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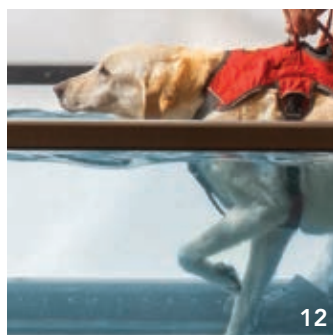
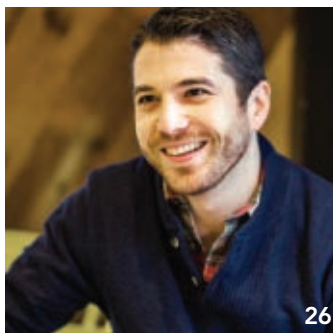
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# Getting Acquainted

## Greetings from our new president

**A**s I write this first column for *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, I am packing up office and home in California for the cross-country move to Ithaca. I will soon become an engaged member of Cornell's academic community and spend much of the summer exploring the natural beauty of Ithaca and the surrounding region.

These past nine months since I was named as the thirteenth president have been a whirlwind of activity. I have used the time to learn more about Cornell and to meet some of the faculty, students, and alumni who contribute to its stature as one of the world's foremost research universities.

The faculty are the heart of any great university, and Cornell's faculty members are among the very best. In visits to the Ithaca campus, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Tech, and Architecture, Art, and Planning's program in Rome, I've met faculty members who are not only working at the forefront of their fields, but also are collaborating across departments, colleges, and campuses in creative and powerful ways. Their dedication to their students is palpable as they work to transmit ideas effectively to the next generation of leaders.

One example of interdisciplinary work is precision medicine and genomics, an area in which Cornell is already a leader. Dr. Mark Rubin, director of the Institute for Precision Medicine at Weill Cornell, was one of a select group of experts invited to the White House in January, when President Obama called on Congress to approve funding to help scientists learn how to tailor treatments to patients' individual genes. While much of Cornell's work in this area is being done at the Medical College, our efforts also draw on expertise at Cornell Tech and in the colleges of engineering, veterinary medicine, arts and sciences, and human ecology, and elsewhere on the Ithaca campus. Among my goals as president will be to ensure robust support for the faculty working in critical areas and to establish more connections across our campuses so that even broader and deeper collaborations can flourish.

At the President's Circle dinner in New York City last January, the assembled guests and I had the opportunity to meet Rachel Harmon '15, Cornell's newest Rhodes Scholar, whose dedication to social justice in this country and internationally has been nurtured and strengthened by her experience in Ithaca. I will have her in mind when, as one of my first official duties of the fall semester, I welcome Cornell's newest undergraduates—the Class of 2019. I have no doubt that, like Rachel and so many other Cornell students, they will accomplish great things during their Cornell years and long afterwards.

The Class of 2019 is likely to have record numbers and percentages of underrepresented minority students, women, international students, and legacies, making it the most diverse class in our history. In addition, the percentage of the class who are first-generation college students will remain at around 13 percent.



JOE WILENSKY

East Hill welcome: Elizabeth Garrett chats with a student during Charter Day weekend in April.

**I am eager to become a full-time Cornellian.**

Enrolling first-year students reside in forty-eight U.S. states, plus Washington, D.C., Guam, and Puerto Rico, as well as in forty-six other countries. They were chosen from among 41,904 applicants, the second-largest number in our history, and I look forward to welcoming them to campus in August.

The University's 150th birthday celebrations in Los Angeles and San Francisco, in which I took part, brought home to me why Cornell alumni have a reputation nationally for being among the most engaged. Part pep rally, part variety show, part TED Talk, the events also captured the essence of Cornell's "Big Idea"—the durability of the University's fundamental values and the ambition of each new generation to discover, create, and contribute.

Throughout this first year I'll be meeting as many of you as I can, and I invite you to come back to campus September 17–19 for Homecoming Weekend and my inauguration. Among the many events and celebrations, I'm especially looking forward to a discussion of inequality and democratic institutions—a topic related to my own research and teaching—in which some of Cornell's "otherwise thinking" professors will explore this topic from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Their insights will give our students and alumni much to think about as we enter the presidential campaign season.

I am eager to become a full-time Cornellian. Even the infamous Ithaca winters, which I experienced in January and February, have a magical charm. I appreciate the opportunity to share my perspectives about Cornell through this regular column—and I look forward to learning from you.

— President Elizabeth Garrett  
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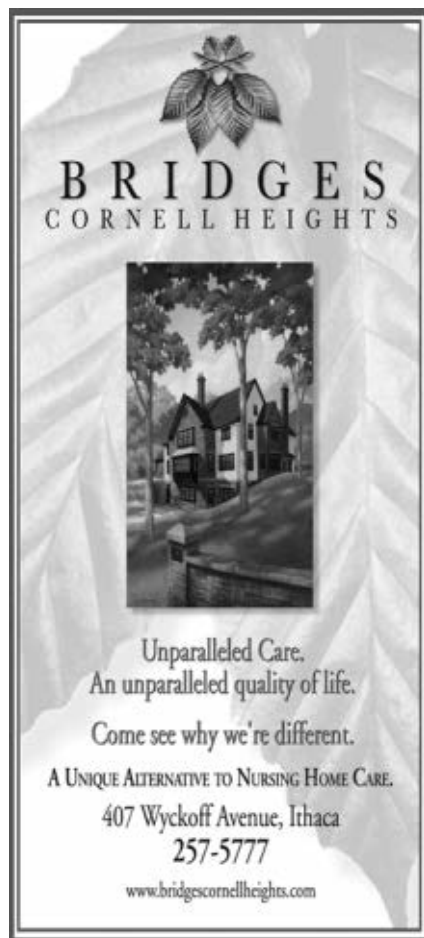
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## Thank You, President Skorton

*Many alumni responded to our tribute to David Skorton in May/June 2015.*

President Skorton was truly a people-person president. Down to earth with an empathetic heart, he paid attention to most of the staff's concerns, led us through really tough economic times, and managed to keep Cornell above water. A hard act to follow, but I surely will heed his request to welcome and support incoming President Elizabeth Garrett.

*Cynthia Santos PhD '83  
Ithaca, New York*

No wonder Cornell continues to produce the best in the nation and the world with leaders like President Skorton. I am proud to be a Cornellian.

*Conrad Bonsi PhD '82  
Auburn, Alabama*

As a University of Iowa faculty member for forty-four years, I note that our loss was Cornell's gain—and may the Smithsonian prosper equally well.

*Alan Nagel, PhD '69  
Iowa City, Iowa*

David Skorton is a face-to-face communicator. In today's digital world of computer screens, iPads, and iPhones, somehow the real face-to-face gets lost—no matter how high resolution the picture. David has not lost that talent. It has served him—and Cornell—very well.

*Mike Eisgrau '62  
Englewood, Florida*

### Wines for Credit

*Our special section "Wines of New York State" highlighted the ever-popular Introduction to Wines class.*

Took the class in 1980 and thought it was the best ever. I still have the final wines book we put together on my office shelf.

*Jack Halpern '81  
Richmond, Virginia*

I'm glad to hear that (almost) anyone now has the opportunity to take this course. In the mid-Nineties the "popular misconception" was so strong that even folks in the Registrar's Office thought the age rule was valid, since I (a non-Hotellie who turned twenty-one in March of senior year) was not allowed to register. Instead, I took a two-credit, book-based (as opposed to bottle-based) course titled something akin to "A History of Wine."

*Steven Gump '96  
Grinnell, Iowa*

This was one of my favorite classes at Cornell. Vance Christian '61, MS '65, taught the class of about fifty to sixty. We had alphabetically assigned seats; that put me right behind a good friend, Judy, and next to a student whom I considered the most gorgeous woman on campus. All too often, Professor Christian would stop the tasting session and say, "Please, people, this is a wine tasting course, not a wine drinking course!" I think he was talking to the three of us.

*Wayne Robertz '76, BArch '77, MS '80  
Longmont, Colorado*

I nearly failed this class! Had to cram by watching videos in the Nestlé Library before the final. (I was a young senior and had never really had wine before. Now I'd be OK!)

*Nicole Neroulis Gupte '01  
Seattle, Washington*

### Take Part in a CAM Story

We are working on a story that would match up alumni with the student occupying their former Cornell housing.

If you are interested in participating and will be visiting campus this fall, please e-mail me at [jbarnett@cornell.edu](mailto:jbarnett@cornell.edu), stating where you lived (we plan to include both on- and off-campus accommodations), and when.

Executing this idea will depend on an alum's room still being lived in, and the current occupant being willing and available, but we feel it could provide a fascinating opportunity for different generations of Cornellians to connect and share insights into how campus life has changed over the years.

Many thanks,  
*Jenny Barnett, Editor & Publisher*

### NEW! Online Photo Gallery

In response to requests from alumni for an opportunity to share memorable moments with classmates, we have created an online photo gallery on our website. You can post pictures of weddings, new babies, mini-reunions, successes, events, tributes, travels and more at: [cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery).

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**Pomp and circumstance:** The weekend's festivities included the final graduation speech by David Skorton and a Convocation address by Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97 (above).

## SKORTON PRESIDES OVER HIS FINAL COMMENCEMENT

On Memorial Day weekend, outgoing President David Skorton gave the traditional address at the University's 147th Commencement, his last before departing to become head of the Smithsonian Institution. Some 6,000 students received their degrees on a gorgeous Sunday at Schoellkopf Field. "I hope you leave with a renewed commitment to direct your talents toward the world's deep needs," he told the graduates, "and a generosity of spirit that will guide your activities and your interactions with others wherever in the world you go next." The previous day, former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97—who left Congress after suffering a head wound in a 2011 assassination attempt—gave the Senior Convocation address with her husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly. "Gabby and I hope and pray that your lives after Cornell will be free of tragedy," said Kelly, who delivered most of the speech. "But know this: the road ahead will bring you some unpredictable moments. And at times it will challenge you beyond what you ever imagined. So prepare yourself for tough times the best you can. And in those tough moments, I want you to think about my wife, Gabby."

## New Cornell Songs Album for Sale

The Glee Club and University Chorus have released a joint CD of traditional Cornell songs, featuring such classic tunes as "Give My Regards to Davy" and the Alma Mater. The project, underwritten by a \$20,000 gift from the Class of 1957, is the first collection of Cornell songs to feature the Chorus, the Glee Club's all-female counterpart.



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## 'Creative Thinker' Named Campus Life VP

The vice president for student affairs at Ohio University has been named Cornell's next VP for student and campus life. President Elizabeth Garrett calls Ryan Lombardi "a creative thinker and educational innovator with a genuine regard and respect for students, and a track record of collaborations between student and campus life activities and faculty." Lombardi is an undergrad

alumnus of West Chester University; he holds a master's from the University of Kansas and a doctorate from North Carolina State University, both in higher education administration. He assumes his new post on August 1.

## CU Trio to Work on Europa Mission

Three Big Red researchers are among the scientists tapped for a project to probe one of Jupiter's moons. NASA selected professors Jonathan Lunine and Alex Hayes '03, MEng '04, and research associate Marco Mastrogiuseppe to develop three of the nine instruments that will travel aboard a spacecraft to Europa on a mission scheduled for the 2020s. The devices will capture high-resolution images of the moon's icy surface, helping to determine whether it could sustain conditions suitable for life.



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By Jupiter: Europa



Slated for demolition: Maplewood Park Apartments

## Maplewood Apartments to Close in 2016

Maplewood Park Apartments, a University-run complex for graduate and professional students located near East Hill Plaza, will close at the end of the 2015-16 academic year. The more than twenty-five-year-old structures have “just about reached the end of their useful life,” says KyuJung Whang, vice president for infrastructure, properties, and planning. The University has not announced specific plans for the site, including when or whether it will replace Maplewood’s 394 furnished units with other Cornell-owned housing.

## DOE Investigates Handling of Assault Cases

The University is among 116 schools under investigation by the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights for possible violations of Title IX—the provision that prohibits gender-based discrimination—in its handling of sexual assault cases. The DOE launched the inquiry on May 26; its specifics have not been made public. “Cornell University does not comment on pending legal matters and, as such, will not comment publicly on this complaint,” Vice President for University Relations Joel Malina said in a statement published in the *Daily Sun*, “other than to say that we are familiar with it, we believe it to be entirely without merit, and that we will fully cooperate with the Department of Education’s inquiry.”

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO...

### THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS

**Sam Gold '00**, who won a Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical for *Fun Home*.

**Gregory Fenves '79**, named president of the University of Texas, Austin.

**Jonathan Poe '82** and **Stephanie Keene Fox '89**, elected by alumni to four-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Undergraduate student-elected trustee **Yamini Bhandari '17** won a two-year term.

**Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94**, who stepped down on June 30 after more than thirty years as a Cornell administrator, fêted in the City of Ithaca when Mayor Svante Myrick '09 declared May 18 to be “Susan Murphy Day.”

## ‘A liberal arts education is very helpful because it gives you something interesting to say.’

— Movie editor Tim Squyres '81, BA '83, at a Charter Day Weekend panel on filmmaking

## Gannett Expansion Under Way

In May, the University broke ground on its \$55 million expansion and renovation of Gannett Health Services. Slated for completion in fall 2017, the project will more than double the building’s usable space. The new Gannett will feature a larger pharmacy, additional exam rooms, private clinician offices, and more. Two of its facilities will honor prominent former administrators: the Skorton Center, named for former President David Skorton, will be home to multi-disciplinary research and programs to support physical and mental health across campus; and the remodeled clinic will be dubbed the Susan H. Murphy Administration and Health Promotion Floor in honor of the former vice president for student and academic services. The project was prompted by increased demand for medical and psychological services by a growing student body: enrollment has risen 30 percent since the clinic last expanded in the Eighties.

Medical center: A rendering of the expanded Gannett Health Services facility







**Structural issues:** The addition to the Johnson Museum of Art

## Lawsuit Alleges Museum Addition Faults

Construction and design problems bedevil the addition to the Johnson Museum, the University has claimed in a lawsuit against its architect and builder. The suit, alleging negligence and malpractice, names Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLP—the firm founded by superstar architect I. M. Pei, now retired—and an Upstate contractor. It claims that the building suffers from a leaky roof, ceiling cracks, and condensation-prone windows, among other problems. According to the complaint, “Cornell has suffered numerous problems with the museum addition which have compromised its ability to bring outside exhibits to the Johnson Art Museum, maintain the extensive and exceptionally valuable collection of the museum, and attract both visitors and donors to the institution.” The original building, designed by Pei, opened in 1973; the addition was completed in 2012.

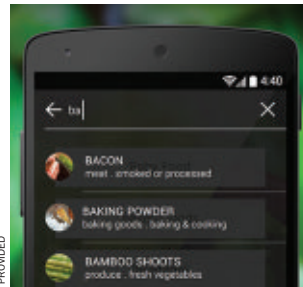
## ILR Gift Funds Disability Institute

The School of Industrial and Labor Relations has received the largest gift in its history: \$10 million from Lisa Yang ’74. The funds will support the school’s Employment and Disability Institute, which will be renamed in her honor. “By marginalizing a major part of the population because of this ‘label’ called disability, companies short-change themselves,” says Yang, a retired investment banker and the mother of two children with autism.

## ‘Pale Blue Dots’ Group Named for Sagan

In May, the Cornell-based Institute for Pale Blue Dots announced that it had renamed itself in honor of the late Carl Sagan. Founded in 2014, the group—now known as the Carl Sagan Institute: Pale Blue Dot and Beyond—is a multidisciplinary research effort that focuses on the search for extraterrestrial life. Sagan, the famed astronomer and host of PBS’s “Cosmos” who taught on the Hill until his death in 1996, coined the phrase that Earth is a “pale blue dot” amid a vast universe.

## App Helps Reduce Food Waste



A new smartphone app developed at Cornell is designed to help users get the most out of their groceries. Created with the FDA, FoodKeeper comprises a database of more than 500 items. It’s available free through the Android and Apple app stores.

## R + D

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

**Texting while undergoing minor surgery** can reduce the need for pain-relieving drugs, reports communication professor Jeff Hancock. Surprisingly, he and his team found that texting a stranger is more effective than texting a friend or relative.

**The NSF has awarded Cornell researchers** a \$5.5 million grant to support their efforts to alter rice DNA, with the aim of yielding more bountiful crops as global population grows.

**Demographer Matthew Hall reveals** that the home foreclosure crisis of the late 2000s spurred one of the largest migrations in U.S. history and “partly derailed progress in achieving racial integration in American cities.” As whites fled neighborhoods with high foreclosure rates, minority residents often entered them out of necessity as they sought affordable housing.

**Ever wonder why tomato juice tastes so good** at 25,000 feet? Cornell food scientists explain that because our sense of taste is affected by the complex interaction of our other senses, the noisy environment of an airplane cabin enhances savory flavors while inhibiting sweet ones.

## ‘Isaac is willing, when appropriate, to be tenacious and cantankerous, and to speak truth to power.’

— Professor Glenn Altschuler, PhD ’76, on colleague Isaac Kramnick, who retired in June after teaching on the Hill for forty-three years

## Faculty Symposium Addresses Sexual Assault

Last spring, the University hosted a symposium that organizer Lynette Chappell-Williams calls the first of its kind on a U.S. campus. Entitled “Sexual Assault in Higher Education: The Role of Faculty as Researchers, Teachers, Policymakers, and Advocates,” the day-long event brought three dozen professors from Cornell, MIT, Williams College, and other schools to the ILR Conference Center. They discussed such issues as due process, prevention efforts, academic research on sexual assault, and ways that faculty in various disciplines can address the topic in the classroom. “If faculty start giving voice to this issue,” says Chappell-Williams, associate vice president for inclusion and workforce diversity, “I think more people will start paying attention.”



**Watering hole:** The site of the Royal Palm Tavern (below) is now a vacant lot (left).



## Five C-Town Buildings Demolished

The building that once housed the Royal Palm Tavern—a popular Cornellian watering hole for seven decades until its closure in 2012—has been demolished, along with four others in Collegetown owned by the same developer. John Novarr '77 has not yet revealed his plans for the properties, all located near the intersection of Dryden Road and Linden Avenue. Novarr also developed the Collegetown Terrace apartment complex, a recent addition to the grad student housing scene that necessitated the demolition of multiple structures when it was built on East State Street.

## Earle Named University Archivist

As of July 1, Evan Earle '02, MS '14, is the new University archivist. Earle, the fifth archivist in Cornell's history, succeeds Elaine Engst, MA '72, who served in the post for two decades and was a fixture in the University Library for thirty-six years. Earle, who has worked in Rare and Manuscript Collections for ten years, is a member of a large Cornellian family that includes his father—Brian Earle '67, BS '68, MPS '71, a senior lecturer emeritus of communication—and brother, Corey Earle '07, an Alumni Affairs staffer and unofficial historian of Cornell lore.

## Bloomberg Gives \$100 Million to Tech Campus

Former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg's philanthropic foundation will donate \$100 million to support the first phase of construction at the Cornell Tech campus on Roosevelt Island. The gift will endow an eco-friendly academic building, dubbed the Bloomberg Center, in honor of his two daughters. As mayor, Bloomberg oversaw the competition through which Cornell was selected to build a graduate campus on land provided by the city.

## DID YOU KNOW...

**That Kroch Library has the original receiver for Samuel Morse's first telegraph message—and it still works?**

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**Big Red Birthday Bash:** More than 4,000 people attended Cornell's Sesquicentennial party in Barton Hall, which kicked off Charter Day Weekend last spring. The four-day celebration culminated in a ceremony on April 27, marking the 150th anniversary of the day that New York's governor signed the University's founding document.



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT CORNELL



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Dr. Langer has received over 220 major awards. He is one of 4 living individuals to have received both the United States National Medal of Science (2006) and the United States National Medal of Technology and Innovation (2011). He also received the 2002 Charles Stark Draper Prize, considered the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for engineers; the 2008 Millennium Prize, the world's largest technology prize; the 2012 Priestley Medal, the highest award of the American Chemical Society; the 2013 Wolf Prize in Chemistry; the 2014 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences; the 2014 Kyoto Prize; and the 2015 Queen Elizabeth Prize, the world's largest engineering prize. He is also the only engineer to receive the Gairdner Foundation International Award; 82 recipients of this award have subsequently received a Nobel Prize. Among numerous other awards Langer has received are the Dickson Prize for Science (2002), Heinz Award for Technology, Economy and Employment (2003), the Harvey Prize (2003), the John Fritz Award (2003) (given previously to inventors such as Thomas Edison and Orville Wright), the General Motors Kettering Prize for Cancer Research (2004), the Dan David Prize in Materials Science (2005), the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research (2005), the largest prize in the U.S. for medical research, induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame (2006), the Max Planck Research Award (2008), the Prince of Asturias Award for Technical and Scientific Research (2008), the Warren Alpert Foundation Prize (2011) and the Terumo International Prize (2012). In 1998, he received the Lemelson-MIT prize, the world's largest prize for invention for being "one of history's most prolific inventors in medicine." In 1989 Dr. Langer was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; in 1992 he was elected to both the National Academy of Engineering and to the National Academy of Sciences; and in 2012 he was elected to the National Academy of Inventors.

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# Dogged Effort

Canine rehab program  
keeps tails wagging

**M**ost Friday afternoons, an elderly lady named Tella Keil has physical therapy to help keep her mobile. For thirty minutes she walks slowly on a treadmill inside a water tank, which gives her some much-needed exercise while taking the pressure off her aging joints.

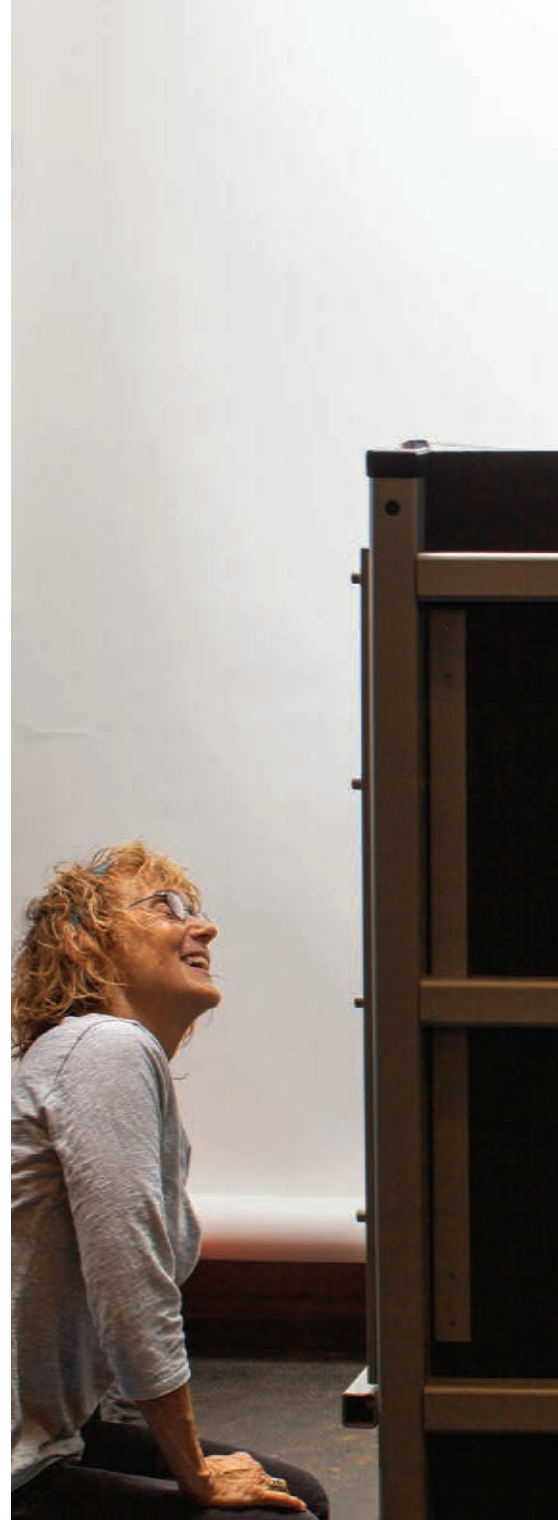
Tella is in her eighties—or she would be, if she were human. In fact, she’s a fifteen-year-old yellow Lab who suffers from arthritis, muscle loss, and other age-related orthopaedic problems. For the past year, owner Judy Keil has been bringing her to the Cornell University Hospital for Animals for rehab treatments overseen by Joseph Wakshlag, DVM ’98, PhD ’05, including the weekly treadmill sessions. “This is great, because it creates buoyancy on a dog that has an end-stage elbow—she can barely move on it—and has bad hips as well,” Wakshlag says, as Tella slowly plods along in water up to her chest. “We put her in here and her motion is more fluid. There’s a lot of pressure taken off, and it allows her to go into a full range of motion.”

In the tank with Tella is veterinary technician Erin Winland. Clad in a T-shirt, shorts, and flip-flops, she straddles the dog and grasps a harness that holds the animal steady. “Mostly what I do is keep her on the treadmill,” says Winland, noting that Tella isn’t particularly enthusiastic about the process. “Each patient’s different; she needs more guidance because she wanders. But she does it because we tell her to, and she’s a good dog. It has kept her moving in her old age.”

Tella was one of the first patients in the hospital’s Sports and Rehabilitation Medicine program, which Wakshlag directs. Founded in spring 2014, it offers a variety of treatments intended to spur healing and maintain mobility, including therapeutic ultrasound, electrical acupuncture, and pain management. Patients range from elderly or injured household pets to canine athletes and working animals such as sled dogs, agility champions, hunting dogs, and police canines. (While the program is primarily geared toward dogs, it treats other species, including cats.) “It’s rewarding to work with the pets and see positive results,” says another of Tella’s doctors, Chris Frye, DVM ’11, who’s doing a Cornell residency in sports and rehabilitation medicine. While Tella is on the treadmill, Frye is monitoring a young German shepherd who’s undergoing a CT scan to diagnose lameness in multiple joints; the animal is under sedation, splayed out on its back with limbs outstretched. “Recently we saw an older St. Bernard who couldn’t walk,” Frye says over the hum of the CT machine in the next room. “We were able to get that patient to lose weight, we injected the joints with pain relief, and we did physical therapy, and the dog is walking for the first time since November. Mom and dad are so happy. We’re giving that animal a second chance.”

On this Friday in May, Tella isn’t just having an aquatic workout. She’s also undergoing laser therapy—which helps manage pain and encourage healing by increasing blood flow to the targeted area—and getting an anabolic steroid shot to build muscle mass. In the past, she has had platelet-rich plasma injected into her joints to stimulate healing; the technique is also used in horses and humans, including (as the Vet college notes on its website) sports stars like Tiger Woods and Kobe Bryant. “We like to say that age is not a disease,” Winland says. “We treat the patient, not their age. Just because Tella is fifteen doesn’t mean she doesn’t have a good quality of life.”

The cost of rehab treatments can add up: the average visit ranges from \$60 to \$100, Wakshlag says, with patients generally coming in once or twice a week.



**‘We like to say that age is not a disease,’ says vet tech Erin Winland. ‘We treat the patient, not their age. Just because Tella is fifteen doesn’t mean she doesn’t have a good quality of life.’**



Aqua dog: Chris Frye, DVM '11, works with canine rehab patient Tella as owner Judy Keil looks on.

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(If owners can't afford that frequency, the vets can recommend supplemental exercises to be done at home.) "I feel like I'm doing something positive for Tella," says Keil, who has five dogs and six cats. "I wouldn't think of not doing this for her, or any of them."

While the program's techniques represent the state of the art in canine rehab—and both Wakshlag and Frye are doing research on the next generation of treatments—its facilities remain a bit primitive. Some metropolitan vet hospitals have dedicated rehab suites, Wakshlag notes, but Cornell's treadmill tank is located in a breezeway, and consultations are done in a room that's normally set aside for grieving pet owners. "This kind of treatment is becoming mainstream," he says, "and to be honest, we're trying to catch up with the times."

Eventually, he says, he hopes the program will garner funding for more formal facilities. After all, treating geriatric dogs is a growth industry: just as humans are being kept alive longer thanks to medical advances, so are pets—and many owners are willing to pay for care to keep them happy and healthy. According to a 2011 Harris poll, a whopping 91 percent of pet owners consider their animals to be family members, a three point rise in four years. "The population of dogs is getting older and older," says Wakshlag. "Often there are things that can keep a dog going and give them quality of life—maybe not forever, but for an extra six or eight months. It helps that dog, and it gives the owner peace of mind that they've done everything they can."

— Beth Saulnier





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## Justice and Mercy

An expert witness advocates for killers who suffered childhood abuse

Psychologist James Garbarino's job is to "listen for the human story behind the monstrous act." That's how Garbarino, MAT '70, PhD '73, describes his two decades of work as an expert witness in murder cases, primarily in the penalty phase—when a jury is weighing whether to sentence a convicted killer to death, life without parole, or a term that allows for eventual release. "I've learned that the best starting hypothesis for most of these killers is to see them as untreated, traumatized children who inhabit and control these people," Garbarino says. "The judge, the jury, and the press see these scary, violent guys. But when you get inside their heads, hear their stories, and look at their records, you realize that you're seeing the results of arrested development for a child who was abused."

There was the man on death row for a brutal kidnapping and murder who, as part of his appeal for a new trial, described a horrific childhood marked by starvation and physical abuse. And the young woman—one of a small number of female offenders Garbarino has interviewed—who was spared execution for a notorious L.A. gang murder after he testified that she'd been repeatedly molested by her uncle. And the hulking inmate, twice sentenced to death and facing yet another retrial, who confided to Garbarino that he cried himself to sleep every night. "I start with the basic principle that we're two human beings, two souls

sitting down together, and I really want to understand them," he says. "A kid once told me, 'I've been interrogated, I've been assessed, I've been examined, I've been evaluated, but nobody ever wanted to hear my whole story.' And that's been a guiding principle: that I want to hear their stories. An attempt at empathy and human connection is a big part of it. I'm still surprised at the level of hopefulness in guys whose lives are so devastated."

Hired by the defense on a case-by-case basis, and sometimes working pro bono, Garbarino reviews an accused (or convicted) killer's history and conducts interviews with them and their family members. It's demanding, draining work—a métier that requires not only hours of reading about and listening to tales of the starkest childhood deprivation and most horrific crimes, but enduring the stress of the hot seat known as the witness stand. "I always do meditative, mindful breathing before I go in to testify, to put myself in the calmest, most focused state possible," says Garbarino, who has testified in about fifty cases and consulted on thirty more. "A lot of the things said in cross-examination are dismissive, nasty, deliberate attempts to get a rise out of you and humiliate you, but I try not to get personally or emotionally engaged."

He does occasionally lose his cool to some degree. One such moment, which he recalls with a certain relish, came after a prosecutor implied that a social worker might have fabricated a sympathetic report that Garbarino had used in his analysis, a





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suggestion he found patently ridiculous. “I said, ‘Well, *some* professions, like psychologists and social workers, have a code of ethics that requires them to tell the truth,’ ” Garbarino recalls. “And I paused and said, ‘Unlike lawyers.’ ” In another case, Garbarino couldn’t stomach a prosecutor’s repeated references to a teenage defendant as “mister.” “I finally said, ‘That’s the problem. “Mr. Smith” is his father, who’s sitting in the audience. This is a sixteen-year-old kid, and if you start there you take a very different approach than if you keep calling him “mister,” as if he’s a full-grown man.’ ”

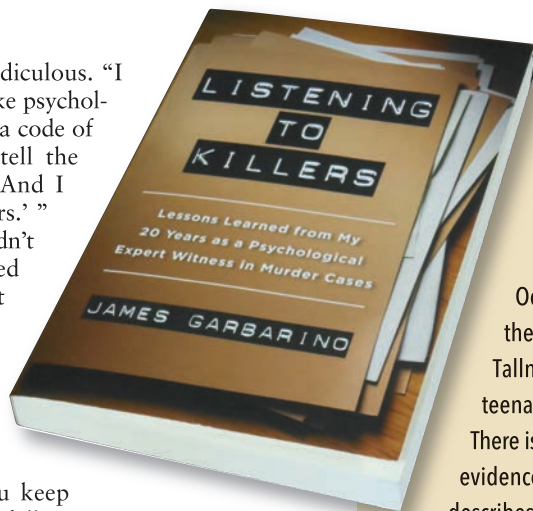
As a grad student, Garbarino was a protégé of legendary child development expert Urie Bronfenbrenner ’38, who taught on the Hill for more than half a century. He says he sees his criminal justice work—advocating for people whose early trauma and social deprivation led them to commit heinous crimes—as part of Bronfenbrenner’s enduring legacy. Garbarino himself taught at Cornell for a decade, becoming emeritus in 2005; he’s now at Chicago’s Loyola University, where he founded its Center for the Human Rights of Children. Garbarino’s books include *Raising Children in a Socially Toxic Environment* and *Lost Boys: Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them*. In March, the University of California Press published *Listening to Killers*, his memoir of lessons learned from his years as an expert witness; in a starred review, *Library Journal* said it “should become the definitive text on the subject.”

Garbarino acknowledges that in a society with a strong law-and-order tradition—evidenced by the fact that the U.S. has about 5 percent of the world’s population and a quarter of its prison inmates—his arguments for understanding the causes of violent behavior can be a tough sell. “Some people say, ‘I don’t care how he got here; I’m just looking at what he did,’ and in their moral code that justifies death, or at least life without parole,” he notes. “But in our society, we’re also soft on children to some degree—so if you can explain the child within, that provides an opening.”

Over the past decade, Garbarino has been drawn back to the Catholic faith of his youth; last spring, he went on a week-long pilgrimage along Spain’s *Camino de Santiago*, a traditional route for the faithful since the Middle Ages. The church’s emphasis on redemption and transformation echoes his own: Garbarino devotes a chapter of *Listening to Killers* to the possibility of rehabilitation. That section ends with one of the book’s emotional high points, when Garbarino meets the infant daughter of a man whom he’d helped get parole after two decades in prison for robbery and kidnapping, crimes he’d committed as a teenager. “There’s a line in the Eucharistic liturgy that goes, ‘Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed,’ ” he says. “I often tear up hearing that, because for some of these guys, that’s what the possibility of transformation is like.”

— Beth Saulnier

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## Fighting Words

In this excerpt, Garbarino explores a murderer’s violent upbringing

October 5, 2009: I am sitting in an interview room at the Portland, Oregon, jail with twenty-year-old Robert Tallman. He is facing possible execution for killing two teenagers in his neighborhood thirteen months ago.

There is little doubt of his guilt—the forensic and eyewitness evidence in this case is compelling. As I listen to him, he describes numerous occasions when he was involved in a cycle of assault and revenge; he estimates that he has been in sixty one-on-one street fights. He reports that he won’t let anyone take advantage of him. The incident for which he is currently in jail awaiting trial appears to be but one example. He and his brother had been involved in conflicts with other male youths in the neighborhood that led to an escalating pattern of assault prior to the lethal violence of June 20, 2006. There had been fistfights before, but that day, Robert’s brother Marcus was stabbed by a youth in the community. Later that evening, Robert confronted some of the youths he believed had been involved in the assault on Marcus. He shot fifteen-year-old Christopher Clemons and fourteen-year-old Lasalle Bronson. Fists gave way to knives, knives gave way to guns, and people died.

It is as if I am hearing a modern version of the Capulets and Montagues in Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. Robert says his mother taught him that honor and respect were the most important things in life. He reports that when he was in third grade and was in a fight with a boy, he was punched and he started to cry. The boy said, “You a bitch.” His mother heard this, and told him he had to fight the boy, saying “Robert—you soft.” Robert says his father taught him that whenever he faced conflicts he should handle them on his own: “Never tell the police. Don’t snitch. Take care of it.” “My father taught me how to fight with knives and my fists,” he tells me. “Why did you shoot those boys?” I ask. “You just do what you gotta do,” he replies.

Three weeks after we met, Robert Tallman pled guilty to the murders and received a life sentence, in exchange for the prosecution taking the death penalty off the table.

Many individuals who have grown up in communities with high levels of violence develop this sense that violence is a moral imperative when one is threatened, challenged, or disrespected—and that death is morally preferable to dishonor. This is particularly true when their families—like Robert’s mother and father—reinforce this moral damage through the messages they send their children about honor, conflict resolution, and the legitimacy of violence as a tool in interpersonal relations. Like Robert, they come to adapt their system of moral reasoning and behavior to include justification for aggression as a legitimate response to conflict, and as an appropriate form of social influence. When this belief system comes with a heightened sense of being at risk from assault by others, it becomes the war zone mentality.

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# Striking a Chord

Psychology professor Carol Krumhansl researches the link between music and memory

**H**ow catchy is Olivia Newton John's disco anthem "Physical"? Or the World War I fight song "Over There"? How about Elvis Presley's classic "Heartbreak Hotel"? Or the Faith Hill country tune "Breathe"? Or Prince's "When Doves Cry"?

You can weigh in on those hits and many others—100 in total—in an online survey from Professor Carol Krumhansl's Music Cognition Lab. The quiz, which takes twenty to thirty minutes to complete, asks participants to listen to snippets of ten popular tunes from each decade stretching from 1910 to 2009, then rate them on familiarity and catchiness—in other words, how likely the song is to get stuck in their heads.

The ongoing project (found at [music.psych.cornell.edu](http://music.psych.cornell.edu)) is one of many intriguing experiments that Krumhansl has conducted over the decades, often with undergrads as collaborators. Other topics have included how viewing a musical performance (rather than just hearing it) affects the listener's appreciation; how well people understand the music of another culture; and the parallels between music and dance in conveying emotion. In a study that dramatically demonstrated the power of musical recall, Krumhansl found that by listening to just 400 milliseconds of a popular song—as in, less than half a second—fully a quarter of student participants were able to identify such factors as its artist, title, emotional content, style, and the decade it came from. "It's just extraordinary," she says. "It means that memory for music has to be so precise that you can match this little acoustic 'tsst' to that information in your brain."

In 2013, Krumhansl and former student Justin Zupnick '12 made headlines for a discovery derived from an earlier version of the greatest-hits survey. They asked a group of students to listen to the top two *Billboard* hits for each year from 1955 to 2009, then report which were most memorable, what emotions they conjured, and with whom the students recalled listening to them. Data-crunching revealed what the researchers called a "reminiscence bump"—the concept that young adults are not only emotionally connected to their own music but to that of their parents' generation (in this case, the Eighties) as well. The popularity of music from the Sixties also indicated that grandparents may have passed on a passion for the music of their own youth, which the researchers dubbed a "cascading" reminiscence bump. "Music familiarity is transmitting cross-generationally," says Zupnick, who works for a New York tech startup that creates ads for streaming services like Spotify. "There's some kind of nostalgia effect going on."

Housed in the basement of Uris Hall, the Music Cognition Lab is part of the Department of Psychology—though the field encompasses multiple disciplines including computer science, linguistics, math, and (naturally) musicology. "Music is found in all cultures," notes Krumhansl, who founded the lab in 1980, when



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Carol Krumhansl

music cognition research was in its infancy. "It must reveal something really important about our minds, our bodies, and our society."

Currently, Krumhansl is working with Julia Klein '16, a College Scholar and Presidential Research Scholar, who's using data from a subset of the 100-song survey to analyze and quantify what makes a song catchy, the subject of her senior honors thesis. As an example of the kind of thing she's exploring, she cites the established notion that many modern hits follow similar four-chord progressions. For instance, the Police's "Every Breath You Take" (the top hit of 1983) and Whitney Houston's "I Will

Always Love You" (top in 1994) use a progression known as 1-6-4-5. "Call Me" by Blondie and "My Sharona" by the Knack use a 1-3-4-6 progression. More recent examples—each using variations on a 1-4-2-5 progression—include "How You Remind Me," by Nickelback, "Bad Day" by Daniel Powter, and "Irreplaceable" by Beyoncé, all Grammy winners or nominees.

Such chordal copycatting can make for amusing comparisons, she notes, with numerous YouTube videos devoted to comically exploiting the "four-chord" concept. "Because a song sounds like ones that we know, we tend to like it more," observes Klein, who's also looking at factors like rhyme schemes and lyrical complexity.

After graduation, Klein aims to marry her long-standing passion for music—she plays guitar, flute, ukulele, and more—with her interest in psychology and data analysis, perhaps helping to develop more sophisticated algorithms for services like Pandora and Spotify to suggest tunes to their users. "My mom forced me to start playing piano when I was five, and she told me that one day I would thank her for it," Klein says with a laugh. "Obviously, that paid off."

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**Total including family/guests:** 6,930 (another record)

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**Most senior alumni:** Clarence “Padge” Padgham ’40 (on the left in the photo at right) and Edward Richman ’40, BS ’47 (on the right), represented the Class of ’40 at its 75th Reunion. Plus, two members of the Class of ’39—Dawn Rochow Seymour ’39 and James White ’39, PhD ’44 (below right), who pledged at their own 75th last year that they’ll return annually as long as they’re able—marked their 76th, a first for Cornell.



**Reunion attendance records set:** 65th (the Class of ’50, with sixty-one classmates returning); 60th (the Class of ’55, with 147); 30th (the Class of ’85, with 332); and 5th (the Class of ’10, with 821).

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**State of the U:** In his final State of the University address, outgoing President David Skorton bid alumni a fond farewell—and noted that he and his wife, Professor Robin Davisson, attended their first Reunion (in 2006) before he even took office. “We were sure we had come to a very special place,” he said, “and that turned out to be a huge understatement.”

**Olin Lecture:** Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Junot Díaz, MFA ’95, discussed his life and work in a talk that was styled as a conversation between him and Skorton. “The years we were here were an extraordinary time,” said Díaz, speaking about efforts he and other Latino students made to foster ethnic diversity on campus. “It felt like we were the first generation to put everything on the line.”

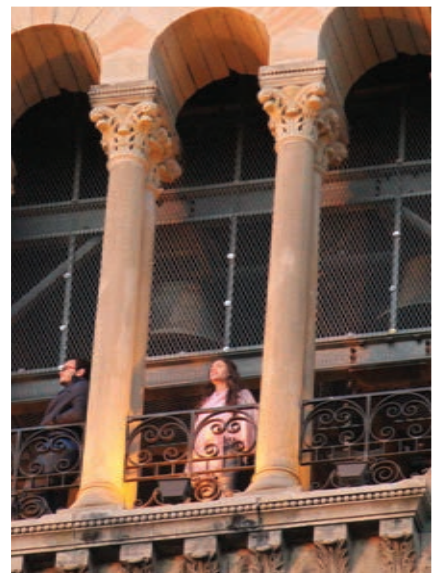
**Class forum highlight:** Members of the classes of ’45 and ’05 compared notes about their experiences as freshmen on the Hill during historic events that sent America to war: the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



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1985: The Liberty Bell



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## Harmonic 'Convergence'

Every five years—for thirty-five years—Phi Kappa Psi brothers have descended on a national landmark

It's high noon on the first day of April, and a group of Cornellians have come together in view of a suspension bridge—not a certain span far above Cayuga's waters, but the one that crosses San Francisco Bay. The men, most in their late fifties and early sixties, gather around a statue of Joseph Strauss, the fellow who designed the Golden Gate Bridge, which gleams bright orange in the midday sun. As they shake hands, introduce significant others, and assess how the years have treated their old pals, the event has all the earmarks of a reunion. But don't call it that. "We call it a convergence," says Bobby Marks '75, an actuary who's the architect of the gathering. "Everyone is converging at this one spot."

It all began 2,800 miles east and more than forty years earlier. During his junior spring, Marks and a handful of his Phi Kappa Psi brothers were sitting in the library of their fraternity house—as he puts it, "doing anything but studying"—when one of them bragged about having a photographic memory. Marks

replied with a challenge: "Okay, April 1, 1980, let's meet on the observation deck of the Empire State Building. You can't talk about it ever again unless you're inviting somebody. Let's see how good your memory is." Underlying the invitation was an understanding that, in an era before e-mail and social media, losing touch with your college buddies was a very real possibility.

Why the first of April? The idea was to choose an easily remembered date that wasn't a family-oriented holiday. But, of course, there was also an intriguing uncertainty. Buck Briggs '76 recalls thinking, "Is this an April Fools joke, or are people really going to be there?"

Six years after Marks issued his invitation, twenty-five Phi Kappa Psi members showed up—despite a snowstorm and a transit strike. (One brother who couldn't make it managed to send a telegram to the top of the skyscraper.) They ordered some drinks, reminisced, and then Marks surprised the crowd by announcing that in five years—at noon on April 1, 1985—they



would meet again, this time at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia.

Thirty-two brothers attended the second installment—Marks keeps meticulous records—and the Convergence was born. Over the years, increasing numbers of Phi Psi alumni—a total of eighty brothers in all, their graduating years ranging from 1971 to 1984—have made the effort to travel to wherever Marks, the de facto decider, chooses.

Most attendees stay at a designated hotel, thanks to reciprocal agreements negotiated with other hoteliers by Jon Handlery '78, whose family owns the Handlery Union Square Hotel in San Francisco. When the sun goes down, the

## 'OK, April 1, 1980, let's meet on the observation deck of the Empire State Building.'

Convergence-goers converge on a hospitality suite, trading decades-old stories deep into the night.

The time and date remain the same. In 2000 that posed a challenge, as most of the group arrived at Chicago's Sears (now Willis) Tower just before noon—only to discover an hour-long wait for the elevator. Briggs "put a little of my lawyering to work," explaining their tradition and predicament to security personnel, who were enamored enough to escort the brothers straight to the top floor, just in time.

Each year, the invitation is accompanied by a slogan. So after the "trek to the observation deck" and the call to "raise hell at the Liberty Bell," Marks asked his brothers to "march to the Gateway Arch" in St. Louis (1990), "jam at Hoover Dam" in Nevada (1995), "drink beers at the top of the Sears" in Chicago, and—in a pre-Hurricane Katrina slogan that seems unfortunate only in hindsight—"Come hell or high water, we'll meet in the French Quarter" (New Orleans, 2005).

Following a 2010 Convergence in San Antonio ("Meet your bro at the Alamo"), this spring a record fifty-five Phi Psi members showed up at the Golden Gate. They lingered at the Strauss statue, snapped the usual group photo, and prepared to head off to Fisherman's Wharf for lunch. But first, Marks quieted the crowd and made his always-anticipated announcement about the next venue, declaring: "Let's all plan to arrive at 525."

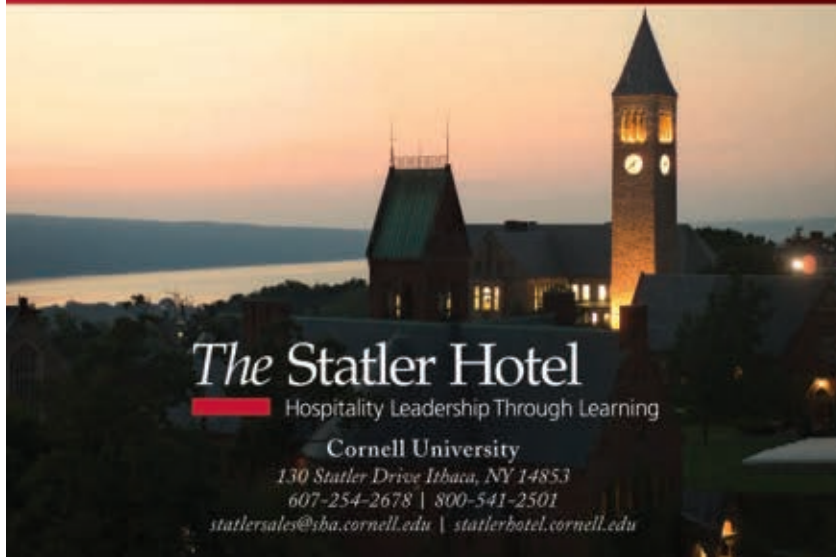
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How you slice it: Spencer Rubin '08 (below) founded Melt Shop, whose wares include fried chicken married to a grilled cheese (bottom right).



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## Earl of Sandwich

Spencer Rubin '08 expands his grilled cheese empire

**O**n a sunny spring afternoon, patrons ranging in age from grade-school students to senior citizens sit around bright yellow tables at Melt Shop, a fast-casual restaurant in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. The common thread that links them is the love of a staple that's as classic as it is versatile: the grilled cheese. "This is one of the best sandwiches I've had in my life," one regular raves. "And I'm four-score-and-many years old, so when I say 'best sandwich in my life,' you should take it seriously."

Founded in 2011 by Spencer Rubin '08, Melt Shop offers a menu that's both comforting and indulgent: nearly a dozen varieties of grilled cheese, plus crispy tater tots and thick milkshakes. Melt Shop's wares have gotten ink in a variety of major publications including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, and *New York* magazine. Sampling its classic grilled cheese, a writer for the *Daily Meal* declared it a "masterpiece." "This is the type of sandwich where, when you take your first bite, you can literally hear the crunch of your teeth sinking into the toasted, buttery bread," the reviewer enthused. "A river of warm, gooey American cheese, paired with equal amounts of tomato and caramelized onion followed. Fireworks exploded. Rainbows appeared. Music began to sound in my ears." *Zagat* called Rubin a "self-made grilled cheese magnate," and *New Jersey Monthly* dubbed him the "Maven of Melted Cheese." In 2013, at twenty-six, he was named to *Forbes*'s "30 Under 30" list in the food category.

Melt Shop has five stores in Manhattan and one in a Long Island mall; the latest addition, in Washington, D.C., opened in February, and more are in the works. Rubin, whose title is managing partner, says he puts in an average of 100 hours per week when he's launching a new location. "When you have a big opening and you have the right team, there's no better feeling—it's like winning a championship," he says. "You have to make sure you really have the passion for it, because it can be a ton of work. But when you see customers happy, it's the most rewarding thing."

During Rubin's Cornell days, his favorite sandwich was Collegetown Bagels' BLT—so it's not surprising that his preferred Melt menu item is the Maple Bacon. Wedged between two slices of white bread, it's a gooey mess of sharp cheddar, Brick spread (a blend of aged Wisconsin brick and cheddar cheeses), and thick-cut, maple-coated bacon. Another of the restaurant's unconventional creations combines hand-battered fried chicken, pepper jack cheese, red cabbage slaw, and secret "Melt Sauce" on sourdough. A vegetarian option called the Big Skinny serves up mozzarella, grilled mushrooms, roasted tomatoes, red peppers, arugula, and sherry vinaigrette dressing on sourdough.

Rubin—whose bio on the Melt website simply reads, "Jersey Native, Sandwich Junkie, Hopeful Entrepreneur"—knew he wanted to be a restaurateur from an early age. Although neither of his parents was involved in the culinary world, he grew up with an appreciation for home cooking. "Going food shopping together was something my mom and I did all the time," he says. "In high school I usually cooked a family dinner for us at least three times a week." Although he pondered culinary school, Rubin became more interested in the business side of the industry. At the School of Hotel Administration, he created his own restaurant development major by combining courses in hospitality, food, and real estate.

A student internship at the Modern, a fine-dining restaurant in the Museum of Modern Art, showed Rubin that the formal scene wasn't for him. After a few years of working for a firm that provides real estate, design, and construction services to restaurants, he settled on grilled cheese as the perfect basis for a fast-casual empire. "It felt like the right time for something innovative," he says, "yet nostalgic and familiar." To develop the project he teamed up with Aurify Brands, a New York-based restaurant incubator, which provided funding and guidance. For their debut site, they settled on a 300-square-foot kiosk in an open-air plaza in the heart of Midtown—a tiny space with a prime location to capture the corporate lunch crowd while keeping costs down. "We had the idea, but we didn't start developing the concept until we saw the space," Rubin recalls. "I said, 'This is where a grilled cheese shop should be.'"

— Caryn Ganeles '10



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# The Moderate

Mark Kirk '81 on his stroke, his re-election race, and being the Senate's 'most endangered Republican'



Steps forward: Mark Kirk '81 in rehab after his stroke

*In January 2012, a year after he was sworn in to fill the U.S. Senate seat once held by Barack Obama, Mark Kirk '81 was in his Illinois home when he felt dizzy and his left arm grew numb. Kirk, then fifty-two, managed to drive himself to the hospital, where he suffered a debilitating ischemic stroke. His political career appeared to be over. But after two operations to relieve brain swelling and a year of grueling rehabilitation, Kirk made a dramatic return to duty. Despite lingering effects from the stroke, he told a reporter last November there is "no frickin' way I am retiring" when his six-year term expires next year. Kirk, who previously served five terms in Congress, is the only Cornellian in the Senate and one of just a handful ever to serve there. He recently sat down with CAM for a chat in the Hart Senate Office Building.*

**Cornell Alumni Magazine: How complete is your recovery?**

**Mark Kirk:** Pretty complete. I had to relearn how to walk, how to read. The key to recovery is to treat what your physical therapist says like the revealed word of God. Just follow his direction, and you are going to get better. I was flat on my back, and now I'm definitely not flat on my back.

**CAM: Are you still doing rehab on your left side?**

**MK:** Very much so. It's a process that will probably continue for the rest of my life. There's a lot of walking and loosening up stuff to make sure you are ready to go each day.

**CAM: What's your advice for other stroke victims?**

**MK:** My most rewarding work has been to tell them that their best days are ahead. A lot of times they will say to me that they remember when I climbed the forty-two steps from the parking

lot to the Senate front door. The entire Senate was out there cheering me on. It was a good, happy, bipartisan moment in a place that doesn't have too many of those.

**CAM: How has the experience changed your outlook?**

**MK:** I used to be a glass-half-empty guy, a pessimist. Now I'm much more of an optimist, and much more empathetic. People all have their own stairs to climb.

**CAM: Is there a public-policy piece of this? Tell us about the legislation you've introduced.**

**MK:** I'm an advocate for something I've written called "the stroke agenda." About 700,000 Americans each year suffer strokes. Three-quarters will never return to work the way I've been able to. I want to set a national goal to get as many of those folks as possible to return to work.

**CAM: Looking back 35 years, you attended Blackburn College in Illinois and a university in Mexico before transferring to Cornell. What brought you to Ithaca?**

**MK:** Carl Sagan. Cornell was the only school at the time that had a department of planetary studies. And I wanted to study astrophysics.

**CAM: You ended up majoring in modern European history instead.**

**MK:** Right. The professor who I remember most fondly was Walter LaFeber, who taught a course in the diplomatic history of the United States. One of the proudest moments of my time as an alumnus was when I went back to Cornell to give a talk on China. LaFeber and I got to spend some time together. I had no idea that his house was near my fraternity, Seal and Serpent.

**'About 700,000 Americans each year suffer strokes. Three-quarters will never return to work the way I've been able to. I want to set a national goal to get as many of those folks as possible to return to work.'**

**CAM: What about Cornell prepared you for your career in law, the U.S. Navy Reserve, and then Congress?**

**MK:** Cornell was where I worked the hardest that I ever worked. I learned I could study for three hours, rest, then study for another three hours. I went to the various coffee houses—the Green Dragon, the Apple Blossom—and would rotate among them.

**CAM: Today you occupy the Senate seat once held by Barack Obama. How well do you know him?**

**MK:** I've talked to him a couple of times. He called me after my stroke and wished me well. It was very nice.



Bipartisan welcome: Senator Mark Kirk '81 (center) was cheered by colleagues including Vice President Joe Biden (left) and Democratic Senator Joe Manchin when he returned to work at the Capitol after his stroke.

**CAM:** What's your assessment of his presidency?

**MK:** I've been disappointed. Especially, I've been a pretty strong critic of his on Iran issues.

**CAM:** Why are you so outspoken about Iran's nuclear program?

**MK:** As a congressman [from Illinois for five terms], I became a leading voice on the safety and security of the State of Israel, to make sure that Israel survives the twenty-first century. An overarching goal for my political life has been to make sure the next generation of Americans never has to hear about a nuclear war in the Persian Gulf. One Holocaust was too many.

**CAM:** A large number of Republicans, including several of your colleagues in the Senate, are eyeing the White House in 2016. Do you have a favorite among the GOP hopefuls?

**MK:** No, I'm not going to make an endorsement. Let my fellow Republicans decide on their own.

**CAM:** Are you definitely running for re-election in 2016?

**MK:** Absolutely. I think we've raised nearly \$3 million, and we're not providing refunds.

**CAM:** How much of your time do you spend dialing for dollars?

**MK:** A lot. A lot of it.

**CAM:** You were narrowly elected in 2010; you're from a state that typically goes Democratic in presidential election years; and there are questions about your stamina. What do you think when you see yourself described as the Senate's most endangered Republican?

**MK:** I have never not been endangered. All of my races for the House and Senate have been top-tier races. So, for me, what is past is prologue. To be in a targeted race has been my whole career.

**CAM:** You support same-sex marriage, a woman's right to choose an abortion, comprehensive immigration reform, and a ban on assault weapons. Do you feel lonely in your own party?

**MK:** No, no. I've always been a fiscal conservative, social moderate, and national security hawk. People across Illinois sometimes will turn on the TV and hear the extreme left and extreme right and wonder who in Washington represents them.

**CAM:** So you're comfortable being a moderate Republican?

**MK:** Very much so. Moderation in all things. You try to make sure that you represent that practical, Midwestern view of the world. We come here to incrementally solve problems and make the world better by the time we leave this place.

— Bill Sternberg '78



# You Oughta Be in Pictures

## Cornellians on the big (and small) screen

In May, the news broke that star Natalie Portman will play Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54** in *On the Basis of Sex*—a film about Ginsburg's work as a crusading attorney in landmark gender discrimination cases—and that French actress Juliette Binoche will have the title role in *Pearl*, an upcoming biopic about *Good Earth* author **Pearl Buck, MA '25**.

They'll join a roster of Cornellians who've been portrayed in TV and film over the years, from Oscar-winning prestige pictures to movies-of-the-week. Can you think of any performances that we've missed? What other alumni and faculty deserve the star treatment—and who should play them? Go to this story at [cornellalumnmagazine.com](http://cornellalumnmagazine.com) and weigh in.

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**Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**



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Juliette Binoche

Kevin Dunn



**Sandy Berger '67**

In the 2006 TV miniseries "The Path to 9/11," the Clinton-era National Security Advisor was played by Kevin Dunn.



**Mark Whitacre, PhD '83**

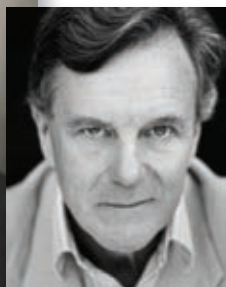
Whitacre was the protagonist of *The Informant!*, Steven Soderbergh's acclaimed 2009 black comedy about the biochemist's eccentric stint as a corporate whistleblower. Matt Damon got a Golden Globe nomination for the role.



Matt Damon



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Nicholas Hammond

### Adolphe Menjou 1912

Menjou, himself a huge star of early Hollywood, was played by actor Nicholas Hammond (best known as Spider-Man from the late Seventies TV series) in the 2001 television movie "Child Star: The Shirley Temple Story."

### Howard Hawks 1918

The famed director (*His Girl Friday*, *The Big Sleep*, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*) has been portrayed several times in TV movies about classic Hollywood. They include "Bogie" (1980), "Rita Hayworth: The Love Goddess" (1983), and "Norma Jean & Marilyn" (1996). Hawks was also a character in the 1978 theatrical release *Hughes and Harlow: Angels in Hell*, played by Adam Roarke.



Adam Roarke



### Paul Wolfowitz '65

Deputy Secretary of Defense under President George W. Bush, Wolfowitz was played by Dennis Boutsikaris in the 2008 Oliver Stone movie *W*. He also appeared as a character in the TV movie "DC 9/11: Time of Crisis," played by veteran character actor Stephen Macht.



Dennis Boutsikaris

### Margaret Bourke-White '27

In *Gandhi*—the 1982 Richard Attenborough prestige picture that raked in eight Oscars—Candice Bergen played the famed *Life* photographer, who captured an iconic image of the title character at his spinning wheel.



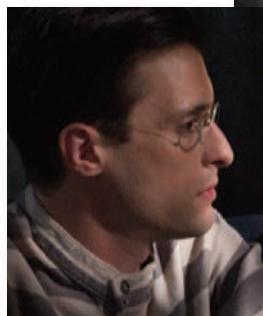
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### Leo Frank 1906

The tragic tale of Frank, a Jew who was lynched in Georgia after being unjustly convicted of murdering a young girl, has been dramatized multiple times. It was the subject of a TV miniseries (1988's "The Murder of Mary Phagan," where he was played by Peter Gallagher), a film (2009's *The People vs. Leo Frank*, with Will Janowitz as "Boardwalk Empire" in the role), and a musical (*Parade*, which opened on Broadway in 1998 and won two Tonys).

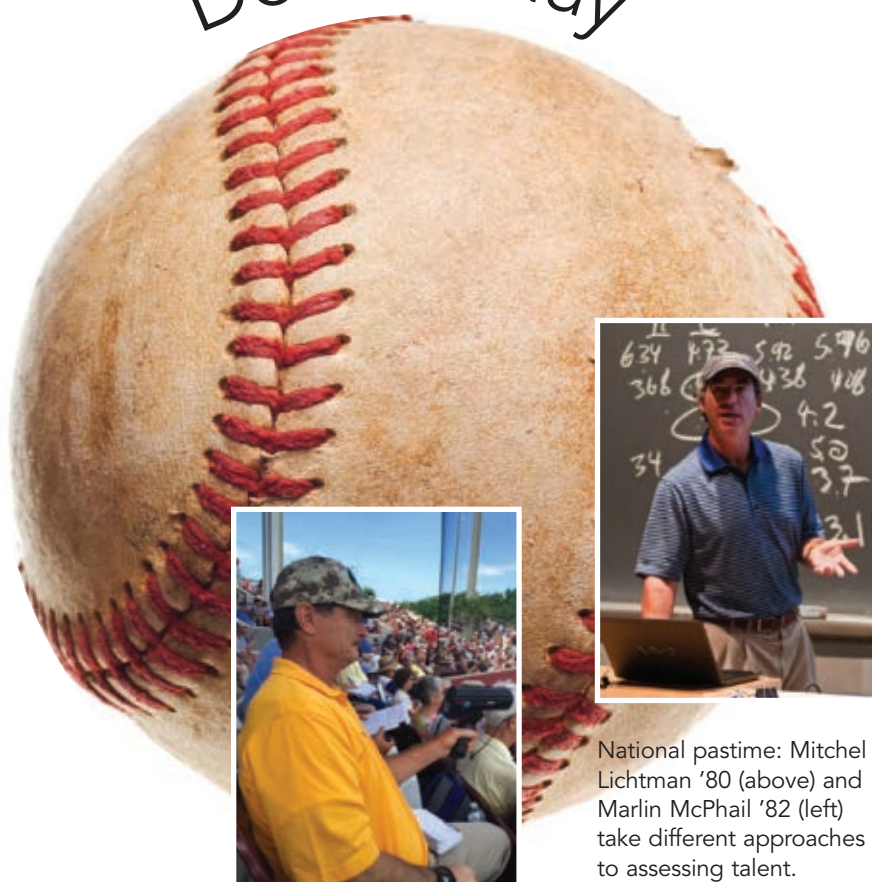


Will Janowitz





## Double Play



National pastime: Mitchel Lichtman '80 (above) and Marlin McPhail '82 (left) take different approaches to assessing talent.

## A baseball scout and a stats guy weigh in on the sabermetrics debate

*For more than twenty years, Marlin McPhail '82 has been a scout for the New York Mets, focusing on high school and college players who might become pro stars. A former second baseman, McPhail broke Big Red records before spending ten seasons in the minor leagues, half of them at the highest (AAA) level.*

*Mitchel Lichtman '80, on the other hand, is a professional sabermetrician. The term, made famous in the book *Moneyball*, comes from the acronym SABR, for the Society of American Baseball Research; sabermetrics is advanced empirical analysis of the game. Lichtman, who never played baseball beyond high school, has worked for the St. Louis Cardinals, consulted for other teams, co-authored *The Book: Playing the Percentages in Baseball* (a seminal tome about managerial strategies), and created a new defensive metric known as Ultimate Zone Rating.*

*When it comes to evaluating players, there has long been a perceived conflict between their two worlds—between the people who crunch the numbers and those who “beat the bushes.” But in recent years, that clash has evolved into coexistence; in fact, every major league team now has its own analytics department. In April, as the season got into full swing, CAM put the two alums together for a chat.*

**CAM:** Compared to the typical fan, is there something peculiar about the way you watch a game?

**Marlin McPhail:** I'm always looking for different angles, and I don't always watch the ball. You can find me at a high school game out behind the fence, standing behind an outfielder to see how he reacts; I might just watch the way a hitter runs or what kind

of turn he makes around first base. Of course, I like to know where the ball lands—especially if it goes over the fence.

**Mitchel Lichtman:** I watch a game less casually than most fans. I obsess over managerial decisions. Who does he bring in to pinch-hit? What does he do with his starting pitcher? I'm very much an observer of pitching. How does he optimize his sequence and randomize his pitches enough to keep the batter guessing?

**McPhail:** I'd enjoy watching a game with you, because there's still a lot of player and coach in me, and I watch that way, too. I probably do too much of it. In fact, as a player, people used to tell me, “If you stopped analyzing yourself, you'd probably do a little better.”

**CAM:** A common notion is that baseball was slow to accept analytics because the sport is largely run by former players who are wedded to doing things the old-fashioned way. True?

**Lichtman:** For years, management was self-propagating from a player pool, which doesn't happen in any other industry; McDonald's doesn't have people who retire from working the cash register and then become the CFO. But in sports that's often the way it works, and that can be a barrier to technological progress. All of the pioneering work that was done in analytics was done by people outside the baseball industry, but at some point the industry realized it had to get on board.

**McPhail:** In any business, it can be hard for the people on the inside to see its flaws. *Moneyball* tells the story of how [Harvard alum] Paul DePodesta was brought in by [Oakland A's general manager] Billy Beane, who wanted to try something new, and they had success. When people see success, they're willing to do it.

**CAM:** In evaluating prospects, is there still room for gut instinct?

**Lichtman:** What is a gut feeling? It's really just internal processing of information by a trained observer. Let's face it: that aspect of scouting and decision-making is happening less and less because of access to more information, data, and technology. So it's becoming a dinosaur. But is there still room for it? Sure.

**McPhail:** I think the further you get from the big leagues, you find more gut feelings. Granted, feelings sometimes can fool you. So I think there's room for it, but you should be able to explain why.

**CAM:** In *Moneyball*, Michael Lewis wrote that evaluators who trust analytics believe that a young player “is not what he looks like, or what he might become, but what

he has done”—whereas the traditional baseball man derides that as “performance scouting.” Is that still a bone of contention?

**McPhail:** To some degree. In the major and minor leagues, players are generally competing against the same level of talent, so you’re looking at their body of work against their peers. But at the college and high school level, you almost have to get down to, for instance, “How do guys perform on Friday night against the other team’s number-one starting pitcher, versus on Sunday against a less-skilled pitcher?” I’m okay with comparing numbers, but the numbers can be generated in different ways. **Lichtman:** A good analyst not only generates statistics, but also accounts for context. Even ten or twelve years ago, when we were doing work on evaluating college players for the major league draft, we were among the first people to take those numbers and adjust them for the quality of the opposition, the conferences they were playing in, the parks they were hitting in.

**CAM:** Mitchel, you’ve been quoted as saying, “Human observation is terrible at quantifying things. That’s why we have statistics.” But can analytics learn anything from scouting? What attributes can’t be measured in numbers?

**Lichtman:** Scouting is important in terms of work ethic. The numbers can’t tell us if a player is going to work hard and improve his game as he gets older and moves through the ranks. Does he have the mental makeup to handle the pressure? And numbers only show a sample of a player’s performance. There’s luck and randomness, and that can fool us. We want to reduce the noise in the numbers, and scouting becomes critical there.

**CAM:** So Marlin, if analytics had been more a part of the game when you were playing—and getting on base about 35 percent of the time—do you think you might’ve had a shot at the majors?

**McPhail:** That’s hard for me to answer. When I look back and compare myself to others guys at that time in the big leagues, it just frustrates me. So maybe I’ll let Mitchel answer that one.

**Lichtman:** I was just looking at the stats, and you had decent numbers, Marlin. Your prospects would probably hinge on your defense. You played all over the field in the minor leagues. What was your primary position?

**McPhail:** I actually played every position—but I never was really good at any of them.

— Brad Herzog ’90

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## Big Red Highlights

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**BASKETBALL Shonn Miller '15** (above) closed out his Cornell career in impressive style, earning first-team All-Ivy honors and being named a finalist for national Defensive Player of the Year. Miller averaged 16.8 points and 8.5 rebounds per game to become only the fifth Big Red player to earn multiple first-team all-league honors. Miller missed his junior season because of an injury and will use that year of eligibility to play for the University of Connecticut as a grad student next season, which is allowed under NCAA (but not Ivy League) rules.



**SQUASH** After reaching as high as third in the national rankings, **Danielle Letourneau '15** (left) finished her college career as only the second Cornell player to earn first-team All-American honors for four straight seasons. She went 12-4 for the season and reached the quarterfinals of the College Squash Association Individual Championship for the third straight year. **Aditya Jagtap '15** (left) earned first-team All-American honors as well, reaching the CSA quarterfinals and placing sixth in the final season rankings after posting a 14-2 record for the men's team.



**POLO** The women's team won its 14th national title in April, scoring in the last 10 seconds to beat Virginia 17-16 in the U.S. Polo Association's National Intercollegiate Championship game. **Anna Winslow '16** led the Big Red with five goals while **Devin Cox '16** scored four. The women's last national title came in 2011. The men's team lost to Texas A&M in a shoot-out in the national semifinals and finished 15-4 overall.



**FENCING Victoria Wines '17** (above) posted Cornell's best finish ever at the NCAA Fencing Championships, placing third in the epee. Wines went 17-6 in round robin competition to tie for first, then lost in the semifinals 15-11. She's the University's first All-American since **Meghan Phair '06** was fourth at the NCAA tournament in 2004. Big Red fencers have seven individual national titles to their credit, but they all came in the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (NIWFA) Championships.

**GOLF** For the first time in program history, the team had two players earn All-Ivy honors—and they're brothers. **Luke Graboyes '17** and **Mike Graboyes '18** finished in a tie for seventh place at the Ivy Championships. They both posted their best score in the final round of the three-day event, with Luke shooting a one-over-par 73 and Mike carding a 74.

## Spring Teams Final Records

Baseball 13-27; 9-11 Ivy (3rd, Gehrig Div.)

Men's Lacrosse 10-5; 4-2 Ivy (T-1st)

Women's Lacrosse 9-7; 4-3 Ivy (T-3rd)

Varsity Hvywt. Rowing 5-3

J.V. Hvywt. Rowing 5-3

Fr. Hvywt. Rowing 3-1

Varsity Ltwt. Rowing 7-0

J.V. Ltwt. Rowing 6-1

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Women's Varsity Rowing 2-5

Women's J.V. Rowing 1-6

Softball 17-24; 8-12 Ivy (3rd, South Div.)

Men's Tennis 12-8; 4-3 Ivy (T-4th)

Women's Tennis 9-9; 3-4 Ivy (T-5th)

## Alumni News


**SOCCER** After two years as an assistant coach for the Colorado College men's team, **Scott Palguta '05** has been named head coach of the top-20 Division III program. Palguta played professionally for seven seasons and helped the Colorado Rapids to the MLS Cup in 2010.

**MEN'S HOCKEY** The end of the college season usually means the beginning of professional careers for a few Big Red players—and this year was no exception. **Cole Bardreau '15** signed an entry-level contract with the Philadelphia Flyers and joined the team's AHL squad in Lehigh Valley, where he scored one goal with one assist in 15 games. **Joakim Ryan '15** signed with the San Jose Sharks, who'd tabbed him with their seventh-round pick in the 2012 draft. Ryan reported to the Sharks' AHL team in Worcester, where he had two assists in seven games. **Jacob MacDonald '15** was the other player to go pro, signing with the Elmira Jackals of the ECHL, where he had a goal and two assists in eight games.

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY** Big Red coach **Doug Derrrough '91** guided the Canadian team to a silver medal at the IIHF World Championships in April, thanks in part to the efforts of six former Big Red players. **Rebecca Johnston '11**, **BS Ag '12**, had two goals and three assists for the Canadians while **Brianne Jenner '15** had a goal and two assists while leading all players in the tournament with 68 faceoff wins. **Laura Fortino '13** and **Jillian Saulnier '15** each collected one point for Canada while **Lauriane Rougeau '13** and **Jessica Campbell '14** played in all five games but did not score.

## Coaching Changes

**SOFTBALL and SWIMMING** The end of the 2015 season marked the end of an era for two Big Red teams. Dick Blood wound up his tenure as softball coach with 623 victories in 20 years, the most wins in one sport by any Cornell coach. And Joe Lucia stepped down as head coach of the swimming program after 28 years with the men's team and 15 with the women's. He will remain as a volunteer coach in charge of alumni relations and fundraising; former associate head coaches Patrick Gallagher and **Wes Newman '09** will become head coaches of the women's and men's teams, respectively.



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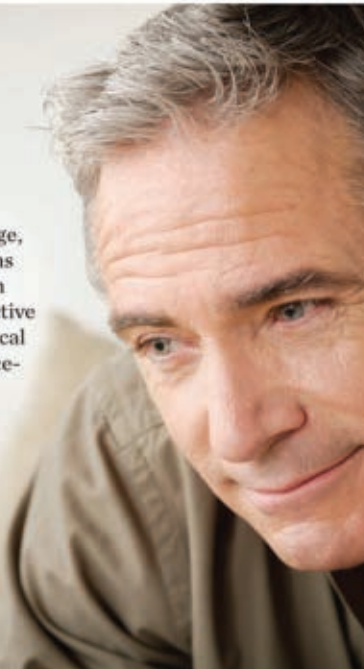
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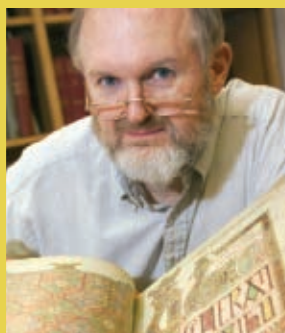


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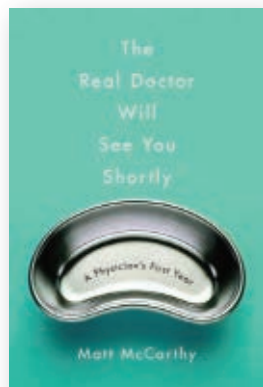
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# New Releases

*There are many writers among Cornell alumni and faculty—and they're a prolific bunch. Here's a sampling of ten of their latest books, hot off the presses, in genres from memoir to thriller to whimsical verse.*



## The Real Doctor Will See You Shortly

**MATT MCCARTHY**  
(CROWN)

In a memoir subtitled “A Physician’s First Year,” an assistant professor at the Medical college takes readers through the intense days and nights of his internship at a New York City hospital. “People enter medical school with the belief that they’re on the path to becoming revered, trustworthy physicians,” McCarthy writes after his training gets off to a rough start, “but what if I was destined to become the one colleagues whispered about?” The young doctor’s intern year offers dramatic highs and lows, and McCarthy is forced to face his own mortality when a needle stick puts him at risk of HIV, prompting anxious weeks of waiting for test results. *USA Today* called the book “an entertaining window into an unknown world for most readers.” A previous work—the controversial *Odd Man Out*, about McCarthy’s brief tenure as a minor league baseball player—was a *New York Times* bestseller.



## Off the Radar

**CYRUS COPELAND, MBA '90**  
(BLUE RIDER)

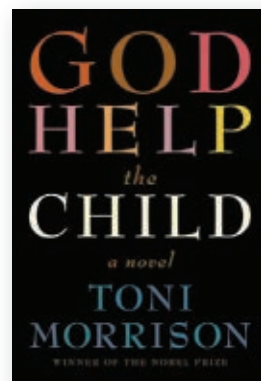
The son of an Iranian mother and an American father, Copeland had a front-row seat to the Iranian revolution when the family was living there in the late Seventies. When his father was arrested and accused of working for the CIA—and no Iranian lawyer would take the case—it fell to Copeland’s mother to defend her husband, using her knowledge of Sharia law in a desperate attempt to save him from execution. Decades later, Copeland set out to answer a question that had long dogged him: had his dad really just been a businessman, or was he indeed a spy? Copeland’s quest forms the basis of his memoir. “I could imagine him doing some things on behalf of the United States, things possibly in the interest of America’s national security,” writes Copeland, a former ad executive. “But I never thought of him as a full-time CIA agent. And yet . . . he fit the profile, didn’t he?”



## Guns Across America

**ROBERT J. SPITZER, PHD '80**  
(OXFORD UNIVERSITY)

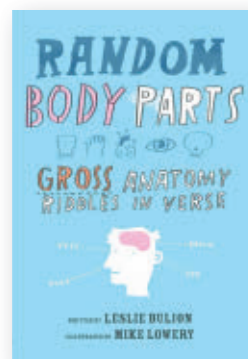
Contrary to the popular belief about a historically unfettered right to bear arms, argues a political science professor at SUNY Cortland, eighteenth-century America put numerous restrictions and conditions on gun ownership. In a general-audience book subtitled “Reconciling Gun Rules and Rights,” Spitzer delves into such issues as stand-your-ground laws, the lethality of various weapons, and the relationship between gun legislation and the Second Amendment. Along the way he discusses several high-profile cases including the death of unarmed teen Trayvon Martin; the Colorado movie theater massacre; the mass killing of schoolchildren in Newtown, Connecticut; and the attempted assassination of Arizona Rep. Gabby Giffords, MRP '97. As part of his research, Spitzer built a legal AR-15 assault weapon and went through the permitting and training process to carry a concealed handgun in New York State.



## God Help the Child

**TONI MORRISON, MA '55**  
(KNOPF)

The latest novel by the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Beloved* explores the lasting power of childhood hurts, in what the *New York Times* called “a ballad about love lost and perhaps found, a ballad about fractured families and second chances.” Its protagonist, dubbed Bride, is a beauty whose blue-black skin caused her to be rejected by her light-skinned mother. Bride falls in love with—and has her heart broken by—a man coping with the legacy of his own childhood horror, the murder of his beloved older brother by a pedophile. “I’m scared,” Morrison writes, in Bride’s voice. “Something bad is happening to me. I feel like I’m melting away. I can’t explain it to you but I do know when it started. It began after he said, ‘You not the woman I want.’”

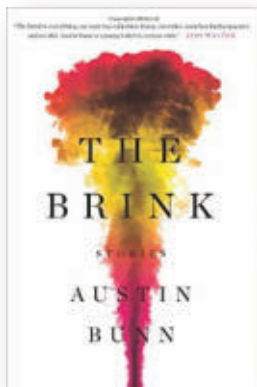


## Random Body Parts

**LESLIE BULION '79**  
(PEACHTREE)

In a collection of “gross anatomy riddles in verse” for elementary-aged kids, Bulion’s light-hearted

doggerel on human biology is paired with whimsical illustrations by Mike Lowery. As she writes in a poem on the nose: “Oh odors in the air are roaming / You’ll breathe them in; through me they’re coming / Reminding you of bygone days / But pollen wafts and air is dusty / So I make gobs of mucus disgust / One ripe KERCHOO! And out it sprays.” Each poem comes with additional text explaining biological basics, and there’s a glossary of anatomical terms. *School Library Journal* praised the volume as “an engaging collection, equal parts gross-out humor and hard science.”

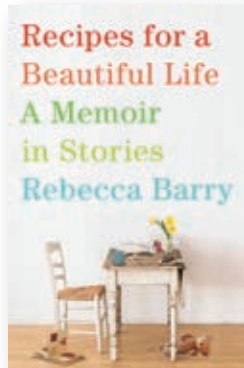


### The Brink

**aUSTin bUNn**

(hARPeRcOLLiN S)

An assistant professor of performing and media arts offers a collection of ten short stories that *Booklist* called “a shimmering debut.” The tales—which explore characters in extremis—encompass a wide variety of settings, from a summer school class about the prospect of nuclear holocaust to a terrorist bomb that threatens a couple’s honeymoon to an epistolary description of a comet-worshipping cult. As the title implies, all have the common theme of people being brought to their limits—be they mental, physical, or emotional. “Seeing his father cry is like watching a building collapse when someone you know is inside,” Bunn writes of one teenage protagonist. “It is raw and close and terrifying.”

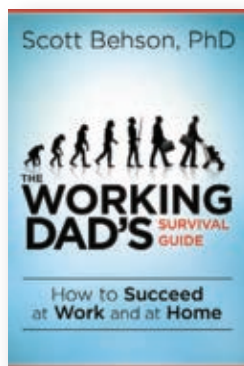


### Recipes for a Beautiful Life

**Rebecca baRRy '90**

(SiMoN & Sch UStE R)

Part memoir, part recipe collection, Barry’s book chronicles her family’s move to Upstate New York, where she and her husband and young sons settled in Trumansburg, a village outside Ithaca. She intersperses tales of domestic life and professional tribulations with recipes for comfort food like carrot-ginger soup, ethnic fare such as vegetable biryani, and even adult beverages (including margaritas and a whisky-based concoction called Angry Mommy Tea). Her chapters, each opening with “How to . . .,” offer solutions to such challenges as losing baby weight, silencing your inner critic, and getting your kids to go to bed.



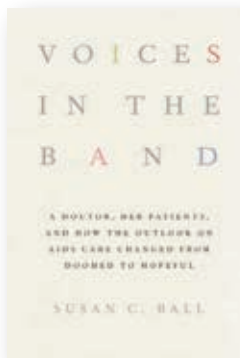
### The Working Dad’s Survival Guide

**Scott behSon '94**

(MoTiVaTiOnaL)

Timed for release around Father’s Day, this business how-to book offers tips from an expert on work-family balance. Behson, the married dad of a ten-year-old boy

and author of the “Fathers, Work, and Family” blog, gives practical advice on such issues as protecting family activities from the creeping demands of work, carving out “me time” for exercise and social activities, negotiating flexible work arrangements, and building a support network of peers. “It’s time that our most important life challenge—success in both our careers and in our families—is finally recognized as an important issue,” he writes. “It’s time that we, as fathers, start discussing our struggles.” A professor of management at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Behson has appeared on NPR, MSNBC, CBS, and other media outlets, and was a featured speaker at the White House Summit on Working Families.



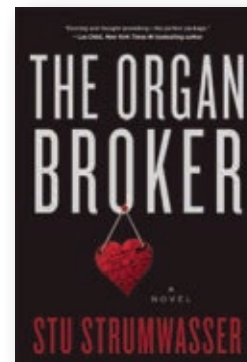
### Voices in the Band

**SUSan c. ball**

(CoRNeLL UniVeRSitY)

“I am an AIDS doctor,” Ball writes in the introduction to her medical memoir, a narrative nonfiction look at the HIV epidemic. An associate professor at the Medical college, Ball has worked at the AIDS clinic at NewYork-Presbyterian, Cornell’s teaching hospital, since in the early Nineties—before the advent of drugs that made it a manageable disease. Her book is distinct in examining the AIDS crisis from the perspective of the patient experience, as she chronicles the people she calls “a combination of brave, depraved, strong, entitled, admirable, self-centered, amazing, strange,

funny, daring, gifted, exasperating, wonderful, and sad.” A physician-reviewer in the *New York Times* noted that the memoir, “brought the bad old days back to me in Technicolor: the waiting rooms full of walking skeletons, splotted and coughing, vanishing forever at regular intervals. Those were the days when you returned to work after a week’s vacation and asked, ‘Who died?’ ”



### The Organ Broker

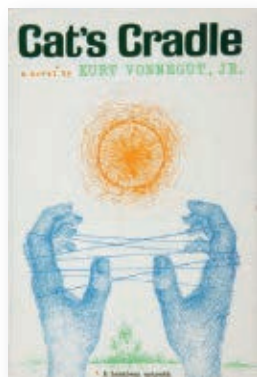
**StU StRUMwaSSeR '88, bS '89**

(aRcADe)

In his first novel, which *Publishers Weekly* called “a real eye-opener,” Strumwasser explores the shadowy world of black market organ trafficking. His protagonist—the broker of the title—is one New York Jack, a longtime seller of kidneys and other organs to the wealthy and desperate. Faced with the choice between participating in a murder and losing a \$2 million commission, he suffers a crisis of conscience that sends him on an international adventure, fleeing his enemies and the authorities. Told in first person, the novel is crafted as Jack’s confession. “Most of the business takes place overseas,” he says in the opener, “so the industry has come to be known as ‘Transplant Tourism’—and I’m the cruise director.”

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### Cat's Cradle

**KURT VONNEGUT '44**

Vonnegut's most famous work—*Slaughterhouse-Five*, inspired by the author's experiences during the bombing of Dresden—is the subject of this year's New Student Reading Project. Another of his celebrated literary sci-fi novels, *Cat's Cradle* (1963), also ponders the legacy of war. The book's central allegory, a substance called "ice-nine" that can instantly freeze any living thing, was invented by a fictional creator of the atom bomb. The book's narrator meets up with the scientist's children, and they go on a journey to a Caribbean island nation ruled by an ailing dictator.

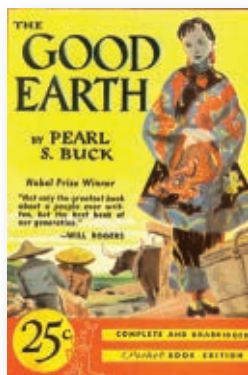


### Charlotte's Web & Stuart Little

**E. B. WHITE '21**

White, the longtime *New Yorker* contributor, authored two of America's most beloved works of children's literature. *Charlotte's Web*, published in 1952, tells the bittersweet story of a friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a spider named Charlotte, who saves him from being slaughtered

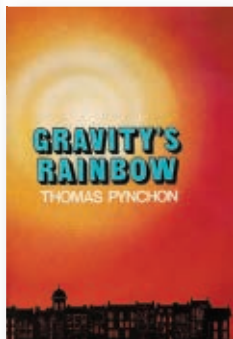
through messages she weaves in her silk. As Eudora Welty wrote in a review: "As a piece of work it is just about perfect, and just about magical in the way it is done." In *Stuart Little* (1945), White told the tale of a talking mouse born to human parents. Actor Michael J. Fox voiced Stuart in the 1999 Hollywood version and its 2002 sequel.



### The Good Earth

**PEARL S. BUCK, MA '25**

"It was Wang Lung's wedding day." So begins Buck's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1931 novel about the lives of a farmer and his wife, whose fortunes rise and fall in their village in pre-World War I China. A fixture on middle- and high-school English curricula, Buck's novel went back on the bestseller list in 2004, when Oprah Winfrey included it in her book club. A 1937 film version won two Oscars—including a Best Actress nod for Luise Rainer as Wang Lung's long-suffering wife, O-Lan—and was nominated for Best Picture.



### Gravity's Rainbow

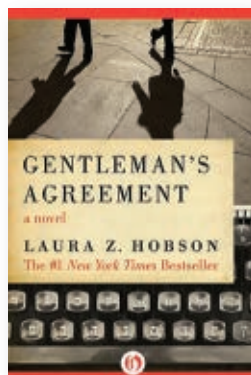
**THOMAS PYNCHON '59**

Winner of the National Book Award for fiction, Pynchon's

# Cornellian Classics

*Big Red Writers have penned many memorable books—including a few set at a certain university on a hill*

dense and complex four-part postmodern epic clocks in at nearly 800 pages. Its title refers, among other things, to the trajectory of a German V-2 rocket; its plot—if that is indeed the appropriate term—defies easy summary. To quote the original *New York Times* review from 1973: "*Gravity's Rainbow* is bonecrushingly dense, compulsively elaborate, silly, obscene, funny, tragic, pastoral, historical, philosophical, poetic, grindingly dull, inspired, horrific, cold, bloated, bleached, and blasted."

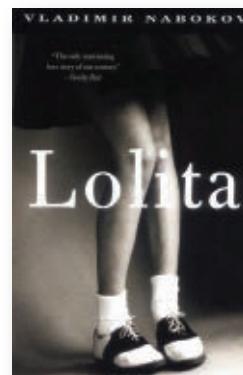


### Gentleman's Agreement

**LAURA Z. HOBSON '21**

While the 1947 movie version, starring Gregory Peck, is arguably better remembered than the novel—it won three Oscars, including Best Picture—the book was both a runaway bestseller and a critical darling when it was published that same year. The plot concerns a journalist who, tasked to do a series of magazine stories on anti-Semitism, decides

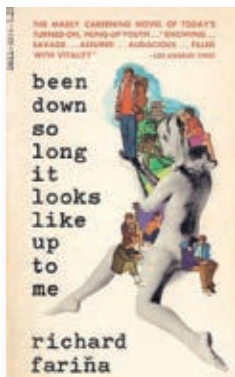
to experience it firsthand by pretending to be Jewish. "Abrupt as anger, depression plunged through him," Hobson writes in the book's opening lines. "It was one hell of an assignment."



### Lolita

**VLADIMIR NABOKOV**

Nabokov was teaching Russian literature on the Hill when he wrote his 1955 masterwork, which the Modern Library put at number four on its list of the 100 best novels of the twentieth century. Shocking in its—or, in fact, any—day, it follows a middle-aged scholar sexually obsessed with a twelve-year-old girl. "She was Lo, plain Lo, in the morning, standing four feet ten in one sock," Nabokov wrote. "She was Lola in slacks. She was Dolly at school. She was Dolores on the dotted line. But in my arms she was always Lolita." Hollywood has filmed it twice: a 1997 version (with Jeremy Irons as narrator Humbert Humbert) and a now-classic 1962 release directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring James Mason, Shelley Winters, and Peter Sellers.



## Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me

**Richard Fariña '59**

Fariña died in a motorcycle accident just two days after the 1966 publication of his first novel, which he wrote while a student on the Hill. Now a cult classic, it's set at a thinly disguised Cornell—dubbed Mentor University—and features numerous local characters and landmarks. Its protagonist, one Gnosso Pappadopoulos, goes on a trippy trip through the counterculture in his college town. “Not that this is a typical ‘college’ novel, exactly,” Thomas Pynchon, a friend of Fariña’s, wrote in his introduction to the paperback edition. “Fariña uses the campus more as a microcosm of the world at large. He keeps bringing in visitors and flashbacks from the outside. There is no sense of sanctuary here, or eternal youth. Like the winter winds of the region, awareness of mortality blows through every chapter.”

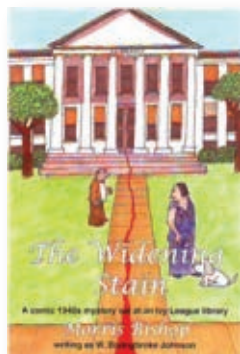


## Fool on the Hill

**Matt Ruff '87**

*Publisher's Weekly* summed it up handily when the book debuted in 1988: “This exuberant first novel unfolds

at Cornell University, the alma mater of its twenty-two-year-old author, who has re-imagined his school as the center of a violent and funny modern-day fairy tale. Stephen Titus George is a young writer longing for true love and a great story to tell. With the mysterious appearance of Calliope, a sorceress who can transform herself into anyone’s vision of female perfection, both of his dreams begin to come true. Ruff shapes an adventure for his protagonist that includes everything from poisoned apples to winged dragons, all set on a campus where there isn’t a professor in sight and where the actions of dogs, cats, and invisible sprites are as meaningful as those of the students.”

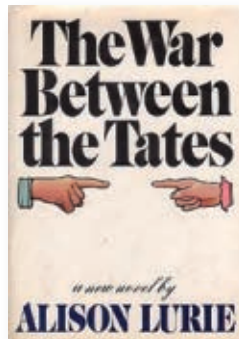


## The Widening Stain

**Morris Bishop 1913, PhD '26**

Best known on the Hill as the author of the original *History of Cornell*, Bishop also penned a definitive history of the Middle Ages, reviewed books for the *New York Times*, and published light verse in the *New Yorker*. His sole foray into mystery—a comic novel released in 1942 under the pen name W. Bolingbroke Johnson—centers on the murder of a French professor found dead in a fictional version of Uris Library’s ornate reading room. While Bishop winkingly denied authorship throughout his lifetime, he did cop to it—obliquely—in a limerick he jotted in a copy shelved in Olin: “A cabin in northern Wisconsin / Is what I would be for the nonce in, / To

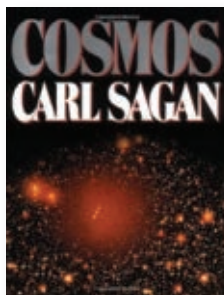
be rid of the pain / of *The Widening Stain* / and W. Bolingbroke Johnson.” Rue Morgue reissued the novel in 2007 under Bishop’s byline.



## The War Between the Tates

**Alison Lurie**

Lurie’s fictional Corinth University, a recurrent setting for her novels, is the backdrop of this acclaimed 1974 study of the upending of a faculty marriage in a town closely resembling Ithaca—and, unsurprisingly, many on the real-life campus speculated wildly about whom the characters may have been modeled on. A TV version, starring Elizabeth Ashley and Richard Crenna, aired in 1977. Lurie taught English on the Hill for nearly three decades before retiring as a professor emerita in 1998. Her other novels include *Foreign Affairs*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1985 (and also became a TV movie, starring Joanne Woodward and Brian Dennehy).



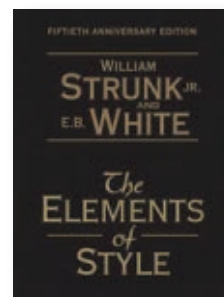
## Cosmos

**Carl Sagan**

While the late astronomer won the Pulitzer for *The Dragons of Eden*, it’s for *Cosmos*—both the phenomenally popular PBS TV series and its accompanying book, published in 1980—that

he’s best remembered.

“The Cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever will be,” Sagan wrote. “Our feeblest contemplations of the Cosmos stir us—there is a tingling in the spine, a catch in the voice, a faint sensation, as if a distant memory, of falling from a height. We know we are approaching the greatest of mysteries.” The book, which won a Hugo Award for nonfiction, was re-released in 2013 with a forward by his widow, Ann Druyan, and an essay by astronomer Neil deGrasse Tyson, host of a rebooted “Cosmos” series.



## The Elements of Style

**William Strunk Jr., PhD 1896 & E.B. White '21**

Known on campus as “the little book,” Strunk’s quintessential guide to the mother tongue fell into disuse after the legendary English professor’s retirement in 1937. It got a second life two decades later, when White lauded it in the *New Yorker* as “a forty-three-page summation of the case for cleanliness, accuracy, and brevity in the use of English.” With some reworking—White’s original manuscript is housed in Kroch Library—it became a bestseller after its publication in 1959. (As one bookstore clerk wrote to White: “It’s propped up on the front table with all the other ‘hot’ paperbacks—between the *Rand McNally Road Atlas* and *The Joy of Sex*. And it’s selling faster than either one of them.”) Generations of students have been schooled in its precepts, including “Omit needless words”; “Use definite, specific, concrete language”; and “Use the active voice.”



# The Writer's Life

*Thoughts on two decades in the publishing game*

My favorite quote about imagination comes from George Bernard Shaw: “You see things, and you say, ‘Why?’ But I dream things that never were, and I say, ‘Why not?’ ” It’s a declaration of possibility—the sort of sentiment that drives people to write books.

I’ve written (and have had published) several dozen of them, fiction and nonfiction, for all ages—from thirty-two-page picture books to 400-page travel memoirs to a coffee table tome about the U.S. presidents. In the two decades since my first book hit the shelves, publishing has changed dramatically, for better and worse. E-readers and online retailing have altered the tactile connection between writer and reader, while at the same time upping the chances of there being any connection at all. Consolidation among booksellers and publishers has endangered traditional independents in both arenas, but new technology has made the ultimate in independence—self-publishing—much more accessible. Everyone has a story; now anyone can tell it.

But the act of writing a book? That hasn’t really changed. And it is a triumphant act. To write a book is to create something from nothing. J.R.R. Tolkien’s Middle-Earth was once an empty sheet of paper. John Irving’s Owen Meany was a character without form. Truman Capote’s *In Cold Blood* was just a percolating notion.

Is everything derivative? Possibly. But that ship sailed with Odysseus. As Kurt Vonnegut ’44 put it, “All great storylines

*To write a book is a rather brave act of optimism—but the difference between your work being noticed and ignored can boil down to luck.*

are great practical jokes that people fall for over and over again.” But everything can be fodder, too. It’s just a matter of tilting your head at the world and putting your nose to the grindstone.

To write a book is to summon self-confidence, a writer’s most important attribute. Even among the greats, though, it can be elusive. Again, I’ll quote Vonnegut: “When I write, I feel like an armless, legless man with a crayon in his mouth.” On the other hand, Toni Morrison, MA ’55, has said, “If there is a book you really want to read, but it hasn’t been written yet, then you must write it.”

And yes, anyone can try. A common refrain that authors hear from their friends and acquaintances is, “I was thinking of writing a book.” According to legend, one author, who heard it from a neurosurgeon at a cocktail party, responded, “You know, I was thinking of trying brain surgery.”

But a would-be author’s most imposing challenge is actually a cousin of confidence—courage. To write a book is to risk derision. The Internet has in some ways been a boon to publishing, but it is also a magnet for mean-spirited commentary, much of it anonymous. Most authors will tell you that the scathing review is the one that lingers in the



Story time: Author Brad Herzog '90 during a school visit

psyche, like Boo Radley in the shadows.

And there is an even greater horror—silence. More than 300,000 books are released by traditional publishers in the U.S. each year, and many thousands more are self-published or disseminated through non-traditional means like print-on-demand. Breaking out of the pack—critically and commercially—is a daunting task. Usually, I’m grateful if people read the darned thing at all, even if they echo Woody Allen’s less-than-committed summary of *War and Peace*: “It involves Russia.”

To write a book, then, is a rather brave act of optimism—but the difference between your work being noticed and ignored can boil down to luck. *States of Mind*, the first of my three travel memoirs, was rejected by some twenty major publishers before a tiny North Carolina-based press took a chance on it. It received little attention until I happened to appear as a contestant on the TV game show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire” at the peak of its popularity in 2000. My thirty seconds of chatting about the book with Regis Philbin extended my fifteen minutes of fame. The book (briefly) shot up to number two on Amazon’s bestseller list, behind a young-adult novel about a boy wizard. I was interviewed by Oprah and Matt Lauer and *People*. *USA Today* actually printed these words: “Brad Herzog. Remember the name. He just might be the next Stephen King or John Grisham.” When I returned home to my little California town, I was presented with the equivalent of the key to the city.

*States of Mind* was, indeed, that small press’s bestseller of the year, and it won an award for “best concept” among all books from independent publishers. But the attention was short-lived and the earnings were modest. My follow-up travel memoir, *Small World*, became an orphan: my editor—this time, at a big New York publishing house—left her job before it was released, leaving no one to champion it. Sales were dismal. For my third travelogue, *Turn Left at the Trojan Horse* (about my cross-country journey back to Ithaca for my 15th Reunion), I found myself back with a small publisher.

So to write a book is also to ride an ego roller coaster.

Fifteen years later, *USA Today's* words about me have a "Dewey Defeats Truman" quality to them. And the town that celebrated me? As I was walking my dog a few months ago, I was stopped by local police because I resembled someone they were looking for: a belligerent panhandler. That was, to say the least, humbling. Of course, my first thought was that there's a story in this somewhere. My second was that I need to shave more often.

I still have to fight for attention—from literary agents, from publishers, from bookstores, from readers inundated by options. I write in various genres not only because my interests are broad—my current projects include a picture book about an Apollo astronaut and a fantasy novel for middle-grade readers—but because, like most authors, I have to cobble together a living. So I also blog and do magazine articles and speak to school groups. As I write this, I'm stealing glances at my latest royalty check for *Turn Left at the Trojan Horse*. It's

for \$9.76. My agent took 15 percent.

Finally, a few years ago, my wife (Amy Hillsberg Herzog '91) and I decided it was time to drive the roller coaster, and we started our own publishing venture. With everyone wondering if print books are dying, it feels a bit anachronistic, but we like to believe we're bettering the world one page at a time. Genre-hopping as usual, we have published a picture book about golf, the memoirs of civil rights icon Carolyn Drucker Goodman '36, an examination of how to fix Congress, even a couple of fantasy novels written by my precocious adolescent son. The books have high production values and are distributed coast to coast, and some of our titles have garnered national publicity. We're selling books, slowly but surely.

Driving each project is the creative impulse that Shaw so eloquently articulated—and in fact, his quote inspired the name of our company. It's called Why Not Books.

—Brad Herzog '90

## 'Love' Letter

### *Two newlyweds, an RV, and a winding mountain road*

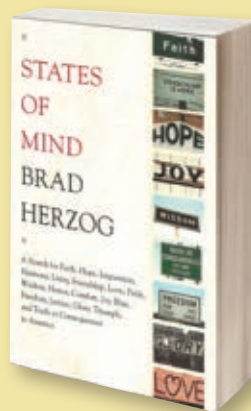
*In States of Mind, his first travel memoir, Brad Herzog '90 recounts the 314-day, forty-eight-state round trip that he and his wife, Amy Hillsberg Herzog '91, took in the mid-Nineties. In a Winnebago they dubbed the Rolling Stone, they visited small towns with evocative names—Hope, Comfort, Triumph—and sought out stories that reflected those sentiments. In the chapter on Love, Virginia, Herzog reflects on the highs and lows of the open road.*

The plan was this: We would climb aboard the Blue Ridge Parkway at its southern terminus in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and cover almost every one of its 469 miles as it headed toward Virginia's Shenandoah National Park. We would ride the ridges of the southern Appalachians past high pastures, deep hollows, and meandering mountain streams. We would pass points of interest with evocative names like Crabtree Meadows, Cumberland Knob, Grandfather Mountain. We would travel through one of the world's great forests—spruces and firs, birches and beeches, maples and oaks, eastern hemlocks and white pines; and past wildflowers in full bloom—the Dwarf Iris, the Birdfoot Violet, the Mayapple. We'd see small farms with picket fences and rows of beans or cabbage or tobacco. We'd smell the faint scent of apple butter and hear the distant sounds of fiddles and banjos and dulcimers. Sixteen miles before the road's end, we would turn off at a mountain hamlet resting along the crest of some of the world's most ancient peaks, ending with a bang at a town called Love. That was the plan.

Reality was nine miles and a whimper.

We had somewhat overestimated the Rolling Stone's ability to conquer a steep uphill. We had grossly underestimated its size. The manual stated we were eleven-and-a-half feet tall. As we approached a series of tunnels along the inaugural stretch of the parkway, a stretch we

could have jogged faster than we drove, it felt like putting a square peg in a round hole. The sign before the first tunnel claimed it was twelve feet tall. We pushed through. Minutes later, the next tunnel said 11' 6". We held our breath, stuck to the center and made it. The next one was 11' 0". I eased the RV up to the entrance, Amy stepped out to measure peg and hole, and somehow we squeezed our way through. When the color returned to our faces, we made a joint decision: screw the parkway.



We exited the two-lane serenity and set out for a trio of leisure-be-damned interstates. I-40 took us east through the heart of North Carolina. I-77 brought us north into Virginia. I-81 combined both directions and led us to our base camp in the town of Natural Bridge. The following day, we unhooked our car and, like Rosie Ruiz rejoining the 1980 Boston Marathon after taking a subway most of the distance, we returned to the fabled parkway having bypassed more than 400 scenic miles.

It was still worth it. From a distance, the mountains of the Blue Ridge appear soft and rounded, like a heap of green cotton balls. But when you drive into them, you see all the sharp edges and vibrant colors. What appeared to be one deep lime hue is revealed as countless complementary shades of the same, accentuated by the sharp whites of blooming dogwoods. The parkway was a tunnel of trees, sunlight filtering through a canopy of leaves, and then, every once in a while, a dramatic emergence and a view of a vast valley below. The Appalachians aren't as tall as younger mountains like the Rockies, not even half the size, but they're quite steep, many summits towering as much as 4,000 feet above the valley floor. It was a lesson in the relativity of grandeur.

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# Collectors' Items

*A peek inside the library vaults, home to archival assemblages of books, visuals, music, and more*

*The University and its libraries are home to numerous specialized collections, which edify and entertain researchers on a kaleidoscope of topics. They include:*

## Natural Sounds

The Lab of Ornithology maintains the world's largest archive of natural sounds, with more than 175,000 recordings. With entries dating to 1929, the Macaulay Library emphasizes birdcalls but also covers elephants, whales, frogs, and more. Available for online listening, it includes a wide variety of clips—from a walrus underwater to an ostrich chick still inside its egg. The collection is a popular resource for Hollywood, which has used its recordings in such films as *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*.



## Human Sexuality

Housed in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections (RMC) in Kroch Library, the Human Sexuality Collection was a rarity for an academic institution when it was established in 1988. While it has a broad mandate to chronicle sexuality from all angles, many of its 10,000 holdings center on the LGBT experience, from AIDS activism to erotic fiction. The collection celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday in 2013–14 with an exhibit featuring such items as an 1813 edition of Henry Fielding's *The Surprising Adventures of a Female Husband* and a poster from the 1973 X-rated romp *Campus Girls*, "in color for ladies and gentlemen over 21."



## The Nuremberg Trials

Cornell's Law Library is home to the personal archive of General William Donovan—special assistant to the U.S. chief of counsel at the trials—for whom the collection is named. It houses some 150 volumes of transcripts and other documents, including memoranda on trial structure, notes on the interrogation of Hermann Göring, Nazi organizational charts, and a personality analysis of Adolf Hitler compiled for the Office of Strategic Services during World War II.

## Witchcraft

Many of the more than 3,000 titles in Cornell's Witchcraft Collection—which focuses on the Inquisition and the persecution of witchcraft for religious reasons—were acquired in the 1880s by President Andrew

Dickson White and librarian George Lincoln Burr. Its holdings include court records of witch trials; personal accounts of witchcraft accusations in seventeenth-century Salem, Massachusetts; and fourteen Latin editions of the *Malleus maleficarum*. RMC describes the latter, which codified church dogma on heresy, as "one of the more sinister works on demonology."



## Falconry

The Kroch collection comprises the papers of William Sargent '30, BS '31, PhD '36, a leading expert on the avian sport. It contains correspondence, photos (including images of climbing expeditions to aeries), drawings, articles, and speeches—even a round-up of Shakespeare quotations about falconry.

## Beekeeping

Cornell's collection, begun in the 1920s by apiculture professor E. F. Phillips, is one of the world's most comprehensive archives of books in the field. With works from some two dozen countries, it tackles subjects from proper hive care to common apian diseases. Its more unorthodox holdings include a humorous volume that (as a Mann Library Web page puts it) "combines a rather dry 1876–77 German work on beekeeping with colored woodcuts of 1970"—in which bees are recast as scantily clad ladies.



## Oenology & Viticulture

Established in 1998, the Eastern Wine and Grape Archive is an ongoing effort by RMC and the Geneva Ag Station to preserve the records of the region's grape growers, winemakers, and others involved in the industry. The archive contains the papers of several area vintners,

and its organizers are actively seeking more: they're soliciting such items as letters, account books, diaries, scrapbooks, pamphlets, posters, field notes, scientific reports, marketing materials, photos, oral histories, "or any other documents that help tell the story of grape growing and winemaking in the United States."



## Maps

Headquartered on the lower level of Olin Library, the Map and Geospatial Information Collection has more than 650,000 maps and 4,200 atlases. Its holdings span from 1790 U.S. Census maps to modern geospatial data and everything in between: historical city plans, topographical maps, land ownership documents, nautical charts, globes, and more. An original Sanborn Map—whose makers assessed fire insurance risk in municipalities nationwide—shows Ithaca in 1883 (population: 10,000).



## Hip Hop Music

Created with a donation of core materials in 2007, Kroch's Hip Hop Collection aims to preserve artifacts that chronicle the musical genre, which emerged in the South Bronx in the late Seventies. It contains thousands of vinyl records, party flyers, magazines, and even clothing related to Hip Hop culture. Since its founding, the evolving collection has grown to include the archives of a seminal Hip Hop photographer and a graffiti artist, and it has prompted campus visits by stars of the genre.



## Golf Course Architecture

The sons of acclaimed course designer Robert Trent Jones, Sp Ag '28–'30, donated the archive of his seventy-year career to Kroch in 2009. The Robert Trent Jones Collection offers blueprints, sketches, photos, business records, and correspondence, including personal letters to such titans of the sport as Arnold Palmer, Ben Hogan, and Sam Snead. It also features the plans for several hundred of the courses he worked on, including the one named for him on campus.

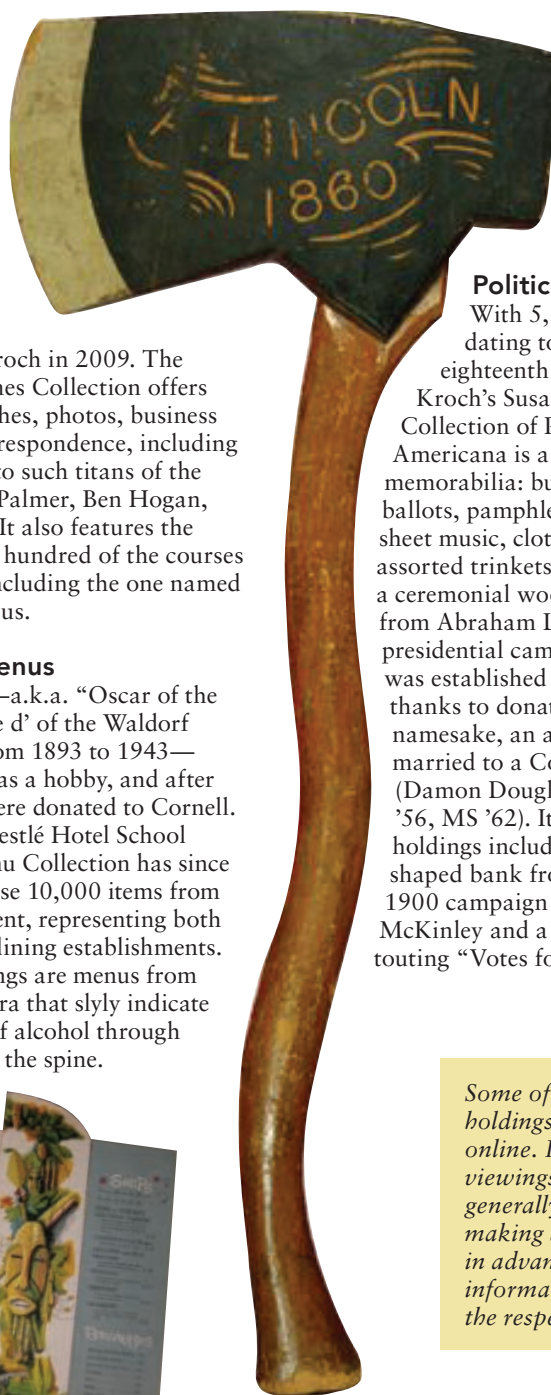
## Restaurant Menus

Oscar Tschirky—a.k.a. "Oscar of the Waldorf," maître d' of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel from 1893 to 1943—collected menus as a hobby, and after his death they were donated to Cornell. Housed in the Nestlé Hotel School Library, the Menu Collection has since grown to comprise 10,000 items from 1850 to the present, representing both casual and fine-dining establishments. Among its holdings are menus from the Prohibition era that slyly indicate the availability of alcohol through inserts hidden in the spine.



## The 'Language of Flowers'

The holdings of garden writer Isabel Zucker '26 were the basis for Mann Library's collection on the art of communicating feelings through botanical tributes, which had its heyday in the Victorian era but dates back to seventeenth-century Constantinople. Comprising 147 volumes, the Language of Flowers Collection boasts such holdings as *Flora's Dictionary*, a nineteenth-century guide that translates herbaceous messages; for example, a bouquet of ranunculus means, "I am dazzled by your charms."



## Political Artifacts

With 5,500 items dating to the eighteenth century, Kroch's Susan H. Douglas Collection of Political Americana is a trove of memorabilia: buttons, ballots, pamphlets, ribbons, sheet music, clothing, and assorted trinkets—even a ceremonial wooden axe from Abraham Lincoln's presidential campaign. It was established in the Fifties thanks to donations from its namesake, an avid collector married to a Cornellian (Damon Douglas '55, BCE '56, MS '62). Its varied holdings include an elephant-shaped bank from the 1900 campaign of William McKinley and a canvas bag touting "Votes for Women."

*Some of the collections' holdings are accessible online. In-person viewings of materials generally require making arrangements in advance; for more information, contact the respective libraries.*



# Pressing On

*Cornell's academic publishing house nears its own sesquicentennial*

When Cornell opened America's first university press back in 1869, the enterprise had dual missions. One was to publish scholarly work in the vaunted tradition of the university presses of Europe. The other—following the vision of the ever-practical Ezra—was a tad less lofty. “The founders wanted to have students apprentice and learn to use the printing equipment,” Mahinder Kingra, the press's director of marketing, says with a grin. “It was considered vocational training.”

Nearly a century and a half later, the press's wares are no longer churned out by ink-stained undergrads—and some 10 percent of its revenue comes from e-books, a figure that's expected to grow. But Cornell's academic publishing house is still going strong, putting out more than 100 books a year on a variety of subjects, from narrowly focused academic works to releases for a more general audience that can tally sales in the tens of thousands. Take last April, when the press published both *Unbuttoning America*—an exploration of the cultural significance of the novel *Peyton Place*, with a rather racy cover featuring a woman wearing gartered stockings and a come-hither look—and *Subterranean Estates*, a collection of scholarly essays on the hydrocarbon industry. (“By accounting for oil as empirical and experiential,” the catalog explains, “the contributors begin to demystify a commodity too often given almost demiurgic power.”)

Top sellers of recent years include an updated edition of *The Birds of Costa Rica*, which Kingra calls the definitive field guide to the world's most popular

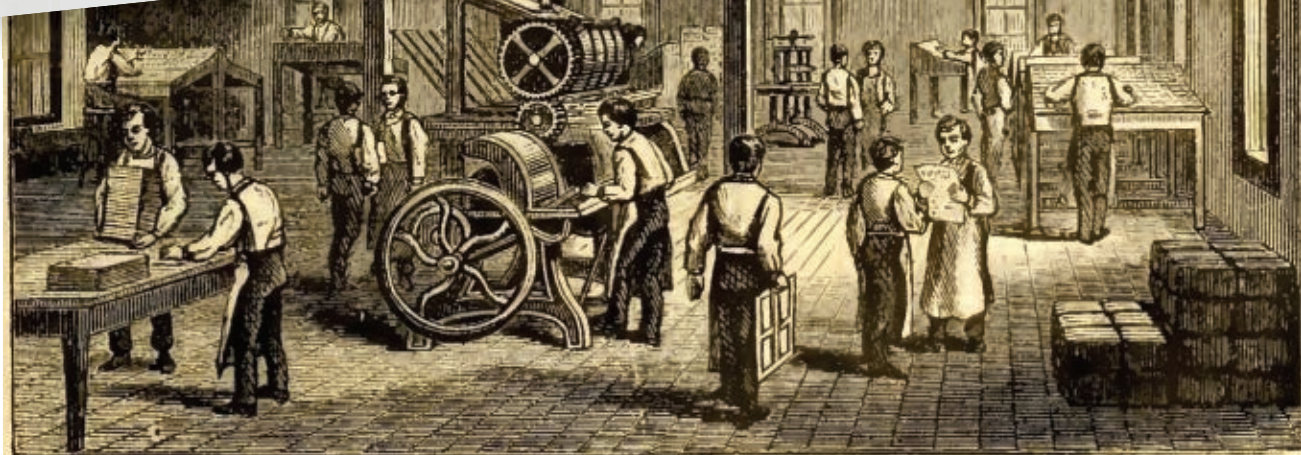
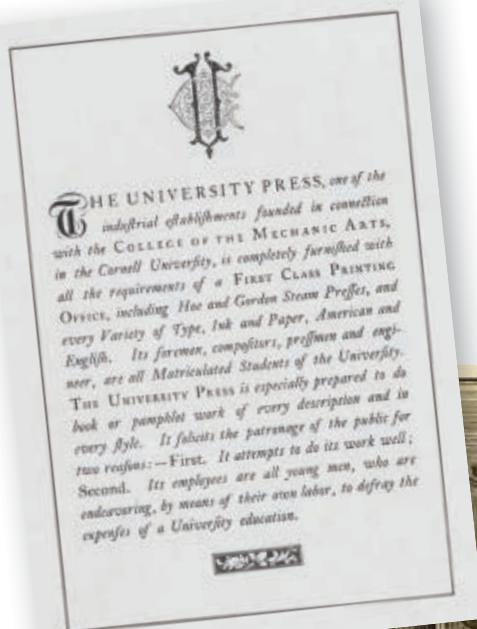


Turn the page: New director Dean Smith

on the best-seller list at Powell's, the influential indie chain in Portland, Oregon. “Commercial concerns are not our first priority, so we're able to publish more serious books that can take a deeper look at their subjects,” says Kingra. “Finances are important to us, but we don't need to publish 100,000 copies in order for it to work, so that frees us up to publish books on a broader range of topics.”

While CU Press—which is headquartered in Sage House, the stately Queen Anne villa that was home to early University benefactor Henry Sage—is indeed the oldest in the nation, there's a bit of an asterisk. It hasn't been operating

birding destination. *Behind the Kitchen Door*, a 2013 exposé of unfair labor practices in the restaurant industry, became the focus of a Unitarian social justice campaign and wound up



THE PRINTING OFFICE—SIBLEY BUILDING.

continuously, having been suspended between 1884 and 1930 due to lack of funds. But it can claim a couple of other distinctions: in 1955 it was the first university press to release works in paperback, and in 1999 it became the first publishing house in the world to print on paper certified as sustainably harvested. The press began publishing e-books in 2010; now nearly all new titles (except for the heavily visual) are available for e-readers like the Kindle and Nook, and the backlist is being digitized. The overall shift toward digital media and online sales has meant a sea change in how the press markets its titles, says director Dean Smith. “We’ve become experts at social media, at metadata and discoverability,” he says. “Is Google finding your books? Is the metadata correct on Amazon? That’s a huge issue. Where you used to focus on sending out tens of thousands of pieces of direct mail, you now focus on making sure your titles can be discovered.”

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Smith knows the online landscape: he came to Cornell in April from Project MUSE, a digital publisher of humanities and social science scholarship based at Johns Hopkins. (He succeeded John Ackerman, who directed the press for a quarter-century.) His future plans, he says, include releasing more Cornell-oriented titles, such as volumes devoted to Big Red sports. But he stresses that in the acquisition process, “nobody gets rubber-stamped.” A rotating board of about twenty University faculty has the final say on what gets published, and the press is no house organ: over the past decade, only 7 percent of its books were written by Cornell professors. Each manuscript is vetted by independent experts chosen by the publishing house—not the author—and they weigh in anonymously to ensure candor. “Even within the university press world, Cornell is known for the amount of time and effort we put into helping authors shape their manuscripts,” says Kingra. “We don’t just hit ‘print.’”

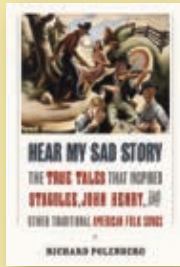
—Beth Saulnier

# Fit to Print

## Highlights of CU Press's fall catalog

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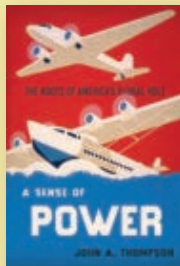
RICHARD POLENBERG



An emeritus professor of history at Cornell investigates the true tales behind such classic American folk songs as “John Henry,” “Casey Jones,” and “Frankie and Johnnny.” His topics include one notorious 1895 murder—a crime committed over “seventy-five cents and a hat”—that inspired “Stagolee.”

### A Sense of Power

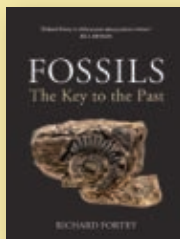
JOHN A. THOMPSON



An emeritus professor at the University of Cambridge explores the roots of the U.S.’s position in world affairs—one that has been extensive and costly over the past century. He quotes Thucydides: “Of the gods we believe and of men we know that it is a necessary law of their nature that they rule wherever they can.”

### Fossils: The Key to the Past

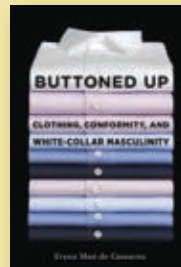
RICHARD FORTEY



About to be released in its fifth edition, this introductory text comes from a paleontologist at London’s Natural History Museum, whom Bill Bryson calls “without peer among science writers.” Fortey covers the formation and identification of fossils, as well as their importance as guides to the planet’s history. “The overall impression is one of a comprehensive tour through the heart of the earth sciences,” wrote a reviewer in a geology journal, “delivered in an accessible way with passion and enthusiasm.”

### Buttoned Up

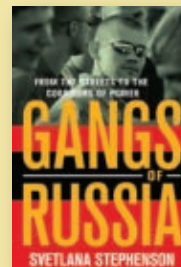
ERYNN MASI DE CASANOVA



“The first pebble in the avalanche that toppled the suit as the everyday dress of the white-collar warrior was the introduction of Casual Fridays,” declares de Casanova, a sociology professor at the University of Cincinnati. Here, she takes on “clothing, conformity, and white-collar masculinity,” investigating how corporate dress has changed since the days of *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*.

### Gangs of Russia

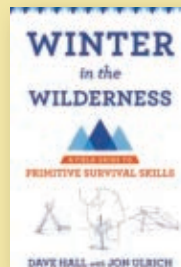
SVETLANA STEPHENSON



A London-based sociologist explores how Russia’s gangs have become entrenched since the Nineties. While some members are dead or in prison, she says, others have joined the ranks of the nation’s elite. “The gang is almost by definition an example of the shadow society,” she writes. “But far from being a group of isolated misfits and criminals, it responds to larger historical processes and can, in certain periods, move from the shadows onto the central stage.”

### Winter in the Wilderness

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# Every Trick in the Book

*Notes from the front lines  
of the textbook buying game*



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“Go ahead and grab a candy bar on your way out,” the Cornell Store cashier says after scanning my twelve books. In the ever-frustrating world of college textbooks, there’s only one surefire pleasure: the king-sized treats that the store offers as parting gifts during buyback, when you unload your used books at a fraction of their original price.

Textbook buying is just one of the systems that we Cornell students have to learn how to navigate. There’s the tedious online process we go through to enroll in courses, and the websites like blackboard.com that we have to master to turn in homework (and hope it doesn’t vanish). But while those may have their hassles, the stakes are different: erring in the textbook game can cost you real money. The University estimates that in 2015-16, most students will spend about \$890 on textbooks and supplies. If some of that goes toward books you don’t actually need, it can add up to a lot over four years.

Of course, such frustrations are nothing new: according to the *Daily Sun*, the cost of textbooks was “the top of the

list of undergraduate ‘gripes’ ” back in 1934. I’d bet a year’s worth of Big Red Bucks that it ranks similarly today. So every semester, students play a waiting game. The trick is to delay buying books until the last second, then get the best deal you possibly can.

It may sound obvious, but the first rule is to make sure that you’re actually going to take the course; nobody wants to get stuck with a stack of pricey books for a class they’ve dropped. Then, peruse the syllabus carefully to make sure that some glossy monstrosity you’ve been assigned will actually figure into your final grade. Optional readings are all well and good, but we students are overloaded as it is. The bottom line, dear professors, is this: if a book isn’t going to be on the test, we won’t crack it open.

Take the textbook from my Intro to Business Management class. I discovered the \$70 tome at the start of finals week, buried under a pile of paper on my desk, its plastic wrap unbroken. It wasn’t that I was lazy; rather, the professor had given out projects instead of prelims, and none of the material from the book factored into our assignments.

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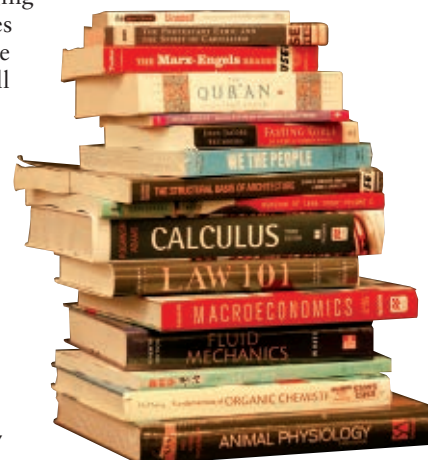
I have friends who play the game virtually by illegally downloading their textbooks from the Internet. Ethical issues aside, I find e-books hard to use; for me, there’s something essential about being able to highlight key facts or turn down the corner of a troublesome page. I learned this lesson the hard way last spring, when my statistics class required a book that could only be downloaded free online. It was convenient, but doing equations on a computer screen gave me headaches—literally and figuratively.

Once you decide that you need a particular book, you have to shop around. For large, expensive textbooks—say, a \$200 guide to organic chemistry—many students head to Amazon, or to lesser-known sites that offer rentals or even peer-to-peer book swaps. Sometimes you can find a European edition for much less than the U.S. version, with few noticeable differences in content. But if you’ve gambled wrong and left it too late, all the cheaper options—including used copies from the campus store or online sellers—may get snatched up.

In my early college days, I naively purchased all my books from the Cornell Store as soon as each course’s reading list was announced. I can still see my freshman self, lugging her expensive purchases across the Arts Quad the week before classes. She’ll take those books home, leaf through the pages with mild interest, and set them neatly on her desk. And she’ll never open them again—because as it turns out, she has enrolled in all the wrong classes.

Dear Freshman Me: you really don’t have to do everything by the book.

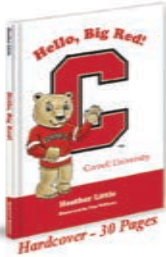
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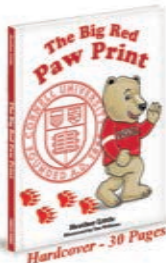
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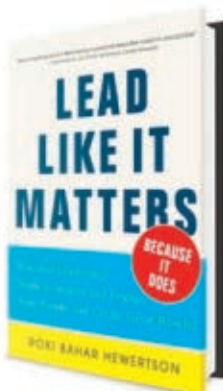
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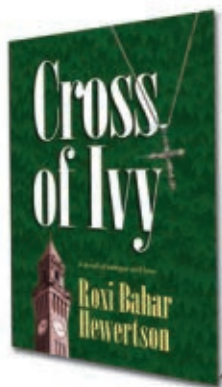
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# Page Turners

*Now in its fifteenth year, the New Student Reading Project is still going strong*



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Assigned reading: Laura Brown, vice provost for undergraduate education, with the 2013 book, *When the Emperor Was Divine*. Left: A discussion of *The Grapes of Wrath* during 2009 Orientation Week



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Since 2001, the University has aimed to create a sense of community among incoming freshmen and transfers through the shared experience of reading the same book. Dubbed the New Student Reading Project, it consists of lectures and discussions as well as special events like campus art exhibits and writing workshops connected to the book's themes.

*When it comes to selecting the book, Brown says she accepts nominations from 'everybody and anybody' including current students, faculty, staff, and RAs.*

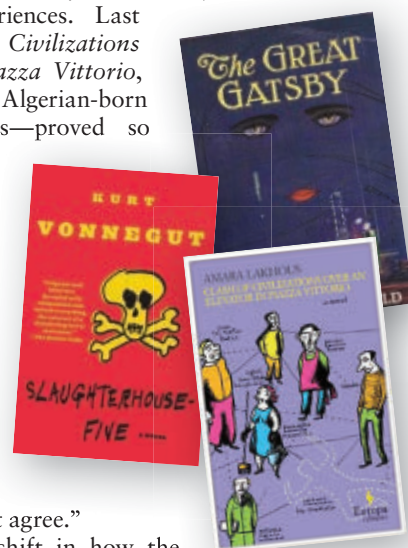
Over the years, selections have included history (*Lincoln at Gettysburg*), classics (*The Great Gatsby*, *Frankenstein*, *Grapes of Wrath*), sociology (*Guns, Germs and Steel*, which launched the project), even popular sci-fi (*Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, the basis for the film *Blade Runner*). “Students come to Cornell excited to be at such an academically diverse school, but it can be hard for them to experience that diversity because they quickly get to their department, major, or college and stay there,” says Laura Brown, vice provost for undergraduate education, who oversees the effort. “The project’s main intention is to get students feeling like there are intellectual or academic reasons why they’re all at Cornell, not just at seven separate independent undergraduate colleges.”

the University librarian. This year’s selection, *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut ’44, marks the first time the book was authored by a Cornellian.

Though some students may groan at the idea of an extra reading assignment, Brown says that many have reported positive experiences. Last year’s title—*Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio*, an Italian whodunit by Algerian-born writer Amara Lakhous—proved so popular that the author was invited to campus. “He was so excited to hear what American undergraduates thought of the book,” Brown recalls. “It was very cool to see the author interacting with students—to see the commonalities of what they thought the book was about, but also the ways in which they didn’t agree.”

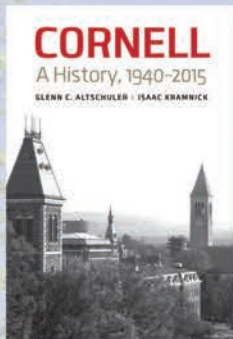
This year marks a shift in how the project is organized, due in part to a new academic calendar with a shortened orientation week. While in the past each incoming student was mailed a copy of the selected novel at the beginning of the summer—with discussions held during orientation—this year they’ll receive it when they get to campus, and discussions will take place early in the semester. As in past years, the book will also be read by the broader community: the selection is often assigned to classes at Ithaca High School, it’s read by local book clubs, and the Tompkins County Public Library stocks multiple copies.

— Gabriela Keane ’16

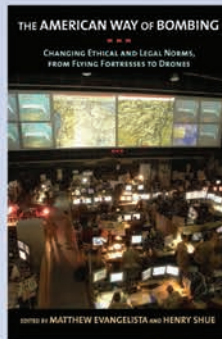




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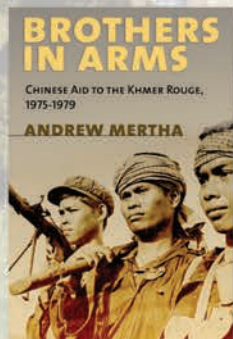
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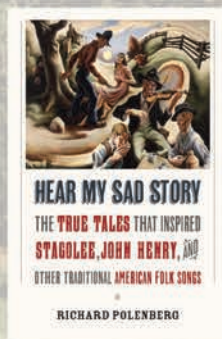
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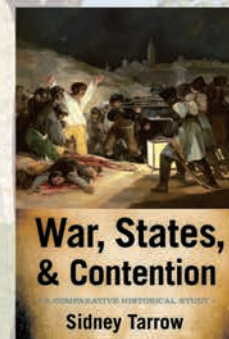
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# Art & Craft

*A round-up of campus writing classes*

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## First-Year Writing Seminars

Since 1992, most Cornell freshmen have been required to take two first-year writing seminars. Coordinated by the John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, these small-group classes are led by faculty and grad student teaching assistants in every humanities field. With some 200 seminars each semester, students can choose

one that pertains to their major or use the requirement as an opportunity to take something off-beat. Recent offerings include *Global Weirding: Climate Change and Culture*; *the Evolution of Fairy Tales*; and *Cultural Studies: Rednecks, Yokels, and Bumpkins*.

## Writing in the Majors

Started by the Knight Institute in 1988, this initiative is aimed at connecting communication and language skills to the campus's many fields of study. Spanning thirty-four departments, the courses give students the opportunity to explore their disciplines through writing. Offerings include *Our Home in the Solar System*; *Plagues and People*; and *Urban Inequality*.

## Expository Writing

Popular with upperclassmen and transfers, these are advanced courses that teach critical, reflective, investigative, and creative nonfiction skills. While they're offered through the English department, they draw grad instructors from a variety of fields. Fall 2015 courses include *Grassroots Politics*; *Post-Human Thinking: Beyond the Brain*; and *Creative Nonfiction: The Everyday Is Extraordinary*.

## Creative Writing

Part of the English department, the Creative Writing Program draws more than 500 undergrads annually. Several courses are open to students across the University, while higher-level ones are reserved for those in the major or minor. In the summer, the department offers a creative writing workshop in Rome, where students visit cultural and historic sites for inspiration. Creative Writing also offers an MFA—one of the most highly selective degree programs at Cornell—and a joint MFA/PhD. Only eight MFA students are enrolled annually, four each in poetry and fiction.

## Etc.

Students can take a number of scientific, technical, and language-specific writing classes across campus. In addition, Performing and Media Arts offers courses on writing for stage and screen, and the Communication department has a variety of media writing classes, plus some geared toward business writing. This July, Cornell's Adult University is teaching a sold-out workshop on the personal essay, with participants writing about experiences that have shaped their lives.

—Alexandra Bond '12



Valuable lessons: English professor Paul Sawyer, director of the John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, at work

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# Thesis Statement

*Of Sylvia Plath, tuna melts, and the sprint to finish the biggest assignment of my life*

I didn't want to write a thesis; I wanted to have written one. Many students do an undergraduate thesis for the sake of departmental honors, since *cum laude* status is often contingent upon it. For others, a thesis is a dry run for a PhD dissertation. But for me—who raced into the world twenty days early, has never bailed on a game of Monopoly, and has been known to make a contest out of late-night snacking—it was all about the challenge.

So at the beginning of my junior spring, in true Millennial fashion, I announced on Facebook that I would write a thesis. I envisioned all the charming posts to come, such as an Instagram of me perusing the library stacks like a brainy-but-adorable character in a John Hughes film. I thought of the photo I'd post of my finished thesis, its esoteric title splashed across the cover.

What I didn't think about was the part where I actually sat down and wrote the thing.

I began, like most of my peers in the English honors program, by boasting about my grand plans: how I'd finalize my topic by the end of junior year, read all of the pertinent criticism that summer, and steadily labor throughout senior year to finish it.

As it turns out, I wildly underestimated how wrong things can go—how spectacularly, beautifully, randomly wrong. My summer was consumed by an internship. I got mono. I fell behind. I got depressed about falling behind. There was a boy.

By late February I still had no thesis, no research, not even a clear topic. With a month and a half until the deadline, I cracked open Sylvia Plath's *Ariel* and annotated every poem in the collection like my life—or, since the thesis accounted for eight credits, my diploma—depended on it.

At that point, all I knew was that I loved poetry, Sylvia Plath, formalism, and feminism. But the magical thing about writing a thesis is that's all you really need to get started: something that you're passionate about. From there, a more specific focus somehow unearths itself. Your job is to brush the silt off of it.

Every day for three weeks, I wrote two pages. The more I wrote, the more my ideas crystallized and the faster the pages came. Once I was about twenty-five pages in, the terror of not finishing fell away, and what I intended to be a fifty-page study became closer to ninety.

I ate every meal with my thesis, blew off friends for my thesis, fell asleep with my thesis, frequently fought with my thesis. For all intents and purposes I was dating my thesis, and he wasn't always a stand-up guy. My diet dwindled to three basic food groups: tuna melts, fish sticks, and coffee.

It all came to a head during spring break. Not only did my laptop die—luckily, I e-mailed the thesis to myself with its



LISA BANLAKI FRANK

Waxing poetic: Lianne Bornfeld '15

*For all intents and purposes I was dating my thesis, and he wasn't always a stand-up guy.*

last breath—but the lack of sleep, eyestrain, stress, and lousy diet combined to cause a bit of a health scare. And by “a bit” I mean, “a doctor said I might have adrenal cancer.” Even after I found out I was fine, it took me a while to calm down enough to polish off the last ten pages.

So what did I write about? Even the short version is a mouthful, laden with academic jargon like “dichotomy subversion” and “existential multiplicity.” But in sum, I argue that Plath's original manuscript of *Ariel* was an allegory for the Greek mythological conception of the life cycle—and that her husband, Ted Hughes, undermined the work's essential optimism when he published a radically altered version after her death.

But what I've learned from writing a thesis goes way beyond any scholarly value. As much as it's a grand intellectual pursuit, it's a personal one as well. The process illuminated who I am under pressure, how I work, how I think, where I do it best, and why I do it at all. The whole experience was incredibly validating; it showed me that I'm the kind of woman who does things not because I must, but because I can.

And you can bet I eventually posted that Facebook photo of the finished product, esoteric title and all.

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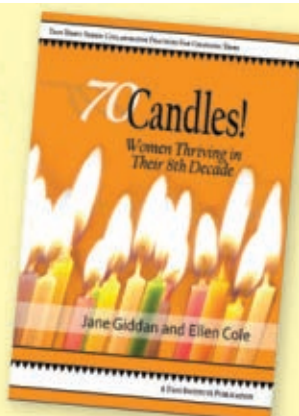
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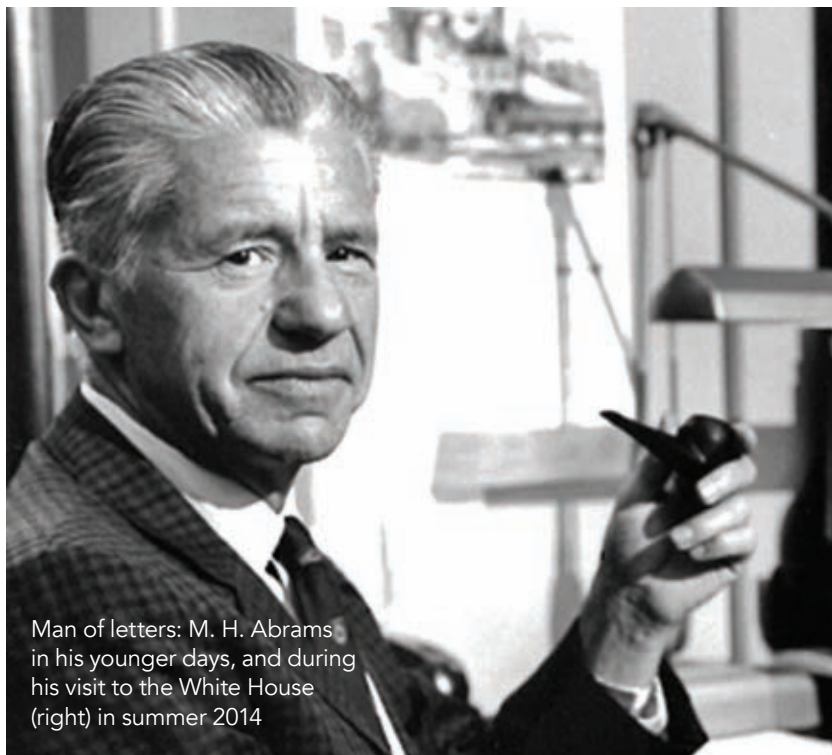
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# The Lamp Goes Dark

*A tribute to M. H. Abrams*



Man of letters: M. H. Abrams in his younger days, and during his visit to the White House (right) in summer 2014

**M.** H. Abrams—a lion of literary studies, founding editor of *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*, teacher of novelist Thomas Pynchon '59 and literary critic Harold Bloom '51, professor at Cornell for seventy years—died in Ithaca on April 21. Abrams, who passed away at the remarkable age of 102, was active until the last months of his life. Last summer he traveled to the White House, where President Barack Obama awarded him the National Humanities Medal for his contributions to literature. The eminent critic Wayne C. Booth has called him “the best historian of ideas, as ideas relate to literature and literary criticism, that the world has ever known.”

Meyer Howard Abrams—“Mike” to his friends—came to Cornell in 1945 and never left. His seminal work, *The Mirror and the Lamp: Romantic Theory and the Critical Tradition*, an extension of his Harvard PhD thesis, was published in 1953. Abrams argued that until the Romantics, literature served as a mirror held up to the world. But the Romantics—particularly Wordsworth and Coleridge—perceived, interpreted, and illuminated the world. The writer became the beacon, the lamp—roughly the way the Renaissance shifted us, in broad terms, from a God-centric to a human-centric world. “We are human, and nothing is more interesting to us than humanity,” Abrams said in 1999. “The appeal of literature is that it is so thoroughly a human thing—by, for, and about human beings.”

Bloom called *The Mirror and the Lamp* “a remarkable piece of critical and literary history” that “remains a perpetually useful book”—in other words, a classic. The Modern Library put it twenty-fifth on its list of the 100 most important nonfiction books of the twentieth century.

But Abrams is perhaps best known as founding editor of the *Norton Anthology*, which sold 8 million copies through the seven editions he oversaw. He began the project in the late Fifties, hiring six scholars to cover six genres. He expected it to take a year; it took four. No one anticipated that the anthology would be such a monumental success, spawning spin-offs devoted to American literature, fiction, Shakespeare, and more. And while the series has been attacked for some perceived faults—too narrow, too broad, too expensive, too heavy, too exclusive, too inclusive—it has endured, as a 2006 *New York Times* essay noted, “due in large part to the talents of Abrams, who refined the art of stuffing thirteen centuries of literature into 6,000-odd pages of wispy cigarette paper.”

Beyond the work, of course, was the man.

Abrams was born in Long Beach, New Jersey, in 1912, the son of a house painter who later owned a paint and wallpaper store. The first in his family to go to college, he earned his undergraduate and grad degrees from Harvard. During World War II he worked in that university’s psychoacoustics lab, where he tackled problems of military communications. He helped develop nomenclature for letters of the alphabet—



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“Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog”—that, for example, allowed pilots to hear radio instructions over the noise of engines and gunfire.

Biking to campus well into his nineties, the compactly built Abrams was genial, gentle, and witty. He and his wife, Ruth, were married for seventy-one years until her death in 2008; they had two daughters. And he was a devoted fan of Big Red football—so much so that, as legend has it, he never missed a single home game.

Not one? In seven decades? The attraction, he once explained, was “the snappy fall air and the excitement of the game—and the good fellowship.”

— Paul Cody, MFA '87



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**41** News from classmates has arrived to keep this column up and running. Please send your news to us—we love to hear from you!

**John Matthews** says he is “still chugging along” in Albany, TX. He writes, “Due to drought, I haven’t run any cattle for four years. Health is good for my age.” John sends his regards to all. **Jack Weikart** (Hockessin, DE) writes, “I live in a retirement/continuing care facility. Fortunately, I am in an independent living apartment. There is much to do—keeping out of mischief; helping others. I don’t travel much these days, although I still drive—but not on high-speed interstates if I can avoid them. I do hope to attend our 75th, but I may need a chaperone. We’ll see. All in all, all is well.” **Ray Watson** (RayWatson@aol.com) writes that he is alive and well. Sadly, he lost his wife of 73 years last October.

**Mary Munson Benson** (Lansing, NY) shares this: “At 96 I’m still living independently, and during the growing season there’s a tomato in a pot growing outside my window. I have had a full and happy life with the blessings of a large extended family—including 12 Cornell graduates!” **Gretchen Fonda Gagnon** (Cohoes, NY) writes, “I am happy to say that I am doing very well now. The tumble I took last July—fell down my front stairs (15 steps)—was certainly no adventure for a 95 year old! Coming out of that experience with a fractured clavicle and extensive bruising was indeed fortunate. I still feel the effects of it in bad weather, but have resumed most of my activities with the help of my cane, ‘Charlie.’ Life is good! Enjoy!” **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**42** Thanks to those of you who sent in news forms! **Gladys McKeever Seebald** (Wyomissing, PA) now has four great-grandchildren. She writes, “I am quite happy in this retirement community, where there is plenty to keep me busy—programs, fitness center, pool . . .” She keeps in touch with former roommate **Kathryn Fiske Weikel**, who had phoned her just a week or so before she wrote in.

**Will and Elizabeth Luxford Webster ’39** are living “quite independently” in their home in Hamburg, NY. They are in their 73rd year of marriage and are enjoying their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Will writes, “I play piano for 200 gigs, accompanying folks at retirement places. We furnish the words. This was inspired by **Bill ’39** and **Babe Lynch**.” Nellie Pitts Thorne wrote to us on behalf of her husband, **Stanley Thorne**: “At this time, Stan is blind and deaf, but loved by Nellie. We had our 70th wedding anniversary on April 3.” Nellie adds, “The mind is still active. The challenges are many.”

**Christina Steinman Foltman** (CSFFF50@aol.com) writes, “I am at home and have frequent help, but mostly do my own thing. I still do volunteer work, play bridge, shop, and weave around a bit. Like the author said, I reach down to pull the wrinkles out of my socks and find

I have no socks on. Humor is a wonderful thing. My best to you all.” **Class of 1942**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**43** **Shig Kondo** (skkondo@gmail.com) has forwarded a recent note from **Firth Perryman** (firthp@aol.com). Firth, who attended our 70th, was disappointed that the ‘43 column was missing in the March/April Class Notes. Shig immediately answered that no news had come in, and Firth sent the following:

“I’ve been pondering what to say for the Class of ‘43 notes. Last week I got a request for information and subscription money. You probably know this since ‘43 was a prominent return address. I wrote that I am living in an assisted living facility and haven’t done much, but I do have a blog people might like to see. So far nothing about Cornell, but maybe someday. The blog address: firthsramblings.wordpress.com. I have two daughters who attended Cornell: **Christine Perryman Schaller ’72**, BS HE ’71, MS ’73, and **Penelope Perryman ’74**. Christine lives in Batavia, NY, and is the administrator of the Genesee County Nursing Home, and Penelope lives in Santa Fe, NM, and writes grants for the Presbyterian Health Service of New Mexico. I hope this will be enough to get something in the ‘43 part of CAM.”

Many classmates sent in news forms with their dues payments. **Beatrice Swick Ornitz** remembers her roommate, **Carla Small Javna ’44**, AB ’43, and would like to hear from her. She adds, “I have a spinal ailment and cannot work. The death of my husband, **Martin ’42**, has also affected my family. He was truly a great man.” When asked what the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was, she answered, “How to help people and protect the environment.” In December 2015, Oxford University Press will publish **Bill Leuchtenburg’s** latest book, *The American President: From Teddy Roosevelt to Bill Clinton*. Bill is also working with Ken Burns on two forthcoming films: *The Vietnam War* and *Country Music*.

**Robert Turner** (Weston, CT) writes, “I did ten years as a town code enforcement officer. Retired from that at 90. Hurricane Sandy really whacked my property. I am still clearing, saving the property.” He adds, “We’re inundated with extended family. Most live nearby, so the house is rarely quiet.” Robert would like to be flying a seaplane or sailing a boat. As for the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell: “How to use a slide rule!”

**Lyman Warfield** has been living with his daughter in Mt. Prospect, IL, for the last four years. He still rides his bicycle regularly, but wishes he could be skiing or hiking in the Colorado mountains—“but my former companions in these activities are either too old or long gone!” At Cornell, Lyman learned to prepare to earn a living and how to get along with people. **Benjamin Kaplan** is a resident of Kimball Farms Retirement Village, which he calls a “good community.” Benjamin said that he learned temperance while at

Cornell. He would like to hear from **Dan Ohlbaum**, LLB ’48. More news to come! **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**44** Thank you for your news! **Janice Taylor Scott** writes, “I meet regularly with a local Tri Delta alumnae group. Had the pleasure of seeing **Katharine Snell Sigety** and several of her family this winter.” **Richard Cook**, BME ’48, has been retired for 27 years and moved out to California to be near his daughter. He says he’d still like to be sailing his boat on the East Coast and would also like to hear from **Dave Newcomb ’45**, BS ORIE ’48.

**Sturla Fridriksson**, MS ’46, lives in Reykjavik, Iceland, where he studies life on the volcanic island of Surtsey that was formed in 1963 by a volcanic eruption. Sturla began his work there in the spring of 1964, when the island was still barren. He chronicled the development of a complex ecosystem, beginning with seeds that arrived by water or were attached to birds. Some seeds were even found attached to the outer coating of capulated fish eggs that had drifted to the island. Later, insects reached Surtsey, either with their own wings or on the backs of birds. He notes, “It was a remarkable event when an earthworm was found there in 1993, possibly brought from a neighboring island.” If you are interested in reading more about his work, two of his books are available on Amazon: *Surtsey: Ecosystems Formed*; and *Surtsey: Evolution of Life on a Volcanic Island*. He and his wife, Sigrun, enjoy visits from their daughter, who lives next door. They also go to the theatre regularly and visit museums and exhibitions in the area. In late May, Sturla notified us that he had received the Melvin Jones Fellowship from the local Lions Club Int’l. This honor recognizes both financial contributions and humanitarian work.

**Norma Hirshon Schatz**, BA ’43, writes, “I am alive and (thankfully) well in Sarasota, FL. I stay active in my retirement facility and in the community, plus a bit of golf, some travel, and visits to and from children (four) and grandchildren (nine).” **Calvin DeGolyer**, BS Ag ’43 (Castile, NY) writes, “I still live on my farm and am enjoying my health and members of my family who live nearby. I don’t give unsolicited advice. I’m writing memoirs of days gone by.” **Elizabeth Scheidelman Droz** has been swimming and leading a Bible class at a retirement home in Utica, NY, where she lives for most of the year. She spends summers in Old Forge in the Adirondacks and was also hoping to get to NYC in April to meet with other *Sun* people.” Elizabeth says she learned valuable leadership skills at Cornell. She would like to hear from Kit Sigety.

**Norman Allen**, BS Ag ’46, is still doing farm records for Allenwaite Farm & Equipment Sales, the company he used to own. He has 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, with three more on the way. **Virginia MacArthur Clagett** (Atlantic Highlands, NJ) sent an update about her three grandsons: Andrew is studying at Lehigh;



Thomas is at Lafayette; and Steven is at Mother Theresa Regional School in Atlantic Highlands. Sad news from **Bill Ziemann**, B Chem E '43 (Wilton, CT), who wrote, "Mary Jo passed away suddenly in November 2014. She was still active the day before her death and will be greatly missed by all." Send news to: **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**45** Although you're reading this column after Reunion, it was actually written about a month before the event—so look for a full recap in the next issue. In the meantime, here's some news from classmates that arrived last spring.

**Frances Shloss** (Beverly Hills, CA; [fmshloss@roadrunner.com](mailto:fmshloss@roadrunner.com)) writes, "The most exciting thing that has happened in my life was the 150th Sesquicentennial event here in Los Angeles. Being the oldest class member in attendance, I was acknowledged at the stage show and was escorted by Ezra Cornell as we sang the Alma Mater! At an earlier photo-op event in front of the LACMA Plaza, I held a Cornell banner as I stood next to Touchdown, our beloved mascot. As our 70th Reunion approaches, I am looking forward to seeing former classmates and enjoying a lunch at Fran-ny's, 'my' food truck!" Frances adds, "As my two favorite cruise ships have been retired, I have not been on a cruise for two years. I miss them, but have fond memories, which I have captured, painting hundreds of little 3x5 watercolors at ports around the world." I hope some of you were able to see the exhibit of some of these paintings in Sibley during Reunion.

**George Karp**, BA '47 ([babamagoo1@msn.com](mailto:babamagoo1@msn.com)) stays busy volunteering at Palm Beach Harvest, a nonprofit, community-based organization that has been feeding the hungry in Palm Beach County for over 16 years. George reports that two more of his grandchildren have been recently married—"Wonderful weddings." **Louise Borntrager Weigel** writes, "I have moved to Lenoir Woods, a great retirement community in Columbia, MO. I celebrated my 90th birthday with a great family reunion in Kansas City in November. I am blessed with five children and their spouses, plus ten grandchildren—and my eighth great-grandchild is due this month. They live in eight different states, so it is difficult to get them all together." Louise was planning to attend our 70th! **Fred Williams** (Fredrick, MD) mostly spends his time going to doctors' appointments. He has 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and he writes, "All is right in my life. I'm happy with my computer, books, and wife." **John Rogers**, BCE '49, MBA '50 (Ithaca, NY) reported that his grandson **Christopher '15** has been elected captain of the 150 National Champion undefeated crew team. He was also elected to the senior honor society Quill and Dagger.

**Dorothy "Scottie" Scott** Boyle (Eastport, ME) is still volunteering one afternoon a week at Quoddy Crafts and Marine Museum. She writes, "After eight feet of snow, a record for the area, I'd like to be somewhere with blooms and hot sun." Scottie learned the importance of community service through her time at Cornell. **Doris Klein** Lelehook moved to a retirement community in

December 2014, where she participates in daily activities. She writes, "My daughter, Judith, lives in Alexandria, VA, and does social work there. Son Alex teaches special ed in junior high and high school. He also works at Fenway Park, where the Red Sox play." Doris says she would like to be playing tennis if she still could. She also enjoys traveling, keeping up with old friends (and making new ones), and staying healthy and energetic. When she thinks about Cornell, Doris says she appreciates meeting her husband and the close friends she could share studies and unique experiences with in a memorable place.

A few quick notes from our classmates: **Sally Reed** Reidinger (Chestertown, MD) finally has time to read, and says she is thankful for her good eyesight. "I'm very happy as is!" **Maralyn Winsor** Fleming is retired and living in Kendal at Ithaca. **Frederick Allen**, BME '44, lives in Los Angeles, CA, and spends his time working on puzzles.

**Fred Bondi**, BME '44 (Vienna, Austria) writes, "I'm retired at 92 and doing fine." He says he learned hard work, hard studies, good organization, and great fellowship at Cornell. **Walter Hamilton**, BS Hotel '49 (Port Saint Lucie, FL) is looking forward to our 70th Reunion! **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111,

Silver Springs, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, [julie.snell@verizon.net](mailto:julie.snell@verizon.net); **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815-4703; e-mail, [betbobf@aol.com](mailto:betbobf@aol.com).

**46** I am completing this column after watching the 2014 World Series champions, the San Francisco Giants, lose their fifth game in a ROW! CHIN UP! OK, it's early in the season. No news from me has arrived here, so I have once more used my iPhone.

**Laura Steele Olsen** Airey (Alden, NY) filled me in on some of her years after Cornell. She taught in nursery schools while working on her master's in elementary education. Third grade was her specialty for many years and she retired in 1986. During this time she had two children. Her daughter lives close and her son lives in Vermont. Friends and neighbors help her in the garden and she continues to remain active in her community. However, she does not plan on coming to our 70th Reunion at this time. Laura explained that Alden is about 20 miles east of Buffalo, so they also had a very snowy, cold winter and were happy to feel the warmth of spring.

**Meg Geiling** Grashof (Spring Hills, FL) was surprised to hear my voice, too. Her husband, Bob, answered the phone (thanks!). I am unhappy to report that our dancer Meg is now in a wheelchair. She had been falling often due to poor balance. Aides help her with shopping and the activities of daily living, and Bob does the cooking. Her children are scattered around the country, so she finds it impossible to attend graduations and weddings these days. She now has eight great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. (I have been bragging about my first great-grandchild, Lily, constantly these past eight months!) Meg turned 90 last September with a family party. (I was 90 last July with a party in Victoria, BC.) We both decided to officially brag and applaud all alums who have or soon

will finish the ninth decade of their lives . . . with good health and more reunions.

**Nancy Hall** Rosenberg, MEd '49 (Alexandria, VA) answered on my second try. She has lived and worked in Washington, DC, for many years, but moved to Virginia to be closer to her son. One grandson attends Ohio State U., while the two younger are still at home. She promised to write a detailed letter soon, so much more from Nancy to follow! I am hoping the April dues mailing will bring some news from you! Snail mail or e-mail: **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave. #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, [dmprey@aol.com](mailto:dmprey@aol.com).

Enticed by Delta Upsilon, his fraternity, in September 2013, **Jerrold Finch**, BME '48 (Bluffton, SC; [fnch@hargray.com](mailto:fnch@hargray.com)) hit the highways via the great circle route for Cornell's Homecoming weekend football date with Bucknell. His odometer gained over 3,000 miles by the time he returned to Bluffton. The first leg of the trip covered more than 900 miles from Bluffton to Chicago.

Alone, he thought about his education, his career, and how much crew racing added to his life. He thought about freshman coach Norm Sonju and varsity coach Stork Sanford, who both became legendary coaches. He thought even more of great relations with crewmates, many of whom were fraternity brothers and good friends. DU's publication, "The Noose," from which I've extracted liberally, shows a photo of Jerrold with five unnamed teammates. Jerry re-examined it and found they were: **Joseph Brozina**, BME '45, **Henry J. Gieseler**, BME '45, MS '50, **Park Metzger**, BCE '45, **William G. Papsco**, and **John Rasch**, BME '45.

In Chicago, Jerry picked up daughter Sue, who shared the driving to Ithaca. On their way through Wisconsin and Michigan to Manistique in the Upper Peninsula, they took in tourist sites, museums, and places important to their family. Manistique, Jerry's mother's birthplace, took considerable research, but revealed much valued information about his mother and even yielded considerable knowledge about the early years of his grandparents. Then they drove through Ontario and upper New York to Ithaca, in time for the big weekend. But before the festivities, Jerry and Sue finished a solemn task. They had brought with them the ashes of third son Jim. "He had asked to have his remains scattered in the waters of Cayuga Lake at the same place where his youngest brother, oldest brother, and mother were interred. We put his ashes into the water and threw some flowers into the lake and said goodbye."

Next morning, before putting Sue on a flight to Chicago, they tailgated at Schoellkopf before revelling in the football romp over Bucknell. After the game, DU hosted more than 50 DU alumni plus spouses and family. Jerry was at least five years senior to any of the other participants and was amazed at the hospitality and interest in their guests shown by the DU undergraduates. Such wonderful treatment created a strong desire to come back soon for another Homecoming weekend. He ruminated while driving solo the 750 miles home to Bluffton that he would do his 70th Reunion or the next Homecoming—but without all the driving.

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**"I hardly  
have time  
to eat."**  
**Gilbert Tandy '47**

**47** I am writing this in mid-April, and today it is almost 70 degrees in New Jersey. But we have had a winter that will be remembered for a long time. Certainly not as bad as some parts of the US, but too many days of snow and below-freezing temperatures. Very treacherous for folks of our vintage, especially when walking around and trying not to slip or fall. I did not think we would have a column this time because I didn't have any news from you; however, at the last moment a few people responded, and here is what they had to tell us.

**Sunny Ries** Rothenberg writes from New Rochelle, NY, "I am retired from two major retail corporations where I did basic pre-legal/administration work in lease administration for 35 years. I have two wonderful daughters and two very special granddaughters, one of whom is at MIT working on a PhD in environmental engineering. I still play golf, or at it, and am hooked on duplicate bridge. I had a wonderful time at our 65th Reunion in 2012 and am totally convinced that Cornell will go onward and upward. Happy anniversary to that special school high above Cayuga's waters."

I received a great note from **Joan Dall** Patton, BArch '47, who lives in Chico, CA. She writes, "Although I just celebrated my 90th birthday, I am feeling lucky to still be playing golf at least once a week. Unfortunately, my handicap keeps creeping up. With a friend I took a two-week cruise from Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal that ended in San Diego. In spite of the logo printed on the tour bus that said, 'Getting there is half the fun,' flying is no longer fun. I read about the cold weather in the East and it brought back memories of walking through foot-high snow over the Suspension Bridge to White Hall at least twice a day for four years in Ithaca. We have had a mild winter in California, but unfortunately very little rain."

Here's a man who is really involved. **Gilbert Tandy** of Delray Beach, FL, writes, "I am playing golf three times a week and bridge two times a week, and am on my computer every day. I hardly have time to eat. My granddaughter was married on March 28 at Horse Stamp Inn in Brunswick, GA, near where I was stationed in 1945 at St. Simon's Island at Fighter Director School after I was commissioned. I would love to hear from any of my classmates and friends." A personal note from your class correspondent concerning Gil. He was a builder and land developer and put up many homes in Hillsdale, NJ, with a partner. They were then and are still now called Tandy & Allen homes. I live a few minutes from Hillsdale, and a close friend lives in a Tandy & Allen home. I was fortunate to have spoken with Gil at our 65th Reunion. Gil, you did good!

This is all we have at this time, but I hope you will take a few moments and drop me a line. This will keep our Class of 1947 column alive and kicking! **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 392-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

**48** Composed in April as I await the arrival of your latest news forms: In February 1944, an 18-year-old January graduate from a suburban NYC high school found himself deposited by his father at the 32nd Street station of the "Hudson Tubes," now known as PATH. This was part of the underground world he had never experienced. His

destination was Hoboken, NJ. He thought this was a fictional place he had previously heard only from the mouth of his mother when she referred to a difficult journey as "trying to get from Hoboken-to-HoHoKus."

This subway trip ended about 40 minutes later, when the train emerged at the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station. With orders in hand, the lad was shown into an under-heated coach car by a US Navy sailor. The train was headed to Ithaca. There was coal dust in the seats and a bunch of other enlistees in the car, some of them much older than 18. Strangely, the train seemed to be heading southwest, a conclusion reached when the lad noticed it passing through Flemington, NJ. He remembered seeing this town on maps in the paper when news of Bruno Hauptmann's Lindbergh baby kidnapping/murder trial was reported.

The train took a meandering path through such scenic/romantic places as West Portal and Phillipsburg, NJ (which also rang a bell as he remembered spending his second birthday there in 1928). Then the train proceeded at a VERY leisurely pace in a general northwesterly direction, passing places with quaint-sounding names such as Bethlehem, Whitehall, Lehigh, Mauch Chunk, White Haven, Mountain Top, Wilkes-Barre (which sounded vaguely familiar), Tunkhannock, Messhoppen, Wyalusing (they had a better team), Towanda, Athens, Sayre, Waverly, Danby, and, finally, after eight hours, descending, by virtue of several hillside switchbacks, into downtown Ithaca. Our subject disembarked the fatigued train with his only permitted possession: a toilet kit. He and his fellow travelers were marched (in a fashion) through the then-sleepy downtown Ithaca and up a hill.

The hike ended at what appeared to be a vacant abandoned house on Stewart Avenue. It was found to contain double bunk beds, chairs, desks, table lamps, chests of drawers, and nothing else: no rugs, no curtains, no wall decor. The first event was the appearance of a person who introduced himself as "Chief Bradford," who announced that he was about to teach us the most important thing we should learn in this educational institution of Cornell, and that was how to make one's bed—not the wrong way, not the right way, but the NAVY way: so one could bounce a quarter off the sheets. The lad was advised by his designated three roommates that this education should be taken seriously if he didn't want to be thrown in the BRIG!

He soon learned that his roommates, along with 70 percent of the men in this building, were battle-weary sailors who had arrived straight from active duty in the South Pacific with no time off allowed to visit their families. This induced a deep sense of respect for the seriousness to be exercised, both inside and outside the classroom (at least until one could earn the title of "sophomore"). The building was a fraternity house, which had been placed on sabbatical leave by the brothers who had all gone off to war. The next morning all arrivees were marched off to the Quartermasters hangout and were issued complete sets of V-12 uniforms, including spats (worn twice in the succeeding two years). The next event was a visit to Barton Hall, where he received a card listing the classes he would attend, their times and locations, and a map of the campus. He concluded that his enjoyment of reading maps and his ability to navigate was the reason the Navy decided to hire him. He enjoyed mustering three times with his platoon and marching into the chow hall. Two menu items he discovered, of gourmet quality, were

Navy oyster stew and Navy S.O.S., which was yesterday's leftover prime beef, ground up and served with gravy on toast (a delicious breakfast treat).

He found himself taking Physical Training (calisthenics) four days a week and swimming one day a week at 8 a.m. There was difficulty passing the Navy swimming test. This involved swimming underwater the length of the pool, then diving in, swimming the pool length, and grabbing his drowning buddy under the chin and towing him back to safety. Then one had to jump into the water wearing Navy Blue Jeans (dungarees with 13-fly buttons), un-button them, take them off, tie knots in the legs, sink one's self, and blow air up into the legs, then use the inflated dungarees as "water wings" (Mae Wests). He flunked this test twice. His drowning buddy was his 250-lb. roommate. This swimming class was on Wednesday, and breakfast on Wednesdays was a sumptuous helping of pork chops with all the trimmings. On the third attempt he skipped breakfast and passed with flying colors.

To avoid having to read this "to be continued" diatribe, fill out your news forms (if you haven't done so yet) with some delectable tidbits of creative writing and submit ASAP—or else! Your humble curmudgeon: **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobjpersons48@gmail.com.

**49** Our class members' interests and activities are as varied in retirement as ever they were when we were pursuing our careers. Our high-flier **Norm Baker** (Windsor, MA; capnorm1@gmail.com) wrote in June 2014, "Aside from continuing to be the structural/mechanical/civil engineer on the buildings we own and maintain, I am retired. Since the loss of my wife, Mary Ann, I have been spending most weekends with my daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren. I still fly my Skyhawk on long cross-country flights and I love being up there. I am going to fly my Skyhawk to Alberta, Canada, again for another Explorers Club expedition with a paleoarchaeologist, searching for sites rich with dinosaur bones. I downhill skied as usual with my grandchildren, and remember teaching myself to ski on the Library slope when I was a freshman."

Of family news, Norm writes, "One granddaughter chose and completed her first year at Bowdoin in Maine, having wanted a smaller university than Cornell. My second granddaughter, though accepted by Cornell, is going to Harvard, it being almost around the corner from her home in Milton, MA. Cornell is more than five hours away by car, a daunting distance. My one grandson will sadly miss his two sisters this fall."

**Martha "Marty" Coler Risch** (Warminster, PA; mrisch@aol.com) told us that she spends her time pretty much as she pleases. "I play bocce and paint watercolors. I am a liaison to the continuing care facility as a member of the Residents Advisory Council (RAC)." Marty's husband, Bob, died in June 2011. Marty had a great time at our 65th Reunion last June and very kindly sent your class correspondent some photographs of those attending, noting, "It was a great Reunion with especially good weather. Wish you were there." The photos included **Lois Ann Bergen Abbott**, **Jerry Alpern**, MBA '50, our class president **Jack Gilbert**, and reunion chair **Carl Schwarzer**. Marty noted, "**Bobby Way** Hunter and **Jack Rupert**, JD '51, joined us



for breakfast but are not in the photos. Frank and Rosa Rhodes were honored guests."

**Babette "Babs" Stern** Isaacson (New Orleans, LA; babsisaacson@cox.net), married to Julius, writes that she was sorry to miss Reunion in 2014. "My husband is semi-invalided so our traveling days have been curtailed. I still keep busy with volunteer activities. I coordinate a consumer advocacy program for the National Council of Jewish Women. We provide volunteers at the local FOX TV and attempt to provide solutions for consumer issues. Along the way we also address a myriad of social service problems. One of our granddaughters is currently a student here at Tulane—what fun that has been for us! As for my time at Cornell, I pretty much loved it all." **Beverly Prime Pearson** (bpearson3@comcast.net) wrote in May 2014 that both her former husbands, **Donald Haude** and **Edward Pearson**, were deceased. She notes that she moved during a snowstorm in late December 2013 to a continuing care community in Adamstown, MD. "I am enjoying the earlier spring plus making new acquaintances."

**Oscar Bilharz** (Sun City Center, FL), married to Carolyn, also told us in May 2014 that he has been enjoying retirement for the past 29 years. "My first great-grandchild was born this year." He says that what he likes best about life right now is "leisure time to study, read, and see things." Likes least: "My memory going to pot at age 90!" What's next for Oscar? "Continue, if possible, to enjoy family and friends." **Lee and Jan Steele Regulski** (Clearwater, FL) write, "We travel to Holland in tulip time and spend our time with friends, eating dinner out, and at community events." **Thomas Clements** (Saratoga Springs, NY) wrote last April and said that he usually spends his time traveling, but that recently he had been hospitalized and was eager to get out. He'd really enjoy hearing from **Dick Keegan**.

In mid-2014 **Leonard Abraham Jr.**, PhD '53 (Belchertown, MA; lgakms@verizon.com) wrote that he was taking care of two cats that belonged to his wife, Kathy, who died in August 2013. "I'm cleaning up my three-bedroom ranch house. Looking to sell the house and move into assisted living." He says he'd prefer to have more social contact and also wishes he could travel more. Leonard would enjoy hearing from old friends. Anyone in particular? "I can't pick—anyone!" **Don Roberson** of Niagara Falls, married to Joanne, hopes to hear the news from his Sigma Nu fraternity brothers and his fellow Continuing Reunion Clubbers. He says he's almost completely good-as-new after having broken his hip. He wishes he had had more relaxing fun ("less nose in the books or class notes") during his time at Cornell. "It was a very transitional period," he emphasizes. "I came to Cornell at age 16 and joined Sigma Nu that year."

**Helen Osborne Jenkins** (Copley, OH), married to **Jerome '51**, is president of the Residents' Association of the Concordia at Sumner CCRC in Copley. She writes, "I'm continuing to explore watercolor painting." **Martha Merrifield Steen** (San Francisco, CA) writes, "I'm spending my time visiting with my husband, William, in a nursing unit, reading, playing bridge, and taking part in a play here. I took Amtrak to Denver for a wedding. It was wonderful, and the scenery was terrific. Two solid days of looking out the window and reading." Martha says she wishes she had done more serious studying while at Cornell. She would most enjoy hearing from **Jean Davis** Salisbury and **Marty Risch**. **George Hovey** (Mifflinburg, PA), married to Dorothy, was having back problems in spring

2014 and was a nursing home resident. He was looking forward to returning home, though. **John McCormick**, DVM '49 (jemvet@aol.com) is married to Barbara and living in Cortez, FL.

Now that your class correspondent is living a drivable distance to Cornell, as opposed to a three-airplane ride, I am hoping to seeing you all at our glorious 70th! Let's keep hearing from you all! 📧

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**50** "No news is good news." Not if you are responsible for this column and have no news forms on hand yet. Our class leadership team has taken a bad hit. As reported in the March/April issue, VP **John Marcham** died quite unexpectedly. Now we have news that Major Gifts chair **John Laibe** has passed on. John had a distinguished career with Exxon, and later with classmate **Howard Acheson's** Acheson Chemical Co. John and Howard endowed Cornell's Laibe/Acheson Professor of Business and Leadership Studies. John was a member of the track team and fondly recalls a team trip to England, where he met famous track star Roger Bannister. For more, see his *New York Times* obituary.

Now about **Marion Steinmann**, longtime class officer and good and faithful class co-correspondent. While Marion was representing our class at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Boston last January, her husband, Charles Joiner, was injured in a fall and hospitalized in intensive care. For several weeks, during the record snowstorms that plagued Boston, Marion roomed in a nearby hotel. From there she trudged daily through the deep snow to visit Charles, and in the evening continued her editing work on our class book. She was eventually able to get Charles moved to a care facility in Philadelphia, but worse news followed bad. Marion had a stroke and Charles died. Marion's longtime friend **Marjorie Leigh** Hart and niece **Katie Schrader** came to help with Marion's medical and family matters, as did her sister, **Elinor Steinmann Schrader '57**. Ellie, an experienced writer, readily agreed to take over Marion's book-editing duties. At this writing, Marion is slowly recuperating, enhanced by her appropriate sense of self and wonderfully constructive sense of humor.

You are reading this column almost a month after our great Reunion in June, but my deadline for writing it was more than a month prior. Look for a full Reunion Report in the next issue.

The March/April issue mentions two of our accomplished classmates. In a piece called "Inventive Minds," **Wilson Greatbatch** is cited for inventing a heart pacemaker with batteries small enough to be implantable. In an article featuring outstanding Cornell athletes, **Dick Savitt** is listed as the 13th-best of all men. After winning 57 of 59 collegiate tennis matches, in 1951 he won both Wimbledon and the Australian singles championship. The only other Americans to subsequently match that major accomplishment were **Jimmy Connors** and **Pete Sampras**.

Your news forms are starting to arrive, but as of this writing, they had not reached me yet. Lacking news, I resort to news about me—the obscure guy from Iowa who co-writes this column. After graduation and while residing in Elba, NY, I taught agriculture for four years, then high school science for ten years. As an avocation, I did scientific research on lake effect storms and the residual effects of continental glaciation. After a master's degree in science from Sewanee and

a doctorate in science education from the U. of Rochester, I came to Drake U. in Des Moines, IA, where I had a wonderful career as a professor of science education. I served as the first executive secretary of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching, did research on science teaching, and also wrote science and lab textbooks and other science teaching materials. I was honored with a Fulbright, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a Fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science.

I retired from the classroom in 1992, but stayed on working for PSINET, a then-hi-tech computer information system that ultimately would have connected every K-12 school in the country. However, the Internet became readily available and, because it was an open system and ours closed, ours was quickly replaced. I then went a second time as a visiting scholar to Curtin U. in Perth, Australia. Back home in 1995, I co-authored a book, *Science Meets the UFO Enigma*, and then worked three years as an education researcher for the Iowa Dept. of Education. Between these work duties my wife, Erma, and I conducted Friendship Force people-to-people exchanges to England, Wales, France, Germany, and the Czech Republic. We have been privileged to travel in all the US states, all the provinces of Canada, all the states of Australia, a third of the states of Mexico, plus 33 foreign countries on five continents. We've dined in the Kremlin, walked the black sands of Tahiti, and dipped our toes in all the major oceans.

Like those of us in various stages of dotage, I try to stay physically and mentally active. I have taught courses for our local senior college on numeration, epistemology, climates and cultures, and the UFO enigma, and directed courses on church organs and Celtic music. Sadly, I have given up the skis and the sailboat, but now enjoy family activities such as hiking, swimming, boating, and star-gazing on our farm in southern Iowa. We are now a four-generation family of 41. We sent five of our own kids and two foster kids to college, one to Princeton with a full ride. Family members have attended 20 different colleges and have been employed at ten. A son-in-law has been a university VP. For an Aggie, who on campus was an insignificant zilch, it has been one wonderfully fulfilling life.

I've set the bar for bragging. Now it's your turn. Send news. 📧 **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

**51** **Bill O'Hara** (Webster, NY) writes, "I retired from the dairy products business at age 48 and bought a small seasonal ice cream/fast-food stand in Williamson, NY, as a hobby and for my retirement. It is now a thriving fast-food restaurant, with total seating capacity of over 220 people and open all year. My son was supposed to manage it, but he has had three back operations and is partially disabled, so I still operate the business. My first wife died three years ago, and I am happily married to a girl that I dated 55 years ago. My boxer dog was recently diagnosed with cancer beside the nose. The vets here in Rochester were unable to do that surgery, but sent us to Cornell, where the Vet college surgeons did an unbelievably great job—so good that one cannot tell she had surgery. They had

her on an experimental drug from Pfizer for three months, and she is cancer free. The Cornell Vet college is amazing—but we knew that, didn't we? I have been in touch with **Dick Manion**, who is retired to Melbourne, FL, and is well."

**Robert J. Williams**, PhD '62 (Goose Creek, SC) walks one mile each day, lifts weights, and stays on top of the stock market. He says he has many great memories of Warren Hall. **Sam Hochberger** writes, "My wife, Phyllis, and I enjoy 61 years of marriage and have been permanently established in Savannah, GA. Along with many of us 'Damn Yankees,' we have a very large 'Ivy League club' along with the 'Seven Sisters,' who join us for functions and annual dinners. Every Ivy League is well represented; very few from classes of 1951, though, so I am a rarity. Still playing tennis three to four times per week and my knees are holding up. Civil Engineering profs at Cornell—Burroughs, Thatcher, Belcher, Gates, Macquarie—and 'old' Lincoln Hall are my fondest Cornell memories."

**Sabra Baker Staley** (Arlington, VA): "For the first time in 50 years I'm a full-time housewife. When I was a child in the 1930s, it was assumed to be my life goal; in the 1970s, I neither wanted the job nor would have admitted to it if it were my job description. But now . . . it's kind of fun. One of my fondest memories of Cornell: a cow named Vera that I showed in a Farm & Home Week livestock show. (She won a white ribbon, which I think was the fifth place in a class of five.)" **Kent and Shirley Fulton Roberts**, SP Ag '50-51 (Williamsburg, VA) write, "We moved from Winchester, VA (Westminster Canterbury) to Williamsburg Landing, a retirement community."

**David Rice**, MEd '61 (Wysox, PA) writes, "I retired after 62 years in education: agriculture teacher, director of guidance, superintendent, administrator of Geneva Center of CLFL from 1985-87, administrator of Penn State Northern Tier Center from 1987-94, rest of years counselor at school-to-work program, Tech Prep Program, SCCCT Dimock, PA; Outstanding Alumni Award College of Agriculture 2000, Exceptional Leadership Award, Pennsylvania Dept. of Labor and Industry. I was the last of five brothers to graduate from Cornell. My son and daughter-in-law both graduated, and my granddaughter is in CALS now. I worked my way through Cornell in Balch Hall four years for room and board. I loved Cornell and still do; loved football, basketball, track, and all the wonderful friends I met. I counseled over 50 students to attend Cornell."

**Paul Baren**, BArch '51 (Cornwall Bridge, CT) writes, "I continue to work part-time in our family business, Katonah Architectural Hardware, run by my two sons. We are very busy, what with three showrooms and two hardware stores. We have given up traveling due to 'old age,' but we have been to a lot of places and are still involved locally in our church and politics. I keep in touch with **Ray Matz '50**, BArch '51." Paul remembers classmate **Gil Barker '50**, BArch '51, who passed away in 2003. **Joan Stern Kiok** (NYC) writes, "I'm almost retired. I still have one union client left, but anticipate full retirement by the end of the year. I went on a family cruise with two sons and one daughter-in-law to the Black Sea in 2013, and visited Odessa and Yalta with no preview of what was to happen in the Ukraine a few months later." Asked what she'd like to add to her life right now, she said, "A man! And knowing that Cornell is divesting from fossil fuel investments."

**Janet Witmeyer Bone** (Palatine, IL) writes, "My online English composition class at Roosevelt

U., Chicago, was featured in the *New York Times* Learning Network Blog in September 2014. My first job after leaving Cornell was in Chicago—half of Betty Belle, the Trouseau Girl (!), a combination Ann Landers and online bridal consultant (1952-54) for a linens-by-mail-on-the-installment-plan company. I resigned from Harper College (two-year college) in 2014 after ten years of teaching there, because of the progression of Parkinson's." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** The new dues notices and news forms are out, and your updates are beginning to come in. First, however, news from those who answered my pleas during the drought.

**Sue Youker Schlaepfer**, co-chair of our 65th Reunion, took the opportunity to put in a plug for Reunion and tell a little about herself. "I am enjoying winters in Green Valley, AZ, and summers in Ithaca. Occasionally I bump into **George**,

‘Two solid days of looking out the window and reading.’

Martha Merrifield Steen '49

**MBA '56**, and **Gayle Raymond Kennedy** in Green Valley. I spent a few winters in Parker, CO, but three years ago I decided 'enough of ice and snow.' Now for the holidays I go up to Parker and Beaver Creek, CO, to be with a large part of my family. That's enough cold! I am enjoying reunion planning with **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, co-reunion chair, for our big 65th Reunion in just two years! We have exciting plans to give us ample time and convenient places to chat and catch up, together with stimulating Class of '52-oriented events with talks by professors and others. We are confident many of you will take advantage of the opportunities to contribute and share by submitting short reminiscences of your Cornell experience and of others, such as military service during those Korean War years. You won't want to miss any of it. We will honor many members of our class who have made outstanding contributions to 'our Cornell.' Be assured that arrangements take into consideration our seniority and special needs. Put this on your calendar!" The dates: June 8-11, 2017.

An interesting e-mail came from **Stephen Tauber**. "The biggest event in my recent life has been the second celebration of being bar mitzvah. On January 24 I read Torah for seven congregants who were called up during the regular Sabbath service at our congregation in Lexington, then read the haftara after being called up for the final Torah reading myself. I gave the 'Today I am a fountain pen' talk and received a massive book from the congregation. In the evening there was a party with music from a quartet of members of the Klezmer Conservatory Band. The rationale for this celebration derives from Psalm 90, which states, 'The measure of our days is seventy years.' If 70 years is reckoned as a full lifetime, then after 13 years of a second lifetime, it is time to celebrate again."

Stephen continues, "Last year a two-page essay by me about life as a student in an Anglican school in Simla, British India, was published in German, edited by Dr. Margit Franz of the U. of Graz. Included was a picture taken at my 7th birthday party with a turbaned conjurer as the attraction. Immediately preceding my essay was a three-and-a-half-page biographical sketch of me by Dr. Franz, who in 2010 had published 'German-speaking medical exile to British India' in a book of the series *Mapping Contemporary History*. In that chapter four photographs appear showing my father, plus a picture of the document by which the German authorities permitted our emigration from post-Anschluss Austria. He is shown in a candid snapshot, with the staff of his hospital in Vienna, on board our ship to India, and with the staff of the state hospital in Bikaner, Rajputana, where he was the chief surgeon." Thank you, Stephen. I intend to ask my friend **Al Treger** about the fountain pen talk.

I talked with **Jean Brown** Craig, who had recently lunched with **Pat Thornton** Bradt. Pat had reported that **Libby Hunsberger** Craver was well

and talked a bit about her own work at Muhlenberg College. Jeannie promised that she would send me something for the column, and I received this: "Dear Boffa, we have all heard about black ice, but little did I realize what disasters it could cause. For me it was a broken kneecap, which has left me with a huge brace on a leg straight out. It was 39 degrees and sunny out, but down I went. After being fairly active here at Foulkeways, which is a CCRC, life is very different now with four to six weeks of trying to be upbeat and positive and slightly busy. There is now too much time to worry about ISIS and the sorry state of our planet and my new job with the grounds committee here at Foulkeways. P.S., I waited 20 minutes for help because I did not have my cell phone with me. I will never go out without it again. This terrible winter cannot be over soon enough." It is now the middle of April. Today, Jeannie sounded just as frustrated, but a little better.

Finally, the daffodils in Pittsburgh are blooming. Along with the daffodils, come responses to the request for class dues, and new news has begun to arrive. The first from **Lewis Ward-Baker** (Rochester, NY; [patnlew@rochester.rr.com](mailto:patnlew@rochester.rr.com)), who responded to the online news form. He has been in retirement from the practice of child psychiatry for the last 20 years and has been traveling, singing, performing in musicals, and directing a choir. "The last few years have brought a couple of great-grandchildren into the family and continued the tradition of military service. My son and I were soldiers, but his son serves in the Navy." The online form asked for his favorite campus place to study, meet friends, or relax, and he answered, "Late nights in the main library still glow in memory along with the music room at the Straight, Glee Club rehearsals in the North Room, and a memorable afternoon gazing across the valley from the Libe Slope with fellow pre-med **Paul**



**Schlein**, MD '56, after we were accepted to medical school." The form also asked if there was anything he wanted to add to his life right now. "Many more years with my wife is all I hope for. And frequent contact with my Tep brothers through e-mail." Lewis added that he hasn't missed a class reunion since graduation, usually singing at Bailey Hall on Cornelliana Night. Thanks, Lewis, we will look for and listen to you in 2017.

While looking for news, I learned that there were separate men's and women's class correspondents until 1968. In order, the following correspondents could not be reached: **St. Clair McKelway**, **Wilma Robbins Starke**, **Cynthia Smith Ayers**, **Peter Berla**, and **Jean Thompson Cooper**. All are fondly remembered and missed. In that sad vein, Marcia Knapp returned an online form and asked that Class of 1952 members be notified that her father, **Robert S. Martin**, DVM '52, passed away on February 7, 2015. He was 93 years old. **R. Kane Rufe**, a classmate I remember fondly from a small Spanish class my freshman year, was listed at the back of the March/April magazine. Doc died in Scottsdale, AZ, on September 28, 2014. ✉ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

**53** "I know how old I am," **Claire Moran** Ford (Westport, CT) observed a few days before Mater turned 150. Claire, who was at the helm during some of '53s finest hours, has been a glowing example of how to handle these golden years. One of the first of the attractions coming in the second 150 years will be Homecoming '15, over the weekend of September 19, with football vs. Bucknell, an ancient and worthy opponent.

Phil and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron (Brooklyn, NY, and Jupiter, FL) forwarded an essay by **Erwin Geiger**, MBA '54, about whom you may have read in this space in the Nov/Dec CAM. Raised in Bavaria, he transferred into Cornell '53 from the U. of Munich. Geiger, like many of us, 14 years old in 1945, wrote about the end of hostilities in Marktoberdorf, his hometown. It was intended for publication, but its three single-spaced pages can't fit in here. But we can provide samples. He vividly recaptures April 28, the night the Americans rumbled right up to his family's front door and rang their pull-bell cowbell/doorbell at about 2 a.m. It was a cold, rainy night, and the GIs, whose tanks were among hundreds parked in the street, were welcomed in for hot ersatz kaffee. Some slept or at least dozed indoors. The troops did not recognize the roasted-and-ground grain wartime concoction to which the locals had become accustomed. An Army medic told them the outfit had a wounded German soldier who needed attention. Could they help? The Geigers could and did, as the occupation of the town went on. Geiger says that the family's overnight guests and the rest of the Army rolled through the town morning and night for three days on the way to VE Day, May 8. He notes, "Not a shot was fired in the 'conquest' of Marktoberdorf."

**Naomi Pollin Zucker** (Georgetown, TX) notes, "Husband Mike and I no longer own an airplane or provide flight instruction or on-demand charter, but we do continue to manage an old WWII community hangar." Meanwhile, their senior grandling, Jake Keegan, 24, has been making headlines in pro football (i.e., soccer—he's a striker for Galway [Ireland] United). Naomi forwards, via her daughter, Jake's mater, an observation from the youth of Ireland. "Are you Jake Keegan's mum?" a small lad

inquired. She owned up. "He's a good footballer," she was assured. **Ruth Burns** Cowan (NYC), senior research fellow at the Ralph Bunche Inst. of the City U. of New York Graduate Center, who wrote about her studies of Native American Trial Courts of California in the March/April CAM, would like to hear from people who share her interest in the differences between Native American sovereignty and how the US governs itself. And **Caroline Mulford** Owens, who joined us from Bridgeton, NJ, and is still a proud resident thereof, writes, "I had my first experience with lobbying when I traveled to Trenton with a group of the Bayshore Center at Bivalve to encourage support in the state legislature and senate for an annual appropriation for New Jersey's Tall Ship, an authentically restored oyster schooner. We'd greatly appreciate the support of other Cornell '53 Jersey residents in urging their district reps to vote for this legislation."

**Julian Aroesty** (Lexington, MA) submits: "Three of four children married and two grandchildren in university; one in middle school, one in high school (so far). All things considered, I remain well. Winters on Longboat Key, FL, are spent reading, mostly history, cycling 15-20 miles per day, visiting family, consulting, expert witness in medical malpractice (mostly defense), and writing for an electronic medical text. I just finished two chapters in a cardiology textbook. Torn meniscus in both knees (the price of 25 winters of skiing), but I am determined to die without artificial knees as long as I can get by reasonably well. When in Boston I still go to medical conferences and teach household and Harvard medical students. These kids are so bright I wonder if I would have been accepted to medical school if I were applying now. The only writing class I took at Cornell was freshman English. When a classmate with whom I had fallen in love died recently, I wrote about my first serious love at Cornell in 1952-53, titled 'Love in the '50s,' which is considerably different than the 'hookup' environment at UPenn, described in the *New York Times* a few months ago. Haven't found any venue to get it printed yet, but am still looking. Brought home to me now is the frequent refrain from my octogenarian patients that they feared death much less than they feared the indignity of deteriorating mental function. As I have observed the sadness of colleagues who have become very forgetful, I have to be thankful that (so far) I have been spared that devastating problem."

A not-very penetrating perusal of the alumnaal years of fifth-year electrical engineer **J. Eliot McCormack** reveals residences along the way in Hartsdale, Valhalla, NY, and Bristol, RI, his home for 15 years. At most recent report, he and Liljen are settled into Cedar Park, TX, where he's living the life of a retired engineering consultant. What kept his hands full late last year? He mentions "the bureaucracy and labor of a big family move." Cedar Park is a major suburb of the lively state capital of Austin. Paleo-American archeologists, we're told, digging in the 1980s, discovered evidence of continual habitation there, which would include Apaches and Cherokees. The move cost him the company of many good friends along with "great sailing." On the other hand, they didn't miss the dour Yankee winter of 2015. On yet another hand, they "enjoyed the ability to be with family in a nice climate. It's not summer yet (when he wrote), but no snow here." And on yet still another hand, "We are now six miles from our son **Scott '89**, MEE '91, and wife Gemma and their two daughters, both under 8. We are not as close to our daughter **Christina McCormack '92** and

her husband, John Benson, who now reside in Singapore with their three children, also under 8." Fortunately, they can make stateside visits. ✉ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** **William McKinney** writes that he is now living in a senior care facility in Minnesota to better care for his wife. They had retired and moved to Arizona in 2000, where they lived in the warm sunshine for 13 years. With the Grand Canyon State in their rearview mirror, they moved back north for Eileen's health. William keeps his volunteer life active by working with Habitat for Humanity and for Kare Bears. His bucket list mentions buying a boat, acquiring a dog, and taking a trip to Europe. Makes for a great image. Hope the doggie is equipped with a life vest. **James Martin** still resides in water-challenged Alamo, CA.

**Linda Johnson** McKinney's health precluded her return for our 60th, where she would have found the Tri Deltis well represented. Linda met Lee, her husband, at Cornell, but . . . he was Army '55. Lee had come to Ithaca to play tennis and met Linda via a blind date. He did lose his match to the Big Red Netters and then lost his heart to Linda. Being a military family they have traveled the world, but Linda would love to travel again to Europe on vacation. Painting and authoring books for preschoolers has replaced relocating all over the globe. At the moment, Linda resides in Missouri. Sounds like the "R" word is not in **Jane Barber** Wood Smith's vocabulary. Jane moved to a condo about 11 years ago after tiring of the 18-mile drive to get anywhere. For the past five years she has been the executive director of a summer day camp for 60 city kids ages 6-11 at Christ Episcopal Church. Aside from mentoring kids, she serves on the Advisory Committee of Episcopal Charities for the Diocese of New York. That, coupled with her ongoing work in the demanding world of politics, makes her calendar always full.

**Arlington Harman** (Greenwood, SC) has no need for a bucket list as he has filled his over the past 20 years and now gives lectures in geology. **Cindy Noble** moved to Kendal at Ithaca and loves it. She has as neighbors **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** and **Peggy Hill** Greif, enabling them to plan our 65th Reunion over dinner. Cindy's volunteer interests revolve around improving the lives of families and children. **Lee '57** and **Virginia Glade Poole** have settled in Bellows Falls, VT, where they rejoice in owning their own home for the first time; heretofore, they lived in church parsonages. Loving music, Ginny plays the oboe and the oboe d'amore and the organ. Leaving the instruments inside, she is presently creating a garden where there was none. It sounds like all kinds of firsts—what fun. The Pooles did indeed meet at Cornell while singing in a church choir.

Having lived most of his life on the East Coast, **Lew Stone**, B Chem E '57, moved to Santa Barbara, CA, and has not returned. We missed you at Reunion, Lew. I have written before about Jane and **Lee Seidman**'s program of professional philanthropy, and Lee continues his ongoing support of Cleveland's medical and educational facilities. The Seidman name can now be found on three of Cleveland's major hospital buildings. Lee has been generous, and the City of Cleveland has been a grateful recipient of his continued philanthropy. Lee sent me a picture of Jane and himself at a luncheon for Cuyahoga Community College with former President

Bill Clinton. President Clinton was their guest speaker in 2013. **Jason**, JD '56, and **Helen Pearl** have sold their home and moved to a total care community in Bloomfield, CT. Jason continues to practice law and tutor second graders in reading, which he finds extremely rewarding. Jason has been working with second graders for years and has even written a charming children's book entitled *Charlie—The Sailboat*. He was kind enough to send me a copy. I read it, enjoyed it, and sent it on to my grandchildren as they come from a family of sailors. Jason's bucket list contains his wish to see at least one of his six grandchildren attend Cornell.

**Hugh Schwartz** and **David Bernanke** live just down the parkway from Old Town Alexandria, where I live, but our paths seldom cross. I believe Hugh still commutes between Virginia and Uruguay, where he teaches courses from time to time. His latest was an intensive course in behavioral economics that he taught with a former student at the U. of the Republic. Retired from the field of medicine after 50 years, David and his wife recently moved to an apartment overlooking the Potomac River, where they can witness the ever-changing patterns on the water. David plans to assist teachers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subjects in the area schools, take long walks along the river, travel, and perhaps even dabble in watercolors. 📧 **Les Papenfus** Reed, [lesliereed@me.com](mailto:lesliereed@me.com). Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** Some recent classmate news came via e-mail, and I thank you all for staying in touch! **Ralph DeStefano** sent a quick summary: "Following my return from the Army, I spent 31 years practicing labor law in Pittsburgh, then the next ten as president and CEO of UPMC Passavant Hospital (where I served as a trustee since 1976), and the final 12 years as president and CEO of the Passavant Hospital Foundation. I retired in 2013 (finally—I think!)."

Ralph goes on to say, "I live several miles from my boyhood home, and have lunch with my high school class every other month. I also play the flute in the Famous Pine Creek Community Concert Band." Wish you could send us a video! Look on the Web to learn about *Journey to Normal: Women of War Come Home*, written and directed by Ralph's filmmaker daughter, Julie Hera. It recounts the remarkable story of women who served in combat theaters in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their return to the families and communities they left behind. The project was launched to explore the psychological and social dynamics of their service, to follow their reintegration into civilian life, and to preserve their stories.

**Ann Overbeck** was planning to be with us too, adding an optimistic but realistic note, "The spirit is strong, but who knows what the future holds for the old body!" **Beverly MacNamara** Wait writes, "I haven't been back to Cornell since daughter **Elizabeth Wait Libow**, JD '86, graduated from law school. Now, I'm excited to know I will be attending Parents Weekend on October 28 for granddaughter Claudia, who'll be entering the College of Human Ecology. Third-generation Cornellian!" **Adrian Phaneuf** says, "I'm retired but working as a real estate agent for Sweetwater Homes of Citrus, FL." Adrian's favorite place on campus to eat, study, meet friends, or just relax was Willard Straight. And these days he enjoys staying current with the Class of 1955 news.

As we get on in years, there will be more sad notices—like this one from **Harry Wieschhoff's** wife, **Catherine (Welch) '56**: "I lost Harry last January. He had been battling several maladies since suffering a stroke in 1995. He died as he had lived, bravely and without complaint, and I was privileged to be at his side. We met at Cornell 59 years ago and traveled the world during his Navy pilot career. After retiring from the service in 1987, he acquired a PhD at Essex U. in England and taught government, business, and economics on US bases in England. Harry donated his body to the U. of Kentucky, which is doing Parkinson's disease research."

**Louis Altman** (Bradenton, FL) writes, "I'm still maintaining a large legal treatise: *Callmann on Unfair Competition, Trademarks, and Monopolies*." When considering whether there's anything he'd like to add to his life right now, Lou replies, "I'd love to buy a Tesla—but what to do when it needs recharging on the road?" He stays active in Cornell Club of Sarasota luncheons, and the club was privileged to attend an open rehearsal of the Sarasota Symphony, at which he met with "the beautiful and intelligent and articulate—and pregnant—new symphony conductor!" **Bill**, BS ILR '57, and **Sara Smith Ellison** (Irvine, CA) recall Prof. **Milton Konvitz**, PhD '33's course on American Ideals ("an ILR course that drew large attendance from the total university"). These days, the Ellisons take an active role in community needs and activities. This year's Reunion was their 13th, counting the "baby reunion" in 1958—"and we've enjoyed every one."

Architect **Peter Romeo**, BArch '56, writes that he never lived on campus, but has particularly fond memories of his year living with the Hamcharik family, owners of Colonial Cleaners. "They treated me as their second son, nursing me during illness and cleaning my room of eraser shavings, waste sketch paper, and general disarray after an all-night esquisse due at 9 a.m. the next morning!" Pete remembers that the instructors were "top caliber" and that he had "the good fortune of learning and laughing with fellow students from foreign countries." His choice for favorite professor was a three-way tie: **Hubert Baxter 1910**, BArch 1910 (Intro to Structural Design); **Thomas Canfield** (Working Drawings); and **Victor Colby**, MFA '50 (Sculpture).

**Gordon White** is one of many classmates whose experience at Cornell segued into their worklife afterwards. "I spent a lot of time with the *Cornell Daily Sun* and became a Washington political reporter. Since then I've written eight books and I'm working on a ninth," Gordon explains. Others start out on a certain path but change direction: **Marlene Medjuck** Green was a Government major, and then, she says, "I became an interior designer." Watch for the special write-up on our 60th Reunion in the next issue! 📧 **Nancy Savage** Petrie, [nancypetrie@optonline.net](mailto:nancypetrie@optonline.net). Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** **Stephen** and **Gail Kittenplan** spent this past February in New Zealand and Australia with a stop in Hong Kong. Steve wrote, "As many others have been, we were overwhelmed by New Zealand; the people, topography, lodging, and activities were amazing. For a couple not known for their attachment to nature, we could not believe what we saw and did, and feel fortunate to have done so. So the next time I talk about sheep-shearing, feeding

kangaroos, being a foot from a koala, or holding a kiwi, don't think I'm crazy. Just call me a convert to beauty and nature." Thank you, Steve. It's always good to see your name in the column.

Coincidentally, **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman and husband Paul (Dartmouth '55) spent six weeks in Australia around the same time. Margot's son, Jon Zimmerman, history professor at NYU, dedicated his recently published book to her with the hope that "she won't mind that some of the ideas in the book depart from her own." The book is entitled *Too Hot to Handle: A Global History of Sex Ed*.

**Pat Brodie** (Concord, MA) has reported the following news that some of us might relate to in our own lives. Pat retired from private practice at the end of last year as a clinical social worker and had been seeing clients since the early 1980s. "These last five years have had many good times, but basically have been a sad and difficult period for me. My husband, Piero, died of pancreatic cancer in December 2009, less than two weeks after being officially diagnosed. His few days in the hospital and five or six days of hospice at least gave me and the rest of the family a chance to say goodbye. At the same time, my daughter Catherine learned that her cancer, which she thought was totally gone after three years of remission, had returned and metastasized. She fought it for five years, always seeming to think of others before herself, but sadly died last July. Her husband has been wonderful throughout all this and continues to be a kind and generous son-in-law.

"All this seems to have brought me and my children closer. And it's been a great treat to watch my five grandchildren grow. My family is scattered (San Francisco, London, and D.C.), and I have to introduce Ernie, my partner of two years now. We get along very well and are grateful for each other. He actually was in grad school at Cornell for a couple of years during my undergraduate years. However, we didn't actually meet until 2013." When asked if there was anything she would like to add to her life right now, Pat added, "I wrote quite a bit of poetry from about 1990 until 2005. I hope to get back to writing poetry again." Thank you so much, Pat, for sharing your life and gratitude with us. I know you will be an inspiration to many going through the same issues.

**Kitty Welch Wieschhoff** (Midway, KY) is volunteering at the Kentucky Horse Park as docent at the Int'l Museum of the Horse. Kitty lost her husband, **Harry '55**, who was, she says, the love of her life, this past January after 58 years of marriage. "I lost Harry on January 11, 2015. He had been battling several maladies since a stroke caused by a cardioversion in 1995. He died as he had lived and without complaint, and I was privileged to be at his side. We met at Cornell 59 years ago and traveled the world during his Navy pilot career. After retiring from service in 1987, he acquired a PhD at Essex U. in England and taught government, business, and economics on US bases in England. He donated his body to the U. of Kentucky, which is doing Parkinson's disease research." When asked if there was anything else she'd like to add to her life right now, Kitty replied, "About ten years." And we agree.

**Paul Snare**, BCE '57, MBA '58 (University Place, WA) reports that he has written a mystery novel entitled *The Monticello Project*, based on his career in the construction management business for over 40 years. His favorite places to eat, study, meet friends, or relax on campus were: Martha Van cafeteria, the library, and Phi Sigma Kappa, in that order. Paul would like to add a winning lottery



ticket; his wife, Louise, adds that “growing old is not for the faint of heart.” Paul is an active alum in the Cornell ambassadors program.

From **Doug Parker**, LLB '58 (Ojai, CA): “I am appearing in a production of *As You Like It* that has received very favorable notices from local critics, including the comment, ‘Even the octogenarian in the cast, Doug Parker, embodies a fresh and sprightly Adam, a household servant who throws in his lot with Orlando.’” Doug’s favorite place to meet friends and relax was his fraternity, Sigma Pi. He continues to be involved in the Cornell Clubs of Cape Cod and Los Angeles and is planning a barge trip this summer in France to celebrate his 50th anniversary with his wife, Angela.

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Audrey Wildner Sears '58

The Avalon Theatre in Washington, DC, honored our late classmate **Ed Berkowitz** with an evening of silent films made in Ithaca to celebrate 100 years of filmmaking in Ithaca. By choosing the Avalon Theatre as a venue for this event, the Cornell Club of Washington is remembering Ed’s many contributions as its past president, and his role in rescuing and restoring the Avalon.

Planning has begun for our upcoming reunion, June 9-12, 2016, and any program ideas will be appreciated. ■ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

**57 Sally Tuthill** Knapp, MNS '58, has retired from teaching community nutrition and reports that she is in good health and active in State College, PA, where she enjoys riding her horse. Summers are spent in Maine. As for Cornell activities, Sally has attended Cornell’s Adult University as well as various Cornell functions in Maine and Pennsylvania. Like a number of us with fond memories of life on campus, Sally’s include studying in the library followed by a relaxing time on Libe Slope, looking over the valley, or finding a sanctuary in Sage Chapel.

**Marilyn Moore** Pukmel recalls a musical biography assignment for Prof. Austin’s Music Appreciation course at Cornell. She wrote about her experiences playing the piano and violin growing up. Now she’s writing a new chapter, as she has been playing flute for several years in a New Horizons Band. It’s a concept that started more than 20 years ago with groups in many communities. Marilyn’s band performs several concerts yearly at senior residential facilities near her Chambersburg, PA, home.

Music is also what takes up most of **Ann Stevens**’s time these days—playing piano for gala fundraising events and still performing in her Broadway Cabaret show, “My Fair Ladies,” as the accompanist. She is a member of the Huntington Senior Center bridge group. “All those bridge games I learned at Clara Dickson 62 years ago have served me well.” Ann still lives in Northport, NY, in a mother/daughter colonial, and her grandson

recently graduated from Princeton. In a copy of the *Princeton Alumni Weekly* she read about a memorial for her French Lit professor Jean-Jacques Demorest, who passed away a few years ago. Reading about his distinguished life brought back many fond Cornell memories for Ann, especially the small seminars in his Goldwin Smith office.

**Dorothy Gilbert**’s new book, *Marie de France: Poetry* (Norton Critical Editions), was published in June. It is Dorothy’s verse translation of the work of a compelling and versatile 12th-century Anglo-Norman-French writer. Dorothy writes and publishes original poetry as well, and her translations of verse will also appear in **Sandra Mortola** Gilbert’s forthcoming anthology, *Eating Words*.

Sandra lives in Berkeley, not far from Dorothy’s Richmond, CA, home. Dorothy is a coordinator for the West Coast branch of PEN, and does some teaching at UC Berkeley.

**Carol Gehrke** Townsend (Dana Point, CA) writes, “I’m enjoying a quiet life, seeing my two sons and their families.” And if there’s anything she’d like to add to her life right now it’s “energy.” Another Southern Californian is **Joyce Dudley McDowell**, who, along with her husband, **Ed '54**, has decided to put an elevator in their Hermosa Beach home. She hopes it’s finished by the time they set off for a circumnavigation of Australia, Sydney-to-Sydney, with the Extraordinary Islands travel group. ■ **Judy Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

**Peter Cortland** (“still here”) enjoys teaching freshman English at Quinnipiac U. Nancy and **Mark Levy** moved from Westchester County to a retirement community (Trilogy) in the Orlando area in March 2014, missing all the fun of last winter in the Northeast. Mark continues to perform the role of Eronius in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, in addition to being involved in a number of recitals and other gigs.

My good lacrosse buddy **Bob George** endured a Palm Desert winter, heading back in April to Bellingham, WA, with a stop in Carmel to visit Hotelie and roommate **Phil Grinstead**. Bob reports that a case of Achilles tendonitis has put his lacrosse comeback on hold. **William Angell** is still heavily involved in surgery in Tampa, specializing in intensive care cases. In his spare time, he is enjoying his five children and five grandchildren and endeavoring to cut a few strokes off his golf score. ■ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** Thanks to classmates who responded to an April e-mail blitz, we have news. **Meyer Gross** was on campus in late February and says, “I was formally inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering academic honorary, in recognition of my scholastic achievements as an undergrad in the five-year program. Also, I noticed in the *New*

*York Times* obit column, the death of **Burt Swersy**. Burt was an Engineering student, and he taught at RPI for many years, started several companies, and was quite creative.”

**Brian Elmer**, BA '60 (belmer@crowell.com) wrote, “We had two good trips last year, the first to Antarctica—lots of penguins—and the second that involved my wife, Sonja, and me taking our children (three), their spouses (three), and our grandchildren (nine) on safari to Kenya and Tanzania in December. Everybody loved it! On March 31, 2015 I retired from my firm after 53 years of law practice in Washington, DC.” **Liz Fuchs** Fillo wrote, “Like so many others, we have downsized and are loving the easier life and our new cozy, comfortable, gorgeous digs. We’re still in Princeton, and closer to town, where we hope to bike on our new tandem. I’m still singing every June at reunions with the ‘old’ Cayuga’s Waiters and still singing solo shows. I just did a show of classic American composers—Gershwin, Berlin, Rodgers, Arlen, et al.—and will be doing a concert next October with my Cornell pianist, classmate **Marty Blinder**. We still love making music together. Life is good, filled with music and theatre.”

**Marc Gabel** (Toronto, ON; dr.marcgabel@icloud.com) writes, “I continue a small medical practice while my main work is with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the self-governing medical regulator for the province’s 30,000 physicians. I just finished a year as president, and now continue to chair public discipline hearings, serve on executive committees, and deal with policy issues.” As to what else has been happening in his life, Marc adds, “Grandchildren proliferate, a lovely marriage of 40-plus years continues to provide joy and wonder, travel between work assignments, and lots of theatre, music, and hanging out.”

**Frank Russell**, MBA '60 (Newark, NY; frussell1@rochester.rr.com) is retired as a federal administrative law judge and attorney. He co-chairs our Chimes Advisory Council for the university and has been a member since we formed back in 1990. He’s also been very active with the Shriners, Masons, and Veterans groups and local bands and wouldn’t add anything to his life right now since, he says, “it’s quite full and interesting.” **Norma Hansburg**, BFA '58 (Cragmoor, NY; nhansburgh@hvc.rr.com) writes, “I became a writer in my senior years and just published a novel called *Street of Dreams*. I also have a wonderful litter of (award-winning) puppies. Since graduation I have been active in three alumni organizations (my newest is in the Hudson Valley), along with working on Reunion.”

We have news, as she writes it, “from your class secretary/treasurer, **Audrey Wildner Sears** (Grantham, NH; aes123@comcast.net). I retired in 1994 and moved to this wonderful part of New Hampshire in 1995. We live in a four-season recreation community. Although this is Dartmouth territory, there are lots of Cornellians around and the ‘Green’ are very cordial. **Ray '57**, **BEE '58**, and I have been explainers at the Montshire Museum of Science since fall 1995. Explainers are like docents, except we are trained to know a lot about all the exhibits, inside and out. The science museum in Ithaca is in the same class but a lot smaller, and it does not have our outstanding outdoor science park. This is a museum for inquiring minds of all ages. I volunteer with Opera North’s education and outreach committee, taking classical opera to both elementary and high schools in the area. Our three sons are adults and we have eight grandchildren

ranging in age from 8 to 26, one married and one (a Cornell undergraduate) now a PhD candidate at Washington U. We travel (Colorado, California, the Netherlands, a Rhine River cruise all in 2014) and go to Maine—we have lots of friends there.”

We end with a current event. The class was represented by **Connie Case** Haggard and your co-correspondent in April at the celebration of VP **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94's retirement. As many know, Susan has carried the ball well for our class, for fraternity and sorority affairs, and also for the chimes in her many years as VP of Student and Academic Affairs. The Class of '58 contributed to the new health wing on campus to be named, in part, in Susan's honor. We and the whole student body and admin staff will miss her enthusiastic and always-positive support as we wish her well in her new development position for Cornell starting July 1. We're pleased to know that at least she'll still be on campus. Congratulations, Susan!

✉ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com;  
**Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

**59** Since last September, '59ers have joined the rest of the extensive Cornell community at events around the world celebrating the university's 150th birthday. Several classmates were at the March regional celebrations in California. **Art Geoffrion**, MS ORIE '61, attended the Los Angeles event wearing his Class of '59 blazer . . . with small holes treated with either a dark blue pen or a piece of electrical tape on the inside. “It attracted more attention and requests for photos than I expected,” writes Art. “For me, the highlights of the program were chatting with alumni of all ages, hearing how Hans Bethe inadvertently triggered the professionalization of fundraising at Cornell, and seeing Ezra Cornell on stage—not the actor who impersonated him during the show, but a ggg-grandson who serves as a trustee.”

“It was the best Cornell event we ever went to,” enthused **Mike** and **Linda Goldberg Bandler '62**, BS HE '65, of the San Francisco event. Among the people they chatted with during the afternoon performance were **Ann Schmeltz** Bowers and **Bill** and **Sue Phelps Day '60**, MEd '62. “**Sonja Kischner Wilkin '58** joined us,” says Bill, “and we talked with Elizabeth Garrett, Cornell's incoming president, as well as many Cornell staff and alumni, including **Chuck Feledy '57**, **Alys Chew Yeh '60**, and **Mitch Gitin '60**. It was like a mini-reunion, seeing all our friends.” During the evening show in San Francisco, **Doug '57** and **Carole Sahn Sheft** sat with **Don '58** and **Dale Rogers Marshall**. “It was a very inspiring look at Cornell's past, present, and future, which will soon include our granddaughter, Julia Cartwright, in the Class of 2019, just 60 years after our own time on campus,” says Carole. “The highlight for me,” writes Dale, “was talking with professors **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and Isaac Kramnick. When Prof. Kramnick saw me he said, ‘You are in the book,’ referring to the two professors’ *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*. Indeed, they had found a letter I wrote to President Perkins in 1963 urging Cornell to be a leader ‘in seeking out qualified minority students.’ Of course I remember sending the letter, but I never dreamed it would become part of Cornell history.”

Dale's personal news is that her co-authored work, *Protest Is Not Enough: The Struggle of Blacks and Hispanics for Equality in Urban Politics* (1984), has been chosen to be the focus of a featured retrospective panel at the American Political Science

Conference in San Francisco this coming Labor Day weekend. “So you see, racial justice has been the focus of both my professional and personal life—the result of growing up in the segregated nation's capital and going to a segregated Quaker school and also having parents dedicated to public service.”

**Ellie Applewhaite** and your class correspondent were at Carnegie Hall in NYC on April 19 for the world premiere of *Cantares* by Prof. Roberto Sierra. Commissioned for the Sesquicentennial, *Cantares* was performed by the American Symphony Orchestra and the Cornell Glee Club and Chorus as the final piece in a program celebrating five Ivy League composers. It received a well-deserved standing ovation and, said Sierra, was a “huge success for all involved.” For us alums, an added pleasure was reading the lengthy list of students in the Glee Club and Chorus—what a diverse group of majors: everything from Engineering and Animal Science to Public Affairs and, yes, Music.

Another premiere: “Sweet Cornell,” the Sesquicentennial's official ice cream. A team of Food Science students created the flavor, which has a corn base infused with salted caramel. It was a big hit during the highlight of the Sesquicentennial: Charter Day weekend in Ithaca, April 24-27. **George** and **Bobbie Greig Schneider** attended many of the events, giving especial thumbs-up to the lecture by **Steven Squyres '78**, PhD '81, and **Bill Nye '77**, the presentation about income and opportunity relative to income inequality, and “My Cornell: A Celebration in Words and Music,” which featured the Glee Club, Chorus, and Symphony Orchestra. “During the concert, they announced a new CD of Cornell songs,” says George. “If the CD is as good as the songs they did together, I recommend owning one. Another exciting if chaotic event was the campus and community kick-off celebration in Barton Hall on Friday evening, where various student groups entertained and servers walked around offering food samples. And on Sunday night, the Sesquicentennial Dinner—a first-class event. All living presidents were present, plus Elizabeth Garrett and the family of President Corson. We can't remember a nicer Cornell evening!”

“In addition to the Schneiders, I saw **Bob Paul** and **Barbara Benioff** Friedman during this absolutely fantastic celebration,” writes **Ron Demer**. “It was a great party for our beloved Cornell. I thought ‘My Cornell: A Celebration in Words and Music’ was the highlight, with folks songs from around the world (symbolizing Cornell's international reach), music by Cornell composers, favorite Cornell songs, and readings from A.D. White, Ezra Cornell, and **E. B. White '21**.” Kudos to the university for live-streaming the weekend's major events so that those of us far away from Cayuga's waters could partake of performances, discussions, readings, and ceremony. As for partaking of that ice cream: let's hope that “Sweet Cornell” is still available when we meet on campus for our 60th Reunion in four years! ✉ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** A report on our 55th Reunion will be forthcoming in the next issue! As of this moment (April), all preparations are complete and registrations have begun. By the time you read this, fellow classmates will have had an exciting weekend in Ithaca filled with interesting panels and lectures, wonderful music, excellent food and wines, and, as always, good conversations and laughter with Cornellian friends. Registration was in the competent hands

of the heroic **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS '63, hard at work for the Class of '60 immediately after undergoing two—two!—hip replacements in early March. The very day after surgery, she was up and e-mailing the other class officers about Reunion logistics, an impressive display of dedication to the cause.

**Sandra Koodin** Money sent along regrets. “I have wonderful thoughts about the Class of '60 and wish I could attend Reunion. Unfortunately, I'm married to a Brit and we spend six months in the UK each year so that he can see his kids and grandkids. Those are the months of late April through early October, which precludes my coming to Reunion. If there's a ‘message board,’ please send my best to the Class of '60 and tell them I have very fond memories of many of them.” She notes that she and her husband “have practically retired, with just six ocean-liner libraries to maintain.”

**Willis Clark** sent along a thoughtful note about his current activities and life in general, in and around his home in Fort Wayne, IN. “I remember a quieter time, back when I was working and before all the post-retirement things started to appear, and the Internet . . . but I don't remember any better times. My wife, **Ginny (Buchanan) '61**, has always been engaged with a lot of good things in the community, but recently she has been focusing on providing board books to the moms of very young children. She started a program called BookStart to help her do that, and it has been going very well. She has also taken up pottery and is a really good potter. You can find her stuff at: [ginnyspottery.weebly.com](http://ginnyspottery.weebly.com).” As far as Will's own activities go, he writes, “There is a pretty good list of civic things I do, but what has brought me the most pleasure is that I took up sculpture about 15 years ago, completely out of the blue. For me it has been wonderful. If anyone wants to see what I have been up to in this regard, go to: [willclarksculpture.com](http://willclarksculpture.com). About a third of the items were commissions, but the rest were done just because something moved me to create them.” Two additional sculptures not yet on the website, he says, are a bronze bust of an incredibly generous charitable man from Wabash, IN, Richard Ford, destined for a site in that city's downtown, and a six-foot bronze image of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose likeness will end up at a Catholic church near Minneapolis. Will ends his heartening report by saying, “Life is undoubtedly good. We are all so fortunate.”

**George Schilge**, BME '62 (Colts Neck, NJ,) writes, “I'm now chairman of CRP Industries in Cranbury, NJ, a business that distributes a wide range of automotive and industrial products.” He joined its predecessor company back in 1964 and became president in 1978, overseeing both the home office and branches in California, Canada, and Mexico. George's son, **Dan '90**, ME '91, has now taken over the leadership of CRP. George and his wife have six grandchildren, and he is happy to report that they remain healthy and active with travel, skiing, golf, and business interests, though he wishes he had more free time to play golf in the warm months. He is also director of the Cornell Club of Monmouth/Ocean Counties, NJ, and notes, “In addition to sponsoring speakers and the 150-year celebration, we do community service projects.”

A couple of years ago, this column included **David Simpson**'s report on a trip he and his family made to Paris to visit **Karin Rosenthal** Demorest and her husband, Jean-Jacques, a professor



of French at Cornell from the mid-1950s until the late 1960s, under whom many of us studied (including your correspondent) and of whom we have vivid memories. He subsequently spent many years teaching at Harvard and later retired to France. Now David has sent along the sad news of a trip he and his wife took to Belle-Isle, France, in mid-2014 to attend a memorial service for Prof. Demorest, who died in late 2013 at the age of 93. I'm sure other classmates besides myself and David remember his impressive erudition from courses such as the 20th-Century French Novel, and were aware of his bravery during WWII, where he served as an officer with General De Gaulle's Free French forces in North Africa and Italy and was severely wounded. He came to the US after the war and received a PhD from Princeton before teaching at Duke and then coming to Cornell, where he introduced a generation of undergraduates to the beauties and complexities of modern French literature. Our sincere condolences to his widow, Karin, and his daughters and granddaughter. Send your news to: [Judy Bryant Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61 Ed Goldman** (edgtennis@gmail.com) is the president of Publishers Book Bindery in NYC. He writes, "I've cut back quite a bit, but my being a middle man for customers seeking to have hard cover books bound continues." Ed adds, "Judith and I enjoyed a fabulous ten-day cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula in February. The landscape and icebergs convince one they are in another world. Just too fabulous!"

**Barbara "Bobbie" Horowitz** (NYC; bh@bobbiehorowitz.com) recently started a new monthly cabaret series—"It's Just a Number!"—at the Metropolitan Room in NYC. She writes, "In each show I honor a person over age 50 who has begun a new career or picked up an old one, enrolled in education to learn a new craft, founded an organization, etc. Top Broadway, off-Broadway, and cabaret performers entertain at each show. The first show honors Alice Fisher, founder of the Radical Age Movement and director of outreach for State Senator Liz Krueger!" Bobbie's son, **David Slone '90**, JD '94, still co-heads the performance company "The Love Show," which, Bobbie writes, "continues to wow 'em!" When asked what she would add to her life if she could, she mentioned, "A scripted show on or off-Broadway, and the man who is destined to share the next 50 years or more with me." Bobbie says she learned how to help people feel important during her time at Cornell.

**Catherine Graeffe** Burke (cburke@usc.edu) writes, "This past year I have worked with others to create the California Infrastructure Inst. (CALII), a nonprofit organization. We are working to develop a testing and certification process for Automated Transportation Networks (ATN), also called Personal Rapid Transit." **Roger Williams** (willrb@comcast.net) has it figured out. He writes, "Barbara and I are enjoying retirement. We spend winters in Carmel, CA, and summers on Bainbridge Island, WA." **Diane Baillet Meakem** (Jupiter, FL; dbmeakem@aol.com) is in the process of moving—around the corner. She is downsizing to a smaller home and writes, "Having lost my fine husband of 52 years, **Jack Meakem '58**, MBA '61, I am attempting major adjustments. Fortunately, we have a large family of five children (all married) and almost 15 grandchildren! Number 15 is expected in May 2015. The oldest graduated from

Harvard (2014) and is getting married in September 2015. So they keep me busy." Diane would love to hear from you!

**Donald Coleman** (Kansas City, MO; colemanheavyconst@yahoo.com) sold his company Coleman Industrial Construction and started Argo Development Co., developing Argo Innovation Industrial Park. He writes, "So far we have scored two car parts manufacturing plants." Missouri Western U. awarded him the 2014 Engineering Technology Excellence Award. Congratulations, Donald! **Mehdy Douraghy** (Chicago, IL) is still working two or three days a week and writing a book on birds in Persian decorative arts. He has been traveling in Eastern Europe and India recently, and says, "Nothing could be better than what I'm doing now." When asked what the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was, Mehdy responded, "Unanswerable! Too many things learned—all valuable!"

**Ted Bier** and his wife, Paula, recently attended CAU's New York Theatre Program for the second time, and he highly recommends it. He advises, "Stay at the Cornell Club and enjoy the City." **Stan Marks** (Scottsdale, AZ; sjmarkslaw@aol.com) is still fully employed as an attorney representing injured victims of crimes and crashes. "I was recently elected president of the National Crime Victims Bar Association, whose members often represent victims of child abuse and negligent security." **Robert Gambino** (New Milford, CT; rbgambino@snet.net) writes that he kills invasive aquatic weeds for a living. "All the lessons at Cornell in biology, botany, pathology, physiology, chemistry, public speaking, writing, agronomy, and psychology, I still use today!" He adds, "I'm a grandfather more than twice! I'm happy the way I am, but would like time and energy to clean out the barns—I collect too much!" He would like to hear from **Gene Trupin**.

**Judith Locker Adelson** (Los Angeles, CA; jaadel@verizon.net) is retired, but continues to do some educational therapy work in addition to creating, making, and selling jewelry—"a late-in-life hobby that I enjoy immensely. I feel so lucky to have found something so different from my life-work. It is such a different way of thinking!" She also wrote about her daughter's beautiful baby girl who turned 1 in May. Judith adds, "Cornell taught me to look at issues from many perspectives and to allow my thinking to remain fluid and flexible." **Robert Pezzulich**, MD '65 (Manchester Center, VT; pezz371@icloud.com) sent a brief note to share wonderful news. He was recently remarried, in February 2015, to the former Alice Goodman. Write to either of your correspondents at the addresses below, or submit news via the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. [Susan Williams Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:susanwilliamsstevens@gmail.com); [Doug Fuss, dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net).

**62 Peter Austin-Smith** (pjaustin.smith@hotmail.com) and his wife spent their 22nd winter of snow-birding in South Carolina; a good year to avoid the record snowfalls in Nova Scotia. "Acadia U., where I taught, is celebrating its 175th anniversary. How many Cornellians know that the third president of Cornell, Jacob Gould Schurman, from a Loyalist farm family on Prince Edward Island, was an undergraduate at Acadia—and after further studies, returned in 1880 to teach here? He, of course, taught at Cornell beginning in 1886, and eventually became president from 1892-1920

and presided over a major expansion of the student body and facilities at Cornell."

**Sam Fleming** (Weston, MA) checks in. "For over 50 years I have been involved in a vast array of activities. Presently, the most interesting is the multiple celebrations of Cornell's 150th anniversary and the opportunities presented to reacquaint with so many Cornellians." In April, **Fred Luper** (fluper@lnattorneys.com) was recognized for 50 years of legal practice by the Ohio State Bar Association. "This means: 1) I survived, and 2) I didn't get disbarred. I hasten to say that I aspired to achieve both goals. The real accomplishment was that my wife of 50 years, **Carol (Perlmutter) '64**, and my daughter, Judge Betsy Luper Schuster (10th District Ohio Court of Appeals), were with me to share in this celebration."

**Rita Milkman Gershengorn** (cosmorita@gmail.com) writes, "My husband, **Kent '61**, a cardiologist in a large group practice in Marin County, CA, is still working, but just three days a week, as well as doing medical-legal consultation. He enjoys playing golf. After teaching for 27 years, I retired several years ago and collected a group of musical friends. Since then, Rita & The Cosmos, my a cappella singing group of six sassy gals, has really taken off. I write all of the three- and four-part music arrangements (pop and jazz standards as well as my original music), schedule all of our gigs, maintain our website, and shop for each of our outfits (we have six)—all a labor of love. Last summer we produced our first CD. We perform at senior centers, private parties, and special events—36 times last year. Our big breakthrough was last October when we performed at a 300-seat theater in Mill Valley. Despite the fact that we were competing with the fifth game of the World Series, we had a packed house and got a standing ovation."

Rita adds, "On separate trips during the last two years, Kent and I have traveled to Spain, France, Italy, Mexico, and New York, with plans for additional journeys. In between, we managed to see our children and grandchildren who live on the East Coast. Our two children are happy in their careers: Susan as comptroller for a media company in Maryland; and Jeff as coordinating producer for the Golf Channel in Orlando. Joey, Zach, and Allie, our three grandchildren, are 19, 17, and 13, respectively. Two summers ago, we took our entire family to Israel, since Joey, who is now a sophomore at Shepherd U., was on the American golf team competing in the Maccabean games there. While we were in Israel, Allie, then 12, had her bat mitzvah in Jerusalem. It was a very moving experience for her and for the rest of the family. So I'm happy to say that all is good in the Gershengorn clan!"

**John Munday** (Chesapeake, VA; jmunday@avantrex.com) and his wife, Judi, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by enjoying three weeks on Maui. **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder** (anbinders@verizon.net) writes, "Paul '60 and I have traveled to so many wonderful places in the world, especially since retiring, but our recent visit to Antarctica was a standout, not least because it was our seventh continent! We absolutely loved getting up close and personal with the penguins, whales, and seals. And the scenery is so pristine and spectacular. It was quite cold, even though it was 'summer' there, but not nearly as cold as it's been in the New York area this winter! We'll get a few days of warm weather in March when we visit Paul's brother and his wife, **Steve '59** and **Madeline Munstuk Anbinder '60**, in Palm Beach, along with the third Anbinder brother and his

wife. In April, we celebrated Paul's 75th birthday in Italy with our sons, **Mark '89** and **Jeff '94**, and Jeff's wife, **Daina Schatz '03**. Between trips, I still volunteer in the local chapter office of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and serve on its board of trustees."

Acting keeps **Judy Rosenblatt**, BFA '62 (mitzvahzoe@aol.com) very busy, with parts in several New York theatre productions. Judy also has a mystery company (mysteryandmayhem.com). She writes mysteries that are done as theatrical improvisations for kids, tweens, and teens. "I bought a place in the city a few years ago and am just winding up a complete renovation. Do not renovate in your 70s! I continue to practice Transcendental Meditation (40 years this February) and still feel it was the best thing I ever did for myself. Happy to talk about it with anyone who's thinking of learning. It changed my life." Keep your news coming! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** Gene and **Stephanie Tress** dePue Murphy celebrated their sixth anniversary last year by taking a river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow. They saw *Swan Lake* in St. Petersburg in Catherine the Great's little friends-only theater in the Hermitage. Stephanie writes, "The trip was made more memorable by the fact that the airline lost our luggage and we had to wear the same clothes five days straight, although the ship was kind enough to do our laundry nightly for free. So my husband went to the ballet in grungy shorts and a USC T-shirt. This year we will be much more modest at our anniversary at Boucheron, the international convention of mystery writers and their fans, nearby in Raleigh, NC."

**Frankie Campbell Tutt** wrote, "Bill and I took full advantage of Medicare in 2014. I got a new knee in April and Bill had two spine surgeries—neither successful. Before we both caved, we cruised to Tahiti, the Tuamotus Islands, and the Marquesas. Son **Ben**, MMH '97, left La Posada in Santa Fe, NM, to take the position of general manager of the Lodge at Vail, Austria Haus, the Penthouses at Gold Peak, and Founders, all in Vail Village. They all love living in Colorado, and Ben is thrilled to be back managing the property where he grew up. (We lived at the Lodge when he was 5 through 11.)" Frankie also wrote that she is now back to skiing and playing competitive tennis, but that Bill was not so lucky.

**Ezra Mager** writes, "I'm retired but still investing. Three children, all married, four grandchildren, all with tuition needs. Living in New York with a weekend place in Cornwall, CT. Two stents but otherwise healthy. Travel often—going to the Balkans in two months and Japan in the autumn. Life reasonably good." **Mark Spitzer**, BArch '64, retired two years ago. "Architecture as a career was both satisfying and a bumpy ride. Design was always fun; the roller-coaster economics, not so much. Did a lot of work in the public sector—nice to 'give back' that way. Now I'm designing and building home remodeling projects and traveling to see how others are solving design challenges. I write about what I see at: <http://markspitzerdesigns.wordpress.com/>" **Vivian Grilli** DeSanto sent a note that she was heading to Kansas next week (mid-April) with her daughter to celebrate her son's (**Jim King '87**) 50th birthday. Jim has Vivian's youngest of 12 grandchildren, who are 4 and 5 years old.

From **Mark Bara** in Hemingway, SC, comes this news: "I retired from the South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources as a regional wildlife coordinator in 2003, after working a little over 33 years with the agency. I serve on two university advisory boards (Clemson and Coastal Carolina) and am active with the American Legion Post in Georgetown, the Georgetown County Republican Party,

Park, a Japanese-American relocation center, and, last summer, Germany, Holland, Paris, London, and Scotland. Plus he plays volleyball weekly and still plays the clarinet, reads, gardens, and landscapes. Fred writes, "I'm having too much fun to change anything." **Hotellie Dennis Sweeney** (Orange, CT) continues to write a column for the Hotel school magazine and is class director for the

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**Rita Milkman Gershengorn '62**

and the Navy Club of Georgetown serving as the treasurer. I also belong to a local gun club and am a professional member of the Boone and Crockett Club, the nation's oldest conservation organization. Last year the Deer Committee of the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society (TWS) honored me with a lifetime achievement award. My main hobbies are vegetable gardening, tree and shrub plantings, and Civil War history. I also enjoy an occasional hunting trip in the American West."

**Mark** added, "After completing a 17-week OCS program, I served three years of shipboard duty as a deck and gunnery officer in the US Coast Guard, thence used my GI Bill benefits to earn a master's degree in wildlife science at the U. of Georgia, which proved to be a rigorous and demanding program." He likes the rural area and the South. He still maintains frequent contact with many of the people he knew at the U. of Georgia. "Upon leaving Cornell, after way too much partying, I had a lot of growing up to do and learned the hard way that you had best be engaged and focused and to always apply yourself and do your best."

**Edward Wilson** retired six years ago and is professor emeritus of mathematics at Washington U. in St. Louis. "I teach about one class per year and am continuing to do research in applied harmonic analysis. We have 4-year-old twin grandchildren with whom we enjoy weekly Skype talks as a supplement to the three or so times annually when we see them face to face." At Cornell he liked to meet friends or relax at Willard Straight and the University Library. News is always welcome. Thanks to the university for sending out an e-mail blast in April asking for news. You can always send me news directly at the e-mail address below. ☐ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

**64** Happy summer, everyone! Here's some reading for what I hope is a not-too-warm day. Cornell's Adult University is in session this month, and three classmates attended CAU programs last summer: **George Damp**, MA '66, Beginning Photography; **Paul Kruger**, Rowing Clinic; and **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, America's Cornell: From WWII to 2015; and *How America Fell in Love with Math*.

**Fred Bellinger** keeps busy with a variety of activities. He's on a committee for the "greening" of churches in Indianapolis (Fred's home) through good stewardship. He's also volunteering in a veterans' facility in nearby Lafayette, providing a music program. Fred has also joined Toastmasters Int'l. His recent travels have included Yellowstone

school. After choosing to temporarily suspend his 37-year-long tenure there as guest lecturer to care for his wife during her terminal illness, he resumed the tradition last June.

**Alice Schwartz Chabora-Tobias** enjoys playing bridge, seeing friends, taking grandchildren on trips, and playing ball. Alice and husband **Gerald Tobias** '60, DVM '62, live in Scottsdale, AZ, but still enjoy going to the beach in East Hampton on Long Island. **Joan Greenspan**, who lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, still volunteers at the Bottomless Closet, which transitions poor minority women into the working world. Joan enjoys going to Italy for music, art, food, and wine, and writes that she'd rather be living in Rome but would miss her frequent visits with her many Cornell friends here.

**Stephen Crawford** did a one-year tour as an infantry officer in Vietnam soon after graduation—and he's still active in that country. He and wife Liliane volunteer in charities there, most especially Vietnam Friendship Village, which helps kids suffering from birth defects thought to have been inflicted as a result of Agent Orange. In 2001, the Crawfords adopted a Vietnamese baby girl who's now a "healthy and normal teenager." Steve adds, "Perhaps some of my classmates will share learned secrets of getting adolescents to respect their parents, or is it simply foolish to expend energy trying?" He otherwise is a semi-retired policy analyst in Washington, DC (the Crawfords live in nearby Derwood, MD), having spent his last full-time years with the National Governors Assn., the Brookings Institution, and the Corporation for Enterprise Development. Steve then took what he calls a "soft money" position as a research professor at George Washington U.'s Inst. of Public Policy, which has made him busier than ever as he directs projects that have been funded on the subject of innovation in higher education, including the current hot topic of student loans. He's also a presidential nominee for a position on the Postal Service board of governors. He still finds time to play tennis regularly, and the family often vacations on the Maine coast.

**Joan Lazarus** Shapiro retired from her banking career, then launched a program of close reading/literary analysis for ex-convicts just released from prison. The program, called "Reading Between the Lines," is conducted at a halfway house in Chicago and serves men and women. Joan's husband, James, recently published a book, *Evolution: A View from the 21st Century*, that points to a paradigm shift in the field. As for Joan, in addition to her work with ex-convicts, she takes weekly tap dancing lessons! The Shapiros still live in Chicago.



**John Randall**, PhD '72, is retired and spends his time practicing Aikido, walking, jogging, reading, and "simplifying finances." John, who lives in Columbia, MD, with wife Catherine, did a good job of rounding up his fraternity brothers for our 50th Reunion. **George Ecker**, MA '70, who lives with wife Ruth in Wellesley, MA, has recovered from replacement of his right hip in 2014. **DeVeau "Dee" Hurley Bissell** (Newfane, NY) keeps busy playing piano and singing. Dee otherwise writes, "I wish I could begin to understand all the changes in how to sew correctly (and find original fabrics)." **Marshal Case** is a volunteer naturalist in residence for the Bennington, VT, public schools, where he

Kinderhook, NY, where, he writes, "I work full-time splitting firewood, fishing, hunting, gardening, and helping redesign our healthcare system." He would like to be salmon fishing in Scotland, trout fishing in Moravia, or sailing the Black Sea. **Nancy Felthousen Ridenour**, MAT '73 (Ithaca, NY; nridenour@twcny.rr.com) has recently had numerous exhibits of her photography in the Ithaca area and has a studio in her home. "During the summer I have an extensive perennial garden with a huge lotus pond as its centerpiece. Garden clubs come to visit when the lotus are in bloom. All the garden flowers provide a resource for my photography." Nancy has lived in Ithaca since 1970 and

lots of reading and biking, both in Arizona and Michigan. It was wonderful to bike around the Cornell campus while at Reunion." Kathy adds that son Jeff and his wife, Bonni, are in Phoenix, and both have careers in physical therapy. Kathy loves being near their children, Sophi, 13, and Noah, 10, during the school year months. Younger son Eric and wife Elissa are in Cleveland with their children, Max, 3, and Lily, 2. He is a primary care physician with the Cleveland Clinic and she does a variety of business research and consultation.

When she wrote in, **Susan Blair Jenny** was excited to attend Reunion: "I'm looking forward very much to seeing many friends again. Hope to sing as well and to walk all over campus trying to recognize where I attended various classes. My brother who lives in Ithaca has promised to drive me up to Sapsucker Woods—have to see some birds! Here in France it's all woodpeckers and cuckoos at the moment." Also looking forward to Reunion was **Ronald Singer** (rsinger@uh.edu), who wrote, "I will be retiring from teaching at the U. of Houston at the end of August." He is planning to visit Russia and Lithuania this summer to celebrate! Happy summer days to everyone. **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com.

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Kathy Nohle Moyer '65

mentors high school seniors interested in pursuing careers in environmental education and conservation. He is also developing a nature trail system on a middle school's 134-acre campus. Marshal lives in nearby Shaftsbury, VT.

**Judith Schneider Stern** has retired and is now a distinguished professor emeritus in nutrition and internal medicine at UC Davis, where she continues to do research in obesity and dietary supplements. She writes that she and husband **Dick '63** are working on their "bucket list," which involves travel that usually begins with Judith attending some scientific meeting. So their recent travels have included Liverpool, London, Rome, Sicily, Paris, Hong Kong, Kyoto, and Atlanta (where she got a lifetime achievement award from the Obesity Society). Then they returned home to Davis via Hilton Head. Her honors, scientific society fellowships, and career aside, Judith sends along two quotes she deems worth repeating: "Chocolate is an honorary vitamin" and "Eat dessert first."

Sorry to end with some sad news. Classmate and human rights activist **Danny Schechter**, whose considerable accomplishments were covered in this column exactly one year ago, died on March 19 of pancreatic cancer. A lengthy obit appeared in the *New York Times* on March 23.

That's it for now. Please keep the news coming, either via e-mail, regular mail, or our class website ([www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org)). Plus you can visit and post at our class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cor> **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** The report of our wonderful 50th Reunion will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. Read on to catch up with classmate news. Also e-mail **Barry Cutler** to access the password necessary to read class bios online at [www.cornell1965.com](http://www.cornell1965.com), and enjoy clicking through the various sections of the website. Thanks to **Judy Kellner** Rushmore for organizing the Class of '65 luncheon in Ft. Myers, FL, in March. We had a happy group of classmates who traveled from Sarasota, Venice, Nokomis, and Naples, FL, to share stories and laughter.

**Norwig Debye-Saxinger** (ndebye-saxinger@phoenixhouse.org) and wife Michele live in

keeps in touch with the changes on campus and enjoys attending lectures and other programs available to the community. She is an avid fitness buff and particularly enjoys Pilates.

Applause to **Peggy Haine**, BS Ag '72 (Peggy Haine1@gmail.com), who writes, "I started a new business, the Last Word, writing obits for the living. I'm doing this while still going strong in real estate and writing on food and wine for *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, *Edible Finger Lakes*, and others." Peggy and spouse Peter Hoover live in Trumansburg, NY. "I'm working at selling trucks," states **Marvin Foster**. Marvin and Gloria live in Pomona, CA. **Diwan Kailash Chand** (Ottawa, ON; [chand2839@hotmail.com](mailto:chand2839@hotmail.com)) travels a lot to Southeast Asia for scuba diving and snorkeling. He and wife Anita stay active, and Diwan continues to work in his real estate business in Canada and the US.

**Loren Meyer Stephens** (loren@writewisdom.com) just completed her first novel, *The Sushi Maker's Daughter*. She stays busy as president of Write Wisdom and of Provenance Press, based in Los Angeles. Loren is also active with the Cornell Alumni Association in L.A., and credits the greatness of that chapter to the wonderful leadership of **Bart '64** and **Nancy Dunhoff Mills '64** and **Richard Stearns '79**. Loren adds, "Our house burned down a year and a half ago, and is completely rebuilt and better than ever." **Dan Stern**, PhD '71 (danstern88@aol.com) writes, "I'm still enjoying a lengthy retirement in Manhattan Beach, CA—taking classes, reading, and playing with cars and motorcycles. I still meet **Ron Schendel**, BS Chem E '67, ME '68, most afternoons at our local for a drink. Clearly a case of arrested development." **David Marsh** (dgmarshmd@gmail.com) retired after 37 years of practicing cardiology and is now teaching medical students at UC San Diego.

**Kathy Nohle Moyer** (mmoyerpp@gmail.com) writes, "Mike '63 and I are enjoying a 'double life'—on Grand Traverse Bay in Michigan for late spring to early fall and then in Tucson, AZ, for the cold months. We are traveling far and wide—Alaska, China, Central Europe, Peru and Ecuador, Costa Rica, Greece and Turkey, and Africa in recent years—often with Grand Circle/Oversea Adventures and Road Scholars. Hope to see other Cornellians on the road! We also enjoy singing in a variety of choral groups from barbershop to classical and sacred. Dancing with 'Kactus Kickers' is fun. I do

**66** We're getting closer to our 50th Reunion, next June 2016. As I've gotten birthday announcements on Facebook, I ask our classmates if they're going to join us, and many of them responded "yes!" Even if you've never returned to campus, do join us because it will undoubtedly be a lot of fun—plus there are lots of artistic, athletic, and academic sessions that you can join. We usually arrive a day or two ahead of the official start, just to look around and return to haunts we frequented. I just googled "The Heights," and it's still there, offering what looks like a much higher quality of food than I remember. Too bad that Obie's is no longer operating, but you can visit Louie's Lunch in the evenings!

**Don Goldman** wrote that he and his wife, Cheryl, went to Cuba in February 2015. He works out three times a week, and they are happy and healthy. Don notes that he graduated from Public School 99 in Brooklyn, NY, in 1958. Other graduates of the school (but not his class) included Tony Sirico (of "The Sopranos") and Woody Allen. He was the coordinator of his elementary school's 55th Reunion a couple of years ago. From **Ezra Sutton** (Oakhurst, NJ; [esutton@ezrasutton.com](mailto:esutton@ezrasutton.com)) in late fall 2014: "Norma and I just celebrated our 43rd anniversary, and my 70th birthday is coming up on December 12. In addition to three married children, we now have ten grandchildren—seven boys and three girls. I am still active as a patent and trademark lawyer and I have no plans to retire." Ezra added that he remains in contact with classmates **Chuck Weiss** and **Larry Goichman**.

**Donald and Susan Rockford Bittker** celebrated their 70th birthdays and Don's retirement by attending the biennial conference of the Artist Blacksmith Association of North America. "It was a lot of fun. We met interesting artists and watched a lot of different items being created by a variety of techniques. We added some interesting sculptures to our collection." **Jeanne Brown Sander** wrote, "Tom and I spent my 70th birthday week on a Disney Cruise with our daughter Amy, her husband, and our two grandsons, ages 3 and 5. It was a memorable trip, as all the Disney characters and staff wished me a happy birthday as I

made my way through the ship that day. The ships are beautiful and have nice opportunities for family and adult activities. We celebrated my birthday in the main dining room with the boys the night before, and again the following day in Remy, the adults-only French restaurant, which was every bit as nice as the Inn at Little Washington, where I celebrated my 60th birthday."

**Michael Turback** (Ithaca, NY; michael.turback@gmail.com) wrote, "This year I've published my 19th and 20th books. *Cocktails at Dinner* explores the culinary partnership of kitchen and bar; *Finger Lakes Uncorked* provides an insider's travel guide to Upstate New York wine country. Book number 22 is in the works, and I've recently joined with other Hotel school grads as a member of Cayuga Hospitality Consultants (where gray hair is a career asset)." **Elmer "EJ" Philippi** (Crofton, MD; ephilippi@msn.com) reported that he is still working as a contractor to the FAA—spectrum management for FAA National Air Space navigational aids and communications links. He has learned to fiddle, and plays in bluegrass jams. In addition, he recently acquired a viola that he uses as a fiddle (strung as a violin). He said that he went to a wonderful Cornell event arranged by alum **Justine Moreau '07** at the Everyman Theatre in Baltimore, including a tour of the theater and a viewing of *Grounded*, a very thought-provoking play.

**Arthur Purcell** (West Los Angeles, CA; arthur.purcell@verizon.net) sent this: "Greetings. Can't say that anything particularly exciting happened around the big occasion [his 70th birthday]. No surprise party, no special venue! The Purcells continue their West Los Angeles existence, while daughter Tina is in the Seattle-Tacoma area. I continue to work in the environment and sustainability area, while Debbie does some arbitration. Our drought continues, unfortunately, but with it some amazing winter weather." **Irene Green** Blumenkranz (Palo Alto, CA; Cornell@blumenkranzlaw.com) wrote, "I am still working part-time as an attorney (my second career), and it's still fun—probably because I started law school when my youngest son graduated from high school. I have two sons, one daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters—all living within two miles of me in Palo Alto. May not be for always, but for now it's wonderful."

**Allan Rubenstein** (New York, NY; arubenstein@cns-pc.com) reports, "My son, Jordan, will enter Amherst College in the fall. I have been named to the board of trustees of the Connecticut River Museum in Essex, CT, where we have a weekend home. I am giving the commencement address for the high school I attended in Upstate New York, Fredonia High School." Mark your calendar NOW! 50th Reunion Weekend: June 9-12, 2016! It's going to be a terrific four days filled with our classmates. Details and updates will come to you soon! ☐ **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

**67** "Retirement is busy," reports **Sandy Couse Geertsen** (North Fort Myers, FL; sandycg2@hotmail.com). "After many years as a microbiologist in the clinical setting, I graduated with an MA in theology and became a hospice chaplain. The work is PRN, but very challenging and rewarding. Husband **Bill '65** and I enjoy Florida, where there is no snow! God bless you all and stay well!"

**Barbara Smith** MacGillivray (Laguna Beach, CA; imaxbarb@gmail.com) retired from clinical

psychology practice and writes, "I am working full-time with our company, MacGillivray Freeman Films, making IMAX documentaries. Just had my fourth wonderful grandchild and also just brought out my 36th IMAX film, *Humpback Whales*." She'd like more time to mountain bike, stand-up paddle, adventure travel, and play with grandkids. Barbara adds, "I've been back to campus three times. So sad that it is so far away!" **Jim Trullinger** (Naples, FL; jt84@cornell.edu) writes, "I'm retired and enjoying life in subtropical Florida, with frequent international travel (50 countries so far). My granddaughter graduated from Cornell in 2013 (Arts)." Jim says he'd like to assist the Cornell Board of Trustees in some capacity, and he is active with CAAAN and CEN, and planning a gift of art to Cornell's Southeast Asia Studies Program.

**Alan Miller** (Santa Cruz, CA; alanmiller21@gmail.com) retired from Lockheed Martin in spring 2014 after 24 years doing various fiber composites fabrication R&D, including developing the huge composite Cold Water Pipe for LM's emerging Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) business. Alan writes, "I immediately took an intentionally part-time job with Specialized Bicycles doing composite bicycles fabrication development. What a culture change!" He adds, "With my days off, I've been auditing classes at UC Santa Cruz on some of those subjects I never had a chance to study at Cornell. Major initial emphasis has been on understanding the mechanisms that control the Earth's climate and global warming. That has led to my revisiting OTEC and its possibilities from a much more global point of view. Time will tell where that leads. Life right now is great and I feel very lucky. Highlights are one wife, two children, and three grandchildren."

**Avram Chetron** (Ashland, OR; avram.chetron@gmail.com) writes, "I was Bert Chetron during my Cornell years. I live just north of the California border, in a town noted for its Shakespeare theatre and the spectacular environment of the Rogue Valley. I spend a great deal of my time these days involved with music (which I have little background in and never was involved with until eight years ago), singing in choral groups, playing guitar, and taking lessons to improve both vocally and instrumentally. I also teach classes on literature to senior citizens at the Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. here in town and am involved in book clubs as well. I've been enjoying golf and the leisure of retirement. I was a high school math teacher in California until 2005."

**Michael Samach** (Morris Plains, NJ; msamach@optonline.net) reports, "I'm still actively practicing gastroenterology, though no longer working nights or weekends. Not sure what I'd do with myself if I stopped. I just had my fourth grandchild, a boy named Austin Davis. Two grandsons live in New York City, and Austin and his sister, Avery, are in New Jersey. My son is not married (know anybody?) and is a partner in Deloitte Consulting working out of Tokyo (after nine years in London and a year and a half in New York). I'm going to Japan to visit in October. Had the most exciting trip of my life last year when we went to South Africa. Looking forward to more travel." ☐ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68** Kudos to us! According to our CAM coordinator, the Class of '68 submitted the greatest number of responses to the recent e-mail news solicitation.

You may think your news item is inconsequential to us, but you might think differently if you knew of the many times an item has led to a renewed contact and friendship. That can happen especially now that we have the time to follow up with past friendships or romances or with classmates who have traveled to places or are living in parts of the globe on our bucket list.

For example, **Ron Kopicki**, MA '71, e-mails us from Ouagadougou in West Africa, where he's working on a corridor development project. Since retiring from the World Bank seven years ago, he's continued to consult for the bank, other development organizations, and a few private clients on projects mostly in Africa but also throughout Asia. While he's particularly busy this year, since retiring he's written a few books on economic development and has taken up oil painting. Ron's life has always been exciting, but it was only a year and a half ago that he and his wife, Annie, had their best and now enduring experience of welcoming their first grandchild, Mila. Ron says that when his wife retires they'll continue traveling to exotic places—which includes a trip to Ithaca this fall. He advises that this will be much more comfortable than Ouagadougou in the summer. **Ann Randall** lives in San Francisco and is checking off one of her bucket list items this summer when she goes on safari in Tanzania and Zanzibar.

**Ronna Yosim** Kluger lives in Toronto and has retired as an elementary school principal. Ronna still utilizes her years of experience in her part-time work for the Inst. of Child Study at the U. of Toronto. She's a practicum coordinator, where she gives field support and supervision to teacher candidates. Ronna no doubt applies her background during her time with her three beautiful grandchildren. **Joreen Piotrowski** Hendry (Dunbarton, NH) is a retired educator, most recently working as the curriculum coordinator for K-8 math and science. She is so proud of her son, who graduated from Boston U. Medical School with a master's in bioimaging. **Cheryl Katz Kaufman** is married to her Cornell beau, **Nick '67**, and she's still practicing ophthalmology full-time in NYC. Each of Cheryl's three children attended Cornell, either undergrad or grad school. We'd love to hear from anyone who has more than three children that have attended our alma mater. Cheryl still plays USTA tennis despite a knee injury, and she enjoys get-togethers with the many friends who pass through NYC.

**Felicia Nimue Ackerman** says only incapacity would make her retire from her position as a philosophy professor at Brown U. Likely that won't stop her from writing and publishing short stories, letters to editors, her monthly op-ed column, and her beloved poems, which, with the next published poem, will total 100 published. You may have seen her profile in the *New Yorker* online or heard her interviewed on NPR. Felicia admits her hectic career occasionally is put on hold for her weakness, a love of layer cake and chocolate chip cookies. **Steve Hamilton** (South Sutton, NH) has been retired from American Airlines since 2006. Now he's "happy as a clam," spending his time on the ground skiing, hiking, playing pickleball, and working to complete his wife's honey-do list (good luck). Steve is looking forward to his daughter Karin's June wedding. He enjoys seeing Cornell hockey at nearby Dartmouth.

**Rick Markham** has certainly led an adventurous life since we knew him on campus. His time serving in the infantry included four years in Germany, rising to the rank of captain and company commander, and it gave him the opportunity to



attend every European Formula One Grand Prix event. After his Army years, he earned an MBA in computers and finance at the U. of Rochester and moved to Denver, CO, where he worked at and attended the Boulder School of Mountaineering. Rick was a member of an expedition that was credited with the first American ascent of Sajama in Bolivia (21,000 feet). His outdoor life included becoming an aerobatic pilot, a skydiver, a scuba diver, a whitewater rafter, and a Formula Ford racecar driver. Moving indoors, our Renaissance man became a member of the Opera Colorado Chorus and a classical radio announcer for *Billboard's* number-one-rated classical station, KVOD. In recent years, Rick started a computer company. He is now retired and sends us greetings from Dallas, TX.

We love to hear your stories, so keep sending them when you get a news solicitation, or e-mail them to me anytime at: [Chuck Levitan](mailto:Chuck.Levitan@comcast.net), [clevitan22@comcast.net](mailto:clevitan22@comcast.net).

**69** We here in the Northeast are looking forward to this beautiful summer after a brutal winter—the snow has finally just melted here in Maine!

Congratulations to **Ken Dryden**, named Cornell's finest male athlete in her first 150 years (C&M Mar/Apr 2015). Well deserved, Ken, and thanks for the memories! **Arthur Eisenberg** recently retired from his day job at SUNY College of Optometry in NYC and moved 100 miles north to the charming village of Rhinebeck, on the Hudson River. He's spending his retirement pursuing his hobbies of birding and photography.

**Zell Berman** Rosenfelt lives in Virginia and is busy planning daughter **Natalie '01's** upcoming wedding. **Judith Burdin** Asuni writes, "I'm still working in conflict management and peace building in Nigeria. Currently we are working on non-violent elections. At Cornell we created some of our new courses—women's studies, the future, and poverty. I learned to think out of the box, and later started the field of conflict management in Nigeria." All three of Zell's daughters are married and living in the US, London, and Nigeria. She is the delighted grandmother of six and travels frequently to visit all of them. She recently returned to the States after living abroad for many years.

**Richard Lysle** is justifiably proud of daughter **Lily Rae**, a student in the Law School Class of '17. She recently competed in the Law School's moot court competition. Five Federal Court judges from around the country judged the final round—and Lily was one of four who made it to the semifinal round, from about 110 or 120 who started. Lily is also president of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and active in five other Law School student groups. She authored a guest column in the *Cornell Daily Sun* (March 12, 2015) about canned hunting in New York State—the practice of shooting captive animals in enclosed spaces for sport. Canned "hunts" take place at commercial hunting preserves where the animals are kept in pens so that they can be easily shot at close range (<http://cornellsun.com/blog/2015/03/12/barely-legal-canned-hunting-cruel-unusual-and-legal-in-new-york/>).

**Ron Gidron** ([rondidron@gmail.com](mailto:rondidron@gmail.com)) lives in Madrid, Spain, and composes and publishes music. He has three physical CDs, eight virtual ones, and over 200 songs since 2003, and invites all to visit his website ([www.rongidron.com](http://www.rongidron.com)). He's also on Facebook—Ron Gidron (musician/band). Some lyrics are in English, some are in Spanish, and

some are in Hebrew, with lots of instrumental and piano studios. All are welcome to connect with him through the website, Facebook, or e-mail. Three of his four children are married, and he enjoys his six grandchildren, ages 1 to 15. **Rick Spiewak**, ME '70, is still working full-time as a software engineer at the MITRE Corp., and recently moved to Maryland to be closer to family, including daughter **Sarah Spiewak Gulla '95**.

From co-class president **Alan Cody**: "Help us make sure we reach all our classmates as we plan for our next Reunion (June 6-9, 2019). Our class is looking for volunteers who know social media to help us locate classmates with outdated addresses." If you would like to help, please contact Alan at [amc343@cornell.edu](mailto:amc343@cornell.edu). Enjoy your summer and keep sending notes to me at the address below, or via the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). [Tina Economaki](mailto:Tina.Economaki@cornell.edu) Riedl, [triedl048@gmail.com](mailto:triedl048@gmail.com).

**70** Our 45th Reunion is now a pleasant memory and a great experience that is just three or so weeks in the past. Your Sept/Oct 2015 issue will feature a full report on our long weekend party on the Hill. And just so you can put this in your smartphone reminders, our 50th Reunion will be June 4-7, 2020!

While in Ithaca this past April for Cornell's Sesquicentennial Charter Day celebration, I had the pleasure of chatting with our very own **Ezra Cornell** and his wife, Daphne. His daughter **Katy '01** and her baby daughter (Ezra's first grandchild), as well as Ezra and Daphne's daughter, **Jackie '17**, were also taking part in the weekend festivities. Katy's mother is our classmate **Shirley Egan**, JD '73. Other '70 classmates taking part in the many and varied events included **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, **Martin Tang**, **Kevin McGovern** and his wife, Lisa, **Ellen Kostones** Kreopolides, **Andrea Strongwater**, BFA '70, and **Gene Resnick**, MD '74, and his wife, Susan.

**Anita Harris** ([harris.anita@comcast.net](mailto:harris.anita@comcast.net)), who is based in the Boston area, is both a writer and communications consultant. When she was working as a journalist, she reported for *Newsday*, *MacNeil/Lehrer*, and *WRFM Radio*. Anita has also served as a commentator for NPR and a columnist with MSN.com. She has taught communications at Harvard, Yale, and Simmons College as well. Anita kept extensive diaries all four years when we were undergrads at Cornell, and she has used these college journals plus personal letters and interviews and additional accounts of our time at Cornell to write her most recent book, *Ithaca Diaries*. It is a memoir and social history of Cornell from 1966-70. She has written about the day-to-day travails of growing up and being a college student with the addition of protests and politics and social upheaval, both at Cornell and in our country at that time. It was published this year by Cambridge Common Press. A new edition of her first book, *Broken Patterns: Professional Women and the Quest for a New Feminine Identity*, was published in 2014.

**Jack Salberg**, MBA '71 ([jrs85@cornell.edu](mailto:jrs85@cornell.edu)) lives in Nashville, TN, where he is playing a "serious" amount of tennis in retirement. He and his wife are enjoying the grandkids every chance they get. They recently had a nice visit with **David Beale '71** and wife Tina in Delray Beach, FL. Their last big trip was to Australia and New Zealand with their good friends and traveling buds **Rob**

**Marangell**, MBA '71, and his wife, Ann. Jack reports that they enjoyed the hospitality of **Marc Cohen '71** and wife Lyn in Los Angeles on their way "down under." **Keith Fuller** ([fullerssd@gmail.com](mailto:fullerssd@gmail.com)) and his wife, Gail, have been in San Diego for close to 24 years, where they enjoy the weather! Keith retired from the energy industry in 2014, except for some seminars and consulting. Much of their time is filled with grandchildren, travel, exercise, and volunteering.

**Suzanne Grisez** Martin ([suzannegmartin@gmail.com](mailto:suzannegmartin@gmail.com)) is still running her own management consulting firm, which specializes in healthcare. Her primary client is the Montefiore Care Management Organization. She also teaches presentation skills to graduate students at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. Suzanne and her husband, David, are building an addition to their house to add a playroom and bedrooms for their grandchildren, Maddie, 4, and Xavier, 2, while many of their friends are downsizing. She is also spending a significant amount of her free time taking care of her parents, aged 90 and 88. Suzanne says that if she has the energy after retiring, she might write a book on parenting parents. In June 2010, **Larry Somer** (Silver Spring, MD; [somer@cua.edu](mailto:somer@cua.edu)) was a co-recipient, along with Michal Krizek and Ale-na Solcova, of the Josef Hlavka Prize for the best scientific book published in the Czech Republic in 2009. The prize category and subject for the book, titled *Kouzlo Cisel* (*Magic of Numbers*), was the science of inanimate nature. The celebratory ceremony was at Luzany Castle near Pilsen in the Czech Republic.

**Rick and Debbie Cheney Lazar** ([deblazar@gmail.com](mailto:deblazar@gmail.com)) are living on a retired Mississippi tug in Fort Myers, FL. Their home is 85 feet long and 26-1/2 feet wide, with 175 tons of steel and 2,500 square feet of living area. Debbie reports that it is lots of fun and lots of work! Rick continues to work professionally in locations across the country, but spends as much time as possible on the boat. The link to Debbie's blog is: <https://deblazar.wordpress.com/2015/02/04/the-guru/>. **Rick Wholey** ([rick7w@aol.com](mailto:rick7w@aol.com)) tells us that he and his wife, Marilyn, are mostly retired, but he is teaching a beginning Mandarin course at Rock Valley College in Rockford, IL. After a full business career in international trade and finance, Rick says it is great to continue using his Asian Studies degree. Their grandchildren take up all the rest of their time. [Connie Ferris](mailto:Connie.Ferris@cornell.edu) Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, [cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:cfm7@cornell.edu).

**71** The year may be 2015, but that did not stop **Barbara Brem Noveau** ([bnoveau@gmail.com](mailto:bnoveau@gmail.com)) and others from organizing a mini-reunion for their Donlon corridor-mates! Here is Barbara's report: "Thirteen of 14 freshmen from fall 1967 came to D.C. (in mid-March), quite a few without great expectations. To a person, we all had a blast! The four locals housed everyone, and we had a group welcome dinner at Barbara's house on Friday and a farewell brunch at **Jody Bolz**, MFA '73's on Sunday. Saturday, we all met up in the courtyard of the Portrait Gallery, spent the afternoon there viewing exhibits and (mostly) talking, then walked over to Central Michel Richard restaurant, where we had a four-hour-plus dinner with a custom soundtrack put together by Barbara from our Cornell years. Most amazing of all was **Anne Lee**, who fought hard to get there, despite missed and delayed flights and bad weather, from Hong Kong!"

The women attending came from places near and far and also included **Bobbie Berkman**, **Jane Forni**, **Janice Pigula Hoff**, **Pam Smith Howell**, **Nancy Wood Kenworthy**, **Gilda Klein Linden**, **Joan Taber Marionni**, **Judy Newman**, **Kathy Quinn**, and **Deborah Spitz**.

We also heard directly from Gilda Klein Linden (GKL41971@yahoo.com), who has been busy with international travel and family celebrations. Gilda's son **Eric '02** got married to Robert Laird Craig of Edinburgh at Sage Chapel on May 31, 2014. And she has a new granddaughter, Cameron, who was born in January 2015 to her son Brian and his wife, Stacey; Cameron joins brothers Shane, 2, and Jack, 8. Gilda kept busy both before and after the wedding with travel to Turkey (spring 2014), Morocco (fall 2014), England and Scotland (December 2014), and Barcelona (January 2015). **Alan Miller**, another of our globe-trotting classmates, wrote that he retired from the World Bank last year. Since then, he writes, "I have been consulting for several organizations including the UN, USAID, and the Asia Development Bank. In the past year I've been to Africa (several times), the Philippines, and Cambodia. Meanwhile, our daughter, Joanna, has graduated and is doing a theatre internship in Sydney, Australia." Alan saw fraternity brothers **Art Spitzer** and **Bruce Turnbull '73** at the home of **Bob Robbins '72** for Passover Seder this year.

**Lynn Gilfus** (Fayetteville, NC; GilfusL@soc.mil) wrote that he is an education administrator and that he works with Army soldiers on training and education. **Michel Stoupe** Dash (foxygrma1949@yahoo.com) is enjoying retirement. She wrote the following to us from her home in Wytheville, VA: "I retired for the final time in September 2012 from Mt. Rogers Community Services Board in Wytheville after working as a crisis counselor responsible for mental health assessments in emergency situations. I'm enjoying retirement and spending time with family and friends. I am now a Virginia Master Gardener and am active in the association. I'm also a member of our church Relay for Life team and am taking a quilting class. Life is good." She also noted that her husband, Terrence (Brockport '71), is happily retired. Her children are spread around the country. Son Jim is an electrician living in Sarasota, FL, with his wife, Ann Marie, and children Grace and Garret; son Daryl lives in Ithaca and works in property management in Collegetown; and stepdaughter Jimelle lives with her daughters, Alyssa, Kelly, and Brielle, in College Point, NY.

**Leo "Mickey" Fenzel**, MBA '72, PhD '88 (White Marsh, MD; lfenzel@loyola.edu) writes, "I chair the Dept. of Pastoral Counseling at Loyola U. Maryland. I have been at Loyola in different roles for 26 years, having received my doctorate from Cornell." In response to a question asking his favorite place to eat, study, or relax on campus, he said, "The Fall Creek House was the perfect place to hang with the guys on the lacrosse team." Mickey has four children and four grandchildren. His daughter **Kath Fenzel Zannella '02** works for Cornell Athletics, and he still enjoys going to Cornell lacrosse games.

As I write this column, we are well into National Poetry Month—April. How fitting that we received a very brief e-mail from **Daniel Brown**, MA '75 (skydanb@hotmail.com), which contains a cryptic, single sentence: "A new collection of my poems, entitled *What More?*, has just been published by Orchises Press." I don't know Dan, so I immediately took to the Web to find out more. There I discovered several favorable comments about the book and his poetry in general. Here are

two: "This poet, while less copious than many of his generation, gets much further because he can keep thinking while he laughs, and vice versa. I recommend *What More?* with a whole heart as one of the few modern books of poetry that has twice as much in it every time you read it, instead of half."—Clive James, OBE, author, critic, poet, broadcaster, translator. "These are wonderful poems, quirky and witty, somewhat reminiscent of Emily Dickinson (the highest praise I'm capable of), but really not like anybody else's work in their approach to experience."—Rhina Espailat, T.S. Eliot Prize and Richard Wilbur Award-winning poet. Don't forget to send us your news! **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; and **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

‘Bob Efron laments that marathons seem to have gotten longer the older he gets.’

Alex Barna '72

**72** I'll take "Famous Members of the Class of 1972" for \$2,000, Alex. The Answer: **Kate Waits**. The Question: Who is one of the all-time "Jeopardy!" champions? Kate (kw269@cornell.edu) reports that she had a blast competing in the game show "Sports Jeopardy" on the online network Crackle.com. You can see her show by going to Crackle—and Crackle is also available via various streaming devices (Roku, Apple TV, etc.). Look for Episode 23. Kate claims that this presumably completes her "Jeopardy!" experience—but she's said that before. Kate not only was a four-time winner on "regular" "Jeopardy!" in 1987, she was a semi-finalist in the 1988 Tournament of Champions and competed in the Jeopardy! Million Dollar Masters Tournament in 2002.

**Reggie Haseltine** (rhaseltine@aol.com) retired last June from his 9-5 job after 41-1/2 years in IT and now works out of his home as an online adjunct professor. Reggie writes, "Our five grandkids (ages 3-9) keep us very busy and we see them almost daily. We also travel a lot and have been on a dozen cruises to the Caribbean, Alaska, and all around Europe. I also rejoined the local Kiwanis Club to help with community service projects." Reggie attends Redskins, Orioles, and Nationals games and participates in running or walking races. His favorite place to study on campus was the lower stacks of the Engineering library, and his favorite place to relax was Theta Chi house and all around Ithaca. Since graduating, he shows his school spirit by attending reunions on the five-year cycle and several outings with the Maryland and Washington, DC, alumni groups. I wonder if Reggie ever shared a glass of wine with US Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54** at one of these alumni events? Is it any surprise that the first Supreme Court Justice to admit to taking a sip of wine before the State of the Union address is a Cornellian?

**Nancy Abramowitz** (nabramo@wcl.american.edu) and **Mark Ellenberg** have been in the greater D.C. area pretty much since graduation. Mark practices bankruptcy law and Nancy teaches at American U. Law School. All three of their kids share

the Cornell connection—**Julia Ellenberg** Painter '01, **Alex Ellenberg**, JD '07, and **Molly Ellenberg** Friedland '07—as well as daughter-in-law **Fernanda Katz** Ellenberg '05. Nancy and Mark are enjoying family, especially their four grandchildren, and look forward to this summer when their entire clan will be in the metro D.C. area. **Gloria LaLumia** (Las Cruces, NM; GRL8@cornell.edu) reports that September 2015 will mark 15 years since she moved to southern New Mexico. The Organ Mountains have become her daily inspiration. Her blog, Open Range Ramblings (<https://openrange.ramblings.wordpress.com>), contains pictures and glimpses of New Mexico life. I was in Las Cruces 25 years ago and saw a real roadrunner for the first time. They look nothing like the one in the

Warner Brothers cartoons (nor was it being chased by a coyote). In the real world, they are small and brown, to blend in with the desert vegetation.

**Bob Efron**, DVM '75 (Bobyak2@aol.com) sends an e-mail from West Hartford, CT, where he is practicing veterinary medicine two days a week and teaching veterinary dentistry to vet technicians once weekly. Bob reports, "Life is good; I have a great wife, kids, and three grandchildren. Babysitting was never so much fun." Bob would love to hear from anyone from Dorm 2, Floor 2, and Phi Sigma Epsilon. He says that work is fine and he has lots of nice bikes. Bob has been doing triathlons and half-marathons, although he laments that marathons seem to have gotten longer the older he gets. He states that he is very social and during the races he likes to meet with the racers bringing up the rear. **Mitch Sudolsky** (sudolsky@utexas.edu) lives in Austin, TX, where he recently received an appointment as full clinical professor at the School of Social Work at the U. of Texas, Austin.

Ithaca resident **Larry Baum** posted an item on Facebook that the Chapter House bar on Stewart Ave. in Ithaca suffered significant damage from a major fire in mid-April. At the time I'm writing this column, it is not known if the building can be salvaged. Since the Chapter House was within walking distance of the men's dorms, it was a popular watering hole for many of us. Now it may be gone—to exist only in the memories of our youth.

I had a great time attending "Cornell 150," the Sesquicentennial celebration in San Francisco in March. The response to the event was so great that two sessions had to be scheduled to accommodate the hundreds of attendees. Classmate **Ed Marinaro** was the master of ceremonies. I did not know that Ed scored his first NFL touchdown at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. During the cocktail hour I had a very pleasant conversation with **Rick Banks**, BS Ag '74, Cornell's associate VP for Alumni Affairs and Development, who flew out from Ithaca. Also attending the event was **Steve Kane**, MBA '73. I hope many of you were able to attend "Cornell 150" events in your area. Don't forget, only two years until our 45th Reunion in



2017! Happy Sesquicentennial summer to everyone. Send news to: [Alex Barna](mailto:Alex.Barna@cornell.edu), ab478@cornell.edu or [Gary Rubin](mailto:Gary.Rubin@cornell.edu), glr34@cornell.edu.

**73** Happy Cornell Sesquicentennial to you! I hope you were able to celebrate this auspicious occasion this spring with fellow Cornellians. Remember to check out our class's latest doings at <http://www.cornell73.com> and the Cornell Class of 1973 page on Facebook. Sincere thanks to all who responded to the April e-mail news solicitation.

**Sheldon Austin** (sheldonaustin@gmail.com) is retired from the Foreign Service and living in Paris. He lectures and conducts seminars for the Africa Regional Services office of the US Embassy in Paris. This office coordinates cultural activities

‘They were right . . . statistics would finally click one day.’

Robert Seman '75

(lectures, seminars, music, art, inter alia) for US embassies throughout Africa. He is also teaching several master's-level courses at two French universities (international management; geopolitics and risk management). **Jerry Deutsch** (jerryd522@gmail.com), executive director of the Nutritional Research Foundation, writes that this year NRF will give support to a major clinical study to be performed by Harvard U. Medical School's Joslin Diabetes Center. Jerry writes, "This one-year study will evaluate the impact of a nutrient dense, plant-rich (NDPR) diet on diabetes and its complications. The purpose is to demonstrate that a nutrient-dense, low-glycemic, plant-rich diet can dramatically reduce body weight, improve metabolic health, and reverse and eliminate type 2 diabetes in the majority of candidates." Jerry is also planning director of the 2015 World Elder Gathering.

**Lee Grossbard** (grossbard@clearviewhc.com), chief operating officer of Clearview Hotel Capital LLC, and wife **Randee (McCutcheon)** '72 recently celebrated their 40th anniversary and are enjoying life in San Diego, although he is only there on the weekends. Clearview is very busy with several new acquisitions. Lee recently ran into **Willy Geiler** '70, BS Hotel '73, who looks well and seems to be having fun in Dallas. Clearview has three other Hotelies in its office: **David Jubitz** '04, **Irene Chen** '10, and **Patrick Mayer** '13. Lee says, "Apparently they studied something besides Wines because they are wiz kids. Good to have some smart people in the room."

**Rich Isaacman** (rich@isaacman.net) and his wife have retired, although he still works about quarter-time as a consultant and highly recommends it! In the past year he has tried something rather more different than his 30 years as a NASA contractor: he has become a family and community mediator for the State of Maryland. In the same time, he has gotten semi-serious about photography and sold a number of travel-related pieces. That fits nicely with one of their great pleasures: Rich and his wife have visited a few dozen countries including Australia, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Chile, Argentina, Botswana, Zambia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe in the past two years alone.

However, their first love and the center of their universe remains their grandson, son of their Cornellian son and daughter-in-law **Sibren Isaacman** '05 and **Tanushree Dutta** '05.

**Dorothy Lange** writes from Falls Church, VA, that she has retired after 25 years as a learning disabilities and reading specialist. She currently works part-time for a nonprofit as an educational diagnostician. Her son is engaged, with a wedding planned in Charleston, SC, this fall. She enjoys sailing and ballroom dance lessons and continues to cross-country ski during the winter. **Dusty Profumo**, MBA '74 (Atlanta, GA; dprofumo@churchs.com) is still plugging along after ten years as EVP and CFO of Church's Chicken, which has 1,700 restaurants in about 30 states and 25 countries. He has a 10-year-old son and three grandchildren—one almost 3 and two infants. He

travels a lot, showing his son "that there is a great big and very interesting world out there." Three years ago they visited London and Paris (Cities of Knights and Lights), two years ago Rome, Florence, and Venice (Viva Italia), and last year Athens, Delphi, Santorini, and Crete (a Greek Odyssey). This year it is Prague, Salzburg, and Vienna. He stays in shape by running and will do the Peachtree Road Race 10K with 55,000 friends again this year on July 4, the largest number of participants in a 10K race in the US. Since graduation, Dusty has participated in Cornell Hotel Society events in Georgia, and last year served on a Cornell Center for Hospitality Research panel on private equity ownership and its impact on the restaurant business.

**Sheri Ross** (sheri.ross@verizon.net) writes from lovely Santa Monica, CA, that she is an arbitrator who has been appointed to the board of directors for the PLATO Society of Los Angeles. She is traveling as much as possible and returned recently from a month in Myanmar and Thailand. Her 36-ft. Nonsuch sailboat is docked in Cabrillo Marina San Pedro, and she spends every weekend sailing. **Laurie Jean Shapiro** (laurie.shapiro@att.net) has been very active in three realms: real estate loans, banking or paralegal; volunteering for the New York Philharmonic; and volunteering at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

My family and I had a fabulous time attending the Cornell hockey game on Thanksgiving weekend in NYC. At the pre-game cocktail party, I was able to meet and thank the inimitable **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, who just retired as Cornell's VP of Student and Academic Services, as well as reunite with sorority sister **Debbie Greene Rothman**, her husband, **Jan**, Class of 1971 president, and **Wayne Merkelson** and his wife, sorority sister **Nancy Roistacher**, Class of 1972 president. Son **David Greenberg** '05 loaned me his Cornell hockey sweatshirt, and the other four non-Cornellian family members with us tolerated our vociferous cheering antics throughout Cornell's awesome victory over Penn State. [Pamela Meyers](mailto:Pamela.Meyers@gmail.com), psmeyers73@gmail.com; [Phyllis Haight](mailto:Phyllis.Haight@cornell.edu) Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com.

**74** **Kevin Egan** reports that he has finished his seventh novel, a legal thriller entitled *The Missing Piece*, which was published in April. **Wendy Goldberg's** art was featured in three exhibits this spring and over the summer in the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artist Gallery, the Collector Gallery in Berkeley, CA, and in Marin Open Studios.

**Joe Dos Santos**, MCE '75, tells us that he has been blessed with a rewarding career in engineering that has taken him to six of the seven continents. He looks forward to visiting Antarctica as soon as time permits. Joe writes, "In 1997 I started our family company, Dos Santos Int'l (DSI) Materials Handling and Engineering Specialists. Though he was in high school at the time, my son Marc (MIT 2002) was there to assist with brochures, generated from computer forms, and to launch our website: [www.dossantosintl.com](http://www.dossantosintl.com). Marc joined DSI in 2004 as partner, VP, and COO. My daughter, Amy Duncan (Alabama 2004), joined us in 2008 as manager of marketing. As a matter of interest, Amy was born in Ithaca in January 1974, between terms my senior year."

**Dena Goodman** has been a professor of history and women's studies at the U. of Michigan since 2000. For the 2015-16 academic year she will be a Dibner Distinguished Fellow in the History of Science at the Huntington Library in Pasadena, CA, where she will enjoy a respite from Midwest winters. **Judy Valek** is an assistant public defender for Broome County. Her companion in the law is her daughter, who is a family law attorney in Boston. In her spare time, Judy enjoys being on the board of directors of her local Humane Society. **Art Leonard** was a speaker at the Texas State Bar's annual meeting in San Antonio in June, where he discussed the litigation battle for same-sex marriage. He also presented a CLE program on the same subject to the New York Law School Alumni Reunion in April. **Bonni Schulman** Dutcher enjoys being a grandmother to three grandsons. She recently traveled to the western Caribbean with her daughter's family and found the Mayan ruins "amazing."

**Kathy Coleman Weinberg**, JD '77, yearns for more time to travel. She is still a lawyer at Jenner & Block LLP and practices part-time in the field of government contracts law. She moved back to Ithaca when she and her husband were able to work from home. She volunteers with the Friends of the Tompkins County Library and tells us that this library puts on "the world's best book sale." In reflecting upon her days at Cornell, she remembers especially fondly playing games at the Straight and L'Auberge du Cochon Rouge and Pearce's. **Ginnie Gardiner**, BFA '74, remembers her days hanging out with friends at the Green Dragon. In March, she had a solo exhibition at the Harrison Gallery, in Williamstown, MA ([http://www.theharrisongallery.com/artistDetail\\_13266\\_Ginnie-Gardiner.htm](http://www.theharrisongallery.com/artistDetail_13266_Ginnie-Gardiner.htm)). This is not Ginnie's first solo exhibit, as she has shown in solo and group exhibits for 30 years. She reports that in 2005, she moved to Catskill, NY, where she and her husband renovated the former Lyceum, a Federal-era building located in the Village of Catskill.

**Linda Mariani** is a senior partner in the law firm of Mariani Reck Lane LLC. As if that were not work enough, Linda is also active in civic affairs in New London, CT, including serving as a trustee of the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, a member of the New London, CT, film commission and the New London Economic Development Commission, and an officer in the Connecticut Bar Association's

family law section. Her oldest son is a surgeon in Philadelphia, her middle child is a teacher in Manhattan, and her youngest child is obtaining a master's degree in international environmental policy. The apple does not fall far from the Mariani tree. Linda says she enjoys her get-togethers with Cornell alums.

**Lisa Seegmiller Turner** (Ithaca, NY) reports that she volunteers in the new Ithaca Waldorf School and is particularly proud of the Youth Farming Project. Lisa's husband, classmate **Bill**, was recently honored for his 35 years of work for Cornell Information Technologies, at a dinner where President Skorton spoke in his honor and the Class Notes sang. She writes, "Our Cornell years are meaningful to us, and helping the next generations of students is motivation for him." In his spare time, Bill is reigning champion of Class C fireworks competitions at the Pyrotechnic Guild Int'l (PGI) conventions. He has choreographed displays to Handel's *Messiah*, "Amazing Grace," Sarah McLaughlin's "Angel," and Beethoven's *Eroica* symphony.

Lisa informs us that her sons, Will IV (Vassar '01) and Douglas (St. John's College '04), are "suitably married and gainfully employed." She remembers fondly Sunday Mass in Anabel Taylor as the pivotal point of the week. She recounts, "Dinner at Kappa was reliably solid and good, thanks to Mrs. Maki." Currently, she enjoys Mass in Sage Chapel, where she is joined by **Mary Berens** and Prof. Tierney. She says it is a "good place to meet students from all over the world." Lisa is anxiously awaiting being a grandmother—"the handmade quilts are ready." In the meantime, she looks forward to a Rome vacation this summer, which is a perfect vacation for an Ancient History major. ■ **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu.

**75** Each year, as the anniversary of our Cornell graduation approaches, I think of the many friends that I made during my four years as a student, so many of whom I continue to be in touch with on a regular basis. But there's one group of men from our class whose bond after Cornell is even stronger. The brothers of Delta Upsilon have continued to meet each year on Presidents Day weekend for the past 40 years! This year I had the honor of joining the group as they gathered at the home of Lorna and **Jim Thul** in Flemington, NJ, a tradition initiated by fellow DU **Crawford Joseph Pierce**. Coming from near and far this year were **Mark Kamon**, **Jack** and **Debbie Morrison Brewster**, **Mark Dewey** and his son, **Bill Hoffman**, **Sandy** and **Steve Bigalow**, **Luciano Rossi** with wife Laura and daughter Nina, **Scott Keenum '76**, **Dan Heffernan '77**, **Don '76**, **MBA '79**, and **Karen Krinsky Sussman '76**, **Dan '76** and **Kathy Jones Brammel '77**, **Alan Ciambro** '76, **Walter Grote '74**, **John Schabowski '74**, **ME '75**, and **Mark Clemente '73**, **MPS '77**. The memorable Cornell stories were as endless as the food and beverages, punctuated by grilling outside in a snowstorm and Euchre games reminiscent of their days on campus. Truly amazing was the way in which the group has remained so close despite our many years away from the campus.

As a prelude to our 40th Reunion (look for a full report in the Sept/Oct issue!), many of us have participated in the 150th anniversary celebrations around the country. I got reacquainted with **Randy Friedman Freedman**, a friend from my freshman hall in Donlon, and her husband,

**Howard '74**, **MBA '75**, who attended the Sesquicentennial event in Washington, DC, visiting from their home in York, PA. Delta Gamma sisters participated in the New York celebration, including classmates **Laura Musick Wright**, **Susan Corner Rosen**, **Myrna Bank Gardner**, and **Louise Belevich**, **MBA '76**. Not content in her retirement from Build-a-Bear last year, DG sister **Karen Leung Moore** (kdlmoore@gmail.com) purchased Metro Medical Equipment and Supply based in St. Louis, MO. The firm services US government medical facilities as a small, woman-owned business. Karen and husband Jim are grandparents to twin girls, who are now 2-1/2 years old. While claiming to need "youth and energy" to keep up with the busy granddaughters, Karen remains active with local Cornell alumni activities, travel, running events, and annual get-togethers with her DG sorority sisters. She would love to connect with classmates and alumni, so send her an e-mail today.

**Janet Rosen Zarowitz** (Janet@MySupplementRD.com) is also actively pursuing a new business endeavor. She has launched an integrative food and nutrition business focusing on diet and supplements to maintain one's health and restore good health. She developed her own website, the Nutrition Supplement Dietitian, based upon her own experiences, complete with nutrition blogs and vetted supplements available for purchase. Janet invites fellow alums to check it out and contact her. Her husband, **Bill '74**, continues to practice internal medicine at Maple Medical Group in White Plains, NY. **Robert Seman** (rmseman@onebox.com) and his wife live in Blairstown, NJ, where he is still practicing the engineering craft he learned at Cornell. Like so many of us, he laments, "They were right . . . statistics would finally click one day. Too bad it was after graduation. I'd like to go back to my time at Cornell and go to all of my classes so I wouldn't have recurring dreams that I'm late for class. They usually happen when I have a deadline looming." Robert's Cornell memories also harken back to good times at the Nines, where he used to meet friends for a bit of liquid refreshment.

From North Hollywood, CA, **Alexandra Hawrylak Soluk** writes that she now works as the labor relations rep for the California State U. Employee's Union, having switched sides about four years ago. She says she is enjoying an interesting life now. Alexandra's youngest, **Andy '15**, graduated from ILR in May, just as she did 40 years ago. Who would have thought that children sometimes follow in a parent's footsteps? Her middle child, **Renee '07** (Harvard '13), recently married and settled in Boston, while her oldest, Tanya (CMC and Harvard Business School), moved to the San Francisco Bay Area after a stint in Boston. With Andy having accepted a job in the San Jose area, she and her husband are looking forward to seeing the children more often. While at Cornell, Alexandra loved walking, jogging around the lake, and riding her bike across the Arts Quad. She was delighted to meet up with old friends from Clara Dickson and ILR, the women's volleyball team, and the Ukrainian Students Club at the June Reunion. In Washington, DC, **Barbara Kagan**, JD '78 (bkagan425@gmail.com) serves as public service counsel for the firm of Steptoe & Johnson.

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. ■ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**,

dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com.

**76** Living in the Boston area this winter has been challenging, but one bright spot was attending the Sesquicentennial celebration. My husband, **Morris Diamant '74**, **Alison Dick '77**, and I had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the presentation. It was a fantastic evening and it made us so proud to be Cornellians. This summer, **John Gmeiner '74** and wife Faye joined us on an amazing Alaska cruise vacation. News came to me via e-mail, which was sorely needed and appreciated.

**Adrienne Weiss-Harrison**, MD '79, is completing her 22nd year as medical director in the New Rochelle, NY, school district, which has, among other things, a very active concussion management program. She writes that concussion is probably the hottest topic in school health. For the past year, she has also served on the executive committee of the AAP Council in School Health and has been involved with the American Lung Association on the national task force to improve access to asthma medications in schools. Adrienne's daughter, Rachel, was married to Aldo Pinotti last summer at the Central Park Loeb Boathouse; son Mark officiated. It was a beautiful day and a perfect setting. Right now Adrienne and husband Andy's priority is travel. They want to visit every US state and much more of the world—along with their regulation attendance at Yankees' games. They had their first date at Yankee Stadium.

On January 5, 2015 the DeWitt Town Board appointed **Karen Docter** as its newest town counselor. She was sworn in during a special meeting of the board by retired Town Judge Jack Shultz. Karen has been an active member of the Town of DeWitt Police Commission, the DeWitt Democratic Party, and the Onondaga County Democratic Committee. She concentrates her law practice on representation of children in support, paternity, custody, visitation, and divorce proceedings, as well as juvenile delinquency and persons in need of supervision matters, abuse and neglect proceedings, and family offense proceedings. She also practices mediation and collaborative law to provide alternatives to the traditional court proceedings for families and is a frequent speaker on family law issues. For the last 32 years, she has also judged numerous law student competitions at Syracuse U. College of Law. A favorite place to eat on campus was Sage Hall for their Sage-burgers. Karen remembers practically living in Uris and Olin libraries.

After teaching for 36 years in the Ithaca City School District, **Vito Brancato** retired. He loves having the time to hike, kayak, or not do anything at all. He has a beautiful granddaughter, Luciana, who is 3 years old and lives in Tucson, AZ, with her mom, dad, and two dogs. When responding to the question about what he would like added to his life, he said, "Money, peace of mind, solar panels for the house, maybe a wife in a year or two." Since graduation he has attended class reunions, summer concerts, plays, lectures, poetry and book readings, homecomings, plant talks at the Plantations, and hikes. **Barbara Hirsch** teaches a healer's art course at Hofstra LIJ Medical School. In 2013, she obtained a master's in narrative medicine at Columbia U. She has volunteered with CAAAN and participated in many mentoring programs and externships for Cornell.



To celebrate their “big” birthday last year, **Peggy Myers** and **Pam Coulter** Mason and their husbands went on a fabulous cruise from Athens to Istanbul. It cushioned the blow of turning 60. Pam has not thought about retirement yet. In March, she started a new assignment, covering the White House for CBS News Radio. Her tiny booth in the basement is right next to AP’s **Mark Smith**, a fellow member of the Class of ’76. What are the odds? **Debra Mainville** Eldredge, DVM ’80, writes from Vernon, NY, that she authored a book with her daughter, **Kate Eldredge** ’13, entitled *Idiot’s Guides: Dog Tricks*, which has been published by Dorling Kindersley. It is available on booksdirect.com and Amazon.

**Bill Altmann** has been living in San Jose, CA, since 1993, moving from conservative New England to the startup economy. Now he has three married kids and two grandsons, and 34 years and many, many international trips later, is still happily married. All those tough Engineering courses and labs prepared him well for the problem solving in technologies that had not even been invented when we were at Cornell! ☐ **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com.

**77** Just in time for summer, here are the latest comings and goings of our classmates. **Dian Nafis** reports that she is “semi-retired” in Corvallis, OR, and that her daughter, **Danielle Reed** ’18, is a freshman in the School of Hotel Administration. She has made several trips this year from Corvallis to Ithaca to visit Danielle (although there are probably no non-stop flights between the two cities). Best wishes to you and your daughter, Dian.

**Bill Grant** owns his own business as a retirement and benefits counselor to federal employees. He lives in Ponte Vedra, FL, and travels often between Florida and Washington, DC. His son **Daniel** ’10 graduated from the Hotel school and is a captain in the US Marine Corps with his wife, Michele (USNA ’10). They just had their first child, William Patrick (Cornell ’37?), which is Bill’s eighth grandchild. Congratulations on all of the good news! Bill fondly recalls working for the Petrillose family at Johnny’s Big Red Grill. “I loved the family, my co-workers, and working in the kitchen of an establishment with the largest menu known to the free world.” He is looking forward to completing the Marine Corps Half Marathon in Jacksonville on his 60th birthday. Bill occasionally attends the chapter meetings of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen, but his favorite Cornell activity is the Cornell Holiday Hockey Tournament in Estero, FL. Bringing Cornell’s winter sports to Florida—sounds like a lot of fun. **Goetz Martius** lives in Berlin, Germany, where he is a partner of Mazars, an international accounting firm. He is involved in the Cornell Hotel Society.

More news from our class’s poet laureate, **Sharon Dolin**, PhD ’90. Sharon won the Witter Bynner Fellowship from the Library of Congress, chosen by then national Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey. In spring 2014, Sharon founded an international writing workshop in Barcelona, Spain, called Writing About Art in Barcelona, now in its second year (excellent choice of location). Her ekphrastic collection of poems, *Serious Pink* (2003), is being reissued this May by Marsh Hawk Press, and her sixth collection of poems, *Manual for Living*, is due out in early 2016 from the U. of

Pittsburgh Press. Sharon continues to teach at the Unterberg Poetry Center of the 92nd Street Y and at Poets House, and lives in New York City with her 16-year-old son, Sam, and a 9-year-old Brussels griffon named Sono.

**Madeleine Blanchet Hemmings** retired to Ithaca and loves it and all the activities in the area. Her house overlooks Cayuga Lake, although, she says, the lake is not visible from her house. She has a lovely screened porch, where she can sit in the evening with a drink and enjoy the most beautiful sunsets on earth. Her daughter, **Laurie** ’98, works at home in Ithaca, so Madeleine cares for her 8-year-old granddaughter almost every day. Her husband, **Richard** ’67, also takes her horseback riding every week. She has been active on the board of the Campus Club at Cornell and is now treasurer of the AAUW. She also started the Ithaca Epilepsy Support Group in 2008. She welcomes any visitors to Ithaca during the Sesquicentennial year.

Lastly, **Bruce Schafer**, MBA ’79, reports that he has reached his nine-year anniversary with Morgan Stanley, where he is now the global head of operations, BCP and resiliency. While he has started planning for retirement, he still very much enjoys work. His twin daughters are both sophomores and made the dean’s lists at their respective schools, one at Caldwell U. and the other at Drexel U. His favorite place at Cornell was Willard Straight Hall as one of the night managers, where he was paid to eat, study, meet with friends, and occasionally relax. He would like continued good health and has been involved in Cornell reunions, Cornell Club symposia, and networking with fellow Cornellians. Of his seven closest friends, five are Cornellians.

That’s it for now. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or write to either of your correspondents: ☐ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

**78** At the time of this writing came the sad news of the fire that destroyed the Chapter House on Stewart Ave.—an Ithaca institution and scene of many good times for generations of Cornellians. Although fundraising efforts were under way at the time this was written, it was uncertain whether the popular watering hole was to be rebuilt.

The Thirsty Bear Tavern at the Robert Purcell Union on North Campus was the site of fond memories for **Roger Davis** (rmd16@cornell.edu). After living in India, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore over the past two years, Roger has settled in Washington, DC. Although nearing retirement at age 60, Roger reports being as active as ever, recently publishing a four-volume book set entitled *The Yoga Therapy Handbook*, available exclusively at Google Playstore/Books as an e-book. He is also working to establish Transformation Technology Centers Int’l as chancellor and says, “I would love alumni support for the NGO and humanitarian efforts I engage in as well as those seeking to transform human consciousness with some ‘out of the box’ thinking.” Since leaving the Hill, Roger has been involved in mentoring activities with the College of Human Ecology.

Across the border in Quebec, **Candace Warner** Herring (candyh@sympatico.ca) is putting her Apparel Design degree from Human Ecology to good use as a professor in costume design and

running the costume shop at Bishop’s U. She writes, “I love working with the students!” One daughter is at UVM finishing up her degree in animal science, and the other is a chef in a lovely French restaurant in Quebec. Both are bilingual. A spring vacation took Candace to the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. **Greg Wickham** (gwickham@dfamilk.com) is the chief financial officer at Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), located in Kansas City, MO. He was formerly the CEO of DairyLea Cooperative when they completed a successful merger in 2014 with their longtime milk marketing partner, DFA. DFA is owned by more than 8,500 dairy farmers across the US and handles about 30 percent of the raw milk in the country. Greg and his wife, Lisa, still reside in the Syracuse, NY, area and have three grown children, Lindsay, Scott, and Steve.

**Laura Howes** (Lhowes@utk.edu) is the associate head of the U. of Tennessee English department, where she has taught medieval literature since 1990. Her family celebrated her daughter’s graduation from college in May. **Stephen Colm**, MBA ’80 (sbcolm@gmail.com) recently relocated to Decatur, GA, to become chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Atlanta V.A. Medical Center, as well as faculty at the Emory U. Dept. of Surgery. **Bruce Schneider** (bruce@schneiderct.com) lives in Westport, CT, and works as a lead consultant for Resources Global Professionals, specializing in third-party oversight (vendor risk management). He and his wife, Amy, celebrated their 34th anniversary in May. Their son graduated from NYU and is on his own and working in NYC.

**Melinda Dower** (melindadower@gmail.com) is enjoying retirement and perpetual vacations after 34 years as an environmental scientist in New Jersey. She recently visited with classmate **Rivki Beer** in Sebastian, FL, where she lives and works managing IT projects and compliance in the hospice care industry. Melinda also keeps in touch with **Linda Bruckner**, an accountant in Ithaca, and **Athena Jameson**, JD ’88, an attorney in Rochester, NY. **Tom Farrell** (farrellthomasc@gmail.com) and his wife are recent “empty-nesters.” Son Ian graduated from NYU last fall and, says Tom, “has a job already!” Daughter Erin is also gainfully employed at KKR in San Francisco, and their other daughter, Ainsley, is embarking on a singing career in Australia. (You can find her songs on iTunes!) Tom is still in the real estate finance world as director of business development with Landmark Capital Advisors in Newport Beach, CA. He is looking forward to visiting Cornell this summer while on vacation back East. “Go Big Red!”

That is exactly what I will be cheering during upcoming Cornell-Yale football games. This, as my son, Aaron, begins a graduate program this fall at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, officially becoming an Eli. Despite the rivalry, it will be nice to have him close to home for a while. Daughter Dana, meanwhile, is still a road trip down the New Jersey Turnpike as a junior at U. of Delaware. Like so many of our classmates, my husband, Larry, and I are enjoying the empty nest. We celebrated our 25th anniversary with a two-week trip through Italy (can’t wait to go back) and my not-yet-60th birthday touring and cruising Alaska (there too!). But enough about me (I had some space to fill). Let your classmates know what’s up with you! Send news to: ☐ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ileland@snet.net; or **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**79** Greetings and happy summer to all! **Tom Helling** lives in Mineola, NY, and notified us that in 2014 he left the *New York Times* after 27 years. His final position at the paper was VP of advertising operations. Tom now teaches full-time at NYU's engineering school in the management of technology and innovation department. **James Wells** (Vallejo, CA) has been working for the Dow Chemical Co. for 36 years and serves as associate director of technology. In his spare time, James does recruiting for Cornell.

**John Wilkinson** lives in Napa, CA, where he is continuing to grow Bin to Bottle Winery. They are in the process of building a new winery nearby that will add 150,000 gallons of capacity to Bin to Bottle's existing 350,000 gallons. In addition, the company is also growing Slo Down Wines to a 30,000-case brand by the end of 2015. Check out their website at: [www.slodownwines.com](http://www.slodownwines.com). John shared that he recently underwent kidney transplant surgery with his 14-year-old daughter. Fortunately, John was a match and served as his daughter's donor, which, he writes, "was an amazing thing to be able to do for her." John filled out our class questionnaire and let us know that his favorite thing to eat on campus was "Hot Truck Sui's, of course!" His favorite place to study was Andrew Dickson White Library, and his favorite places to meet with friends were Lynah Rink and the Nines bar in Collegetown. In his spare time, John enjoys supporting Cornell by interviewing prospective applicants, supporting the Enology department through internships at his winery, and making donations that support the long-term health and growth of the school.

**Susan Zellner Dunietz** and her family live in Highland Park, NJ. Her husband, **Irwin '78**, has been working at AT&T since 1980, and Susan is a full-time mom to a teenager with Down's and autism. Susan and Irwin's son Jesse (MIT '11) and his wife are in Pittsburgh working on their PhDs. Susan's sister, **Barbara Zellner Weiss '81** and her husband, Yitzy, live in Highland Park, as do **Marcia Wagner Levinson '78** and her husband, Barry. The couples enjoy getting together, and the Weiss and Levinson grandchildren get a lot of attention from all. Susan also keeps in touch with **Ken and Nancy Freeman Supowit**, who live in Columbus, OH, as well as **Elissa Kaplan '84**. **Dushica Babich Protic** of New York City writes, "The Cornell torch has been passed to a new generation." Their son, Nikola, will enter the Arts college this fall as a member of the Class of 2019.

For the past 13 years, **Philip Raymond, MS '80** (Marlborough, MA) was CEO and chairman of Vanquish Labs (e-mail and anti-spam servers). Recently, Vanquish Labs was sold, its customers were transferred to Google services, and its patent and processes were divested to Unified Inbox of Singapore. Philip is now CEO and co-chair of CRYPSA (Cryptocurrency Standards Assoc.). CRYPSA champions the commercial and banking adoption of Bitcoin and other new digital currencies by developing, publishing, and promoting frameworks of standards and practices related to the safe consumer and business use of these digital currencies. Philip's daughter, Janet, is 14, has a keen interest in art and graphic design, and is a straight-A student at the Advanced Math and Science Academy in Marlborough, MA. Philip enjoys alumni gatherings that involve the classes of '78, '79, and '80, and helps out Cornell by participating in interviews of high school applicants. In answer to the question "Is there anything you'd like to add

to your life right now?" Philip responded that he'd like a new life partner since he is newly single.

**Bob Mateus** (San Carlos, CA) is directing San Disk Int'l Product Management and focuses on marketing and distribution to facilitate sales. He has two daughters: Veronica is majoring in biology at Sonoma State U.; and Elena is playing tournament volleyball and contacting college coaches, including Cornell. Bob told us that his favorite place to study on campus was the Rare Book Room in Uris

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Library; his favorite daily snack was the Straight's peanut butter and honey sandos before squash/tennis practice; and his favorite hangout with friends was "the C-House, obviously." **Robert Lubarsky** had a Cornell-centric excursion this spring: back to campus for the first time in 21 years with an opportunity to catch up with friends, bicycle, and eat at Moosewood; then to NYC's Carnegie Hall, where the Glee Club, of which he used to be a member, performed on stage. This fall, Robert will be in Cambridge, England, for two months at a research program in set theory at the Newton Inst.

We also heard from **Robert David Shertz, MS '79** (Raleigh, NC), who, upon graduation, joined his family's business, Litho Industries Inc., which provides large volume, high-end corporate printing and distribution services for companies along the East Coast. Litho was acquired by another family business nine years ago, and now Robert teaches part-time at North Carolina State U. He also helps with fundraising for the North Carolina Museum of Art, sits on the board of the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, participates in the Triangle Community Foundation (emeritus), and volunteers with the Topsail Island Sea Turtle Hospital and Nesting Program. He is happily married, since 1980, to Connie. Robert really enjoyed his time at Cornell, not just for the specifics of his degree program, but also for the Ithaca/Cornell experience, and the capacity-building that earning his master's degree at Cornell provided.

We want to hear about your fun events and news. Connect to our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of '79), and send your news to your class correspondents to keep this column filled. Send updates to [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), via the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), or directly to your class correspondents: **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, [cindy.shea@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:cindy.shea@sothebyshomes.com); **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [rdgould@comcast.net](mailto:rdgould@comcast.net); and **Linda Moses**, [mosegurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosegurevitch@aol.com).

**80** By the time this column is published we will have already enjoyed our four-day weekend reconnecting and reminiscing in Ithaca. Our Reunion update will appear in the next column. In April there were over 100 classmates registered to attend, and many more classmates are expected. Highlights included the Class of 1980 special ice

cream flavor, which will be served by Cornell celebrity scoopers, and our celebration on the Ag Quad with our classmate Dean **Kathryn Boor**. **Todd Wolleman** and his wife, Debbie, hosted a pre-reunion ice cream party at his home on May 3 to showcase the class ice cream and kindle the reunion spirit. Their daughter **Danielle '19** will be joining her sister **Lauren '18** at Cornell. My son, **Jeffrey Radin '19**, will also be starting as a freshman this fall.

Charter Day Weekend was celebrated in Manhattan at the Cornell Club with a brunch attended by classmates **Joann D'Emilio** and **Joyce Rosen**. Joyce has been enjoying interesting vacations including biking in South Africa, Ireland, and Tuscany, traveling in Iceland, and hiking on Machu Picchu in Peru. Joann practices trusts and estates and elder law with Jones Morrison in Scarsdale. Joyce and Joann regularly meet **Jessica Daniels** for their own annual reunion in Hartford, CT. Jessica works at Tufts U's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. They shared news about **Eileen Crowley Fritsch**, who is an engineer in California. Eileen's son was recently married and her daughter works as a veterinarian. They also shared that **Jill Jardine** works in the healthcare field in San Francisco. Several classmates were in Ithaca for Charter Day Weekend including **Beth Anderson** and friends **Nancy Sverdluk '79** and **Janet Goldin Rubin '79**. Janet will be celebrating the November wedding of her oldest son, Daniel Rubin, in Philadelphia.

**Mark Eisenberg** was appointed director of the MD/PhD program at McGill U. and will be responsible for the program curriculum and mentoring students to become Canada's future physician researchers. Mark served as a full professor at McGill, staff cardiologist at the Jewish General Hospital, principal investigator of the hospital's Centre for Clinical Epidemiology, and director of its Cardiovascular Health Services Research Group. He has published over 230 articles during his career. **Ed Bartholomew**, MBA '82, stepped down as CFO of Inter-American Development Bank and is pursuing independent research on pension plan design and financial management.

**Charles Kalmanek '79**, BS '80, recently started working as the chief technology officer at Case Commons Inc. and writes from Short Hills, NJ, that he is "part of an amazing team of people building innovative, Web-based software and analytic solutions for public human services." **Nayla Rizk** retired from Spencer Stuart, where she worked as a partner in the Silicon Valley office for 18 years. Her son Andrew played on Princeton's lacrosse team and Nayla had the opportunity to travel to the East Coast and Europe to watch him play—and even cheered for Cornell on Long Island last spring. Andrew graduated in 2014 and works for Morgan Stanley in Manhattan. Older son Peter completed his first year as an MBA student in MIT's Sloan School and enjoyed the snowiest Boston winter on record. Nayla has been enjoying her retirement, redecorating her 1929 home



in California, planning travel with her husband, Bob, and exploring her next steps.

**John Calhoun** continues to manage commercial common interest developments in Southern California through his company, Vanguard Management. He was planning on attending Reunion with his daughter, Kelli, who is goalkeeper for her soccer team in a very competitive high school club league. She is a junior in high school

La Marqueta in Harlem. Dave gets to spend weekends on Candlewood Lake in Connecticut.

**Richard VanVranken**, MS '83, was the recipient of a Distinguished Service Citation from the New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture at the state agriculture convention in Atlantic City last February. He has spent the last 32 years as an agricultural agent at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Atlantic County. Now at the rank of professor, he heads the

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Betsy Silverfine '81

and is interested in playing college soccer and then traveling to Canada to watch the US women's team compete in the World Cup. His son, JR, is also an accomplished soccer player and completed his second season at the U. of Colorado, Colorado Springs. John has stayed in touch with fellow fraternity members **Scott Bakken** and **Tom Croskey** and other Cornell alumni in the Southern California area including **Dave Doupe '78**. He has been an active supporter of his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, and served as an active CAAAN member, meeting with student applicants in his area.

**Steve Benjamin**, ME '81, MBA '82, another former Fiji member, also writes from California. He continues to work in real estate development, was a founding member of Cornell Silicon Valley Board, and serves as vice chair of the Cornell Alumni Council for Entrepreneurship. He has worked with this program for the past 15 years and served as the entrepreneur in residence at the Johnson School from 2008-10. He has fond memories of his fraternity, playing rugby, and being at Lynah Rink. Daughter **Megan '10** was married on September 21, 2013 in Napa Valley. She and Michael are currently living in San Francisco. Son Cody graduated from U. of Colorado, Boulder in 2012 and lives in Truckee, CA. **Chalo Vorbeck**, ME '80, left the corporate pharmaceutical world and returned to the agribusiness of his family's farm, planting quinoa and producing milk. Chalo is working with his son on product ideas for possible export. Please stay in touch, share your news, and continue our wonderful reunion spirit. ■ **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky @ aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28 @ cornell.edu.

**81** Hello, everyone! Time has flown by, hasn't it? I have been busy with the PTA at my kids' school in Delray Beach, FL, and I am happy to report that we are all healthy and doing well. Ella, 8-1/2, and Brayden, 6-1/2, are growing up quickly!

From NYC, **David Pauker** tells us he is chairman of the board of directors of Lehman Brothers, which has distributed more than \$60 billion to creditors over the past three years. Recently he left Goldin Assocs. after 25 terrific years as a turnaround manager and head of its national restructuring advisory practice. His wife, Laurie, owns a candy and snack company, Laurie & Sons, and recently completed building a new facility at

County Extension office and also writes a marketing column for *American Vegetable Grower* magazine. Richard is well known for his work in ethnic and specialty crop development. He is co-founder of the Ethnic Produce Production and Marketing Working Group, a multi-state, multi-disciplinary team of Extension agents, specialists, and researchers from Rutgers, UMass, Cornell, Penn State, and U. of Florida that researches and conducts outreach programming on the marketing and production potential of new ethnic crops for East Coast farmers. He established the WorldCrops.org website that helps farmers determine the produce needs of ethnic communities and how to grow those crops. His leadership in developing these new markets was recently recognized with the Northeast Region Excellence in Extension Award from the USDA National Inst. of Food and Agriculture.

**Paul Herrington** has been an appraiser with Farm Credit East in Hudson, NY, for the past ten years. Prior to that he was a loan officer with Farm Credit for almost 19 years, and his 29th anniversary with the company will be in September. For nearly the same number of years he has been married to Lisa, and they have two great kids, Luke, 12, adopted from Korea, and Leia, 11, adopted from China. Outside of work, their main focus is their church, where their whole family is quite active. **MJ Martinski-Lehman** (Hudson, OH) was recently on campus with her daughter doing a college tour! She is looking forward to Reunion next year and is also celebrating her tenth year of business (www.nickynicole.com)! **Renee Miller-Mizia** is calling for all Engineers to save the date—October 23-25, 2015! She will be chairing the Engineering conference in Ithaca, "Celebrating 150 Years: Cornell University (Educate, Celebrate, Speculate: History to Mystery)." The event is on campus (coincident with TCAM) and includes exciting speakers, panels, a time capsule, a Chemistry of Wine class, and much more!

**Ted Araujo** has been the New York State chair for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys for the last three years. He lives an hour north of Cornell. His oldest son, **Robert '15**, graduated with honors after four years of studying Biology. Their daughter is finishing up her junior year at Pitt, also as a biology major. He loved the A.D. White Room in Uris while he was at school because it was a quiet and intimate space with complex ironwork and comfortable chairs overlooking West Campus. He is the VP for lender services for a startup company called EZCR that has targeted the sub-prime auto market as a component of bankruptcy cases. He came back

to Cornell for a time as an assistant university counsel at Day Hall. He has also been active with the Cornell Club in NYC and has visited the campus often (three times a semester minimum) for Homecoming and jazz performances. Cornell has quite the jazz program and he has become a fan because of his son's participation.

**Scott Wagner**, ME '84, is senior system architect/software lead for Vuzix Corp., a leading innovator in the rapidly growing field of wearable electronics. Scott also started the Rochester Bicycle Film Festival in 2013 to bring together bicyclists of all sorts and everyone who enjoys pedal-powered transportation to enjoy social gatherings and celebrate bicycle culture. Their films are documentary and narrative and are drawn from many sources. They are proud to promote films by local filmmakers and happy to partner with other local organizations for bicycle film events. All proceeds from the festival events are donated to bicycle-related causes or charities. In their third year, the festival presented three films. *Power to the Pedals: Wenzday Jane and the Culture of Change* is the story of a remarkable Boston woman who is creating an environmentally sustainable community through her pedal-powered business; *Breaking Away* is the classic 1979 bicycle film; and *The Triplets of Belleville* is, says Scott, a charming, outrageous, creative, over-the-top French animated feature.

**Thomas Landauer** is thrilled to have married Corinne Meade in November and is raising a wonderful son, Michael, born in June 2014. He is enjoying the new family life with the other children, Alix and Ava. **Dave Stevens's** book, *Impact*, is being developed into a science fiction movie trilogy and videogame. Its reality-based fiction is designed to educate and warn as well as entertain. A percentage of the profits will be used to help fund the B612 Foundation that will launch an infrared space telescope to find all the earth-threatening asteroids. (The CEO of B612 is former astronaut and astrophysicist **Ed Lu '84**.)

**Jennifer Read Campbell**, **Theresa Kronik** Wrobel, and **Nancy Amer** Lake went to see Renee Fleming (a middle school pal of Jen's) in *Living on Love*, a musical comedy on Broadway. Jen obtained her COPE certification through the Villanova Center for Obesity Prevention Education and has been certified as an independent health coach through Take Shape for Life. **Amy Schwartz** Goober, who is a national director with the program, inspired her to drop 25 pounds this past year with the program. Since then, she has been paying it forward and coaching others to reach their health and weight loss goals (www.jennifercampbell.ichooseoptimalhealth.com). **Michael Strauss** tells us that his daughter **Alexandria '11** graduated from Fordham Law School. Daughter Nicole is doing schizophrenia research at Columbia and dad is very proud. **Laurie Rivlin** Caspert's daughter also graduated Cornell—from the Dyson School.

Pre-Reunion get-togethers! On October 8 there is a wine tasting at the Cornell Club in NYC hosted by Renee Miller-Mizia and her sommelier daughter, **Alyse '09**. The second is in South Florida, hosted by **Tanis MacKay-Bell** and **Michael Bell** and **Steven Barre** on November 7 (I am on the planning committee as well). Thanks to **Jordan Strub** for his many years of service as class webmaster. He filled a valuable role for the class for a very long time. Thanks also to Michael Bell as he has stepped up to fill that need for the class going forward! With the leadership of **John Boochever** and **Lisa Kremer Ullmann**, the class is successfully

closing in on the last year of the Loyalty Challenge Cup (300 donors, each giving every year for the five years leading up to Reunion).

Follow the Class of '81 and Cornell events on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Cornell81>; LinkedIn: <http://bit.ly/CULinked1981>; Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cuclassof1981>; and Cornell Connect: <http://bit.ly/Cornell81>. Please let us know what is happening with you! **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@comcast.net](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net); **Barb Amoscato Sabaitis**, [beachba@hotmail.com](mailto:beachba@hotmail.com); and **JoAnn Adams**, [joann@budadams.net](mailto:joann@budadams.net).

**82** Congratulations to our newly elected alumni trustee and classmate **Jon Poe**! We are so proud of your service to Cornell. For more than 35 years, Jon has held various leadership capacities including on the Cornell University Council, Cornell Alumni Association (formerly Cornell Alumni Federation), Cornell Engineering Alumni Association, Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), Dean's Circle, and the Cornell Annual Fund. Jon and his wife, **Anne Vitullo '77**, are also active Cornell Tradition scholarship supporters. Jon said it's an honor to represent our awesome class and alumni everywhere and says he will see you on campus "a lot."

Kudos as well to **Thomas Gagne**, who was selected as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer by the National Trial Lawyers Association. Tom is an attorney and owner of his own firm in Greenville and Spartanburg, SC. He's been staying involved with Cornell as regional chairperson of CAAAN, North and South Carolina. Tom adds that he will be presenting a nationally broadcast lecture on cross examination in civil litigation on October 2, 2015 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EST, sponsored by the National Business Inst. And more congratulations to **Susan Drange Lee**, who received her PhD from the Higher Education and Organizational Change program in UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. Her dissertation is about leadership development of academics for senior administrative positions and was entitled "The Dilemma of Leadership in Research Universities."

**Urania Poulis**, BA '87, adds her congratulations to Cornell on its 150th! She is proud to be an alumna and shared news that she keeps busy with her private practice after leaving a position as an administrator for an adult home. She is enjoying the freedom of being her own boss, but also keeps busy as driver/chauffer for her 10-year-old son. Ronnie reports that her extended family went on an amazing vacation to Tuscany and Rome last summer that, she says, was "truly a magical experience." She keeps in contact with **Diane Taniguchi Dennis '83** and **Courtenaye Jackson Chase '87**, who is also her neighbor.

Several of our classmates have children at Cornell, which keeps them involved with our alma mater. Topping the list is **Kristan Peters-Hamlin** ([kph@petershamlinlaw.com](mailto:kph@petershamlinlaw.com)), whose daughter **Brittany Hamlin '15** graduated from the Arts college with honors in May and was pre-med. Kristan also has two others enrolled. "Phew! One down, two to go," she writes. She also shared that she organized a DG reunion for all Cornellians from the classes of the '80s in May 2014. Fifty sisters reconnected in Westport, CT, and she is organizing, with the help of several Cornell sisters, another get-together on September 12, 2015, again in Westport.

**Joan Varney** is a court attorney working for two judges in Rochester City Court. Her younger daughter, a Biology major working as a research assistant in the Human Behavior Lab, will be a senior this fall. Her older daughter graduated from Binghamton U. and will be starting graduate school in the College of Human Performance and Exercise Science at Ithaca College. Joan stays connected with Cornellians through a book club whose members are all Cornell alums. **Donna Tobin's** son, **Ben Diamond '14**, also graduated from the Arts college, and daughter Lena will be a freshman there in August. Donna continues to do trademark and copyright litigation in NYC.

**Amy Dobert-Hoyt** was excited to report that her son, **Mike Hoyt '15**, graduated from Cornell Engineering in May. Amy is still enjoying a sales career in the sporting goods and footwear industries. **Mike Evanoff** e-mailed that he recently retired, and with the kids out of the house, he is now an undergraduate in foreign language at George Mason U.—"Just because I've always wanted to learn more languages," he says. You can keep up with his travels at: <https://WhereAreMikeAndSherry.blogspot.com>.

One of great benefits of living in the Boston area is watching Cornell beat Harvard in sports! Of course there's HOCKEY, football, and lacrosse, and this year we saw a little tennis and watched Cornell play baseball. It's also a fun way to connect with alumni including baseball head coach **Bill Walkenbach '98** and his wife, **Beth (Sullivan) '00** from the Alumni Office. On the team is **Dale Wickham '18**, whose parents, **Bill '86** and **Debbie Spampinato Wickham '85**, were rooting on the Big Red. **Tim Wickham '10**, MBA '11, was also in the stands; he is the son of classmate **Melanie Lipinski Wickham** and husband **Drew '81**. Please send news! **Nina Kondo**, [nmk22@cornell.edu](mailto:nmk22@cornell.edu); **Mark Fernau**, [mef29@cornell.edu](mailto:mef29@cornell.edu); and **Doug Skalka**, [dsalka@npmlaw.com](mailto:dsalka@npmlaw.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**83** I am writing this column in early April, after a brutal winter that brought snow straight through March. Spring is in the air now and everyone seems much more cheerful. Hopefully summer will be in full bloom by the time you read this. Remember, Big Red men's hockey will be playing Boston U. over Thanksgiving weekend 2015, so don't forget to buy your tickets well in advance. As you know, Madison Square Garden sells out for this event. We won the game last year, so hopefully that run continues!

**Lisa Esposito Kok** ([lisakok2@gmail.com](mailto:lisakok2@gmail.com)) has been named national marketing director for a Web startup called Reading Portfolio ([www.readingportfolio.com](http://www.readingportfolio.com)), which provides a way for avid teen readers to get credit for reading and to earn points and awards they can show on their college applications—like athletes, musicians, and school newspaper editors do. The English major in Lisa loved the product and compelled her to join the company. Contact her for a free one-year subscription—Class of '83 only! Lisa's son, **Nicholas '16**, is in his junior year at Cornell. He is the former president of Pi Kappa Phi and a team manager on the CUAir project. He will be competing this June at the SUMAS (Student Unmanned Air System) competition at the US Naval Base in Maryland. Lisa's daughter is a freshman in high school and has her eye on Cornell.

**Audrey Hunter Johnson** wrote in to tell us that her son was among those who graduated in May 2015. She is homeschooling her younger daughter, who is in the ninth grade—a possible future Cornellian! Audrey's two favorite places to eat, study, and meet with friends at Cornell were Balch Hall and at meetings of the Campus Crusade for Christ on the top floor of Willard Straight Hall. **Tracey Thatcher** is working with her husband in his real estate development company in NYC. She says that keeps her out of trouble as her kids get older. No sign of retirement, as her two boys are still in school. Her older son is matriculating at Cornell this fall. Naturally, she is thrilled! He will be in the Hotel school, just like his mom. Her younger son starts as a freshman at Regis High School in NYC.

**Nancy Braun** ([nancy@showcaserealty.net](mailto:nancy@showcaserealty.net)) has two beautiful children, Natalie, 10, and Jason, 9. She lives in Charlotte, NC, and her husband works for Capella Hotels. Nancy is a broker at Showcase Realty LLC, with 50 employees. Her company focuses on residential, property management, and investors. Although she no longer practices law, she has a law degree from SUNY Buffalo. **John Davis** ([jdavis@smith.edu](mailto:jdavis@smith.edu)) lives in Williamsburg, MA. He is taking a three-year leave from teaching at Smith College and is moving to Paris to become the executive director of the Terra Foundation Europe, which promotes the international study and exhibition of American art. Best of luck, John! **Mark Wolcott** ([mark\\_s\\_wolcott@keybank.com](mailto:mark_s_wolcott@keybank.com)) wrote in. He just wanted to provide his e-mail address to those who wish to say hello. "Well, hello Old Sport!" (from *The Great Gatsby*). I remember playing 150s football with you—those were the years! Mark lives in Pittsford, NY.

**Susan Wasserman Guerin** ([sguerin62@gmail.com](mailto:sguerin62@gmail.com)) has just completed her first year as CEO of World Finer Foods. Her college roommate, **Juliette Weizmann Samson '82**, works with her. Susan's son, James, is graduating from the Hotel school this May. Daughter Cassie is just finishing her freshman year, also in the Hotel school. Three more years and the tuition bills stop? Not likely! If you want to help plan the 35th Reunion in 2018, give her a shout; she is the reunion chair. **Ruben King-Shaw Jr.** ([rkingshaw@mansacapital.com](mailto:rkingshaw@mansacapital.com)) has completed four years of service on the Cornell Board of Trustees. He currently serves as vice chairman of the audit committee. He also serves on the finance committee, which deals with difficult yet pivotal issues such as financial aid, tuition, fees, and university resources overall. Ruben is celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary with Patricia Gipson King-Shaw this year. He is spending time in Miami in his healthcare-focused, growth-oriented private equity firm, Mansa Capital. Most importantly, his daughter, **Alexandra Anis** ("Lexi"), graduates as part of the Sesquicentennial Class of 2015, ushering a second generation of King-Shaw Cornellians!

**Gretchen Ritter** ([gr72@cornell.edu](mailto:gr72@cornell.edu)) just finished her second year as the Harold Tanner Dean of Arts and Sciences. After 20 years in Austin, TX, she is very happy to be back at Cornell, despite the past winter! She has enjoyed all of the Sesquicentennial celebrations, including her interview with **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54** at the New York Historical Society last September. She says she is most proud of being a Cornell parent—her daughter is in the Class of '18, a fourth-generation Cornellian. Look for news from **Wai-Leong Chan**, ME '84, MBA '85, and **Sara King**, and others who sent news in the spring, in the next issue! You can send your



news to me or my co-correspondent at: **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Barb Deane**, bldeane@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**84** As I write this column, the Sesquicentennial celebration has been in full swing and is scheduled to continue at Reunion. **John Toohey** reports that on Valentine's Day he had a blast co-hosting the Cornell Sesquicentennial celebration with **Ed Marinaro '72** in West Palm Beach. John and wife Carmen recently returned from France, where John was attending the 12th Annual Weather and Climate Forum in Paris. Before the conference, they spent a week in the south of France including Provence and the French Riviera. Upon their return their son, **John Michael '18**, was already home enjoying his spring break!

**Gary Daniel** is still practicing Canadian intellectual property law at Blake, Cassels & Graydon, the same firm he joined after graduating from law school in 1987. His sons are 15 and soon to be 17. The older son has gotten his learner's permit, so Gary often finds himself in the unfamiliar role of sitting in the passenger seat. His latest interest is flying. For a previous birthday his wife got him an hour in a flight simulator, and for a more recent birthday, she got him an actual flight lesson. It was cancelled due to weather (and the flight school does not operate over the winter), so he is looking forward to the lesson when the flying season resumes. Gary still keeps in touch with **Karl** and **Janice Ziegler Groskaufmanis**, who tell me that their youngest daughter will be starting at Cornell in the fall.

**Lisa Sotto** reports that she has been a privacy and cybersecurity lawyer for the last 15 years, long before it was popular. Last year, Lisa was named among the *National Law Journal's* "100 Most Influential Lawyers." Her older child is now a freshman at Cornell and Lisa says she has such fun visiting her on campus. **Keith Kefgen** writes, "All is well with me, as I left HVS after 20 years to start my own firm with six other partners. Business has been great and you can check us out at: [www.aethoscg.com](http://www.aethoscg.com). Family is doing well. My son, Stefan, is a chef at The Dutch in NYC for Andrew Carmellini. My daughter, Isabella, is a freshman at UCLA. I couldn't convince her to go to blustery Ithaca. I am living in Brooklyn and doing the hipster thing. I see many of my Cornell classmates on my travels. Big Red hockey at MSG was great and I caught up with **John Frontero**, **Scott Sidman**, BS '02, and **Dave Devereaux**. Just saw **Tony Baker '85** up at campus with his son. Cool to see the circle of life."

**Diana Darcy** writes, "It turns out that Cornell Engineering provided a strong basis from which to take on my second career. With lots of support from my husband and kids, I went to medical school seven years ago and received my master's in human genetics and genetic counseling from Stanford. It's been a great five years so far. I work at a large public hospital seeing about 500 patients a year of all ages with a wide variety of conditions. Never a dull moment! You can find me on LinkedIn—hope to hear from some classmates!" **Dennis Mitchell** reports that effective September 2014, he became the senior associate provost for faculty diversity and inclusion at Columbia U. Dennis is responsible for Columbia's \$30 million ongoing commitment to increase faculty diversity and a climate of inclusiveness for faculty and students.

**Steve Shippee** is working as the EVP and chief strategy officer for Velocity Technology Solutions Inc. He moved to this position after seven years as the company's CFO following the sale to Silver Lake Partners out of Menlo Park, CA. Steve reports, "With Silver Lake's backing, we have completed three transactions to double the size of the company in the last three years. Recently closed our New York headquarters and moved it to Charlotte, NC, to enjoy the lower costs of living and much better weather!" Steve's son graduated from Cornell three years ago (Class of 2012) and recently graduated from the GE Financial Management Program. He is now on Corporate Audit Staff and traveling the world. Older daughter Rachel graduated from Elon U. in May, and the youngest, Jenna, is a freshman at the College of Charleston. Steve remembers two favorite places at Cornell. "The first was on any given sunny day sitting in whatever quad I was near to enjoy that one day of good weather. After that it was Ruloff's! Right now, life is terrific. Work has been great, but looking to semi-retire within the next 18 months and make a complete career change . . . something much more relaxing that will allow lots of travel and time for enjoying life."

A sincere thanks to those who sent along news. If you didn't see it in this column, it will appear next time. Please send more of your news via e-mail and remember to check out *Cornell Alumni Magazine* on your iPad and smartphone at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and they are NOT searchable by Google!). All e-mail and website links are active hotlinks. **Janet M. Insardi**, [insardij@hotmail.com](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com); **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, [catherinejcantwell@gmail.com](mailto:catherinejcantwell@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**85** In this, my final column before I "re-retire" from the class correspondent gig at our 30th Reunion, it is my honor and pleasure to salute the accomplishments of a wonderfully talented group of '85ers.

First, we tip our Big Red cap to baseball great **Mike Kalfopoulos**, who was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. Mike, who is now director of technology procurement services at Boston Scientific, has combined a career in operations management with great success on the baseball diamond as a record-setting power hitter in Boston's Inter-City League, one of the top amateur baseball leagues in the country. Congratulations are also due to **Kimberly Wagner**, winner of the CALS Outstanding Alumni Award. Kim is a senior partner and managing director at the Boston Consulting Group, where she serves clients in the pharmaceutical, specialty chemical, agribusiness, and food/nutrition sectors. She and her husband, **Stephen Osborn '84**, also own and operate Stourbridge Vineyard LLC, a vineyard, farm winery, and distillery in Marlboro, NY, at which they have hosted many Cornell events. Kim serves on the Cornell University Council and the executive committee of the Council's Committee on Sustainability.

Also serving the alma mater with distinction is **Deborah Goodman Davis**, who has been appointed to the Johnson Art Museum Advisory Council. Deborah has worked at the Art Inst. of Chicago, the Yale U. Art Gallery, the Montreal Museum of Fine Art, and Sotheby's of London. She is the author of *Speeding Down the Spiral: An Artful*

*Adventure*, a children's book set at the Guggenheim Museum. In other author news, **David Engorn** published the novella *To Make Good Again*, an intergenerational story of Holocaust survivors, and **Bill Gourgey** published *Glide*, an environmental sci-fi novel. **Jim Joseph**, author of *The Experience Effect*, has a new book entitled *Out and About*, the chronicle of his journey as a father—with all its twists, turns, and a few twirls.

Moving on to movies, **Tracey Williams** Anarella's *Brooklyn United* was shown at the Cannes Film Festival in May. The film chronicles the rise, fall, and redemption of a marching band director in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Tracey is also working on a documentary feature titled "Not Black Enough," which she says discusses the intra-racial struggle within the African American community. That film, which includes interviews with actress Vanessa Williams, historian Henry Louis Gates Jr., and many others, is due to be completed this summer.

I was going to try to continue the arts theme by likening **Naomi Weinstein Dreeben's** political success to Frank Underwood in "House of Cards," but because I am certain that Naomi's moral compass runs truer than Frank's, that segue doesn't quite work here. Instead, I'll go with, "They say all politics is local, and, if that is so, then Naomi Dreeben is a political star." Naomi was elected to a three-year term on her town's board of selectmen, where she serves as vice chair and is now running for the chairmanship. Husband **Tom**, PhD '97, works on lighting efficiency at Osram Sylvania and is a member of the Swampscott Renewable Energy Committee. Feeling both renewed and energetic—to say nothing of lucky—is **Anne Noble**, who swapped a 15-year career as a litigator for a new gig as CEO of the Connecticut Lottery Corp. Anne says she now actually has free time, which she uses for cycling, running, and gardening. She has also become something of a punster. Her president's message on the Connecticut Lottery website notes that the lottery has "done a 'LOTTO Good' for Connecticut, having delivered \$8.2 billion for valuable programs and causes." Next stop, the Catskills!

**Heidi Almquist** Strommen was named president of the Target Markets Program Administrators Association ([www.targetmkt.com](http://www.targetmkt.com)) for 2015-17. Congratulations to Heidi on both that honor and on finishing her MBA. While some of us are earning advanced degrees, others of us are cheering our children as they advance toward their college degrees. **Melissa Frank** Schwarz, soon to celebrate her 30th year (!) as an actuary with MetLife, writes that she and her husband are enjoying their empty nest—their son is a junior at Tulane U., and her daughter is enjoying her freshman year at Drexel U. **Morgen Tilling** Gillis also wrote of the joys of living in Chicago, sans kiddies. Older son Ian is a computer coder for Addepar in NYC and younger son Sean is a junior at Boston College.

One of the great joys of serving as your class correspondent for so long has been having a front-row seat to the grand show that has been our changing lives over the past three decades. I have felt deeply honored to write about your personal triumphs, professional achievements, and even the occasional spiritual awakening. I have watched us rush headlong into careers, pull back and reflect, persevere, pivot, and move in a different direction entirely from the ones we were so certain, 30 years ago, we would pursue. It has been fascinating to experience vicariously, and report on so many different paths and choices. As I pass the "quill pen" on to whoever succeeds me in this

terrific gig, I thank you for sharing a bit of your lives with me and with your classmates, and I wish all of you continued happiness, growth, and success—however you choose to define it. ☐ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Roberta Zwiebel Farhi**, rfarhieesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz Cornett**, cornett0667@comcast.net.

**86** We received a lot of news from the West Coast, probably because our classmates on the East Coast and in the Midwest were too busy shoveling snow to write. Our West Coast friends share tales of sunshine and busy lives.

**John Conti** writes, "We are lucky to live in Northern California, about an hour north of San Francisco, in the town of Sebastopol, not too far from the coast. Lots of vineyards and orchards! I've been at the same job for almost 13 years, helping run FEA, which is part of MSCI Inc. We make and sell models used to value and expose the risk of commodity derivatives and physical assets. My wife and I have three children, ages 17, 15, and 9. Our oldest, Sophia, plays violin for the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and will be touring Europe this summer. We're also looking at colleges for her (wow, that went fast!). Our middle son, Sam, is a freshman in high school and is focused on baseball and school. He is a handsome, smart, fine young man. Our youngest, Marco, is finishing up third grade. He keeps us on our toes and is full of life!"

**Caroline Myers** Nielson (Pacific Grove, CA) writes, "In just 14 months I will have been in the Navy for 30 years and it will be time to transition out. Anybody need an HR director? My older daughter is a freshman at Seattle U. and coxswain on the novice crew team. My younger daughter is a junior in high school trying to decide what she wants to do next (I can relate)." **Drew Martin** lives in San Diego with his wife, **Elaine (Brodie) '88**, and their three teenagers, who are avid surfers and volleyball players. "I work with tech startups. Cornell ORIE classmate **Jessica Toth** lives around the corner. We don't know of too many other Cornell classmates in San Diego, but do enjoy getting to see them when they're in town on vacation or going to conferences." **Jeff Winikow** reports, "I'm a civil judge in Los Angeles's downtown central courthouse. Life on the bench is never dull, and I'm really enjoying the experience."

In news from another "sunshine state" **Kam Kadirav** lives in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, with his wife, Jami, of 20 years (they met on a blind date!), two daughters, and one son. He works in the financial services industry representing Invesco. The entire family enjoys sports, travel, fishing, diving, snow skiing, and camping. Kam finds it amusing that when you Google him, most of what shows up is information on son Kamran's athletic accomplishments. Since Kam travels a bit for work he has been able to stay in touch with other Big Red football alumni like **Kerry Lightcap**, **Rick George**, **John Tagliaferri**, **Mark Miller**, and **Scott Sidman '84**, BS '02. **Maria Elias-Williams** is living in Myrtle Beach, SC, and would love to see you there. "It's a great place—very inexpensive, tons of golf. I opened a real estate brokerage firm in conjunction with my law practice and just finished renovating two office buildings. I also just finished a four-year stint on the National Board of Directors for US Masters Swimming and am starting to train again (I just aged up and have realized you don't have to out-swim your competition, you just have

to out-live them) for swim events and triathlons. I keep in touch with my dual Andover/Cornell classmates **Will St. Laurent** and **Ellen Nordberg**."

Notices of 50th birthday celebrations have tapered off, but **Leesa Storfer** shared details of one more bash, which was held in Woodstock, NY. Girl-friends drove and flew from everywhere including **Sheryl Haft** Flug (the newly minted children's book author of *I Love You, Blankie*), **Merrill Rudin**, **Linda Scall** Ragin, **Laurie Miller** Brotman, **Janet Weissman** Pfeffer, **Laurie Greenberg** Goldheim, **Cindy Kaufman**, **Mara Block** Bernstein '85, "**B**" **Kaufman**, and **Allison Passer** Ostern. "We rented a great house and met up with **Melissa Madenberg** Gibson, who helped plan all the activities from zip-lining to yoga classes by the indoor pool to a drumming session, facials, massages, and personalized chef dinners. A great time was had by all."

**Cara Noferi** shared details of another half-century celebration with her Delta Gamma sisters last fall in Jackson Hole, WY. **Mary Otis** Stoof, **Colleen Fahey** Rush, **Lyle Stillman** Carter, **Meyung Joh**-Carmella, **Sue Tregurtha** Marshall, **Jenny Gummere** Nagel, **Jenny Moore** Stahlkrantz, and **Amy Ciabattini** Keating rounded out the guest list. It's great to get wedding announcements, and I was happy to hear that **Michael Lally** married **Robin Farr**. Among the attendees at the Cincinnati wedding were classmates **Nigel** and **Elizabeth van den Brink de'Ath** and **Steve Pozzobon**.

Last but not least, I was on campus in April—as were fellow classmates **Mark Brandt** and **Margot Tohn**—for the wonderful Sesquicentennial celebration, complete with an exciting lacrosse victory over Princeton for a spot in the NCAA tournament. I've noticed it has become more difficult to find a drink in Collegetown with the recent fire destroying the Chapter House. Fortunately, Ruloff's has reopened, and my wife and daughter had the pleasure of being served by **Didi Frechette**'s senior daughter **Laena '15**. Ironically, the next day we were served by **Olivia Howell '15** at the newly remodeled Ithaca Beer Co. The legacies are certainly well represented and are taking good care of us old timers! More news in the next issue! Send yours to: ☐ **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com; **Holly Isdale**, isdale@mac.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**87** **Susan Matson** Relihan is an independent contractor working for a full-service meeting planning company. Her oldest son is in the Dyson School of Applied Economics at Cornell. Her middle son attends college in Florida and her youngest is in high school. Last summer, **Jack Zinn**, MS '90, became president of his synagogue, Congregation Sons of Israel, in Briarcliff Manor, NY. According to Jack, "It's been quite a learning experience—like nothing I've done and like nothing I'd expected." He says he hopes to come out of the experience a better leader.

**David Orr**, PhD '05, was appointed director of the Cornell Local Roads Program in September 2014. David enjoyed walking around campus during his free time on the Hill and says his explorations were "like finding hidden gems scattered about." In April, **Amit Batabyal** returned from a trip as a visiting scholar to Monash U. in Malaysia. His daughter, **Sanjana '18**, is a rising sophomore in CALS. **Daniel Connolly** was named dean of the School of Business Administration at Portland

State U. Until recently, he was senior associate dean at the U. of Denver's Daniels College of Business. Daniel and his family moved to Portland, OR, on July 1.

**Debra Pollack** reports that her daughter is a rising sophomore in CALS. **Caroline Wollman '18** is majoring in Biology and plans to become a veterinarian. Debra is a CAAAN volunteer and adds that she went to the Charter Day celebrations last April. **Sheila Green** is an animal attendant supervisor at the Cornell Hospital for Animals. Before joining the hospital, she worked for 20 years as a zoologist. Most of that time was spent working with elephants, but she says she has worked with "just about every exotic animal imaginable." Sheila fondly recalls her days in the Big Red Marching Band. **Andrew Cohen** is general counsel of Pivotal Software Inc. in San Francisco. He says he is about to have two of his three kids in college.

**Laura McMichael**-Cady is heading a committee on the Eden Area Village (a member organization that helps elders age in their homes) and teaching adult literacy and English as a Second Language classes. Laura's older daughter is a rising junior at UC Berkeley. In July Laura will be meeting up with **John Satterlee '86**, **Jaea Hahn**, **Karen Schmidt**, **Jamie Morrill '86**, **Rebecca Russell** Notowitz, **Mary Bowman**, **Karen Smith** Kratzer, **Steve Kratzer '76**, PhD '84, and possibly **Jeanine Femia** in Annapolis, MD. **Lynne Raymond** Martin reports that her family has been very busy with competitive Irish dance, with her oldest daughter, Julia, competing all over North America and the U.K. Her family loved getting to travel to London last year and Montreal this year for the World Championships of Irish Dance. Lynne writes, "I recently became involved with CAAAN, and interviewed my first batch of prospective Cornell students. I went from being unsure about volunteering to really enjoying meeting the students and trying to guess who would be accepted!"

**Susan Ecker** Anderer's daughter **Arielle '18** is in the College of Engineering. Consequently, Susan has been spending a lot of time on campus, which she describes as "surreal." She adds, "In addition to watching Arielle thrive both in and out of the classroom, it has brought me back in touch with so many wonderful Cornell friends. Arielle's younger sister is a junior just starting the college process, but perhaps we can convince her to consider the wonders of Cornell as well. Our youngest is thankfully only 13, so we have a few years before we need to do this all again." Susan works as a psychologist outside Philadelphia. Her work focuses on psychological and educational assessment and therapy with an expertise in students who are both intellectually gifted and also have a specific learning disability. More recently, she has been working with young adults struggling with the transition to both independent college living and adulthood. She co-authored an article on "failure to launch" syndrome that appeared in the *Huffington Post*. ☐ **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu.

**88** We continue to enjoy hearing about the accomplishments of our classmates, their community spirit, and the impact the Class of '88 is making on the world.

**Michael Sochaczewski** writes, "I am about to attend Cornell graduation again, this time for my daughter **Danielle '15**! I still live in Montreal with



my wife, **Karen (Louis) '89**. I am involved in real estate and we just invested in our third hotel—the Marriott that is being erected on the Ithaca Commons! Wouldn't you know we missed being ready for this year's graduation. When it opens, please come stay with us. Miss my Sammy buddies a lot—time for a reunion in Montreal. It's a great place since all you Americans can use your mega dollars to get an extra 25 percent. No, gas is not cheap (\$1.10) . . . it's liters, not gallons (approx 4:1). Hope to see you on campus soon." **Mark Langan** is happy in Durham, NC, still rooting for Syracuse and Cornell, and a network systems analyst at Duke U. He has his own business doing IT consulting. Mark's daughter, Emily, is an actor and is graduating high school. She will attend either Boston U. or the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles. Mark has great memories of Libe Slope, Collegetown, the gorges, Stewart Park, and Cayuga Lake. You're not alone, Mark!

**Dana Barrett** is host of Tech Edge on 11Alive, WXIA, Atlanta's NBC affiliate station, and host of the Dana Barrett Show, a business-focused radio show on biz 1190 AM WAFS in Atlanta. The radio show started in March 2014, and Dana took over the TV show in March of this year. She is currently a member of PCCW and is emceeding this year's Cornell Charter Day celebration in Atlanta. Dana's daughter is a grad student at Boston U. **Amy Doig** Cullen is the community service coordinator for Shenendehowa Central School District. She writes, "My oldest son is graduating from Oneonta State this May and continuing his doctoral program in physical therapy at Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse, NY. My daughter is a junior in high school and is looking to study science and play softball in college. My youngest is in sixth grade at Burnt Hills Middle School and plays hockey and lacrosse." Amy is hoping for an opportunity to travel that doesn't include softball or hockey! She fondly remembers Dunbar's in Collegetown and the Straight (Ivy Room) on campus.

Across the hemisphere, **Katia Wittkowsky** Leal writes us from Guatemala City, where she is managing two jobs simultaneously: a professional organizer; and marketing director for Kalea, a modern furniture retail store. She's very content with life and has been active in the Cornell Club in Guatemala. Her older daughter is studying medicine in Guatemala, her second daughter is a freshman at NYU's Stern School of Business, and her son is in middle school. Close to campus, **Beth Mahanger** Prudence joined the Ithaca office of Morgan Stanley. She is currently building her own team of professionals to service the financial needs of current clients and has now opened the practice to new clients. Her husband, Tony, is part of a local family business in Ithaca. Beth's son, 11, is an avid ice hockey and baseball player, and her daughter, 9, loves to dance. The Prudences are looking to add a dog to the family. Beth is a new member of PCCW and currently sits on the Dean's Advisory Council for Human Ecology.

Some university-wide news: the first-ever Cornell Giving Day was held on March 25, and raised \$6,969,229 from 9,683 gifts to Cornell, with good participation from our class. You can still make a gift today or any day at: [giving.cornell.edu/give](http://giving.cornell.edu/give). The Giving Day website mentions that "every gift to the university touches lives, opens doors, makes dreams come true, speeds innovation, and helps develop new knowledge—from paying for a book or covering part of a research trip to allowing a dean to hire new faculty or launch exciting programs."

Did you know the Class of 1988 has hundreds of members on our Facebook page? It's a great way to reconnect with old friends, see photos, find upcoming events, promote an event, and more. Recent updates on Facebook covered Sesqui-centennial events across the country, voting for Cornell as the greatest lacrosse team ever, and mysterious microbes in NYC discovered by Weill Cornell Medical College. Join the conversation at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Please send us your news and we will publish it in an upcoming column. Let's be in touch! ☑ **Brad Mehl**, [bradmehl@gmail.com](mailto:bradmehl@gmail.com); and **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, [alm46@cornell.edu](mailto:alm46@cornell.edu).

**89** I hope you are enjoying your summer! We received a lot of news from our classmates through e-mail. Thanks to everyone who sent in an update. Remember, you can send us your news at any time by filling out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. It only takes a few minutes to do.

**Kelly Clark** Bliss wrote that she is the senior associate/director of business development at Architectural Resources Cambridge. She is proud to say that her son, **Ryan '18**, will be starting his sophomore year at Cornell and is No. 24 on the men's hockey team. She said, "It was wonderful watching him play for the Big Red and visiting the campus many times last year." Kelly is also an active board member for the Cornell Club of New Hampshire. **Heather Borden** Herve reports that she is the founding editor and publisher of a local daily news website, Good Morning Wilton (CT), and that her family recently celebrated the bar mitzvah of her son Maden in May. **Jeffrey Pease**, MBA '91, is the chief marketing officer at Medidata Solutions in NYC.

**Douglas Whitney**, BA '92 (Essex Junction, VT) stated that his favorite place on campus was the North Campus Student Union. He has stayed involved with Cornell wrestling too. **Marne Platt** ([mpvmd93@yahoo.com](mailto:mpvmd93@yahoo.com)) reports, "I have decided to take a separation from my company, Novartis Animal Health, after it was bought by Elanco, so now I am deciding what to do next—primarily whether to stay in the life science industry in general management or try something completely different. It's a bit like being in college—so many choices! Veterinary medicine is still my first love, so I would be pleased to hear from anyone with ideas in this space." **Andrew Weisenfeld** is still working at MTS Health Partners, a healthcare-focused investment banking boutique based in NYC. His son, Sam, was recently a bar mitzvah, and a number of Cornellians helped to celebrate including Andrew's brother and his wife, **Paul '92** and **Glenna Berman Weisenfeld '94**, **Cory Zimmerman**, **David Shapiro**, and **Alan '88** and **Amanda Urish Goodstadt '93**.

Moving on to news from the West . . . **Karen Dahlby** Tallentire lives in the Denver area and has recently published a nonfiction book, *Fighting the Unbeatable Foe: Iwo Jima and Los Alamos*, about a Cornell student in 1945, a Marine who had just survived the Battle of Iwo Jima. While at Cornell, despite having shrapnel in him, he did acrobatics shows with friends to prove physics principles. He went on to live in the town of Los Alamos and teach swimming and history to Karen herself and many others. For more information, go to: [www.iwojimabook.com](http://www.iwojimabook.com). Karen's family has been studying WWI and WWII history and designing

history-related T-shirts, plus doing presentations for homeschooleders and others.

Recently, **Laurie Neustadt** Gilbertson left her job at the Practicing Law Inst. in NYC, where, for seven years, she was a program attorney in charge of developing, marketing, and running the company's litigation training programs. She is going to look for a new position once her family is settled in Denver. Her husband accepted a great new position out there so they decided to, as she says, "head out West for a new adventure." Her three children are excited for lots of great skiing! **Brinda Govindan** has been teaching undergraduates at San Francisco State U. for the past 16 years and still loves it! Her favorite places at Cornell were RPU, Mann Library, Beebe Lake, and the Plantations, and she has been involved with interviewing prospective Cornellians in her hometown of Palo Alto, CA.

**Alex Martin** lives in Princeton, NJ, with his wife and four children. His oldest, Alex, will be heading off to Duke in the fall; Thomas, a sophomore, loves music and movies; Christian, an eighth grader, rows and reads everything in sight; and Katherine, in sixth grade, already says she wants to go to Cornell. "While I missed our own reunion," Alex said, "fellow classmate **Nathan Andrew** and I crashed the Class of 1988's 25th Reunion instead. We met up with former waiters for an impromptu concert at Goldwin Smith on Saturday night and drank and sang late into the evening with '88 alums **Dave Beiser**, **Matt Bauer**, **Simon Miller**, **RJ Lavallee**, **Stephen Sheffield**, **BFA '89**, and **Lee Graham**."

**W. Lee Kraus** is director of the Cecil H. and Ida Green Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences, professor and vice chair for basic science in the Dept. of Ob/Gyn, and a professor in the Dept. of Pharmacology at the U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. **Julie Bestry** (Chattanooga, TN) is in her 14th year as a professional organizer, running her own company, Best Results Organizing. Most of her activities involve working with clients, speaking engagements and media events, and writing about organizing and productivity. Her biggest news is that she recently published a book, *57 Secrets for Organizing Your Small Business*.

**Eleonora Gafton** recently transitioned into the world of alternative medicine after she received her master's in herbal medicine and clinical nutrition. She took the board exam in 2013 and is now a certified nutrition specialist (CNS). Eleonora is also an adjunct faculty member at Maryland U. of Integrative Health in charge of the whole food cooking classes. She developed a program in the Integrative Nutrition Program and is also preparing to enter the doctoral program in clinical nutrition. Congratulations to **Stephanie Keene** Fox, who is one of our newly elected alumni trustees for the university! And thank you to **Kim Levine** Graham, who has served as a wonderful class correspondent for us and has decided to retire from the position.

Please keep sending in your news. Send the news form you get in the mail, e-mail one of the correspondents listed below, or submit your news online (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). We want to hear from you and we know others do as well! Have a great rest of your summer! ☑ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com); **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, [kgerig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kgerig@columbus.rr.com); **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, [lauren.kiddermcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.kiddermcgarry@gmail.com); and **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu).

**90** Did you make it to our 25th Reunion in June? Unfortunately, production deadlines prevented us from getting a report into this column, so please watch for it in the Sept/Oct issue. In the meantime, catch up on other news from your classmates.

**Mark Miller** was promoted to VP, corporate communications at Olympus Corp. of the Americas. He is leading a new group called Corporate and Medical Communications. Congratulations, Mark! **Elisa Barfus Bremner** writes from Armonk, NY, that she is working for Edenwald at the Jewish Childcare Association in Pleasantville, helping teens improve their eating habits. "I am very excited to have the opportunity to create and implement a nutrition program that will improve the health environment," says Elisa. She recently returned to campus with her son, a prospective student, and enjoyed the campus tour. "So much has changed, and much is still familiar." As part of her visit, she stopped by the Nines for pizza, which she said was as delicious as she remembered from 25 years ago. Elisa's niece **Sophia Levine '15** graduated from CALS in May and her nephew will be a freshman in the fall.

**David Herz** is working as a personal coach and also helping people and businesses design their websites and manage their online presences. As for his own online presence, he has begun a campaign for president at davidherz.org. He writes, "I think if we could crank it up to 10 million followers by the end of 2015, we could have a profound impact on the direction of political discussion in this country (in other words, toward the center and a search for what binds us and brings us forward as one great society)." Best wishes for your campaign, David. **Susan Miller** works on promoting sustainable food and agriculture, as well as strengthening local economies and sustainable small business. She and her husband live in the San Francisco Bay Area with their sons Ellington, 13, and Murray, 11. Susan and **Heather Webster** recently "got to dance like it was 1988" at a school battle-of-the-bands fundraiser. Susan also reports that her nephew Christopher Miller will enter ILR in the fall as a member of the Class of 2019. Congratulations to all!

**Joe De Sena**, one of my Ithaca High School classmates, was recently the subject of a feature in the Ithaca Voice about his decision to bring the Spartan Race, an internationally known obstacle race that he created, to campus. "On September 5, Cornell will host a Spartan Race, with all proceeds going to the Tompkins County United Way and Cornell," says the article. If you have any questions about the level of athletic ability required to participate, you should know that *Outside* magazine last year dubbed Joe "The Most Punishing Man in Fitness." You've been warned. (Note to self: Get into shape before next high school reunion.)

**Rose Tanasugarn**, one of my fellow class respondents, writes that she has moved from HR to a position in the convention department for the Kobe Portopia Hotel—overseas sales manager. She was also named chairperson for the Living in Kansai committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCCJ), as well as 2014 ACCJ Kansai Volunteer of the Year. Rose says, "Because of volunteer work I did with the US Consulate in Osaka-Kobe, I was invited to meet the First Lady on the tarmac of Osaka Itami Airport on March 20, 2015. I have also met Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, most recently at the America Expo event in Tokyo, where I was in charge of Cornell's table at the college fair." Rose also represents Cornell as a member of the advisory council for CAAAN (Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network) and will serve as a VP on the Cornell University Council for 2015-16. Thank you, Rose, for all you do for Cornell!

I also have some career news. After 14 years as an editor, I voluntarily moved back to the trenches as a reporter in October 2014. I now write about family and parenting issues for the

*Oregonian/OregonLive*. It's been a very fun beat that's even brought me into contact with fellow Cornellians, as when I ended up interviewing **Liz Scotto Richards '96**, an acupuncturist with a specialty in reproductive health, for a story about infertility. We'd like to write about you! Send your news anytime to any of us: **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net; **Rose Tanasugarn**, bigredrose1990@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.tt>

**91** Greetings from a very dry California. Personally speaking, we Cornellians out West are wishing for a little Ithacation in the Golden State. But a little drought did not keep **Jennifer Leeds** and **Rob Hess** from celebrating Cornell's Sesquicentennial in San Francisco, where Jennifer shares, they got to meet with a lot of Cornell alums, both young and old. She adds that son Tjaden is starting the college search and, of course, will apply to his parents' alma mater.

## Brews Brothers

Joe Zonin '91 & Greg Shuck '91

**W**hen the Carolina Hurricanes took home the Stanley Cup in 2006, the victors celebrated by carting the trophy off to a bar, where they filled it to the brim with beer. Their beverage of choice: Carolina Pale Ale, a local favorite made by the Carolina Brewing Company.

Celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year, the brewery was founded by three Cornellians: Joe Zonin '91, classmate Greg Shuck '91, and his brother, John Shuck '87 (the latter has since left the business). It now produces about 125,000 gallons of beer annually, in such varieties as nut brown ale and India pale ale, as well as specialty releases like a Groundhog Day brew. "We make light stuff, we make dark stuff—but I think, across the board, we try to make beers that are really clean on the palate," says Zonin, the brewery's sales manager. "We make beers that don't linger or cloy." While some craft operations are increasingly producing beers inflected with flavors like honey, coffee, or pepper, he says, the Carolina Brewing Company typically uses only water, malted barley, hops, and yeast, with no pasteurization or added preservatives. "In general, we try to brew with just the four ingredients that you're supposed



Hop to it: Zonin (left) and Shuck in the brewery

to brew with," says Shuck, the business's president. "We do more traditional beers as opposed to wacked-out, funky ones."

Zonin and the Shuck brothers began home brewing after graduation. They located their business in North Carolina, in part, because only five breweries existed there at the time. These days, the company's beers are available in restaurants, bars, and grocery and liquor stores throughout the state—which is now home to more than 125 breweries. "I never really wanted to have a conventional job sitting behind a desk," Shuck says. "I thought doing something in a production facility would be more hands-on. Each day, you're making something tangible." Zonin notes that he and Shuck both majored in agricultural economics—but they never imagined how directly they'd apply it to their careers. "Taking malted barley and hops right from a farm and changing them into beer that you sell," says Zonin, "that's the very definition of agricultural economics."

— Lianne Bornfeld '15



From Los Angeles, **Dan Harrison** is celebrating ten years of marriage to his wife, Libby (Vassar '91), and he too is starting to realize that his two daughters' (Stephanie, 9, and Hannah, 7) college careers aren't that far off. He asks, "Cornell? Vassar? Something closer to home (L.A.) on the West Coast?" I think readers are leaning toward Cornell. Jennifer and Dan may want to take the lead from **Fathima Ameena** Nalim, who writes that her daughter is a member of the Class of 2018; her second daughter will be a member of the Class of 2019. Go Big Red! Not to miss out on all the change, Fathima also shares that she has left the Centers for Disease Control and joined the Emory U. Dept. of Global Health, School of Public Health to get an MPH.

Also taking on a new position, **Michelle Bayuk** (S. Orange, NJ) shares that she is now the association director of children's book marketing, publicity, and social media for Quarto Publishing Group USA. Making a move in job and geography,

classmates by dropping a note to your class correspondents. I close these notes with a request: Our 25th Reunion is less than a year away, so reach out to your classmates to start planning to attend so you won't just be reading about the fun in these pages next year. Thank you for keeping us up to date: [Charles Wu](mailto:CharlesWu@mac.com), [ccwu@mac.com](mailto:ccwu@mac.com); **Tom Greenberg**, [twg22@cornell.edu](mailto:twg22@cornell.edu); and **Wendy Milks** Coburn, [wmilkscoburn@me.com](mailto:wmilkscoburn@me.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**92** It's summertime on the Hill, one of my favorite times of year to be in Ithaca, and, by the news submitted for this month's column, that's a pretty common feeling. My husband, **John Torrance '90**, and I will be in Ithaca the first week of August as our daughter, Emily, is attending a camp with the Entomology department. You can be sure we'll be

of the Risley Residence Hall, where she lived, and the Uris Library "Fishbowl."

**Robert Christensen** hails from Park City, UT. He works for GE Capital and has been volunteering with Cornell's Johnson School on the recruiting side. Speaking of financial services, **Matt Healey** is in his 18th year at Fidelity Investments, working as an analyst covering financial companies for their fixed income investment teams. He feels lucky to spend his days with talented and motivated colleagues. One of Matt's favorite places to meet with friends was at Okenshields at the Straight, and, like Sharmila, he was a fan of Uris Library for studying. It's summertime, so we can be sure that Matt and his family—including three children heading into eighth, sixth, and fourth grades in the fall—will be spending time in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. That's well deserved after a long and cold winter! Matt also has fond memories of a summer session he enjoyed along with great pals **Rowland Richards** and **Jenny Andrews**, and he recommends a summer in Ithaca to anyone. Matt recently caught up with **Erika Wallace**, who was in Boston touring colleges with her son.

**Matthew** and **Inger Hultgren Meyer** enjoy life in San Francisco, where they have lived for the last seven years. Matt is chief business officer at a Bay Area personalized medicine company, CareDx, which he helped take public in 2014. They enjoy traveling with their daughters, Astrid and Annika, who have taken to the performing arts, recently performing in the musical *Peter Pan*. Inger is expanding beyond her former professional focus in environmental law to be a travel writer and entrepreneur. **Julie Weston** James recently drove three hours across New Hampshire with her husband, Mike, and son Tyler, 15, to see the Big Red hockey team play Dartmouth in Hanover! Julie provided her family with an ample supply of Cornell gear, so they were well prepared, and she got tickets right behind the Cornell bench so Tyler could watch the players switch lines. The James family represented Cornell well, yelling "Red!" during the national anthem, reading their newspapers during player introductions, and practicing "Far above Cayuga's waters . . ." on the way to the game. Despite the Big Red loss, Julie says, "it was so great to feel like I was at Lynah again!"

**Daniel Rosner** is living on Long Island, NY, where he's a photography manager at Lifetouch Sports and Special Events. His twin sons are now 17 and both looking at colleges—what a fun time in life! While on the Hill, Dan's favorite place to hang out was the Hot Truck! He also enjoyed the Chapter House, lying out on the Quad during warm months, and spending time at Buttermilk Falls. **Reasey Poch** lives in Virginia and is a producer with the Voice of America. He recently went to Cambodia to cover First Lady Michelle Obama's trip to promote the "Let Girls Learn" initiative. While Reasey didn't get an exclusive interview with the First Lady, he did a lot of reporting for VOA including producing a video story using the iPhone.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our April e-mail request for news. If you don't see your news here, rest assured that your update is on deck for the Sept/Oct issue. In the meantime, please keep in touch so we have more to share with you! Feel free to e-mail any of us, use the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), or reply to the e-mail solicitation. Thanks! [Megan Fee Torrance](mailto:MeganFeeTorrance@torrancelearning.com), [mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:mtorrance@torrancelearning.com); **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu).

## ‘My mix of Engineering and Arts days at Cornell are not forgotten.’

Spencer Wolf '90, BME '91

**Agnna Varinia** Guzman writes, "I'm now in Canada! I joined Embarkation Law Group, a boutique immigration law firm in Vancouver, BC, to practice US immigration law. I am responsible for the US practice group and help support the firm with Canadian immigration cases. I have been enjoying life in Vancouver since September 2014." Back in the States, **Gregory Stoller** is still running a real estate holding company in the Boston area and says he is fortunate to be able to continue teaching multiple graduate business classes. He also makes it back to Ithaca to deliver lectures and network with prospective students. He wishes, like so many of us, for an eighth day of the week in order to find more down time to spend with the kids.

Writing from Maryland, **Dan Goldman** hung out at his daughter's bat mitzvah in December 2014 with **Randall Singer**, **Mike Dreitzer**, Greg Stoller, and **Rich Dreitzer '90** and their families. **Spencer Wolf '90**, BME '91, is in Minnesota and he is excited to report that his debut novel, *After Mind*, was published in March and is available at the big Internet bookstores. The reviews are fantastic. Spencer writes, "This sci-fi adventure has been a labor of love for years. My mix of Engineering and Arts days at Cornell are not forgotten." So if you are looking for some beach reading, you have another book to add to the pile.

**George Sarrinikolaou** (NYC) shares that he is the senior manager at the Earth Inst. at Columbia U., and is teaching graduate classes on sustainability. You can check out some writing and photography loosely related to this work at: [facingathens.com](http://facingathens.com). **Allison Lakin** (Rockport, ME) writes that she founded Lakin's Gorges Cheese in 2011, making fresh and aged cheese with organic cow's milk. If you're looking for something for your Cornell gathering, it's available in the Northeast and online. On that note, I'm getting hungry so will finish up.

I hope your summer is going well—and remember to share your adventures with your

hanging out at the Plantations, Taughannock Park, Buttermilk Falls, Robert H. Treman Park, Oaken-shields, and Wegmans.

**Yutaka Maruyama** has recently moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to initiate a hotel operation platform for mid-market extended-stay hotels focused on Asian countries. We all wish you success in the new venture! Also in the hotel industry, **Carter Wilson**, based in Erie, CO, continues to work as a consultant while also pursuing a professional writing career. In fact, his third suspense novel, *The Comfort of Black*, is due out in August!

After 15 years of hiking the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, **Sue Eisenfeld** (Arlington, VA) has published a book, *Shenandoah: A Story of Conservation and Betrayal*, about the tragic history behind the creation of the park. With historic maps from hikers who explored before her, Sue and her husband, **Neil Heinekamp '91**, hiked, backpacked, and bush-whacked the hills and hollows, searching for stories of the residents who were removed from their land in the formation of the park. In the book, she describes the turmoil of residents' removal as well as the human face of the government officials behind the formation of the park. In this conflict between conservation for the benefit of a nation and private land ownership, she explores her own complicated personal relationship with the park. In her day job, Sue is a freelance writer, communications consultant, and faculty member in the Johns Hopkins U. master's program in writing.

**Sharmila Basu** Mann and her husband, Ben, live in Lafayette, CO, where Sharmila works hard to engage future generations of Cornellians. She is active in the Cornell alumni volunteer network CAAAN, providing a face to the admissions process, and she also mentors undergraduates through the alumni career network. In her day job, she is a senior policy analyst for SHEEO, a national higher education policy membership-based non-profit located in Boulder. While on campus, Sharmila loved to hang out in the common room

**93** **Allyson Belovin** (abelovin@levy-ratner.com) is a partner at Levy Ratner PC, a boutique labor and employment law firm in NYC, representing unions, benefit funds, and individual employees. She lives in Scarsdale, NY, with her husband, Brett, and their daughters, Madeline, 12, and Natalie, 9.

**Calin Moucha** (mouchacs@gmail.com) writes, "I'm still replacing hips and knees in NYC. Beginning May 1, I will be the chief of adult reconstruction and joint replacement division in the Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital." He adds, "We are very fortunate to spend time in NYC during the week and Litchfield County, CT, on the weekends. Our kids love to snow ski in the winter and water ski in the summer." Calin attended the **Sy Katz '31** Parade down 5th Avenue back in November—"It was a great time for all!"

Thanks to those of you who sent in a news form! Look for your news in the next column. If you haven't sent us an update recently, we would love to hear from you! Just write to any of your correspondents, or submit an online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; and **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com.

**94** Let's start with the news out West. **Kimberley Brockmann Grant** is a simulation operations specialist with the Casper College Dept. of Health Sciences in Wyoming. **Don Patterson**, ME '95, wrote from California with tidings of a new job in the math and computer science department at Westmont College in Santa Barbara. "It's a big adventure and slower pace. We're looking forward to discovering a new part of Southern California. Oldest son Julius just moved out and started college. Among other things, he's an advanced sandwich artist at Subway."

Also in California, **Jarrid Whitney**, executive director of admissions and financial aid at Caltech, reported, "Our 5-year-old daughter recently went through the private K-12 admissions process. Even though I've worked in college admissions since I graduated Cornell, kindergarten admissions is completely different!" Well, it looks like Jarrid might have to go through that process all over again sometime soon. He wrote, "On October 17, we welcomed the birth of our second child, Luke (patron saint of students) Shigemi (wife's paternal grandfather's name) Otahyoni (Cayuga word for 'wolf' since my family's Cayuga tribal lineage is Wolf Clan) Whitney." Congratulations to the whole clan!

In Washington, DC, **Noon Kampani** is a veterinarian for AtlasVet. In response to the nostalgic Class Notes prompt, "Where was your favorite place to eat, study, meet with friends, or relax on campus?" she answered, "Loved hanging out in College town. Have no idea how we managed to survive the cold winters, especially sometimes when we would go out and not bring our coats." In response to that same question, **Reginald White** wrote, "Ujamaa Residential College." Reginald is an ISO quality manager for a small engineering firm called Indra Systems in Florida. **"Kamillia Smith, ME '93,** and I have two sons and one daughter, 11, 9, and 8 years old."

**Sean Alexander**, MBA '01, working for Macquarie in Hong Kong for the past eight years, has been very active in local life. "The Happy Valley Gauchos, the rugby team I play prop for, won the league title in March. I attended the Cornell Hong

Kong Club Sesquicentennial celebration in December, which provided a great opportunity to catch up with friends and make new acquaintances." Sean says his favorite place to hang out was the Chapter House.

Which leads me to the next bit of sad news: Ithaca's iconic Chapter House, along with the adjacent apartment building on Stewart Avenue, was destroyed by fire on April 14. Thankfully there were no injuries, save for a lot of broken hearts around the country. Personally, I have fond memories of hanging out there with a pint and a handful of popcorn, playing Galaga. From the pub's website: "From all of us at the Chapter House, we would like to thank you all for your love and support. Remember your pint may be half empty or half full, but you can always get it filled again!" In an eerie coincidence, a grease fire began in the Terrace Restaurant at the Statler Hotel on April 23, but the building was safely evacuated, the fire was put out with minimal damage, and again, no injuries were reported.

Lastly, I am truly sad to share the news of our classmate **Robert Chung**, who passed away on February 18. On the Hill, Rob majored in Urban and Regional Studies before going on to earn his JD from the Fordham U. School of Law. He interned for the Hon. Denny Chin in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York, then worked for Anderson Kill in NYC, specializing in insurance recovery, corporate and commercial litigation, and bankruptcy and restructuring. A memorial service was held on February 28 in Falls Church, VA. **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

**95** We have news! We have lots of news! It is with great joy that after several slim-to-non-existent class columns, I am now able to present you with a new newsy newsworthy column of news! Look for a full report on Reunion in the next issue.

Living in Los Angeles, **Claudia Ramirez** is a deputy attorney with the California Office of the Attorney General. She has two daughters, Carina, 5, and Sierra, 5 months, with her partner Alejandro Morehead. Claudia has been an active Cornell alumna. She contacts prospective students through the Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAN), encouraging them to attend Cornell. She also went to our 10th Reunion in 2005 and recently attended Sesquicentennial activities in honor of the 150th anniversary of Cornell's charter. Wanting more travel in her life and a chance to eat again at Willard Straight, Claudia was planning to attend our 20th in June. **Nathan Merrill** and wife Judy are thrilled to announce that their older daughter, Hannah, will be attending Cornell this August as a member of the Class of 2019! Nathan writes, "Cornell was her first choice (after visiting many schools all across the country last summer). She will be majoring in Agricultural Sciences. Our younger daughter, Sammy, will be a junior at Phillips Exeter Academy this year. Judy and I still own and operate the family dairy farm in Stratham, NH, with my parents. We will celebrate our 23rd anniversary this summer!"

After this year's brutal winter, **Marmeline Petion-Midy**, MBA '00 (Levittown, NY) is ready for some warmer weather, summer vacation, and a visit to Cornell for Reunion. The busy mother of two active soccer players, Cayla, 11, and Kira, 8, Marmeline is also VP of finance at OppenheimerFunds.

**Brett Tallman** (Bozeman, MT) is the founder and director of HomeGrown Design, a mechanical engineering company. He is also the founder of EduCadia (educadia.org), an innovative, interactive learning and assessment online platform for engineering education. His wife, **Susan (Downer)**, works as an area agronomist for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

**Yaniv Blumenfeld** is the proud father of four girls and lives in Scarsdale, NY. Professionally, he is a managing partner at Glacier Global Partners, a real estate investment firm focused on debt and equity investments. He remembers that his favorite place to relax on campus was "Uris Library for high-quality, uninterrupted naps." Since graduating, Yaniv has been involved in his local Cornell Club and Hotel school reunions. **Indranil 'Indy' Mukerji**, MS '96, is a lawyer at Fish & Richardson in Washington, DC, and was recently named to the fourth annual "Power List" by Lawyers of Color. This is the second time he has been named to the list.

**Malina Saval** writes, "For the past year and a half, I've been working as a staff editor/writer at *Variety* magazine. I've published two books since 2009—*The Secret Lives of Boys* and *Jewish Summer Camp Mafia*—and am currently at work on a third." Malina lives in Pasadena, CA, with her two children, Boaz, 8, and Ayla, 6. Up the coast in Santa Barbara, you will find **Dominick Collicco**, who writes, "After years in contract food service, I moved to California to get some sunshine and ended up going into hotels. After several years doing operations support with a fantastic and growing hotel management/ownership company, I started in a role as manager of financial reporting. Business is great." Outside of work, Dominick spends his time brewing beer, playing music, and exploring the beaches and backcountry of the central coast. He adds, "Whenever I wear my Ithaca is Gorges' T-shirt, people stop me on the street to comment. It's amazing how many people have some connection to Ithaca and Cornell."

Thank you very much to everyone who sent in updates. It's wonderful to write a full column! Keep the news coming! **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**96** Thanks to all of you who sent in a news form or submitted news online. **Erica Siegel** Henning, MPA '97 (Houston, TX; [erica.henning@gmail.com](mailto:erica.henning@gmail.com)) shares that she recently joined the board of directors of Girls Inc. of Greater Houston, "a nonprofit dedicated to helping all girls be smart, strong, and bold. I'm also still working at Lionstone Investments, a real estate private equity firm in Houston."

**Michael Rantilla**, BArch '96, writes, "In March 2014, the architecture firm I was working at (Freelon) was acquired by Perkins+Will. In October 2014, I took an assignment as operations director for the São Paulo office of Perkins+Will and moved from North Carolina to Brazil. Before leaving, I attended the Cornell Class of 2018 new student send-off BBQ in Chapel Hill and met up with **Mark Hill '84**, BArch '84, whom I had worked with previously. It was also great to reconnect with various AAP alumni at the Cornell mixer at the AIA Convention in Chicago this past June." **Seth Kibel** (Pikesville, MD; [seth.kibel@gmail.com](mailto:seth.kibel@gmail.com)) is pleased to announce the release of "No Words," his latest album on Azalea City Recordings. "No Words"



consists of 12 original instrumental compositions, all composed by Seth, in a variety of genres including swing, gypsy jazz, and klezmer that feature him on clarinet, tenor saxophone, and flute. Learn more at [www.sethkibel.com](http://www.sethkibel.com) or hear samples at <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/sethkibel3>.

**Matthew Hill** is living in NYC, where he attends events at the Cornell Club. He works for IBM Research on machine-learning software for recognizing visual scenes. Recently his team launched this technology as a Web service (<http://visual-recognition-demo.mybluemix.net/>). Wife Elizabeth has her own business tutoring elementary school students one-on-one, helping them to enjoy learning and to realize their potential. Matt adds, "We are happy to announce the birth of our first child, daughter Helen Grace, in January. She is lighting up our lives with her smiles!" True to form, new parent Matt says he would like to add 4-6 hours a day of spare time (or sleep) to his life.

Look for more news from **Lukas Neckermann**, **Jeremy Goodwin**, **Lisa Kubicki** Thivierge, MBA '08, **Karen Ehret**, and anyone who sent in a hard copy news form, in our next column. If you haven't sent news recently, please take a moment to submit an online form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) or write directly to any of your correspondents: **Liam O'Mahony**, [liamom@yahoo.com](mailto:liamom@yahoo.com); **Carin Lustig** Silverman, [CDL2@cornell.edu](mailto:CDL2@cornell.edu); **Ron Johnstone**, [raj6@cornell.edu](mailto:raj6@cornell.edu).

**97 John Murphy** (Somerset, MA; [jmurphy.x03@gmail.com](mailto:jmurphy.x03@gmail.com)) is researching biomaterials back on the East Coast after working at startups in Silicon Valley. On campus, he liked to spend time at Willard Straight Hall. What he'd like to add to his life right now: "Better connections with Cornell alumni."

**Kirsten Newbold-Knipp** ([kirsten.knipp@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.knipp@gmail.com)) writes, "I recently joined Gartner as a research director (aka analyst) in their new practices, Gartner for Marketing Leaders. I publish research and provide advice to CMOs and VPs of marketing at leading companies all over the world. It's like being a professor and a student all rolled into one!" Kirsten adds, "John and I got married in July 2013, and shortly after invented and founded a new small business called RingSafe—because he misplaced his ring three days after the honeymoon. Turns out that's pretty common. We're selling online ([www.ringsafe.com](http://www.ringsafe.com)) after our successful Kickstarter campaign last spring." On campus, Kirsten could be found eating and dancing at the Chariot and drinking at Ruloff's. She says she wishes she could do more international travel. **Thevaki Thambirajah** Chrzanowski (Briarcliff Manor, NY; [tt22@cornell.edu](mailto:tt22@cornell.edu)) will be attending Cornell's Executive Metro MBA program starting July 2015.

**Danielle Ledoux** writes, "I'm married to Augustin 'Gus' Serino and we have two boys: Gus, 2-1/2, and Sebastian, 1. I work as a pediatric ophthalmologist at Boston Children's Hospital and am starting my own practice in the area that I grew up in on the North Shore of Massachusetts." **Jerad Crave** (Asheville, NC; [jjcrave@gmail.com](mailto:jjcrave@gmail.com)) writes, "I am a professor in the Dept. of Education at the U. of North Carolina, Asheville. I now have two beautiful daughters, Johanna Grace, 2, and Julia, 7 months old. Our life is busy but very rewarding. We go for runs, hikes, and even bike rides together and have a blast!" He adds, "I'd love to have more time to train for marathons and trail-running events!" Jerad is a volunteer for

CAAN and has been meeting with prospective students every year since graduation!

**Samara Friedman** (Short Hills, NJ; [samara.friedman@hotmail.com](mailto:samara.friedman@hotmail.com)) sent this: "Both Dan and I have changed jobs in consecutive years! Dan recently made the switch in law firms and now works in the employment law department at DLA Piper's New York City office. I switched to Advocate: The Orthopaedic Center in Bedminster, NJ, where I practice pediatric orthopaedics." Look for more news in our next column, and if you haven't written to us recently, consider submitting an online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>)! We'd love to hear from you. **Erica Broenne** Nelson, [ejb4@cornell.edu](mailto:ejb4@cornell.edu); **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, [sjd5@cornell.edu](mailto:sjd5@cornell.edu).

**98** The lazy days of summer may be here at last, but this update features news of how our classmates have been keeping busy and finding fulfillment both in and out of the workplace. **Molly Damieder** Bracken reports, "All is well in California. My husband, Bill, started a nonprofit last year, so we are feeding the hungry of Orange County via food truck, which is pretty fun. The truck's name is Betsy, and she's a 30-year-old food truck that was donated to us by a successful catering company in L.A. She has some serious personality and, with my husband, is totally ready to tackle the challenge of hunger in the OC. (It's not all palm trees and beaches; one in five kids is hungry here too.) I'm working as the COO of a dental company, and helping people with their health and fitness on the side. Our kids are 21, 18, and 5, so next year we will have two in college and one in kindergarten. Luke, the little guy, keeps us on our toes with martial arts, baseball, and soccer, and way too much information about *Star Wars*!"

Meanwhile, when Stars on Ice came to Chicago this past winter, they picked **Leslie Kirchner**. Owen's rink to conduct a free workshop to generate more interest in skating. Leslie enjoyed coaching the "super excited" young skaters alongside the skating greats during three of the sessions—one with Ben Agosto, one with Tanith Belbin, and one with Evan Lysacek. **David L. Williams** announces that his new full-length play, *The Starving*, had its world premiere at Virginia's Barter Theatre this past April. From Barter's "The Shaping of America" series, *The Starving* was the critic's selection of Barter's 2013 Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights. David describes the plot line as follows: "It's the not-so-distant future, and massive food shortages have led to the unthinkable: the young have risen up against the old, and society has split along generational lines. Two representatives, one from each group, have been chosen to negotiate. The fate of all humanity lies in their hands. Who will triumph in the end? Is there truly a victor? What is the breaking point?"

Congratulations go out to our new parents as well. On January 29, 2015, **Lenor Marquis** Segal and her husband, Dan, welcomed their third child, Lucy Elizabeth, who joins big brothers Jack, 6, and Ben, 4. In March, a second baby girl, Emma, joined the family of **Steven** and **Tammy Baker Gutierrez** and "ecstatic" big sister Lia, 9. **Vicci Lau**, who attended Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration in Hong Kong late last year, tells us that after practicing as a solicitor for over nine years, she is now a law lecturer at the U. of Hong Kong. Vicci and her husband, Kelvin, have two children,

Gavin, 7 and Nicole, 5. **Tom van Gessel** is still at Google and is now looking after business development for Australia and New Zealand's Channel Sales Partnerships.

Podiatrist **Maggie Umeres** Solimeo has purchased a medical practice in Hellertown, PA. **Susie Weir** Tritto recently left corporate America to substitute teach and is currently pursuing her master's in teaching. **Amy Schiller** Moritz lives with her husband, Scott, on Long Island, NY. She was promoted to director of marketing for Brown & Brown's Long Island office in May 2011. Amy writes, "My daughter Morgan is a sophomore in high school and has officially begun her college search. She includes Cornell at the top of her list (of course!). Our younger daughter, Hayden, is a spunky second grader with a mind of her own!"

Looking for a way to share an exciting life event or to get in touch with someone you have lost track of? You can access the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or feel free to e-mail your class correspondents; we are always looking to hear from you! **Toni Stabile** Weiss, [tls9@cornell.edu](mailto:tls9@cornell.edu); **Uthica Jiniv** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu).

**99** I'm happy to report that, as I write this in April, folks in the North are no longer in hibernation as temperatures break 60 degrees more days than not. And my hope is that when I return to Michigan in a few days after a week of travel, trees should be in full bloom (it's about time!). For the moment, however, I must endure sunny skies in San Francisco after celebrating the wedding of **Anna Kharbas '94** with classmates **Adrian Madland** (my husband), **Rachel White**, and **Josie Aaronson-Gelb** Shapiro. I always love catching up with Rachel because it means I get to play with weeks-old French or English bulldog puppies that she breeds and sells through her company, Fog City Bulldogs. Check her out on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/fogcitybulldogs](http://www.facebook.com/fogcitybulldogs).

Speaking of a change in climate, **Matthew Epstein** and his wife recently moved cross-country to the Seattle area (after spending 15 years in Tampa) for a new role as senior software engineer with Microsoft's Office365 team. His four years in Ithaca seemed like good preparation for the Seattle weather conditions, although he admits it has been quite mild thus far (by local standards anyway). They have already attended their first alumni event with the Cornell Club of Western Washington for a dim sum feast in the famed International District. Connecting with the local alumni organization is certainly a great way to meet folks in a new city! **Briana Lundy** Montminy writes, "My husband, Joe, our kids, Mallory and Grayson, and I moved to Nashville, TN, in March 2015. Joe is working at the US Attorney's Office in Nashville and I am working at Burr Forman in the Nashville office."

Moving back East, let's see what our NYC-area classmates are up to these days. After a decade on Wall Street, **Sudeep Singh**, MBA '05, transitioned to an industry role last year and now leads acquisitions and corporate development for health-care company United Surgical Partners. And that wasn't the only life change: Sudeep and his wife, Nisha, welcomed their first child, a beautiful baby girl, Sarina, into the world in February. Last year, **Jamie Vallés**, BFA '99, started AJV Media, a video, photo, and graphic design company. While his business is based in NYC, he's been traveling all

over the US and the Caribbean, shooting concerts, musicals, weddings, and other live events. Check out samples of his work at [www.ajvmedia.com](http://www.ajvmedia.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ajvmedia](http://www.facebook.com/ajvmedia). **Samantha Muhlrad** is an orthopedic hand surgeon and assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at Stony Brook U. She is the proud mom of three children—Molly, 7, Harper, 3-1/2, and Grady, 1.

Then there are those who move away from NYC, seeking a more mild climate on the West Coast . . . like **Stefan Lawrence**, who three years ago moved from NYC (where he'd spent the last ten years as a graphic designer) to Los Angeles to pursue a passion in theme park design (yes, you read that correctly—wow!). While it was a tough decision for them, with two young children (Katy Belle, 5, and Ellis Gustaf, 1), they moved out of their basement apartment and, with a "bit of luck and shoe leather," Stefan has managed to stay busy in this field and was recently promoted to the role of creative director at Burbank-based design company Rethink Leisure & Entertainment. And in case you were wondering, yes, he says, "designing theme parks, resorts, and attractions is just as much fun as you might imagine." His wife has also been busy and recently started a successful comedy podcast about parenting—One Bad Mother—which has helped her build a community of like-minded parents.

As for other creative-minded classmates, **Ryan Cook** recently moved to Atlanta, GA, where he is now an assistant professor of film studies at Emory U. Classmate **Wenbi Lai**, MCE '00, can be heard singing on one of the tracks of the new jazz piano trio CD released by her husband and former head of the Cornell Jazz Band **Keigo Hirakawa**, PhD '05—it's their first CD! Check it out at: [www.keighohirakawa.com](http://www.keighohirakawa.com). Huge congratulations to them both! When not singing and playing the piano, they are parents to three boys, a 6-year-old and 2-1/2-year-old twins. And while the Cornell alumni group is not super large in Dayton, OH, where they live, they enjoy following pictures of Cornell on Instagram and connecting with local alums when they can.

Do you have a life update or recent classmate interaction you'd like to share? Please contact your class correspondents. You can also connect through the Class of '99 Facebook page or submit your update online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Heather Holidige** Madland, [hmadland@gmail.com](mailto:hmadland@gmail.com); **Melanie Grayce** West, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu).

**OO** Hello, classmates! Thanks to everyone who shared updates. We love hearing from you! And look for our Reunion Report in the next issue!

Writing from the Great White North, **Aylin Atilla** has been working at the U. of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine since October 2013. **Meredith Haff** Breiland continues to work in marketing for Concept2, the indoor rowing and oar manufacturer. She and husband Erik recently finished a complete home renovation along the Lamaille River in Milton, VT. The modular home features many green initiatives. Meredith and Erik, both rowers, can row directly from their home to

train for masters regattas. Their daughter, Elsa, just turned 1. Meredith occasionally rows with BMA, the Cornell rowing alumni organization. She also stays busy with CrossFit and triathlons.

New parent **Azais Manalich-Elguea** Curtean shares that her baby girl turned 1 in March. "Parenting has been an interesting journey, and I look forward to the continued joys it provides. Career-wise, I am one step closer to completing my veterinary boards and I hope to be licensed and ready to practice by the end of the year. In the meantime, I enjoy teaching as an adjunct at Miami Dade College, practicing yoga, and dancing jazz and salsa." **Alex Iglecia** is speaking and coaching for Visionary Business Leaders and Couples, focusing on helping others have the energy, space, trust, and love in marriage that will allow them to achieve their dreams. He says he and his wife are looking to become more nomadic. What would

he add to his life? "A greater network of superconductors of success: movers, shakers, thinkers, and tinkers (of consciousness and making the planet a greater place to be)."

Back on campus, **Heather Foulks** Kolakowski started a position as a lecturer in Food and Beverage Management at the Hotel school in January. She says, "Having taught at the Culinary Inst.

of America for the past seven years, it is wonderful to be back on Cornell's campus and giving back to my school! In addition to the move to Ithaca, my husband and I welcomed our first child in September 2014. Nathaniel Alexander is growing like a weed!" She enjoys attending Cornell Hotel Society wine tastings and vineyard tours in the Hudson Valley. Also based in Ithaca, **Amanda Waack** Kempf continues her work at the Bioacoustics Research Program at Cornell's Lab of Ornithology. Outside of work, she is restoring her older home after the recent long and cold winter. Amanda also shared that the women's rugby club she helped start several years ago is still going strong. Recalling her undergraduate days, she writes, "I remember coming down Libe Slope at the end of each day freshman year and looking down on West Campus, thinking how lucky I was to be in such a beautiful place! Going UP the slope in the mornings was a different story!"

Based in San Francisco, **Pete Ballotta** is the founder of Teknominds ([teknominds.io](http://teknominds.io)). He helps entrepreneurs and Cornell alums build top startup companies. Pete recently married, and the couple bottled their first vintage of a Napa wine—a red blend of cabernet, merlot, and petit verdot. Pete is active in both the Cornell Alumni Association of Northern California and Cornell Silicon Valley. **Philip Ballard** reports, "I can't believe it's been 15 years. Unbelievable how fast time flies. I recently left the mean streets of Manhattan for the green pastures of Ridgefield, CT. I'm still doing corporate communications for PepsiCo in White Plains, NY. I'm enjoying the local hiking trails, wine, beer, and music festivals and the cheaper rent! In April, I took my freshman-year roommate, **Aaron Erimez**, to his first and my 34th Bob Dylan concert. My first was at Barton Hall our senior year. I'm also training for another Spartan Race and Tough Mudder this summer."

How did you spend Pi Day? I spent the day celebrating the marriage of **Navid Zarinejad** and

Ashley Schachner in Hartford, CT. Cornellians were out in full force at the festivities—more than 25 of us—and included classmates **David Johnsen** and his wife, **Janna Reis '01**, **Brian Bier**, **Christopher Weld**, **Bob Devereux**, **Andrew Montario** (and **Angela Wright '02**, **MPS '04**) **Kristen Sweeney**, and **Jared Halpin**, as well as **Ian Schachner**, **MILR '05**. The couple lives in NYC, and Navid is the head of risk at global reinsurer Endurance Specialty. Ashley, originally from Cedarhurst, Long Island, works in event marketing and sponsorships for French spirits-maker Pernod Ricard. **Christine Jensen Weld**, [ckj1@cornell.edu](mailto:ckj1@cornell.edu); and **Andrea Chan**, [amc32@cornell.edu](mailto:amc32@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**O1** Is time speeding up, or is it just us? To say we've all been busy would be a major understatement—in fact, even your bicoastal class correspondents couldn't squeeze in a quick coffee break while staying within a few blocks of each other over spring break! Our 15th Reunion is now less than a year away, and we're looking forward to returning to campus, taking a deep breath of that hilltop air, and experiencing some quality face-time, like we used to do in the days before smartphones and small kids.

**HeatherLynn Welde** Daly knows what we're talking about, out in Fairfield, CT, where she works in M&A and business development for GE while raising two children (Braelyn, 3, and Lochlan, 1) plus Bennie the dog. She writes, "I wish life still let me relax! As a parent and professional you always have one hat or another on. I personally make time for yoga, running (kids and dog too), and great dinners with friends and family. I love what I do and who I am. I just wish I had more time to enjoy it. I need a pause button." Hope you hit that button and see us next June! In the meantime, we're glad you caught the Cayuga's Waiters concert with your family this year. In related news, fingers crossed that the sequel to *Pitch Perfect* (based on the book by Waiters alum **Mickey Rapkin '00**) is sitter-worthy.

After a decade in Texas, Florida native **Jeremy Schreiber**, ME '02, is loving life in Silicon Valley, where he works at Flextronics in corporate strategy, focused on the Intelligence of Things (IoT), the evolution of Internet of Things. "It's like a dream come true, with the great weather, beautiful mountains, and lots of hiking," he writes. As a bonus, he gets to hang out with his sophomore-year roommate, **Brian Silverstein**, and attend Cornell Silicon Valley events at Venture Capital offices.

**Jessica Bologna** also has exciting career news. After earning her MBA at Harvard and working at Starwood Capital Group for more than seven years, she has launched BEC, a quick-service restaurant in Manhattan based on the bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich. "It's a personal favorite of mine and one that I intend to make better for everyone, everywhere, all the time," she explains. "We are using only high-quality ingredients, sourced from within New York State wherever possible, and we are teaming up with local vendors who have created custom offerings for us based on our key ingredients." Check it out online ([www.becnyc.com](http://www.becnyc.com)) and stop by at 148 8th Ave. After eating those delicious sandwiches, we can sweat those calories off in style with another entrepreneurial classmate: **Bianca Jade** Taxman runs Mizzfit, a women's active lifestyle brand, and appears as a fitness trend expert on programs like



the "Today" show. Check her out at [www.Mizzfit.com](http://www.Mizzfit.com), and on Twitter @Mizzfit\_Bianca.

Over in Park City, UT, **Brooke Hafets** is a national sales manager for DVIP Inc., a destination management company, and has joined the board of the Park City Women's Business Network. She's also an active member of CAAAN and part of the Cornell Women's Equestrian Team Alumni group. She wonders if the Alfalfa Room is still around—if not, maybe we can do something about that by June. Up here in Seattle, my husband, **Salil Gupte**, now helps run Boeing's spare parts division while I'm back at work full-time, managing communications for Philanthropy Northwest and its national Mission Investors Exchange program (focused on foundations and impact investing). Our son starts kindergarten this fall; I had hoped he would start last year so that he could be on our reunion cycle (no pressure!), but alas, his birthday fell after Washington State's cutoff date. Our daughter could be Class of 2036, however . . .

It's not too early to start thinking about our 15th Reunion, especially for those of us who need to book flights: June 9-12, 2016. Until then, help keep our class news fresh! Between columns, we're also posting your photos, event invitations, and other news on Twitter (@Cornell2001) and Facebook ([facebook.com/Cornell2001](https://facebook.com/Cornell2001)). E-mail your updates to: [Nicole Neroulas Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:Nicole.Neroulas@cornell.edu); or **Lauren Wallach Hammer**, [LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:LEW15@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**02 Shane Downey** ([spd8@cornell.edu](mailto:spd8@cornell.edu)) just completed his fifth year with Bank of Montreal as managing director, corporate finance, based in Toronto. He writes, "My wife, Lynne, and I are proud parents of Colin, 5, and Anna, 4, with both expected to star at Lynah Rink beginning in 2027-28." Shane attended our 10th Reunion and says he is looking forward to the 15th!

In December 2014, **Alani Taylor** moved to Pittsburgh, PA, after living in Tulsa, OK, for five years. She is now working as a regulatory specialist for the Army Corps of Engineers. She and her family are excited to return to discussions about restoring the family property to retain its value for the up-and-coming generation. She adds, "I had been sporadically involved with CBAA and the Tulsa chapter of Cornell alumni. I plan to be more active with the Pittsburgh area chapter now that I'm settled." While at Cornell, Alani's favorite place to eat was RPU—"and DP Dough was delicious!" **Amy Liesenfeld Blumenthal** writes, "I had my first child this past July. Joseph Henry was born on July 23, 2014. It has been a lot of fun watching him learn about the world around him!"

Thanks to those of you who sent in news! There's more to come in the next issue. If you haven't sent us an update recently, we would love to hear from you! Write to either of your correspondents, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. [Carolyn Deckinger Lang](mailto:Carolyn.Deckinger@cornell.edu), [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu); **Jeffrey Barker**, [jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrb41@cornell.edu).

**03 Vincent Pinelli** wrote to announce a new addition to the Pinelli family on April 2, 2015: baby girl Mia Ann. Vincent is currently head of audit operations, practices, and strategy for MUFG

Americas. In other baby news, **Jamie Moriarty** wrote, "We had our first baby on March 26 (Jamie/Dad's birthday). Her name is Royce L'Wren and she's absolutely perfect!" Congratulations, Vincent and Jamie!

**Briana Gordon** wrote, "I started in March 2015 as a meteorological content producer for the Weather Channel." About Cornell, she added, "I always loved the Plantations, Collegetown Bagels, and the Chapter House." I think that is a sentiment echoed by many in our class. In other activities, Briana is a wish granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, doing improv comedy, and involved in the American Meteorological Society.

From **Meredith Graham**, MS '13: "I work in community nutrition at Cornell on two heart disease prevention grants. In 2014, my colleague **Margaret Demment**, PhD '13, and I founded Collaborative Health Research (CHR). At CHR we work with existing organizations to identify and clarify research questions and then apply our innovative and comprehensive expertise to improve programs. We are currently working on projects for Foodlink and Trillium Health and have finished a project for Stone Barns." In other career news, **Mike Rutenberg** sent a reminder that we should root for the Jacksonville Jaguars this fall. "I am currently the assistant defensive backs coach for the Jaguars. This will be my third season in Jacksonville."

We've heard positive feedback around the classmate mini-features, so if you think you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. [Jon Schoenberg](mailto:Jon.Schoenberg@cornell.edu), [jrs55@cornell.edu](mailto:jrs55@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**04 Daane and Kimmy Gardner Reinking** have recently relocated to Norwalk, CT, from Jersey City, NJ. They also welcomed a daughter on January 28 of this year. **Claire Lobdell** and husband Jack Loveless recently welcomed their second daughter. Annelise Joan was born June 7, 2014. Big sister Simona Lois was born April 25, 2011. Claire is the archivist for Wood Memorial Library & Museum in South Windsor, CT, and Jack is a professor of geology at Smith College.

**Christine Chang** Gillespie will complete the school year as a math/science teacher at Foothills School of Arts and Sciences in Boise, ID, then start a new position at Boise State U. in July. The university has established the Inst. for STEM and Diversity Initiatives, and Christine will serve as the project manager, coordinating efforts to increase diversity in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields across the university and the community. Christine's favorite Cornell activity is the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). She loves meeting prospective Cornellians and sharing her experiences with them! To become involved with CAAAN, please refer to their website for additional information (<http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu/>). **Lauren Berson** is living in San Francisco, CA. Since October 2014, Lauren has been a partner at Andreessen Horowitz, a Silicon Valley-based venture capital firm with \$4.2 billion under management. Lauren writes that the firm invests in entrepreneurs building companies at every stage—from seed to growth.

**Deepal Chadha** is in New York City. After a long, winding path he found his way to law and

is currently a fourth-year associate at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, practicing intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent litigation. He has experience with a variety of technologies, including 3-D gaming, visual voicemail, 2-D mobile barcode scanning, RFID, GPS, Web analytics, prosthetics, surgical equipment, nutritional supplements, and food manufacturing. At Cornell, Deepal's favorite place to study was Uris Library, but occasionally, when he felt particularly daring, he would sneak off to Olin. **Peter Baer** is also in NYC, working for a young entrepreneurial investment firm. Peter and **Natalia Iljin '06** are in the early stages of planning a wedding at which they expect plenty of Big Red alumni in attendance. At Cornell, Peter's favorite places to eat included Bear Necessities, after a workout, as well as the Hotelie lounge. Peter remains quite active with the alumni organization of his fraternity, Psi Upsilon, and also enjoys the occasional Cornell Club event in NYC.

**Dan Tavan** ([dan@tavan.com](mailto:dan@tavan.com)) is busy in Massachusetts. He married Melissa Knudsen and they bought their first home together in 2014. He is developing a new restaurant concept in the Boston area. At Cornell, Dan's favorite place to study was Uris Library. He continues to stay connected to Cornell through participation in alumni and Hotelie events. **Trayor Lesnock** founded Platinum Luxury Assocs. in 2011, a leader in the auction sale of multi-million-dollar properties. Trayor has led Platinum to close more than \$385 million in luxury real estate auction sales and to consult on nearly \$1.35 billion in additional luxury properties. He appeared on Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing Miami" television show, and his properties have also been featured in national and international publications.

Have you moved recently? Update your address with Cornell so that we can stay in touch (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/services/update-info.cfm>). If you would like to share your news with the class, send me a quick e-mail or complete the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. As always, we all look forward to hearing from you. Thanks! [Jessi Petrosino](mailto:Jessi.Petrosino@cornell.edu) MacMeekin, [jessipetrosino@gmail.com](mailto:jessipetrosino@gmail.com).

**05** Hope everyone had fun at Reunion! A Big Red THANK YOU to our reunion planning committee, particularly its co-chairs **Sarah Perkins** Latimer and **Jason Hnatko**. Look for a Reunion recap in the Sept/Oct issue.

In the meantime, I am happy to report some great news from our classmates. **Kaitlin Mallouk** writes, "I defended my doctoral dissertation in environmental engineering at the U. of Illinois in December 2014. In 2013, I started a job as a tenure-track instructor of mechanical engineering at Rowan U. It is truly my dream job and I couldn't be happier. My husband, Seth, and 2-year-old son Sebastian and I moved to a new home in Collingswood, NJ. We love our new town!" **Colista Turner** is currently pursuing a master's degree in social work at NYU. She also works part-time as a teaching artist and professional actor. Says Colista, "I'd love to continue working with children in a creative and therapeutic capacity." Since graduating, she has been involved with the Cornell Club of Rochester and Zinck's Night, but misses spending time with friends at Collegetown Bagels, RPU Dining Hall, Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, and Ujamaa Residential College.

**Russell Gorkin** sent us this update: "I am currently serving as a judicial law clerk for Judge

**Robin S. Rosenbaum '88** at the US Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. In October, I will begin a one-year clerkship with Judge George B. Daniels at the US District Court for the Southern District of New York." **Richard Rohl** (richard.rohl@gmail.com) writes, "I am now running an aircraft charter service and flight school out of two airports in Cleveland, OH. We have 26 aircraft to choose from. Contact me if you want to learn to fly or ditch the security line for private aviation! My passport has been getting a workout lately. Last year I hit Holi, Harbin Ice Festival, Pingxi Lantern Festival, several Asian New Year celebrations, and the World Cup, then toured Europe with the Cleveland Orchestra." In fact, when asked if there were anything he'd like to add to his life right now, Richard said, "More good weather for flying in the Cleveland area." Since graduation, he has volunteered with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and has been active in the Cornell Clubs of Arizona, Boston, and, most recently, northeastern Ohio.

From **Ariel Brewster**: "My husband, Patrick, and I welcomed a son, Cal, on November 30, 2014. We live in Toronto, where we both work in journalism. Thanks to Canada's much more progressive maternity leave policies—12 months semi-paid—I'm enjoying hanging out with the baby this year." **Kim Le** is still in school at McGill. A former president of the Cornell Club of Toronto, she is the current president of the Canadian Ophthalmological Residents' Society and is looking for ophthalmology employment opportunities. **Nipun Nath '06**, BS Hotel '05 (nipun.nath@gmail.com) is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, working on a hospitality development project. He writes, "If anyone from the Cornell community is moving to Kuala Lumpur and needs a hand in finding their way around, feel free to reach out."

Have a fun or funny story from Reunion? Changing jobs or careers? Take any fun trips? Please continue to send updates to your class correspondents. We love hearing from everyone! **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; and **Hilary Johnson** King, haj4@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**06** **Sharmila Gordon** (sg276@cornell.edu) has left Goldman Sachs to return to the Hill! She will be pursuing her MBA at the Johnson School. "My favorite place to relax on campus is the Cascadilla Gorge, and I love doing group work in the new Gates Hall collaborative study rooms. I would love to connect with more Cornellians in consumer packaged goods space and in the retail and luxury space to help me shape my future career goals! This summer, I am looking forward to joining Johnson & Johnson as a summer associate in consumer marketing."

**Juan Ramirez** (jramirez@gmail.com) writes, "I've been working for a nonprofit in New York City that does immigration advocacy. I've changed my position a few times since starting here in 2007. It's been a great ride, but I can't help but wonder if I'll get a seven-year itch and move to a different place. Only time will tell!" He adds, "I've started improv comedy as a creative outlet. Nothing helps you get over yourself like being completely ridiculous on stage. I've also kept pretty close ties with my friends from Cornell, and we see each other often. I'll always remember the trees in the Arts Quad when it finally got warm out or during

the summers. I spent a lot of time there either studying or socializing. There's a magic there—I can't put my finger on it. I've served with CAAAN for five years now, and I'm always excited about meeting the new batch of Cornellians." **Shawna Evers Murray** checked in to let us know that she recently moved to Irving, TX.

Thanks to those of you who sent in a news form! Look for your news in the next column. If you haven't sent us an update recently, we would love to hear from you! Just write to any of your

correspondents, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu.

**07** Classmate **Tania Ho** is the owner and director of Museflower Retreat & Spa, an all-inclusive vegetarian retreat and spa center at Chiang Rai in northern Thailand. **Sienna Wedderburn** Dutkowski is also an entrepreneur: she recently opened the American School of South Sudan, which offers pre-K and kindergarten classes. They will begin offering first grade education in August 2015 and plan to expand the school to a pre-K-12 program by 2015. She writes, "I believe that education is the only way to achieve lasting peace in South Sudan, and I dream of a day when one of my students will attend Cornell."

**Kimberly Myers** successfully defended her dissertation on April 6 and received her PhD in geology from the Jackson School of Geosciences at UT Austin. She is the recipient of an NSF Earth Science Postdoctoral Fellowship, and will work at both Texas A&M and Columbia U. Fellow classmate **Margarita Echavarría** has recently relocated to Houston, TX, where she is a senior software developer and mathematician. "In my spare time," she writes, "I work on physics theories." **David Chen** is also working in the sciences, as a research fellow specializing in immunotherapy and surgical oncology at the National Cancer Inst. at the NIH.

Several classmates are working in the field of law: **Trevor Belton** is an attorney at the Los Angeles office of K&L Gates LLP; **Justin Elliott** is an associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP's real estate department; and **Catherine O'Doherty** is in the legal department of a NYC-based hedge fund and is training for the New York City Triathlon. **Beth Rubin** is currently enrolled in a professional training program in international trade in Nantes, France. Like many Cornell alums, she misses the Carriage House for its "coffee and brunch." **Lindsay Du** has also re-enrolled in school and is pursuing her MBA at NYU while she continues to work as an associate in the corporate credit analysis group at the French investment bank Société Générale.

Congratulations are in order for **Elyse Van Nostrand** and **Douglas Mandart**, who were married

in October 2014 on Long Island, NY. Half of their bridal party was composed of fellow Cornellians, with many others in attendance. **Kristin Shiller**, BA '06, was married to classmate **Mark Ferretti** on October 12, 2014. She writes, "We had mutual friends while at Cornell, but didn't meet and start dating until after graduating. We met at a fellow Cornellian's birthday party in May 2008."

**Alissa Stock** Hendl and husband Samuel are the proud parents of a baby girl, Zoe Leia. The future Cornellian (Class of 2037, here we come!) was

‘Nothing helps you get over yourself like being completely ridiculous on stage.’

Juan Ramirez '06

born on December 19, 2014. **Jesi Bender** Buell is also expanding her family and is an instructional design and Web librarian and assistant professor at Colgate U. She writes, "My writing was chosen as a finalist for the Best Small Fictions of 2015 by Queen's Ferry Press. For my creative CV, please visit: [www.jesibender.com](http://www.jesibender.com)." **Gillian Garrett** MacManis is preparing for a six-month adventure with her husband and 13-month-old daughter, Avery. She writes, "We bought a 1973 Airstream trailer and are currently renovating it. In May we'll hit the road. We are looking forward to spending time in national parks, exploring new cities, visiting with friends and family, and staying in Ithaca for three weeks in August." Send news to: **Nina Terrero**, nt58@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**08** As summer gets into gear, we have another dose of news from your fellow Class of '08ers . . . which, funnily enough, is being written as I ride the Campus-to-Campus bus from NYC to Ithaca to spend tomorrow judging final exam case study presentations for Prof. Dan Cohen's ILR Business Strategy class. You can bet that my first priority after dropping my stuff off at the Statler will be a CTB run! I'm coming (and leaving) 72 hours before the very much anticipated Slope Day 2015, but on the bright side I'm sure it can't possibly top the four we had, so I won't be missing anything anyway! Anyway, I digress—but can you blame me? I'm clearly super-excited to head back to Cornell, even if it's only for 24 hours. Now for the real updates.

Several of our classmates have new (or new-ish) jobs! **Alexandra Kahan** has most recently worked at the State Dept. on the response to the Ebola virus outbreak, and has now shifted her focus to broader Africa issues. Alex spent her first six years at the White House, first working for the Vice President on his national security team, and then for the President at the National Security Council, supporting the Deputy National Security Advisor. **YuhLi Tsuei** is a nursery school teacher at St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's in Manhattan. She tells us, "The fishbowl in Uris was my favorite place to study." **N. Barbara Conolly**, MPS '10, has opened her very own landscape design firm, Gardens by Barbara Conolly Inc. She serves the Boston, South Shore, and Cape Cod areas. She also teaches professional



landscapers and homeowners how to build and maintain a sustainable landscape. Barbara has also been serving as the VP programs for the Cornell Club of Cape Cod. She tells us that she most misses her time at the Cornell Plantations.

On May 30, **Rebecca Gauthier** celebrated her wedding in Massachusetts with fellow Class of '08ers **Tara Kaushal**, **Kolene McDade**, **Ranjini Bose**, and **Michelle Annibal**, ME '08, by her side as bridesmaids. Congrats, Rebecca! In other marriage news, **Scott Grandt** was married to Julie Fletcher of Houston, TX, on January 24, 2015. The service was at St. Martin's Episcopal with a reception that followed at the Houston Racquet Club. Congrats, Scott! We also have a few graduate studies updates. **Tytus Mak** received his PhD in bioinformatics from Georgetown U. in July 2014 and is currently a research scientist at the National Inst. of Standards and Technology in the Mass Spectrometry Data Center. Tytus adds, "I had always been a fan of Collegetown Bagels when I was at Cornell, and looking through the rose-colored glasses of nostalgia has certainly not dampened these memories."

**Brandon Kerns** is at Stanford getting his MBA. He will be returning to General Atlantic post-graduation this June, where he will be a VP. General Atlantic is a growth private equity fund based out of NYC with \$20 billion under management. Brandon married **Kara (Ishikawa) '06** in July 2013, and they moved out to Palo Alto, where she is a physician at Stanford Hospital. They also recently got a new pup, Cooper. Brandon is a member of the new Dyson Young Alumni Group, and he has been helping to recruit through CAAAN. While at Cornell, he "enjoyed studying in Mann Library and hanging out in Collegetown." **Philip Caruso** is separating from the military this summer and moving from Washington, DC, to Boston to attend graduate school. Thank you to Philip and all of our other '08 alums who served or are still serving.

The update from the farthest away comes from **Kendall Banks**. She writes, "I am currently working with a social enterprise in northern Nicaragua, assisting the director in strategic planning and development of the future of her programs. Soon I will be traveling to Guatemala, where I will work with an organization called Semilla Nueva as a collaborations intern, working alongside the director and developing collaborations between our organization and various government, national, and international bodies to further the organization's goal of linking rural farmers to new knowledge and resources for enhancing income and combating malnutrition."

We hope that the summer has been good for all so far. Please send us updates of both the major life change and arcane day-to-day life variety. Running three miles a day—or a marathon? Putting more stamps in your passport or just moving across town? Got a new job or a new pet? We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame. ✉ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Rose Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**09** Today I draft the last column from my apartment in Ithaca under the oak branches in Fall Creek—the pied-à-terre I call home in between the TCAT rides, dissertation writing, and drinks at the Chapter House. Although Fall Creek is somewhat removed but still in earshot of the chimes, it

has allowed my view of and adoration for Ithaca to grow in the years since our graduation in 2009. This summer I will move from my perch to new beginnings and post-doctoral research.

As an undergraduate, you appreciate and come to love Cornell's campus, the sports games, and the traditions, and as a graduate student you come to a broader appreciation of the spaces beyond the confines of Cornell's campus, such as my beloved sorority house, library perch, and Statler Hall. As a graduate student you appreciate the little things, the perfection that is a latte from Gimme! Coffee, the vintage stores on the Commons, dinner at the newly opened Café Cent-Dix on Aurora Street, and the Farmers' Market in August, when this sleepy little town shrinks to one-quarter of its academic-year capacity. Although this summer I will move on from Ithaca after defending my dissertation, I am comforted by the advice from the famous poem to "keep Ithaca always in your mind," for "Ithaca gave you the marvelous journey. Without her you would not have set out." With this, I introduce a theme in the news I have received this month of transitions, graduate studies beginning or ending, and medical professions or business ventures coming to life.

Our classmate **Opetomi Seriki** finished her master's in public health from Drexel U. and is now a medical student at Rowan U. School of Osteopathic Medicine in New Jersey. Although she misses the Statler and Olin Library, Tomi keeps her Cornell connections alive by attending various Cornell Club of Philadelphia events. Also thriving in her new career in medicine, **Anna Wu**, BA '08, recently graduated from U. of Maryland's School of Dentistry and has assumed a position in Chicago, IL, in general dentistry. What Anna misses most is the hill overlooking West Campus on a sunny day. Don't we all! **Kelli Scott** is pursuing her doctorate in clinical psychology at the U. of Indiana, Bloomington. Although she is enjoying her studies, she too misses Ithaca and Chapter House trips after class with friends.

Our business spotlight for the month is on **Sky Fogal**, a fellow Hotel alumni of mine who is now part-owner and CFO of the world's largest paintball facility, located not too far away in Pennsylvania. In his (spare?) time, Sky is starting a micro-distillery! He has recently stayed balanced with vacations to Belize, where he brushed up on his scuba diving skills and kayaked on the Moho River. If you find yourself near Jim Thorpe, PA, make sure to stop by his facility. You might be fortunate enough to try a first sip of his home-fermented spirits. Moving to a new city? Have news to share? I would love to hear from you! ✉ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**10** Salutations upon you, Class of 2010. We hope as many of you as possible were able to make it to our 5th Reunion. This one is particularly special as it marks the last reunion with David Skorton as president, and it also coincides with Cornell's Sesquicentennial. A report covering the events, campus activities, and general good vibes will be appearing in the next issue.

I was recently reading a list of the most beautiful sentences in literature, and among them were the following gems that you may have come across in your First-Year Writing Seminars on the Hill. As we reflect on the past five years,

many of us have certainly had our ups and downs. But such are the pains needed to grow and progress. No matter how bleak the situation may be, remember that "Tomorrow is always fresh, with no mistakes in it yet" (L.M. Montgomery). Yes, we all had high expectations upon graduating, and maybe those expectations are taking a bit longer to materialize, but, "It does not do well to dwell on dreams and forget to live. Remember that" (J.K. Rowling). Just focus on what's important, "and the rest is rust and star-dust" (Vladimir Nabokov).

Taking this wisdom to heart is **Amanda Sieradzki**, who recently got hitched to **Michael Hesenauer** and has returned to Ithaca to join the one-year Johnson MBA Class of 2016 after completing four years of work as a bridge design engineer in Westchester County. Amanda and Michael celebrated their nuptials with **Thomas Murray**, **Jillian Gorsuch**, ME '10, **Sahar Raoofi**, and other alumni. Michael has graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical U. and began his residency at the Mayo Clinic last summer. **Matthew and Gretchen Schroeder Murphy** also tied the knot last September in Connecticut. You can say it was love at first sight for these two, as the couple lived on the same floor of Bauer Hall their freshman year and began dating a few weeks into their first semester. The bridal party featured **Brian Steinmetz** and **Deborah Feld** along with many other Big Red alumni. We congratulate both couples on this momentous milestone.

Another duo with their roots established at Cornell are **Caryn Ganeles** and **Lindsay Bass**, who have been roommates for eight years since their days sharing a room at the AXO House. **Elana Siegel** now shares the apartment as well. Congratulations also to **Tasha Hall** for her new position as strategic planning specialist for Nike's Jordan Brand. During her time on the Hill, Tasha was on Cornell's NCAA fencing team, and she would like to start competing nationally again. You may have seen **Zachary Winters** at our 5th. He writes, "I am developing an independent boutique hotel in Orlando, FL. Also, I will be taking the Florida Bar in July."

Tapping into her entrepreneurial spirit, **Amy Shepsman**, BFA '10, started her own business, Flaca Jewelry. She says, "We sell to more than 20 retailers nationwide and recently started working with several international luxury e-commerce sites." **Elsa Gillis** is a TV anchor/investigative reporter for a local ABC station in Shreveport, LA. **Alix Daguin** is working as a small-scale residential architect in the San Francisco Bay Area, and she recently got a project featured in *Dwell Magazine*. In her spare time, she has taken up fly-fishing and hopes to go on more fly-fishing adventures in the future. **Shayna Gerson Adelman** is teaching high school engineering and physics courses in the Chicago suburbs. Since graduating, she misses Homecoming, football, hockey games, and supporting the band.

These past five years post-graduation have surely been a time of tremendous growth, and as we set out to establish ourselves and search for our fulfillment, "Remember that wherever your heart is, there you will find your treasure" (Paulo Coelho). And until next time, "Stay gold, Pony[children]" (S.E. Hinton). Please keep us updated with your latest developments by sending a quick note to either of us at: ✉ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; or **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**11 Katie Tretter** (katie.tretter@gmail.com) writes, "I recently took on a promotion with Nielsen and relocated from Chicago, IL, to Fayetteville, AR. I've transitioned from an HR role back into a client facing role. I am now leading Nielsen's Coca-Cola relationship aligned to the Walmart and Sam's Club businesses! My family and I are eagerly awaiting the start of the NFL season, where we plan to spend a significant amount of time together watching my brother, **JC Tretter '13**, kick off his third season with the Green Bay Packers!" Katie was excited to return to campus last April to guest lecture in Prof. Perosio's spring Marketing course. She volunteers for Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) in Arkansas and leads Nielsen's recruiting engagement with Cornell. "I'm excited to share that we will see several members of the Big Red join the Nielsen family this coming summer."

**Barbara Sands** (bts48@cornell.edu) also volunteers for CAAAN, but in Massachusetts. She writes, "I'm just about to finish up the second semester of my first year of graduate school in the Tufts biology program. Soon I'll be choosing a laboratory for my thesis work." She is also busy planning a summer wedding. Barbara adds, "I've been missing Ithaca so much lately! Trips to CTB with **Kim Phan**, walks around campus with **Andrew Staron**, and chilling out on weekends with my former roommates **Amy Yerdon** Chicarelli, **Frances Huang**, and **Jimmy Zhou** . . . I miss you all!"

**Danielle Sunhee Jung** (dsj34@cornell.edu) is finishing her master's in public health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, MD. Her concentration is in aging and cholera. She writes, "I started a student organization at Hopkins called Morning Glory! It's awesome. We are a social exercise club helping students maintain productive, supported, and balanced lives. We wake up at 7:30 a.m. every morning and meet at the gym to play sports, lead group exercise, and engage in individual fitness. I was never a morning person, but my life's been changed academically and physically! Early to bed, early to rise, makes a woman healthy, wealthy, and wise. (Thanks to B. Franklin for that slice of wisdom.)" Danielle reflects on her time at Cornell, "Every place on campus was excellent and now there are so many new buildings I haven't seen! I loved the double desktop screens in Mann Library, the Libe Cafe, every single cafeteria, the cubicles in Kroch, and lounging in the Arts Quad grass."

Look for more news in the next issue. If you haven't sent us an update recently, we would love to hear from you! Write to either of your correspondents, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Lauren Rosenblum**, LCR46@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu.

**12 Jess Cisco** has been funneling his energy into his business venture, ActiveLeading.com LLC, which aims to bring people together so they can be better leaders. Jess would love to connect with any Cornellians who might share advice for him as he works to build credibility, grow the list of clients, and help emerging leaders get better at leading. He will be starting work on his MBA at Cornell's Johnson School in July. Another business-minded alumna, **Katie Dreier**, will graduate from the very first Johnson Cornell Tech MBA class in May. After graduation, she is looking forward to jumping into product leadership at Adobe in NYC.

**Erin Keene** recently quit her job to pursue a career in food and travel writing. She spends her days pitching stories and her evenings working at Tertulia, a Spanish restaurant, learning as much as she can about food, wine, and the restaurant industry in New York. As if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, she also has a stellar app idea. If any Cornellians are interested in helping her make the technology, she would love to hear from you!

**Koyuki Nakamura** is a graduate student in the Cornell PhD program, and is happy to report that she remains involved in Cornell activities and continues to frequent her favorite West Campus spots while pursuing her education on campus. **Carolina Acevedo**, MA '14, writes, "I really enjoyed taking trips to Manndible during small breaks from our DEA studio. But the best place on campus is probably the Plantations—in the small window of fall/spring that Ithaca allows."

A bit farther away from Ithaca is **Derek Plotkowski**, who is completing a master's degree with the Int'l Vintage Master, a French program in viticulture, enology, wine business, and terroir management based out of l'École Supérieure d'Agriculture d'Angers in Angers, France. The program involves studying long-term in France, Portugal (at the Universidade de Tras-Os-Montes e Alto Douro in Vila Real), and Hungary (at Corvinus U. of Budapest) as well as a study trip to Spain and Greece. Derek recently moved to Gijón, Asturias, Spain, where he is about to start his final internship with Sidra Trabanco, one of the most important cider producers in Asturias.

Keep your classmates up to date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to: **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu; or **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**13** Spring has sprung! Right now, as I write this column, I am looking out my apartment window in New York City and finally see the first cherry blossoms budding. I cannot wait to welcome the warm weather and for the sun to arrive for good! While we don't tend to update you on the lives of your correspondents, I (Rachael) am finally able to announce that I will be enrolling in law school this fall! I am incredibly excited, but also grateful for the wonderful experience I've had working at UBS over the last two years. I am especially grateful to friends and family for their support. **Zoe Weiss** and **Kristen Jenkins**, I will miss roaming the halls of UBS with you every day!

**Taylor Nieman** is the co-founder of TalentPoolMe, an online platform hoping to revolutionize employer branding and millennial recruiting on college campuses. TalentPoolMe has already gained popularity among Fortune 500 companies and prominent universities. As an undergrad, Taylor recognized that the recruiting process is intimidating for most students and that better tools are needed to make employers more accessible. TalentPoolMe removes the traditional college recruiting barriers through the creation of "talent pools," which provide the opportunity to start building employer relationships with students as early as their first day freshman year. These pools also allow employers to utilize a "keep talent warm strategy" that keeps talent engaged over longer periods of time. By the time you read this, TalentPoolMe will be in its beta testing phase with over 40 employers and 50

university participants. Check out [www.talentpoolme.com](http://www.talentpoolme.com) for more information!

**Paul Ahn** and **John Lee** have also broken into the startup scene with their April launch (through Kickstarter) of Rhea Footwear, a line of safe, active-wear, no-slip shoes that are also stylish and comfortable. It is not surprising that Paul and John were inspired by the (at times) dangerous weather in Ithaca, and were frustrated to find that no shoe could manage its slippery conditions. That's when the two developed a unique material that is now the basis for Rhea shoes. Check them out at [rheafootwear.com](http://rheafootwear.com). **Jonathan Gartner** just finished his 2L year at Harvard Law School. Over the last year, he interned at the labor relations department for the MLB in its legal department at the Brooklyn Nets. At Harvard, he is the president of the Jewish Law Students Association and editor for the *Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law*. He has also spent time as a research assistant and will be a teaching assistant in the fall. This summer, Jonathan will be a summer associate in the employment litigation practice at Weil, Gotshal & Mangers LLP.

Also in school is **Ben Derish-Luby**, who is researching income inequality at Princeton U. He describes his life as "pretty perfect," except for the fact that he longs to be back at Dunbars, of course! **Stephanie Curley** is working toward her PhD in nanobioscience at the SUNY Albany College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE), which she is really enjoying. CNSE is a small and fairly new school, but she is in the good company of great professors, many of whom hail from Cornell. Stephanie is currently working on conjugating antibodies to a virus in order to better target receptors in the brain.

**Audrey Boochever** just finished up her second year as an algebra teacher for Teach For America in Memphis, TN. She wishes more Cornellians would move to Memphis, but admits that we have reached a critical mass there (shout out to **Schuyler Dalton**, **Jamil Fatti**, **Peter Jenkins '06**, **MRP '10**, and **Rochelle Brahalla '14**). Audrey was recently accepted to graduate school at UC Davis to pursue a master's in agricultural economics. Fittingly, she misses the Farmers' Market in Ithaca! As always, we want to hear what you've been up to since graduating! E-mail us with news: **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com; and **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu. Class of 2013 Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2013>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**14** Hello from the Class of 2014! Sam and I are excited to share with all of you what our class has been up to in the past few months. We are just around the corner from passing a year since graduation, so it is certainly an interesting time in many of our lives, with constant changes and accomplishments. We are so proud of everything our class has achieved so far, and we can't wait to see what is in store for the years to come.

**Shannon Comolli** is finishing up her first year at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the real estate/hospitality and leisure consulting group in Philadelphia. She is also part of the Young Leaders Council for the Urban Land Inst., a nonprofit and research organization to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. Since moving to Philadelphia, Shannon has made friends through work, various sports leagues, and Bible



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study groups at church. She is also excited to start training for her first sprint triathlon this summer in New Jersey. **Dana Lerner** has been busy since last May! She made her off-Broadway producing debut with a show called *Application Pending*, a one-woman comedy starring Christina Bianco about the cutthroat world of kindergarten admissions at an elite NYC private school. She is currently working as the operations associate at AWA Partners, a tour-booking agency in NYC.

**Jake Rinow** is working at a small- to medium-sized company called ADPRO Sports as an inside sales representative. "We work directly with Nike, Under Armor, etc., to outfit different colleges/universities with gear for their varsity teams. Other contracts include house, travel, club, and high school level sports teams as well as different corporate contracts. We also work directly with the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres." Congratulations to **Ryan '13** and **Chrissy Lee Arsenault**, who got married in July 2014 at Heartland Little River Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg, TN. Chrissy's bridesmaids were **Priya Sathaye**, **Heidi Chang**, **Georgina Kim '13**, and **Esther Li**. Others in attendance were **Amber Chiu**, **Anna Kortright '12**, **BS Ag '14**, **Jared Macher**, and **Simon Greenberg '13**. After the ceremony, the couple had a fabulous honeymoon that took place in the Balkans: Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro. Ryan is currently working in human resources as an employment specialist and Chrissy is finishing her dietetics residency to become a registered dietitian.

After graduation, **Samuel Klarich** became a research analyst and consultant for a labor association in the State of Missouri. He then enrolled at Brown U.'s Center for Public Policy as a master's degree candidate and expects to graduate in 2016. As part of his degree requirements, he is currently serving as an intern at the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Fun fact: Samuel's favorite place to eat on campus was the Ivy Room! What was yours? **Ainsley Lovejoy** is currently getting another degree at the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas, studying athletic training. As an athletic training student, she is doing an internship with the varsity UNLV football team. Ainsley's favorite spot on campus was Trillium. It was the perfect spot to meet up with her volleyball teammates and the other sports athletes because it was close to the gym. She still remembers the buffalo chicken wrap from the wrap station! Ainsley makes sure to stay involved with Cornell. She currently volunteers with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAN) in the Las Vegas and southern Nevada area.

**Elizabeth Keller** works as a graduate research assistant at Louisiana State U. She is writing a thesis exploring fish productivity of offshore habitats in the Gulf of Mexico. Hopefully she gets to travel there, too! **John Weinrich** is working in GE's IT Leadership Program. His last six months were in Michigan in IT infrastructure, and his current six-month rotation is in Connecticut in finance IT. John was fortunate enough to recruit for GE at the Cornell Career Fair this past fall! He took the opportunity to enjoy being back on campus and engaging younger students.

We look forward to seeing our classmates at upcoming regional events! The Class of 2014 has a lot in store for this coming year. Don't forget—we would love to hear from you, so if you or one of your friends has news to share, please e-mail us! **Tejal Thakkar**, [tdt42@cornell.edu](mailto:tdt42@cornell.edu); **Sam Lapohn**, [srl76@cornell.edu](mailto:srl76@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

## 1930s

'36 BA—**Lillian Smith Eagan**, Danbury, CT, January 29, 2015

'38 BS Ag—**Erva Miller Prince**, Irving, NY, January 16, 2015

'38 BA—**William I. Rosenthal**, West Orange, NJ, January 16, 2015

'39 MS, PhD '45—**Lincoln I. Diuguid**, St. Louis, MO, January 27, 2015

'39 BS HE—**Dorothy Kelly Sennett**, Marcellus, NY, January 28, 2015

## 1940s

'40 BS Ag—**Harry Leighton**, Albuquerque, NM, September 13, 2013

'41, BS Ag '49—**Lawrence W. McEachron**, Cedar Park, TX, February 1, 2015

'41—**Martha Perkins Melfi**, Syracuse, NY, January 12, 2015

'41 BA—**Vivien Wanlass Perkins**, Long Beach, CA, January 21, 2015

'41 BS Ag—**Estelle Richmond Robinson**, West Orange, NJ, February 6, 2015

'41 BCE—**Frederick W. Schwartz Jr.**, Naperville, IL, September 1, 2014

'42—**J. Robert Lynch**, Lowville, NY, January 29, 2015

'43 BS Ag—**Evelyn Hollister Peterson**, Milwaukee, WI, February 4, 2015

'43 BME—**Wallace R. Seeley**, Marcellus, NY, January 9, 2015

'44 BS HE, MED '47—**Ann Bode Jennings**, Seabrook, TX, February 3, 2015

'44, B Chem E '48—**Charles S. McCoy**, Orinda, CA, February 23, 2015

'44, BS Ag '48, MS Ag '57—**Charles H. Moseley**, Lake Placid, NY, January 20, 2015

'44 BEE, PhD '53—**Ernest J. Sternglass**, Ithaca, NY, February 12, 2015

'45 BME, PhD '51—**Edmund T. Cranch**, Bonita Springs, FL, February 4, 2015

'45, BCE '49—**Robert A. Dreher**, Richmond, VA, November 20, 2014

'45, BA '47—**Frederic S. Kendall**, Watertown, NY, February 17, 2015

'45, BS HE '44—**Rita Schoff Markham**, Lowville, NY, January 25, 2015

'45, BS Hotel '47—**Harold E. Saunders Jr.**, Englewood, CO, February 4, 2015

'46 BCE—**John P. Craven**, Honolulu, HI, February 12, 2015

'46, BA '47—**Joan Flood Snyder**, Martinsville, VA, January 3, 2015

'46 BS HE—**Virginia Reagan Thompson**, Hanover, PA, February 8, 2015

'46—**Robert G. Williamson**, Richmond Hill, GA, February 1, 2015

'46, BA '47, JD '49—**William S. Zielinski Jr.**, Rochester, NY, May 8, 2014

'47 BS HE—**Georgia Ganson Engelbert**, Rocky River, OH, January 11, 2015

'47 BME—**Richard I. Gavin**, Scottsdale, AZ, November 28, 2014

'47 BA, JD '50—**George Marcus**, Oneonta, NY, January 15, 2015

'48 BA—**Wesley W. Bath**, Williamsville, NY, January 24, 2015

'48—**Edwina Leathem Brown**, Chapel Hill, NC, January 9, 2015

'48, BS Ag '49—**John E. Dodge**, Greenlawn, NY, January 31, 2015

'48 BEE—**Charles H. Elbert**, Woodland Park, NJ, January 16, 2015

'48 PhD—**Gilbert Gavlin**, Lincolnwood, IL, September 11, 2014

'48 BA—**Vincent J. Greci**, Olympia Fields, IL, January 23, 2015

'48 BA, MD '51—**Anne Johnson Minkoff**, Great Neck, NY, February 16, 2015

'48 BS Hotel—**William W. Myers**, West Harwich, MA, February 20, 2015

'48—**Leatrice Olney Pinel**, Glenville, NY, February 4, 2015

'48 BCE—**M. Dudley Smith Jr.**, Camp Hill, PA, January 4, 2015

'48-49 SP Ag—**David S. Weeks**, St. Helena, CA, January 8, 2015

'48 BS Hotel—**Robert Welsh**, West Roxbury, MA, February 6, 2015

'49 BA—**James A. Chase**, Virginia Beach, VA, January 19, 2015

'49 BS Ag—**James H. Fraser**, York, NY, December 19, 2014

'49 BS ILR—**John R. Jones**, Grand Blanc, MI, February 1, 2015

'49 BS HE—**Jean Courtney Kallet**, Louisville, CO, January 19, 2015

'49 DVM—**William H. Keaton**, Bow, NH, January 15, 2015

'49 BA, MFA '52—**Kenneth A. Marantz**, Columbus, OH, January 3, 2015

'49 BME—**William S. Owen Jr.**, Rochester, NY, December 25, 2014

'49 MS HE—**Helen Yianilos Parish**, Tonawanda, NY, February 10, 2015

'49 MS—**Elizabeth Franklin Van Yahres**, Charlottesville, VA, February 7, 2015

'49 BA—**Edwin J. Wesely**, New York City, February 15, 2015

## 1950s

'50 BA—Ernst C. Albrecht, Burgdorf, Germany, November 18, 2014  
 '50 BS Ag—Robert E. Amadon, Venice, FL, February 2, 2015  
 '50 BA—Clarence T. Berner, Camp Hill, PA, January 27, 2015  
 '50 DVM—Robert J. Harris, Turlock, CA, February 21, 2015  
 '50—Harshraj J. Mehta, Pune, India, September 8, 2014  
 '50 MNS—Marianne Daries Moore, Minneapolis, MN, October 30, 2013  
 '50 JD—Kermit E. Schaffer, Douglas, MI, December 10, 2009  
 '50 BS Nurs—Mary Kelly Sullivan, Narragansett, RI, February 18, 2015

'51 BA—Alan D. Bubier, Annapolis, MD, January 9, 2015  
 '51 MS HE—Sarah L. Hawes, Amherst, MA, January 26, 2015  
 '51 BS Ag—Wesley T. Payne, Harmony, NC, February 14, 2015  
 '51 BS Ag—Alex S. Pleskach, Lowville, NY, January 24, 2015  
 '51 BS Ag—Orrin B. Ross, Austin, TX, February 1, 2015  
 '51 MED—Louis J. Siy, Delmar, NY, February 17, 2015  
 '51 B Chem E—Robert J. Speer, Lewisburg, PA, April 30, 2014

'52 BS Ag—Charles W. Bassett, Delmar, NY, February 22, 2015  
 '52 PhD—Julian P. Craigmiles, Beaumont, TX, February 4, 2015  
 '52, BCE '53—Richard C. Daniels, St. Louis, MO, January 26, 2015  
 '52 BA—Joseph Gold, Syracuse, NY, March 1, 2014  
 '52 DVM—George E. Gorse, Williamsburg, VA, February 22, 2015  
 '52 DVM—Robert S. Martin, Unadilla, NY, February 7, 2015  
 '52 BA—Ann Edmiston Nangle, Simsbury, CT, January 17, 2015  
 '52, BS HE '53—Sally Hotchkiss Rockwell, Brackney, PA, Jan. 13, 2015

'53 BA—Walter B. Hall, Tiburon, CA, November 30, 2014  
 '53, BS Ag '51, DVM '53—Jordan Lewis, Milwaukee, WI, Dec. 29, 2013

'54, BME '55—Marvin H. Anderson Jr., Tampa, FL, January 12, 2015  
 '54 BS HE—Patricia Wehman Anderson, Tampa, FL, February 13, 2015  
 '54-56 SP Ag—David K. Evans, Jacksonville, FL, February 20, 2015  
 '54-56 SP Ag—Donald F. Hall, Dansville, NY, December 25, 2014  
 '54, B Chem E '55—Arlington R. Harman Jr., Greenwood, SC, January 24, 2015  
 '54 BA—Stuart H. Loory, Brooklyn, NY, January 16, 2015  
 '54—Jeananne Lund Tanner, Wadsworth, OH, January 18, 2015

'55 PhD—Darrel R. Bienz, Pullman, WA, January 23, 2015  
 '55 BME—James N. Perry, Savannah, GA, December 31, 2014  
 '55 BS HE—Ann O'Neil Potter, Roswell, GA, February 18, 2015  
 '55 BS ILR—M. Douglas Stafford, Burlington, MA, February 1, 2015  
 '55 PhD—Hun H. Sun, Blue Bell, PA, January 26, 2015

'56 BS ILR—Donald R. Curtis, Oakhurst, NJ, February 5, 2015  
 '56 MD—Mitchell Mills, Springfield, VA, February 20, 2015

'57 BA—Martin Beim, New York City, June 29, 2014  
 '57 BS Ag—John H. Schuerger Jr., West Chester, PA, February 17, 2015  
 '57 BS Ag—Patricia A. Scully, Suffern, NY, January 31, 2015  
 '57 MBA—William J. Watts, Bloomington, IN, January 23, 2015

'58, B Chem E '59—John R. Atwater Jr., Exeter, NH, February 4, 2015  
 '58 BA—Irving S. Caplan, Malone, NY, February 2, 2015  
 '58 MS HE—Dorothy David Chitambar, Sacramento, CA, February 9, 2015  
 '58 BA—Edward B. Grevatt, Gilford, NH, November 21, 2014  
 '58 BA—John P. Mutchler, Alexandria, VA, November 25, 2014  
 '58 EdD—Carl N. Schroeder, Caro, MI, January 1, 2015

'59 BS Ag—Eldon L. Heidt, Lewiston, NY, February 20, 2015

## 1960s

'60—Raynesford T. Bacorn, Elmira, NY, December 22, 2014  
 '60 BS Nurs—Carol P. Fray, Charlotte, NC, February 2, 2015

'61 PhD—Craig M. Christensen, Hudson, OH, February 20, 2015

'62 PhD—Wilfred N. Arnold, Westwood Hills, KS, November 11, 2014

'64 JD—Robert H. Kannan, Rochester, NY, October 5, 2014

'65 BS Hotel—David T. Girves, Columbus, OH, January 16, 2015  
 '65 BS Ag—Gary E. Haight, Bath, NY, January 22, 2015

'65, BArch '67, MARCH '69—Roswell R. Sanford Jr., Jersey City, NJ, February 21, 2015

'66 B Chem E, M Chem E '67—Scott C. Arrington, Pittsford, NY, February 3, 2011

'66 MBA—Emrett W. Groomes, Litchfield Park, AZ, February 12, 2015  
 '66 MS Ag, PhD '69—Paul F. Kaplan, Burlington, VT, January 31, 2015  
 '66 JD—Irwin S. Meyer, White Plains, NY, January 14, 2015  
 '66, BEE '68—Joseph F. Mozer, Hudson, MA, February 4, 2015  
 '66 PhD—Ian A. Stewart, Ottawa, ON, Canada, October 24, 2014

'69-71 GR—Raymond H. Motyka, Hillsborough, NC, January 21, 2015

## 1970s

'70 BA—Edgar J. Stevenson, Titusville, PA, January 22, 2015

'71 BS Hotel—Bruce R. Adams, Miami, FL, January 26, 2015  
 '71 PhD—Stephen J. Hull, El Dorado, AR, January 14, 2015

'72—Edward C. Lormore, Waldorf, MD, December 24, 2014

'73 MS, PhD '75—John T. Ambrose, Raleigh, NC, January 8, 2015  
 '73, BA '75—Janine Jamieson Huff, Basom, NY, January 21, 2015  
 '73 BA—Sharron A. Saunders, Norfolk, VA, September 15, 2014

'74 MBA—Christopher T. Greene, Libertyville, IL, February 20, 2015  
 '74 PhD—Keith Rayner, Antioch, CA, January 21, 2015  
 '74 BA—James M. Shiffner, Buffalo, NY, January 2, 2015  
 '74 MS ORIE—Nicholas A. Vandam, Brooktondale, NY, Nov. 19, 2012

'75 BA—Paul R. Gallin, Chagrin Falls, OH, January 26, 2015

'76 BS Ag, DVM '80—Mark A. Kranz, Findley Lake, NY, February 21, 2015  
 '76 BS Hotel—Thomas A. Rabbia, Liverpool, NY, February 14, 2015

'77 BS—Eugene H. Peterson III, Lynchburg, VA, May 28, 2014

## 1980s

'80 MCE, PhD '84—Steven K. Dentel, Newark, DE, February 18, 2015

'83 BS Ag—Robert H. Jones, Cross River, NY, February 12, 2015  
 '83 MA—Evelyn I. Meierholzner, Munich, Germany, December 28, 2014

'84 BA—Sandra Greenspan Lederman, Bethesda, MD, February 7, 2015

'87 MFA—Patricia J. Walker, Savannah, GA, January 16, 2015

## 2000s

'00 BA—Erwin Chan, Seattle, WA, January 2, 2015

## 2010s

'10 BA—Laura E. Roosa, Merritt Island, FL, February 6, 2015

This "Alumni Deaths" listing contains a portion of the names of undergraduate and graduate alumni who were confirmed deceased by the University records department between March 1 and March 30, 2015, although the actual date of death may have occurred outside that period. To report an alumni death, please e-mail [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu), or write to: Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

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# Chappie's Lament

An ode to a lost watering hole

**S**ometime during my sophomore year, my best friend turned twenty-one. I was still twenty, but no matter. Full of youthful confidence, I marched with him through Collegetown plotting how I'd pass for a grad student. I was determined, you see, to get into the Chapter House.

Five minutes later, I was back in my dorm. It'd be another year before the Chapter House opened its antique wooden doors to me.

It was worth the wait. The Chapter House became my sanctuary and social club, my concert hall and dance floor, my watering hole, and—of course—my infinite popcorn dispensary. Now that it may be gone for good, I'm not sure where I'm supposed to go to mourn.

In the early morning hours of April 14, a fire tore through two buildings on the 400 block of Stewart Avenue, including the one that housed the Chappie. Firefighters arrived to find a massive conflagration threatening not just the well-known bar, but numerous apartments. Thankfully, no one was killed or injured—but the homes and belongings of forty-four Cornell students and two staff members were destroyed. Both buildings were declared a total loss, and the one adjacent to the Chapter House was subsequently razed. Local authorities are continuing to investigate the cause of the fire, and as of mid-June, the building's owners hadn't revealed



J. ROBERT LENNON



ALLEN CHEONG, MENG '14

Tapped out: The Chapter House as it once was (above and left) and in its current state, after being heavily damaged in an April fire that also destroyed the building next door.

their plans for the property. If they choose not to rebuild, a link connecting generations of Cornellians will be severed.

Housed in a historic structure built around the turn of the last century, the Chappie had its roots in an establishment called Jim's Place. It opened in the mid-Twenties, offering dinner for 50 cents, and began serving alcohol a decade later. In the Fifties and Sixties, according to the *Daily Sun* archives, it became a popular hangout for fraternity members. By 1965, the watering hole had changed its name to the Chapter House—and three years later, the *Sun* declared it one of the “traditional locations for freshman boozing.” Over the years, it became a Collegetown icon. “Even to old alumni, it seems as if the Chapter House was always there,” Bill Howard '74 told the *Sun* after the blaze. “You'd never imagine something like a fire could actually bring down the Chapter House.”

I'm sure the outpouring of grief over the Chappie is a little bewildering to those who weren't attached to it. I remember feeling that way when the Palms closed in 2012, prompting over-the-top lamentations. Now I understand the emotion. The Chapter House wasn't just where I got a good drink. In its commitment to alternative music and alternative beer, in the mugs that dangled from its ceiling, in its wooden tables marked by generations of initials, it cultivated a distinct sensibility.

That it was even called a “Collegetown bar” reflects a weakness of language. The term conjures up cheap beer and grating music, bathroom hurlers and bratty students. The Chappie was different. Over the years, it became first and foremost a pub for grad students, but it was capacious enough to bring together undergrads and locals. Arguments about Nietzsche unfolded over the soundtrack of reggae. It was, I'd argue, the only Collegetown bar where you could reasonably expect to be smarter when you left than when you'd arrived.

— Jeff Stein '13



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