jim Hamann**, **Anne Chambers**, **Chrissy Schwin**, **Andrea Park**, **Kim Griffinger**, **Malia Mills**, **Julia Stern**, **Paige Van Wirt**, **Chris Canas Stinchcomb**, **Kathy Otis Decceschi**, **Marci Weisler**, **Heather Long**, **Sue Bergesen**, **Caryn Marooney**, **Roland Lange**, **Greg Fitzgerald**, **Eric Bergeson**, and **Rob Roeser** (along with eight others from '88)... whew, I'm surprised President Rhodes didn't attend with this many '89ers congregating!

The wedding bells also rang for **Kenny De Lorenzo** and **Alexandra Suh**. Alexandra wrote that they were married in her hometown of Suffern, NY on August 7 with her contingent of Cornellians: **Tracy Hammer**, **Wendy Powers**, **Kim Weimer**, **Jasen Stock** and **Nancy (Griffen) '90**, **Teresa Peffley** and **Lee Cooper**, **Rob Kritzer**, **Patrick Andrew**, and **Dr. Elaine Cheon-Lee**. Kenny earned his DVM far above Cayuga's waters last May and has been working as an associate veterinarian at a mixed practice in Quakertown, NJ. [For those of us who are ignorant, just what IS a "mixed" practice?] Alexandra went on to inform me that she is a first-year vet student at Tuskegee U. in Auburn, AL. Kenny took the Alabama State Board exams and joined her.

Wedding bells continued to ring (almost as frequently as the Cornell chimes): **Mark Zobel** and **Alba Catapano** wed. Among six alumni in their bridal party, our class was represented by **Kristina Schneider** and **Kathryn Underberg**. Alba wrote that Mark had completed his MBA at Duke and that she earned a joint MBA/MILR at Cornell. They planned to live in Los Angeles.

More classmates walked down the aisle: **Amy Wilson** and **Philip Goodrum** were married Dec. 30, '93, with **George Lopez** as best man. Amy mentioned that "Phil and I met during our sophomore year at Cornell and have been together ever since. He went to Washington, DC after graduation and worked for an environmental consulting firm before joining me in Portland, ME in 1992. He's currently earning his master's in environmental engineering at Syracuse. For the past four years I have been in the clinical psychology PhD program at the U. of Maine and will finish in the fall of 1994."



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As some might say, "ring on" . . . Cathy Taylor's letter mentioned her annual New Year's bash with **Julie Freed**, **Susan Hanna**, **Liz Sieczka**, and **Michelle Fornabai**. "Julie is working on her MBA while still being employed in the food business. Susan is finally leaving Norfolk, VA and is starting a new naval assignment at Staten Island. Liz graduated from New York U. medical school. Michelle earned a MArch degree from Princeton . . . **Joanie Numssen** was married to Matthew Santos in San Francisco, where the couple now lives. She's getting into the broadcast business." August continued to be a busy month, seeing that **Martin Tornai** married **Susan Purcell '90** in Fishkill, NY. **Jeff Herrema** was among the Cornellians in attendance. Jeff moved to Jackson, WY to start his own business. As for me, I was living in northern California for two years after graduation, and that is where I plan to live again! However, I decided to come back to Boston to do graduate work at Boston U. (Yeah I know, 'Screw BU.') I am working on my master's in public health and social work—a three year program which I am truly enjoying!" (Congrats on the program . . . sorry for the delay—ASR.)

See you at Reunion. Plan to be there: just think, you won't want to miss out and have to regret it for FIVE YEARS! ♦ **Alan S. Rozen**, 839 Reily Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215.

**90** Riots, fires, earthquakes, floods, one after another, all in the same place, can add up only to one thing: Los Angeles, and a great buyer's market in real estate. All California seems to be paying penance for the sins of Michael Jackson. Let's start, then, with news of those classmates who hug the Pacific undeterred by divine wrath.

**Joseph Aulicino** has begun studying law at Southwestern U. law school here in Los Angeles. **Timothy Lynch** hangs out in Pasadena and teaches at the Harvard-Westlake School now that he has received his MS in astronomy from California Inst. of Technology. **Susan Mrozek** is in La Crescenta, while **Kavin Bloomer** is at the beautiful Sheraton Grand Torrey Pines in tony La Jolla. **Marko Zaninovich** lists Bakersfield as his address, while farther north **Elizabeth Wilkinson** has found her heart in San Francisco, where she works for Marie Fisher Interior Design and lives in "the cover house of *The Painted Ladies Revisited* by Michael Larsen and **Elizabeth Pomada '62**." Also in San Fran is **Jodi Gold**, who failed to include any information about her architectural surroundings. **Jeffrey Emerson** resides in El Cerrito. And, finally, reminding us of the glamour of LA Past, **Michael Thompson** calls North Hollywood home.

**David Herold** also lives in Hollywood, but over in Florida, where they fear hurricanes and Fidel Castro instead of earthquakes and NAFTA. David is finishing his medical schooling at the U. of Florida, Gainesville.

Another Cornellian with a yen to help people, **Tracy Evans**, reports on her marriage (September 1992) to **Stefan Krantz '89**. The Washington, DC event gathered together a number of classmates, including **Rachel**

**Korn**, **Michele Silver**, **Ron Buckanovich**, **Michelle Dwyer**, **Geoff Green**, **Jeff Goldstein**, **Rahul Gulhati**, **Dave Knudsen**, **Vin Figueroa**, **Rohit Talwani**, **Bill Riha**, and **Glen Wilk**. Tracy, who graduated from the U. of Maryland with a degree in social work, is working at Temple Shalom as a rabbi's assistant and social worker.

The humanitarian streak is a mile wide among our classmates. Several (many, many) have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of Truth and Justice in the world's oldest profession: lawyering. **James Goldstein**, fresh from Boston U. law school, girded his loins to wrestle the Massachusetts Bar exam. He was looking for work in DC, and we're sure that he will be successful, given his experience in local government as a member of the cable television advisory committee and his scholarship for work in communication law. **Lauren Friedenberg**, JD in hand from the U. of Michigan, will be joining the illustrious New Jersey Bar in Roseland, NJ. **Leslie Braginsky** wrote in from the fine law school at U. of Pennsylvania; **Marc Boxerman** has completed his course of study at the U. of Chicago law school and is looking for a job while living in the "urban and intellectual" (his emphasis) neighborhood of Hyde Park.

**Jennifer Bitz** writes from the New York U. law school (she's actually doubling up with urban planning) of recent JDs: **Scott Gold** and **Matt Nicoletta** at Georgetown Law Center, **Doug Gitlin** and **Nancy Solomon** from NYU, and **Kerri Jew** from Emory law school.

Meanwhile, **Douglas Onsi**, freshly graduated from U. of Michigan law school, hails a different set of conquering heroes, Cornellians who are his law school classmates: **Craig Waldman**, **Dave Messinger**, **Rene McCurry**, **David Kolesar**, and **Chris Gilbert**.

Not to be outdone, **B. Kathleen Blanchard** not only got her JD from U. of California, Los Angeles, but she also wrote to me and included the names of her fellow UCLA/Cornellians: **Don Wade**, **Joe Lin '87**, **Adam Schair**, **Jim Farrell**, **Karen Lawrence '89**, **Bill Litt**, **Ben Pavone**, **Lauren Sobel**, and **Vicki Yuen**. Although I haven't run into any of them in the corridors of justice yet, I'm sure that the California legal world will benefit from the influx of Cornellians.

And, with this influx, we understand a little bit better the source of the cosmic anger that has ravaged this ruined paradise of lost angels, to misquote Shelley. ♦ **Sam Zia-Zarifi**, 225 S. Olive St., #910, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**91** Greetings again from frigid Ithaca. Unfortunately, my supply of personal letters has run out, so I must rely mostly on News and Dues forms to write this column. Please write and let me know what is going on, so I can include more recent information in this column. Thanks! Before I start with our news, I have to say "hi" to **David "DJ" Ledina**, whom I saw at a number of football games this past fall. DJ is living and working in the New York Metropolitan area. See, DJ, I finally remembered to mention



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### IF I'D KNOWN THEN . . .

In the season (and spirit) of Commencement, prominent Cornellians tell what they wish they had known when they left the Hill.

### THE JAZZ CRITIC

by Jack Bettridge

From Charlie Parker to Joshua Redman, *The New Yorker's* jazz critic, Whitney Balliett '51, has seen—and written—about them all.

### COINS OF THE REALM

by Graham Leggat

An exhibition at the Johnson Museum highlights the magnificent obsession of two Cornell coin collectors.



you in the column!

Several wedding announcements from *The New York Times* have recently arrived on my desk. Classmates **Britt Lacher** and **Marcus Tauber** were married this past December 26 in New Jersey. Britt is in her third year of medical school at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ, while Marcus is a marketing associate at Furman Selz, an investment bank in New York City. **Stephen George** married Kelly Johnson, a U. of North Carolina graduate who is now studying at Columbia U. Stephen is an investment banking associate with Merrill Lynch. Congratulations and best wishes to both couples.

Kudos, too, for Marine 1st Lt. **Philip Mahoney**, who was recently promoted to that rank while stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Southeast (broadly defined) is also home to **Randall Singer**, who works in human resources for American Cyanamid in Havre de Grace, MD. **Erik Saszik** also lives in Maryland, working as a broiler flock supervisor for Perdue Farms Inc. in Salisbury. I must say, Erik, that yours is one of the more interesting jobs I have heard about from classmates. Moving south from there we find **Fernando Alonso** teaching school in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, while moving north we find **Kathryn Kraus** working as an admissions counselor at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ. A quick jump across the country reveals **Jeffrey Burmeister** employed as a hearings representative with Employer's Unity Inc. in Tukwila, WA, and **Daniel Dammann** is working as an assistant manager with Rand McNally in San Francisco. I'm sure that the political turmoil in Europe has kept all the cartographers busy!

San Francisco is also where **Kevin Luebers** works as a hotel investment analyst with Prudential Realty Group. Similarly employed is **Kathryn Pierson**, a hotel analyst with the Tishman Hotel Corp. in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The field of financial analysis has also claimed

**Brad Grimm**, who works for Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield in New York, and **Michael Casey**, an international accountant with the Putnam Co. in Boston.

Working our way back around the country, we discover that many classmates are engineers or "computer people." (I fall into the latter category.) These include **Michael Jillson**, a chemical engineer with E. N. Wen Inc. in Natick, MA, and **Bob Koenig**, a computer analyst with J. P. Morgan in New York. **Michael Ahern** is a project manager with Bellcore in Piscataway, NJ, while **Garrett Grega** is a process engineer with Mobil research and development in Princeton. The middle of the country yields classmates **John Tagle**, a mechanical engineer with Delco Electronics Corp. in Kokomo, IN, **Andrew Reinach**, a project engineer with Baker Concrete Construction in Monroe, OH. And, in the Southwest, **Kevin Toledano** is a product engineer with Advanced Micro Devices in Austin, TX. Finally, **Andrew Orndorff** is a programmer analyst with ISSI/US DOT/NHTSA in Washington, DC. I'm not sure what all of those initials stand for (except for DOT—Dept. of Transportation), but I hope that the work is as interesting as they would make it seem.

Of course, no column would be complete without mention of classmates who are still in school. Three provided by my pile of paper are **Elizabeth Mirabile**, a medical student at New York U., **Yvonne Driessen**, a law student at Temple U., and **Robin Leong**, a law student at Georgetown.

That's a wrap, as they say in show business. Please send me news of the goings-on in your lives, so I can share them with our classmates. Until next time. ♦ **Howard Stein**, 600 Warren Rd., #3-2D, Ithaca, NY 14850; (607) 257-3922.

**92** It sounds like lots of us are getting romantic these days, as I've been receiving lots of engagement announcements. Believe me, I love hearing the news, but you won't see the happy couples mentioned until the happy event has actually happened. So, I just ask you all to send me the news *after* the fact. And here are some of the wedding announcements I've received.

**Kristen Johnston** married **Piers Barker '91** on June 12. It seems they had their own mini-reunion at the ceremony, with about 35 Cornellians in attendance. "A great time was had by all—especially Piers and me—and it was incredible to be surrounded by our closest friends, many of whom were from Cornell," Kristen wrote. "It really makes you think about how important your college days are when you realize the friendships you make!" Kristen is working for Andersen Consulting and Piers is in his third year at Cornell Medical College. I hope you two have some time to see each other!

I served as a bridesmaid for the wedding of **Ruth Herzog** and **R. Todd Pack** on June 26 in Loveland, OH. Other alumni in attendance included best man, **K. S. "Kirk" Mettler** (living with his wife **Anne (Beale) '93** in New York City and attending Columbia), **David Toth** (second year of

medical school at U. of Rochester), **David A. Coleman** (working for IAI Inc. in Maryland), **Amy Furman** (Albany law school), **John M. Krause** (grad school for meteorology at Oklahoma), **Rick Bukowski** (U. of California, Berkeley in engineering), **Joel Pratt** (U. of California, Los Angeles in political science), **Jennifer Reese** (working in Gaithersburg, MD), **Alan '90** and **Michelle (Hennenman) Schussheim '90** (living in Cincinnati), **Bill Hinkle** (back at Cornell), **Michele Lee '93** (Cardozo law school), and **Pippa Loengard '93** (living in New York City). Ruth and Todd live in Nashville: Todd is a student at Vanderbilt; Ruth is a software instructor for a computer consulting firm.

Also, last summer in Amherst, MA, **David M. Riley** and **Kenda Kroodmsa** were wed on July 19. They are both in medical school at Stanford. Among the many alumni in attendance at their wedding were myself, **Jeff Richmond**, **Greg Della Rocca**, **David Wrona**, **David Toth**, and **Paul Lacava**. I know there were more of us there—when all of the Cornellians got together to sing the "Alma Mater," there were about 25 of us from a variety of classes!


Jeff and Paul are roommates at Cornell Medical College. Jeff sent me a note to inform me **Eric Klopfer** married **Rachel Levin '91** in August and the couple is now living in Madison, WI, where Eric is getting a PhD in ecology and Rachel is a vet student. In attendance at the wedding were **Dan Gitner**, **Joe Ezrol**, **Matt Goldberg**, **Ken Saji**, **Caryn Roberts**, **Gabrielle Mollo**, **Andy Reinach '91**, and **Anne Dettelbach '91**.

And, keeping with the wedding theme, **Nicole Harris** gave me a call to let me know she and **Rey Hollingsworth** were married Sept. 1, '93 in Niagara Falls. They live in New York City, where Nicole is a teacher and Rey is a company vice president.

On to other assorted tidbits of news. **Jeannette Buchanan** is spending a year teaching English in Poland and Kaliningrad, Russia. She is in Eastern Europe under the auspices of WorldTeach, a private, nonprofit organization based at Harvard. Maybe Jeannette will run into **Michele Benton**, who is product manager for SmithKline Beecham in Warsaw, Poland. **Margaret Alexander** is a supervisor at a group home for autistic adults in Rolla, MO. **Mohammed Ansari**, a chemical engineer for Pepsi-Cola outside NYC, returned to the Hill last Homecoming to interview co-op candidates. He also noted that his apartmentmates are **Matthew De Luca** and **Ricardo Gonzalez**. **Meredith Rosenberg** was in Prague working on a conference. Last fall she returned to NYC and is now working in marketing research and applying to grad school for international affairs and foreign diplomacy.

**Charles Anyimi**, **Michelle Hensel**, and **Rittie Chuaprasert** are working for Intel Corp. in Folsom, CA. Charles is a technical marketing engineer, Rittie works as a business planner, having passed the CPA exam, and Michelle is a component design engineer, pursuing an MBA in marketing.

I also heard from **Caryn Poll**, who is in the master's of biology program at Long Island U. She spent New Year's Eve with **Leslie Bluman**, who is in the U. of Michigan master's of public health program; **Ellie**



**Do you have something to sell?**

Use the Classifieds. See page 86.



ot Austin, studying sex (i.e., human sexuality) at New York U.; **Sandy Fraleigh**, who's working in Ithaca at a home for developmentally and physically challenged teens; and **Debbie Wachenheim '93**, who works for Planned Parenthood in Albany. Caryn mentioned that she saw **Kindra Kelly Quagliana '90** and **Amy Sachs** at the wedding of **Karen Kemble '89** and Andrew Sachs on November 26. Amy, by the way, is waiting to start vet school this fall. She's been working in the VA hospital in Syracuse doing seizure research and helped instruct the Liverpool High School marching band, and accompanied the group to the Fiesta Bowl.

Anyone have any exciting summer plans? If it's easier for you, e-mail me: [Renee1992@aol.com](mailto:Renee1992@aol.com). ♦ **Renée Hunter**, 1120 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; (716) 473-0927.

**93** Hi! Thanks to everyone for writing about what's been going on with classmates. Please keep in mind that it takes a while to get the news out, so if you don't see your name this time, be patient or write to one of us again with an update. Also note: the amount of column space we have is directly related to the number of class duespayers. So, if you want to see more details about your friends, get them to pay dues. Now, on to the news...

Heading toward the end of their first year of law school we find **Greg Paradise** at Fordham and **Peter Irwin** and **Loren Levine** at St. Johns. **Keith Strier** is at New York U., where he sees numerous Cornellians, **Eric Wagner '92**, **Robb Tretter**, **Rob Fromberg**, **Sonia Lee**, and P. S. "Sipi" **Bhandari** among them. Also at NYU is **Sheri Rabiner**, who was mistakenly reported to have been at Penn. **Jeff Bernstein** is at Duke (along with eight other Cornellians), and **Josh Wells** is at Boston U. along with his former U-Hall neighbor **Kim Grundfast**. He also sees **Jon Lobell** (at the Massachusetts Inst. of Technology), **Marc Merriweather** (at Harvard), and **Kevin Harris** and **Miriam Plavin**.

At NYU medical school we find **Scott Fink**, and **Edward Sampt** is at the U. of Connecticut medical school. Another mistakenly placed classmate is **Shannon Clouston**, who is *not* at Syracuse but at Northwestern. **Nicole Teitler** writes that she is working on her master's in environmental engineering and that L. A. "Beth" **Schneggenburger** is earning her PhD at the U. of Illinois. Also working on PhDs are **Brett Stein** (electrical engineering) at U. of California, San Diego, **Kristin Schaefer** (counseling psych) at Fordham, **Matthew Berk** (English) at Johns Hopkins, and **John Davis** (anthropology) at Stanford.

Working on master's degrees are **Valerie Silensky** (foreign service) at Georgetown, **Maria Larusso** (developmental psych) at Harvard, **Susan Kashaf** (public health) at Boston U., **Hao-Hua Chu** (computer science) at Cornell, **Rachel Rosenfeld** (industrial relations) at U. of Illinois, **Zia Khan** (mechanical engineering) at Stanford, and his apartmentmate, **Greg Long** (aerospace & aeronautics), also at Stanford.

**Melissa Jacobs** is a caption editor at Na-

Julie Jong had a single room freshman year, which she wasn't pleased about, because she heard if your roommate died, you instantly received a 4.0 for the semester.

—JENNIFER RABIN '94

tional Captioning in Falls Church, VA, and **Rochelle Spring** is a human resources assistant at American Dynamics. Twins **Chris** and **Alex Ortiz** live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan where Chris works as an accountant for JP Morgan, with **Carrie Weinstein**, **Mario Pena**, and **Lynette Rodriguez**, and Alex is an auditor at Andersen. **Chris Noviello** is a management trainee with Fleet Bank, and **John Noonan** is at Price Waterhouse. **Jaqui Lurie** is a media planner at Young and Rubicam, and **John K. Lin** is a design engineer for United Technologies. **Matthew Kelman** is an assistant to the publicity manager at the Putnam Publishing Group, and **Kelly Horl** works on employee development at Brooklyn Union Gas.

Finally, I am happy to announce that **Thomas Ticknor** married Pepper Jennings last August 15. **Jean Tansey** married **Mike Knab '92**, August 28; **Elisabeth Sherman** and **Mitch Ratisher '92** were in the wedding party, and the newlyweds honeymooned in Bermuda. **Jennifer Chopping** married **Douglas Prugh '92**, October 10. **Karen Byrne** married **Orson Wang**, December 17. (They met in their freshman writing seminar!) Much happiness to all. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, 310 W 95th St. #7A, New York, NY 10025.

**94** The Class of '94 has just completed its final Spring Break at Cornell; to me, that means the final countdown to Commencement and panic because I am still nowhere near securing a job for after graduation. So instead of discussing classmates' great post-grad plans, I'd like to convey the feelings of nostalgia many seniors are currently feeling as we take our last prelims, prep for our last exams, and get psyched for Senior Week.

Many students were astute enough to

turn over their class dues forms and fill out some of the questionnaire on the back. The favorite Cornell stories most often involved the AD White-Ezra Cornell statue story and kissing on the Suspension Bridge, but some students opted for more recent and personal experiences.

**Lisa Sacks** remembers partying in the basement of Ruloff's, cheering at the results of Election Day 1992 and screaming something about sex. And following the sexual trend, **Seth Stuhl** relayed a story about the curse that resided in his freshman-year dorm room and the room of his ex-girlfriend for several years: whoever lived in those rooms ended up in a relationship! **Julie Jong** had a single room freshman year, which she wasn't pleased about, because she heard if your roommate died, you instantly received a 4.0 for the semester.

All seniors will remember, like **Emily Zollweg**, the Blizzard of 1993, followed by the Flood of 1993. I was taking a leadership course led by **Ken Blanchard '61** that weekend, and I'll never forget trying to get back to Collegetown in two-foot snow drifts. **David Engler** was excited about Cornell because of stories about our national championship ice hockey team; he actually thought he'd see another in his years here!

Many seniors have definite ideas about where they'll be in 2019—25 years from now. **Mark Birta** wishes to be chairman and founder of a hospitality company, probably in food and beverage. **Charles Haase** stated specifically that he'll be working for Ford Motors as a design engineer, and **Tara Greene** hopes to be working on creating her own design/architectural firm. **William Callazo** thinks he'll be a professor of anthropology at a prestigious university, perhaps Cornell! **Mary Ellen Lewandoski** wants to be a leader in health care, providing services and creating programs for needy citizens. **Gwen Daniels '93** will be back in her artistic career after a long break to have her three children and raise them, and **William Rieke** hopes to be either a CEO or a ski bum. Wouldn't it be a blast if we all achieved our goals and came to Cornell to speak about them at our 25th Reunion?

When we first stepped onto Cornell's campus, I'm sure most of us were overwhelmed by the size of the place. **Donna Windish** thought it was beautiful; of course, it was sunny that day! **Robert Stevens** had another viewpoint; to him it was big, hilly, and white, as he arrived in a blizzard. **Eric Smith** thought that for being an Ivy League school, Cornell was very down to earth, and **Chad Slate** thought the campus was so huge, he got lost. **Charles Keeton** thought to himself, "Look at all the construction—this place must have lots of money!"

Well, in the past four years, we've certainly experienced an inordinate share of snow, construction, tuition hikes, Title IX suits, and unfortunately, tragedies. But as our days at Cornell run down, I hope the Class of '94 will unite, bond in the bars, on the streets, during Senior Week, and at Schoellkopf on May 29. Until then, take it easy, donate some cash to the class gift, and savor the final days of sleeping late. ♦ **Jennifer Rabin**, 211 Linden Ave., Apt. 11, Ithaca, NY 14850.



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# Alumni Deaths

'20—**Lillian Harvey Stacy** (Mrs. Thomas F.) of Piqua, OH, Nov. 3, 1993.

'20 BA—**Lyman (Hyman) Stansky** of New York City, Nov. 21, 1993; lawyer specializing in cases involving art objects.

'21 BA—**Jesse D. Stark** of New York City, Jan. 18, 1993. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'23 BChem—**Alexander C. Morgan** of Atlanta, GA, Nov. 11, 1993; active in alumni and religious affairs. Zeta Psi.

'23 BA—**Helen D. Smith Stoddard** (Mrs. Arthur E.) of Westerlo, NY, formerly of Granville, Sept. 29, 1993; retired dairy farmer; active in community and religious affairs.

'24 BA—**Virginia H. Lyons** of Syracuse, NY, Dec. 9, 1993; active in alumni affairs.

'24, CE '26—**William E. Steffy** of Elmira, NY, June 4, 1989; active in alumni affairs.

'25 BS Ag—**Cyril F. Campbell** of Boca Raton, FL, Oct. 14, 1993. Acacia.

'25 BA—**Schuyler B. Pratt** of Potomac, MD, Nov. 19, 1993; active in alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'26 BS Ag—**Earl C. Foster** of Baldwinsville, NY, Nov. 19, 1993; former assistant commissioner, NY State Dept. of Agriculture and Markets; former executive secretary, NY State Emergency Food Commission; active in community and alumni affairs. Theta Chi.

'26, B Chem '27—**David W. Jayne Jr.** of Lake Worth, FL, March 29, 1991. Phi Delta Theta.

'26 MS—**Joseph L. McReynolds** of Selmer, TN, Aug. 17, 1988.

'26 BS HE—**Mary Lewis Moore** (Mrs. Theodore W.) of Webster, NY, Jan. 17, 1993; active in alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'26—**Ellis R. Williams** of Wyoming, PA, Sept. 15, 1993.

'27 BA—**Caroline Spicer Leatherman** (Mrs. J. Martin) of New London, CT, Oct. 11, 1993; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'27 LLB—**William G. Shoemaker Jr.** of Buffalo, NY, Nov. 15, 1993; retired lawyer, Runals, Broderick & Shoemaker; active in professional, community, and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

'29, BA '30—**Elinore Gibbs Brueckner** (Mrs. Herman J.) of Menlo Park, CA, May 11, 1993. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'29—**Virginia Binenkorb Karet** (Mrs.

Harold M.) of Williamsville, NY, March 25, 1993; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'30 BS HE—**Ida Miller Chapin** (Mrs. Willard J.) of Perry, NY, Nov. 12, 1993; active in religious affairs. Kappa Delta. Husband, Willard J. '30, MD '33.

'30 BS Ag—**Anthony J. Diodato** of Westfield, NY, Sept. 6, 1993.

'30 BA, LLB '32—**Daniel L. Golden** of Hollywood, FL, July 28, 1989. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'31—**William Carroll** of Mequon, WI, Oct. 18, 1993; active in alumni affairs.

'31 CE—**Gilbert P. Church** of Wilmington, DE, Sept. 25, 1993; active in alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'31 BA—**Herbert B. Douglas** of Shaftsbury, VT, Nov. 30, 1993; built and ran Vermont Shop; former manufacturer, ladies' scarves; active in alumni and community affairs.

'31, DVM '32—**Ralph W. Gifford** of North Chatham, NY, Nov. 3, 1993. Omega Tau Sigma.

'31, BA '33—**E. Gordon Hubbel** of Denver, CO, April 30, 1993. Kappa Sigma.

'31 MD—**Marion C. Loizeaux** of Albany, NY, March 12, 1993; retired physician; former chief, long-term and geriatric medicine, Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital; first woman to receive a commission from the US Army in the European theater, World War II; active in alumni affairs.

'32, CE '33—**Keiji Akabane** of Tokyo, Japan, April 15, 1993.

'32 DVM—**Samuel J. Berger** of Salinas, CA, Oct. 19, 1993.

'32 BS Hotel—**John A. Bullock** of Belleair Bluffs, FL, Nov. 17, 1993; restaurant owner; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'32—**Allen L. Dessert** of Machias, NY, Nov. 5, 1993; former vice president, Founders Supply Co.; owned and operated radio and television stores. Theta Kappa Phi.

'32, BA '39—**Louis D. Gimbrede** of Lafayette, LA, Oct. 8, 1993; retired professor and department chair, geology, U. of Southwestern Louisiana; active in alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'32 BS HE—**Katherine Rogers Hodges** (Mrs. Albert R.) of Hanover, NH, Dec. 3, 1993; university benefactor. Chi Omega.



# ALUMNI DEATHS

'32 PhD—Lawrence A. Wood of Chevy Chase, MD, Sept. 20, 1993.

'33—Willard R. Hover of Binghamton, NY, Jan. 22, 1993.

'33 BA, PhD '38—Richard M. Roberts of Berkeley, CA, Oct. 29, 1993; retired research chemist, Shell Development Company; former lecturer, physical chemistry, at Cornell; music composer. Telluride Association.

'33 BA, MA '34—Sister Mary Anne (Alice) Ryan of Mt. Angel, OR, Sept. 4, 1993; Benedictine nun.

'36 PhD—Blanchard L. Rideout of Ithaca, NY, Dec. 3, 1993; professor of Romance studies, emeritus, Cornell; former university marshal and founding director, Division of Unclassified Students; active in university, professional, alumni, and religious affairs. Wife Anna (Roehrig) '35. [See also page 6, this issue.—Ed.]

'36—Guido F. Verbeck Jr. of West Tisbury, MA, Nov. 8, 1993; retired senior vice president, Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.; retired brigadier general, US Marine Corp; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'37 LLB—Grover C. Bradstreet of Hammondsport, NY, Oct. 22, 1993.

'37-39 Grad—Robert C. Drake of Buffalo, NY, Nov. 15, 1993; president and owner, George H. Drake Inc. and Elmwood Plumbing.

'38 BA—Evelyn L. Oginsky of Portland, OR, Oct. 17, 1993; retired professor of bacteriology, U. of Texas Health Sciences Center; former research associate, Merck Institute; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'39 BS Ag—Gerald E. Oaks of Ellenwood, GA, Sept. 24, 1993.

'40 LLB—Bruce G. Dean of Ithaca, NY, Dec. 11, 1993; retired Tompkins County, NY judge; active in alumni affairs.

'40 BS Hotel—John C. Osoinach of Jonesboro, AR, Aug. 16, 1993. Theta Delta Chi.

'40—Howard G. Tickell of Henrietta, NY, May 1991.

'41, BME '42, MME '49—William K. Stamets Jr. of Evansville, IN, June 1993; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'41—Edward M. Umans of Clarendon Hills, IL, Oct. 25, 1993; veterinarian specializing in the care of race horses. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'42 BS Ag, PhD '53—Donald G. Huttleston of Kennett Square, PA, Dec. 2, 1993; active in alumni affairs.

'42 BA—Marjorie Buchan Seymour of Ridgewood, NJ, Nov. 4, 1993; active in community affairs.

'43 MD—Joseph Blanchard of Newtown, CT, March 27, 1993; retired doctor specializing in obstetrics and gynecology; active in alumni affairs.

'43—Slade Kennedy of Meridan, CT, Oct. 8, 1993. Kappa Sigma.

'43 PhD—Harry A. MacDonald of Ithaca, NY, Nov. 14, 1993; professor emeritus of agronomy at Cornell; established birds-foot trefoil as a forage species of major significance in American agriculture; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'43 BS AE M—Robert B. Murphy of Canandaigua, NY, Nov. 28, 1993; Presbyterian minister; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi. Wife Dorothy (Brown) '43.

'43 PhD—Gerald Oster of Sud Cabaret, Haiti, Oct. 8, 1993; biochemist; artist who used his discoveries in photochemistry to create Op Art; co-founder of a clinic to serve the rural population near Sud Cabaret.

'43—Boris J. Paul of Albany, NY, Nov. 10, 1993. Phi Sigma Delta.

'44 BS HE—Priscilla Fulton Jung (Mrs. Adolph R.) of Johnstown, NY, Nov. 20, 1993; was secretary and treasurer, the former A. R. Jung Company; home economist, Best Foods Company, during World War II; active in religious affairs.

'44—John S. Taylor of Jacksonville, FL, Oct. 11, 1993; former president, Tifcon Co.; former president, Loeffelholz Co.; Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'44 BS Ag—H. Frederick Tripp of Schoharie, NY, Nov. 16, 1993; retired educator; member and former president, Schoharie Central School Board of Education; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'45—Edward Kolkman Jr. of Grand Island, NY, Oct. 1, 1993; former president and chief executive officer, Stimm Associates Inc.; active in community affairs. Theta Xi.

'46, BEE '49—Richard B. McCarthy of Phoenix, AZ, November 1993.

'47 MD—Robert F. Freeman of Carson City, NV, Feb. 8, 1993.

'47 BA—Elizabeth Young Norton of Gouverneur, NY, Dec. 10, 1993; former journalist for the *Syracuse Post-Standard*; former educator; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'48 PhD—Ward W. Bauder of Breckenridge, CO, Nov. 29, 1993; retired professor of rural sociology at Cornell.

'49 BS AE—Richard M. Baker of Mystic, CT, July 31, 1993.

'49—Robert A. Brechter of Shelter Island Heights, NY, Sept. 8, 1993; marketing executive, machine tool industry; active in

community affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Wife Jean (Schultheis) '49.

'49 B Arch, MFA '51—Robert I. Inglehart Jr. of Horsham, PA, Oct. 15, 1993. Sigma Pi. Wife Jean (Kelly) '49.

'50—Alton L. Bland Jr. of Pineville, NC, Oct. 20, 1993. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'50 BS Ag—John A. Doll of Lockport, NY, Oct. 29, 1993.

'50 BS Hotel—Paul C. Kilborn of Richmond, VA, Nov. 8, 1993; president, Kilborn Management Group; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

'52 JD—Leo J. Gangl of Ithaca, NY, Dec. 14, 1993.

'52 BA, MBA '56—Melvin G. Harvey of Northampton, MA, Oct. 19, 1993.

'52 BS HE—JoAnn Vagg Keiper of Woodland, CA, Nov. 16, 1993; active in alumni affairs. Chi Omega.

'52 BS Hotel—Keith B. Olson of Victoria, BC, Canada, May 9, 1993.

'53-54 SpAg—Vincent S. Campanale of West Palm Beach, FL, Jan. 22, 1989.

'54 B CH E—Ellwood R. Ertel Jr. of Carrollton, TX, Jan. 3, 1993. Delta Chi.

'54 MD—Alan S. Paterson of Salt Lake City, UT, Dec. 11, 1992; former teacher, U. of Utah Medical School/Veterans Administration residency programs; active in alumni affairs.

'57—Donald A. Reiter of Grand Island, NY, May 23, 1992. Sigma Pi.

'57—Donald J. Warren of Amityville, NY, Oct. 16, 1991. Seal and Serpent.

'60—Joseph M. Steiner of Greencastle, PA, Jan. 22, 1992. Kappa Sigma.

'60 MS—Sister Dorothy Marie Quigley of Greensburg, PA, Sept. 7, 1993; a member of the Sisters of Charity.

'61 BS Hotel—John D. Broadhead of Orlando, FL, July 26, 1992.

'64 MD—Kim A. Keeley of Brooklyn, NY, September 1993.

'70 BS Engr, ME E '71—Roger K. Berman of Freehold, NJ, Dec. 2, 1993; active in alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'75 MFA—Scott R. Sommer of New York City, Nov. 15, 1993; novelist and screenwriter; author of several books.

'77 PhD—Lucille W. Stiles of Mt. Prospect, IL, Oct. 11, 1993

'93 Grad—Joseph A. Breslin of Lancaster, PA, Nov. 25, 1993; a graduate student in electrical engineering.



## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES



# Visiting Friends

*Staying in touch with your Cornell friends is not only fun, it might even save your life. Just ask Richard Stearns '79 where he was during the Los Angeles earthquake. He was visiting his friend John Dowd '80, who tells the story:*

**M**y wife Heidi and I began the weekend of January 15 with a ravioli dinner at home with friends who were visiting us for the weekend in San Diego. Richard '79 and Liz Stearns and their son Gregory had driven down from their home in Santa Monica. Richard is one of my closest friends from Cornell, but he and his wife have almost never visited us in San Diego. We drank wine, talked and ate ice cream. Sunday morning we drank coffee and enjoyed the sunshine and West Coast cinnamon buns that were a tad warmer than the 70 degrees outside. All this while friends and relatives back East suffered through an icy, bitter, record-cold winter.

Heidi and I did not have Martin Luther King Jr. Day off, so we went to bed fairly early, in warm spirits.

At about 4:30 a.m. earthquake pulses reached us while we slept. After having been through some shakers in Whittier and Palm Springs, I knew this was big and far away. We were safe. Still, the quake made sure we all woke up. Five minutes later the phone rang for the first time that day. It was Heidi's sister, mom and dad, who live in Manhattan Beach, on the coast near the southern end of Los Angeles. They were upset. They had been

jolted out of bed. A pencil sharpener had fallen off a shelf and hit her father on the head. The first report they heard on the radio said the quake was centered in Fallbrook, which is closer to San Diego than it is to Los Angeles. If they got shook that hard . . . well, they were happy to hear we were okay. Everyone went back to sleep.

The phone rang again at 6:00. It was a relative of Richard's and Liz's, trying to track them down. Then Liz's parents called, then her brother



**Stearns, left, and Dowd rode out the tremors together.**

Todd, who also lives in Santa Monica. There were a lot of things broken in Todd's home. He was afraid to go back inside and was calling from the cellular phone in his car. Everyone told Richard and Liz to stay away from L.A.

We turned on the television and

saw what initially looked like a rerun of the riots. Fire, destruction and chaos—live, in the comfort of our home. This time it was different. Seated next to us were friends who lived in the city of bad karma. Instead of driving back home that day the Stearns went to Palm Springs to Liz's parents' house. L.A. was off limits.

I spoke with Richard Monday evening. They were anxious to get home, despite the warnings to stay off the roads and keep out of Los Angeles. He said, "It's hard to stay away." I knew they were going back soon. Their son Gregory stayed with Grandma and Grandpa. There would be a lot of broken glass in the house; no place for a toddler.

There is a brick chimney that runs up from the first floor, through the middle of the Stearns' bedroom to the roof. The chimney is between the bed they sleep on every night and the door that opens into the hall to Gregory's room. During the quake that gently rocked them out of their dreams in San Diego, the chimney collapsed. It showered brick, mortar, roof, plaster, wood and nails all over their bed and in the area that lay between them and their son.

If they'd been at home, they might have been killed in their bed. Gregory could have been badly hurt. If Richard and I had never met at Cornell, who knows what might have happened.

The moral of this story: Remember to visit your Cornell friends. It's probably worth the trouble.

—John M. Dowd '80



# GIVE MY REGARDS TO . . .

THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS

**Lucio A. Noto, MBA '62** who was named chairman and chief executive officer of Mobil Corporation. Mobil is the fourth-largest oil company in the world and has nearly 70,000 workers.

**Gene E. Likens**, adjunct professor of ecology and systematics, and director of the Institute of Ecosystem Studies at the Mary Flagler Cary Arboretum, who was named co-winner of the 1993 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, awarded under the auspices of the University of Southern California. Likens, along with F. Herbert Bormann, was honored, according to the prize committee, "for bringing fundamental order to the science of ecology and for creating the premier model for ecosystem studies in the world."

**John J. Chiment**, who was named dean of freshmen in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Valerie O. Hayes**, who has been named director of Cornell's Office of Equal Opportunity.

**The Cornell Team**, sponsored by the Cornell Club of Washington, which placed first in the college division of the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC in October 1993.

**Horace A. Judson, PhD '69**, who was named president of SUNY Plattsburg. Since 1990 Judson has been provost and academic vice president at California State University at Stanislaus.

**Donna Spinella '76, MBA '86**, who was named director of alumni relations for the Johnson Graduate School of Management.

**The Cornell Institute for Research in Chemical Ecology**, which was

awarded a \$32,000 grant from Johnson & Johnson, the manufacturer of health care products, to help in the search for new chemical entities among the plants, animals and microorganisms found in natural ecosystems.

**Claudia Lazzaro**, professor of the history of art, who was appointed chair of the Department of Art History. Lazzaro is a specialist in Italian Renaissance art.

**David S. Powers**, professor of Islamic history, who was named chair of the Near Eastern Studies Department. Powers is founding editor of the journal *Islamic Law and Society*.

**Jonathan Culler**, Class of 1916 Professor of English and Comparative Literature, who was appointed chair of the Department of Comparative Literature. Culler had been director of Cornell's Society for the Humanities.

**Dominick LaCapra '61**, Bryce and Edith M. Bowmar Professor in Humanistic Studies, who was named to direct Cornell's Society for the Humanities. LaCapra is a scholar of modern European intellectual history.

**Clifford R. Pollock**, professor of electrical engineering, who was appointed to the newly endowed Ilda and Charles Lee Professorship of Engineering. Pollock is a member of the Materials Science Center and the Optoelectronics Consortium.

**John Weiss**, associate professor of history, who will head the Western Societies Program at Cornell. Weiss is a specialist in 20th-century European history.

**David Cole**, who was named winner of the George Jean Nathan Award for dramatic criticism for his book, *Acting as Reading: The Place of the Reading Process in the Actor's Work*. The \$10,000 Nathan Award

was established in trust to Cornell's Department of English by the late author and critic George Jean Nathan '04.

**John E. Hopcroft**, the John C. Ford Professor of Computer Science and former chair of the Computer Science Department, who was named dean of the College of Engineering. Hopcroft had been associate dean of the Engineering college.

**Kenneth A. Strike**, professor of education, who was elected to the National Academy of Education. Strike is a specialist on the philosophy of education.

**David A. Hammer, PhD '69** the J. Carlton Ward Professor of Nuclear Energy Engineering and director of the Laboratory of Plasma Studies, who was reappointed to a U.S. Energy Department committee for a two-year term.

**Morris S. Dees Jr.**, civil rights lawyer and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who gave a talk, "A Season for Justice," at the Law School in January.

**Richard H.J. Warkentin, PhD '89**, assistant professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, who was named the first Harvey Kinzelberg Lecturer of Entrepreneurship for Engineers, and will teach a course called Engineering for Entrepreneurs.

**Joan Kaplan Davidson '48**, who was named New York State's Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

**Jack Weaver '58**, management systems vice president for Roy F. Weston, Inc., who was named director of sponsored research for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.



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April 23. Hot Shots-Part Deux, 1046 University Avenue. Call Tony Nilsson at (716) 342-3959. CAA/Greater Rochester.

April 30. Annual meeting and luncheon to watch Cornell lacrosse team from the Robinson Room at Schoellkopf Hall. Call Mary Ellen Cummings at (607) 257-4812. CAA/Ithaca Area.

### METRO NEW YORK

April 30. AmeriCares Homefront Program. Help restore a neighbor's home in this community activity. Call Laura Fitzpatrick at (203) 655-0388. CC/Fairfield County.

### NORTHEAST

April 13. Former congressman and World Bank president Barber B. Conable Jr. '48, LLB '48 will address the Johnson School Club of Boston. Call Deena Berton at (617) 787-1230. Johnson Club/Boston.

April 14. Luncheon—details to be announced. Call Glenn King at (508) 775-2233. CC/Cape Cod.

April 28. Cross-Country Gourmet enjoys an evening at Cornucopia Restaurant, Atlantic Street near South Station. Call Ned Pride at (617) 742-6200. CC/Boston.

### MID ATLANTIC

April 9. All-day hike in Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Call Bob McKinless at (703) 256-5451. CC/Washington DC.

April 10. Baltimore Orioles game and pre-game bullpen party. Call Andy Baxevanis at (410) 465-5017. CC/Maryland.

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April 27. Cornell campaign kickoff with President Frank H.T. Rhodes. Call Marie Van Deusen at (410) 625-3870.

### MIDWEST

April 5. Volunteer to assist the Red Cross in performing a market survey. Call Susan Stiles at (612) 829-5717. CAA/Minnesota.

### SOUTHEAST

April 14. Speaker Linda Novey at Michael's on East. Call Neil Halvey at (813) 365-0220. CC/Sarasota-Manatee.

April 24. Annual box lunch picnic and tour of Dreher Park Zoo and boat rides on the lake through the nature preserve. Call Collene Parker at (407) 840-1406. CC/Eastern Florida.

April 30. Lobster fest with the newly-accepted members of the Class of 1998 at Dean Barr's home in Safety Harbor. Call Elise Hamann at (813) 253-5432. CC/Suncoast.

### SOUTHWEST

April 8. Colorado Symphony Orchestra featuring pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet. Buffet will follow program. Call Karen Smith at (303) 220-7612. CC/Colorado.

April 19. Campaign phoning in the Galleria with supper provided. Call Marci Arnold at (713) 523-9062. CAA Greater Houston.

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**W**illiam Howard Taft was the 27th President of the United States (serving from 1909 to 1913), a professor of law at Yale, and chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was also, reportedly, the heaviest U.S. president in history, approaching, and even surpassing at times, the 300-pound mark. But Taft never attended Cornell's Mud Rush during his tenure as president, which was when this 1909 photograph was taken. Mud Rush, an annual spring high jinks involving muddy battles between students from different classes—which the university began to phase out during World War I—seems to have fared well enough without the genuine article, the real big guy himself.

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