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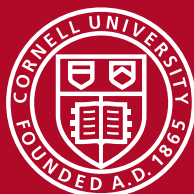
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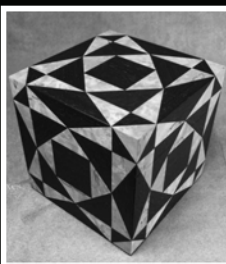
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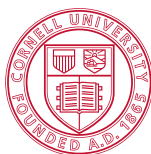
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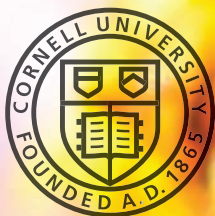


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Caps & Gowns

In response to our May/June 2018 feature on Commencement, many readers shared their graduation memories:

I have received CAM for thirty-eight years and was shocked to see myself on the cover!



That's me holding the "Thanx Ezra" sign at my graduation in 1980. Oddly enough, my daughter Carly graduated this year. How proud I was! I hope it will now be *our* campus, *our*

Cornell. What a coincidence that this photo was used this year!

MARK STECKEL '80
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT



TWO GENERATIONS: Mark Steckel '80 and daughter Carly Steckel '18 were the last to leave the stadium after this year's Convocation ceremony.

In 1976, we were privileged to hear Walt LaFeber speak at Commencement. My recollection was that his words were inspiring and thought-provoking. In 1991, I wrote to Walt and asked for a copy of his speech; shortly thereafter, a big envelope from McGraw Hall arrived. Enclosed was a lovely letter and a copy of his truly magnificent speech about the founding of the country and Cornell and our place in the world. I share his speech periodically with friends, both Cornellians and non-Cornellians.

SKIP NEWMAN '76
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Editor's note: For the full text of LaFeber's speech, go to the Correspondence page of this issue on cornellalumnimagazine.com.

I remember Professor LaFeber's speech. It was momentous that our graduation year coincided with the Bicentennial. Weather was beautiful, sunny, and hot!

MARY VALLS '76
RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY

I recall the Bicentennial fever, Professor LaFeber's powerful message, and the heat way up high in the stadium!

DAVID ACKERMAN '76
HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY

President Rhodes reciting the Gaelic blessing, "May the road rise up to meet you . . ." as only he can. One of my most special memories.

LISA DORIA SLAYTON '87
WEST END, NORTH CAROLINA

A friend and I carried balloons in the procession into Barton Hall. Our parents, somewhat abashedly, were able to pick us out from the throng.

FOREST PRESTON '69
REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

We were the last class to use Barton Hall. It was real "cozy."

DAVID WADE '74
ITHACA, NEW YORK

I don't remember who spoke at my graduation; I was so tired from hanging out with my friends one last time that I passed out for most of it. My wife had President Clinton speak at hers. Not fair.

CESAR CARDONA '01
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE



WEATHER OR NOT: In a tweet to CAM, Kevin Williams '81 reminded us that meteorology students have their own Commencement tradition of marching with umbrellas.

Big Macs

I was there before the Macs arrived ("Cornelliana," May/June 2018) and when they replaced the IBM Displaywriters. My work/study job was to help students use the machines. The IBMs looked like full-fledged PCs but were only word processors. I have a not-so-fond memory of a student losing her whole 100-page document.

DAVID HAMMER '85
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Yes, people lost docs on those huge floppies, but sometimes we could save them. There were ways to get behind the menu-driven interface. Wrote my honors thesis in that Goldwin Smith room on Wednesday nights.

RICHARD FOXALL '84
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

I brought an Adler manual typewriter to Cornell in fall 1983. It was a great, if clunky, workhorse that required gallons of Wite-Out to turn in anything respectable. I remember writing my first "Mac paper"—about fifteen pages—where I discovered the miracle of integrated footnotes. It took two floppy disks to store my masterpiece.

DAVID HYLAND '86
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

We recently had a get-together of six Class of '86 friends where we read our old letters to each other out loud. They started as handwritten. Around 1985 we exclaimed in the letters that we were typing on a word processor and it was so amazing.

MOIRA DOLAN '86
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

I was at Cornell when we needed permission and punch cards to use the mammoth computer in Rand Hall. By the time my daughter [Anna Baum-Stein '00] was a freshman the era of the personal computer was at hand.

RICHARD STEIN '69, BARCH '71
IRVINGTON, NEW YORK

I worked for CIT starting second semester sophomore year. I could write a book of the stories from those days, such as when Cornell was ground zero for early Internet worms and viruses, battling with students intent on hacking the VendaCards used to pay for laser printing, and moving Macs around in the basement of Carpenter Hall so the pipes wouldn't leak onto them.

ADAM ENGST '89
ITHACA, NEW YORK

Waiting in line to print was so frustrating. It's the reason I opted out of computer science as a major.

LEONARD THALER '90
MIAMI, FLORIDA

The shock of losing work on a Cornell computer taught me to constantly "Ctrl+S."

ROSE TANASUGARN '90, BA '95
KOBE, JAPAN

SPEAK UP!

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The Cornell Grand Tour, Twenty-First Century Style



WORLD TRAVELER: Pollack (second from right) at an alumni gathering in Hong Kong

During my first year as Cornell's president, I did a modern version of A.D. White's 1868 Grand Tour. Rather than seeking books, laboratory equipment, teaching models, and professors for a new university, as White did, I wanted to introduce myself and my priorities to Cornellians in key cities in the U.S. and abroad and to learn more about Cornell's worldwide alumni body, now a quarter-million strong.

Boston was my first port of call, followed by Chicago. In both cities alumni joined Vice President Fred Van Sickle and me to explore themes from my inaugural address, including "education with verve," the importance of being a distinguished and distinctive university, and the civic responsibilities that universities like ours must carry out.

In Washington, D.C., more than 1,300 alumni and friends joined us at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Several Cornellians were pivotal in the museum's creation, and items on display included heirlooms donated by alumni families and pieces on loan from Cornell's Hip Hop Collection. Throughout the evening, faculty experts were on hand to discuss the various exhibits. The event was a wonderful celebration of the museum and of the University's founding principles of diversity and inclusion.

The new year brought me to India. Fred and I met with a large group of Cornellians in Mumbai. Some of them have since joined together to form a Cornell Club of Mumbai, augmenting the eighty U.S. and thirty international clubs we currently have. There was a similarly enthusiastic group to greet us in London, where a club has been active for many years.

During the spring semester, several academic deans joined the Grand Tour, adding their perspectives to our conversations with alumni. At our event in Philadelphia, held during the annual

Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, Lance Collins, dean of the College of Engineering, joined me to talk about many topics, including how Cornell fosters a culture of engagement by encouraging students to become involved with our community, and how our alumni can remain engaged with Cornell.

In Florida, I visited both Sarasota and West Palm Beach. Law Dean Eduardo Peñalver '94 and I devoted some time to exploring free speech rights, a hot topic on university campuses, and one that the Cornell Law School and my office brought to the wider community this year with the Free Speech Lecture Series.

Computing and Information Sciences Dean Greg Morrisett and I joined alumni during the

Cornell Silicon Valley annual conference for a discussion that included Cornell Tech and the great potential we now have for the entire University to think and act more seamlessly as "one Cornell." In Los Angeles, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean Kathryn Boor '80 and I explored sustainability, an area in which her college has a strong interest, as both a university-wide academic endeavor and a framework for campus operations.

In New York City, already a hub of alumni and academic activity, Bob Harrison '76, chair of the Board of Trustees, and I

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talked to a full house about topics ranging from the impact of artificial intelligence on what and how we teach to the record number of applications for freshman admission we received this year. Finally, in Seoul and Hong Kong, Dean of Arts & Sciences Gretchen Ritter '83 and I highlighted the importance of the arts and humanities in a technologically complex world.

I didn't return from my Grand Tour with the books, teaching aids, and faculty that were so important to A.D. White. But after meeting more than 4,000 alumni, I did bring back something equally valuable: a strong sense of why you are so devoted to the University, and how we can work together to keep Cornell moving forward. ■

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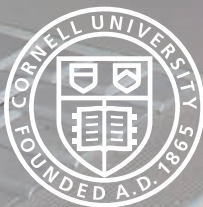
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From the Hill

150th Commencement Celebrated



SCHOELLKOPF SELFIE (clockwise from above): Grads capture the moment at Commencement 2018; President Martha Pollack greets the crowd; Ava DuVernay gives the Convocation speech on Saturday.

At Cornell's 150th Commencement in Schoellkopf Stadium in May, President Martha Pollack conferred degrees on 5,500 "soggy, soaked, buoyant but wonderful candidates." In her speech, she talked about the importance of heroes—and shared some of her own, including Nelson Mandela and one of her former math students, a young man who persevered despite his struggle with autism spectrum disorder. "So, find yourself some heroes," she said. "They can be people you know or people you admire from afar. They can be like you or different from you. And when you are faced with challenges, use the hope and courage that your heroes inspire in you to be your best self."

The previous day, graduates and their families enjoyed dry skies as they listened to the Convocation speaker, filmmaker Ava

DuVernay. "History is our guide and our leash. We can decide which," said DuVernay, director of *Selma*, a critically acclaimed drama about the seminal 1965 civil rights march in Alabama. "Will we be informed by the past and shift and recalibrate and mature and blossom? Or will we simply repeat and retreat to what has already occurred? We must declare which." A UCLA alumna, DuVernay is both the first woman of color to direct a film that was nominated for a Best Picture Oscar, and to direct a movie with a budget over \$100 million (this year's *A Wrinkle in Time*). "I wanted to ask you to clarify and amplify your voice to declare yourself deeply," she told the graduates. "I look forward to watching."

Among the newly minted crop of alumni was an unusual pair: Kiley McPeck '18 and her grandfather, Herb Doig '56, MPS '18. McPeck got her bachelor's from the Dyson School, while the eighty-three-year-old Doig earned a master's in natural resources. He had begun his grad studies more than a half-century ago, but left two credits shy of completing the program after his first child was born. The degree, he says, "was unfinished business that I didn't like hanging out there."

Senior Dies Days Before Graduation



On the Friday of Commencement weekend, the body of graduating Arts & Sciences senior Avram Pinals '18 (left) was found in Fall Creek Gorge. A biological sciences major with a minor in music, Pinals had been set to attend medical school at the University of Michigan in the fall. Although no official cause of death was announced, foul play was not suspected, according to

a statement by Ryan Lombardi, vice president for student and campus life. In the *Daily Sun*, neurobiology and behavior professor Robert Raguso, Pinals's faculty adviser, remembered him as "a young man with great intellect, a generosity of spirit, and a genuine interest in other humans and their welfare."

'The diploma you are about to receive is a symbol of the power you've proved that you have. Go use your power wisely.'

— Carl Nathan, dean of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, speaking at Weill Cornell Medicine's commencement

R + D

Big Red food scientists have developed a way to process beet juice so it retains its color, offering a natural alternative to synthetic dyes in food production.



Cornell has teamed up with Italy's University of Bologna to establish a Center for Vehicle Intelligence, which will conduct research in collaboration with luxury carmakers such as Ferrari.



By studying courtship dances, researchers at the Lab of Ornithology have confirmed that the Vogelkop superbird-of-paradise, an avian native of New Guinea, is its own species.

A Western-style diet—one heavy in red meat, saturated fats, and refined sugar, and low in fiber—triggers brain changes that may predispose people to Alzheimer's disease, Medical College researchers have found. A Mediterranean diet (rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein) spurred fewer such changes.

Did You Know . . .

That the crystal ball from *The Wizard of Oz* was recently on display in Kroch Library? The iconic movie prop was on loan this spring from Jay Walker '77, BS '78, who acquired it for his Walker Library of the History of Human Imagination.



BACK ON THE HILL: Reunion 2018 brought more than 5,400 alumni to campus—the most in Cornell history. The Class of 1978 set a record for attendance at a 40th Reunion, with 326 classmates returning. Fundraising campaigns by reuniting classes totaled \$89.7 million.

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



Michael McMahon '93, co-owner of Justify, the thoroughbred that won horseracing's Triple Crown in June.

Eduardo Peñalver '94 (left), appointed to a second five-year term as dean of the Law School.

Professors **Héctor Abruña** (chemistry) and **Susan McCouch, PhD '90** (plant breeding and genetics), elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

MFA creative writing student **Yessica Martinez** (right), whose family fled violence in their native Colombia when she was ten, winner of a Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans, which supports graduate studies for immigrants and the children of immigrants.

Professors **Anthony Bretscher** (cell biology) and **Catherine Lord** (psychology), elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



'FAIRY' TALE



Georgene Huang '01 is a co-founder of Fairygodboss, a website that . . .

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b) Assesses how female-friendly companies are

c) Sells high-end, workplace-appropriate fashions

d) Connects Millennials with executive mentors

[ANSWER: B]



LONG AND WINDING ROAD: George Epstein '15 finished his ten-month, 10,893-mile circumnavigation of the continental U.S. by bicycle with an appearance at Reunion, where he was fêted onstage at Cornelliana Night and sang with the Glee Club and Chorus. Epstein, who is from suburban New York City, made the trip to raise funds and awareness for ALS.

Relationships Policy Set

The University has established its first official policy on consensual romantic relationships between students and faculty or staff. President Pollack announced the guidelines in late May, following the report of a committee she'd tasked with exploring the issue. Under the new rules, any member of the University community who has (or has had) a sexual or romantic relationship with a current student or postgraduate is prohibited from exercising academic or professional authority over that person; all sexual or romantic relationships between faculty and undergrads are prohibited; and such relationships between faculty and graduate or professional students are prohibited if the faculty member has direct academic authority over the student, or is likely to.



AAD's Mazza to Retire

Jim Mazza '88 (left), who served the University in various roles with Alumni Affairs and Development for three decades, has stepped down from his position as associate vice president for alumni affairs and begun phased retirement as of June 30. His previous jobs included overseeing regional club programs, serving as associate vice president of colleges and units, and directing the launch of the "Far Above" fundraising campaign in 2007. "Jim is a Cornellian through and through," says AAD vice president Fred Van Sickle, "and the University has benefitted over many years from his dedication and service." Mazza is succeeded by Michelle Vaeth '98, a veteran PR and corporate communication executive. Her alumni volunteer work has included serving as president of the Cornell Club of Southwestern Ohio.

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BLOCK PARTY: Human Ecology student Nicole Agaronnik '19 (left) and community member Rik Daniels dance during Project Eddy Gate, a weekend-long event in early May. As organizers describe it, the area adjacent to the ornate gate in Lower Collegetown—built in 1896 as an entryway to campus—was “temporarily transformed from dark and vacant alley to lively outdoor living room,” featuring performances, art installations, and more.

Pollack Unveils Greek Reforms

Following a series of incidents involving hazing, underage alcohol consumption, and other misconduct over the past several years, President Pollack has announced sweeping reforms for the campus Greek system. “I believe that it is important for the community to understand that the behavior in question goes well beyond innocent fun,” she said in a statement to the University community in May. “It includes extremely coercive, demeaning, sexually inappropriate, and physically dangerous activities that jeopardize students’ health and lives. The danger of such reckless actions cannot be ignored.”

The measures include—effective immediately—a total ban on hard alcohol in residential chapter houses, and a mandate that substantiated acts of hazing will lead to chapter suspension and loss of recognition; cases that include “coerced alcohol or drug consumption, sexual or related misconduct, or other forms of violence or mental abuse” will result in suspension for a minimum of three years. By fall 2018, online scorecards will be published detailing each chapter’s judicial history; additionally, each Greek organization will have to submit a new member education plan before it can recruit pledges. By spring 2019, leaders of residential Greek organizations must be juniors or seniors who live in the house, and by fall 2021, all residential houses must have a full-time, live-in adviser. “I do not take these steps lightly,” Pollack wrote. “The stakes are high, and leaders of student organizations must come to understand their responsibility to promote the health and safety of our campus community.”

‘Feeling discomfort and angst at hearing words is not a legal reason to shut down other people’s rights to say those things.’

— Human development professor Wendy Williams, who co-authored a scholarly analysis of free speech on American campuses with colleague Stephen Ceci

Alum is Vice Provost for Engagement



Communication professor Katherine McComas, PhD '00, has been named the new vice provost for engagement and land-grant affairs. Her responsibilities will include serving as the academic lead for the university-wide Engaged Cornell initiative, advocating for Cornell’s role as New York’s land-grant school, collaborating on responses to the governor’s initiatives in

higher education and economic development, and representing the University’s contract colleges in dealings with SUNY. A former chair of her department, McComas focuses her research on how people communicate about science, health, and the environment.

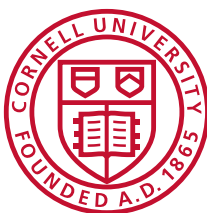
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out of here! The curse is real! This whole place is a trap!" Then you get sling-shotted from zero to 40 miles per hour, threatened by a soul-sucking mummy, attacked by video-projected scarabs, dropped down a 50-degree incline, and surrounded by (actual) fire.

Welcome to Revenge of the Mummy, a themed roller coaster at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. The ride, which has sister versions at Universal parks in Hollywood and Singapore, >



a sixty-meter-high indoor-outdoor coaster will be the centerpiece of a new theme park set to open this year. Working with automaker BMW, Premier designed three coasters (two in the U.S., one in Canada) that evoke a chase sequence featuring MINI Coopers in the 2003 heist picture *The Italian Job*—complete with pyrotechnics, water effects, and simulated gunfire. “We focus on building the most complex, top-of-the-line attractions—ones that our clients are investing significant funds into, in the hope that they’ll increase attendance and generate extra revenue,” Seay says. “My goal is that when someone goes on one of our attractions, it’s a lifetime memory. With everything that goes on in the world today, it’s great to be able to take someone out of their day-to-day environment, and for a few minutes put them into something that’s totally different and totally thrilling. The best thing that can happen to me is that I mention an attraction to someone years later, and their eyes light up and they say, ‘Oh my goodness—that scared the hell out of me.’ ”

One of Premier’s signature concepts is its “multi-launch” coasters, which catapult from a stop to high speeds (sometimes backward) several times during a single ride. They include *Tempesto* at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia; *Full Throttle* at Six Flags Magic Mountain outside L.A.; and *Phobia Phear* at Connecticut’s Lake Compounce Family Theme Park. (The latest, *Electric Eel*, opened in May at SeaWorld San Diego.) Last spring, the Chinese entertainment and real estate conglomerate Wanda released some tantalizing photos offering a peek at a “multidimensional cinema robotic roller coaster” it’s developing with Premier for a

is a multi-year winner of the Golden Ticket Award—the Oscars of the theme park world—in the category of best indoor coaster. Terrifying vacationers since 2004, it’s the brainchild of Premier Rides, the Baltimore-based coaster company founded by Jim Seay ’84, which designed it in collaboration with Universal and the director of the *Mummy* films. “It allows people to immerse themselves and really feel the intensity of the movie while they’re on a ride,”

Seay says, noting that the coaster, which runs on a magnetic propulsion system, has hosted some 150 million people at its three locations. “It has a cutting-edge ride system, animatronics, and fire effects, and it combines those elements with a great intellectual property in a seamless way.”

The *Mummy* coaster is one of dozens of rides that Premier has created since Seay founded it in 1995. The company has clients around the world—from Indonesia (home to its Yamaha Racing Coaster, which accelerates to more than 60 mph in two seconds) to India (which has a dark indoor coaster, *Deep Space*, at a park in the state of Maharashtra) to Qatar, where *Dragonfire*,

theme park in Guangzhou, set to open in 2019. “We’ve been working with them on it in secret,” Seay explains. “You’re going to be on a roller coaster, but we’re putting high-tech robotics on it, and you’re riding on the robots. Imagine being on the end of

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a robot arm—and that arm is on a roller coaster. It’s a pretty intense engineering exercise.”

A mechanical engineering major on the Hill, Seay came to the coaster business via the aerospace industry: he interned at California’s Hughes Aircraft as a student and got a job there after graduation, working on high-tech applications like using laser beams for covert communications. With government funding beginning to ebb with the end of the Cold War, Seay transitioned to the state’s other major industry—entertainment—working in engineering for the Six Flags theme park chain. “Companies were starting to develop big attractions,” he says, “and essentially



GETTING LOOPY (clockwise from opposite page): Superman: Ultimate Flight at California's Six Flags Discovery Kingdom; Tempesto at Busch Gardens in Virginia; "crash-test" dummies during trial runs of SeaWorld San Diego's new Electric Eel; and Seay aboard a zero-gravity flight he took for fun in 2007.

they were using the same skill sets as in the aerospace field." His projects included the Viper, which was the world's tallest and fastest looping coaster when it opened at Magic Mountain in 1990. "I learned a lot, because these rides have a tremendous amount of engineering and testing and an impressive maintenance program," he says. "You're taking the same conservative approach that you would when you develop aircraft. You use the same tools for the computer analysis; you completely model the ride, to the point that you know what the experience will be before you build the equipment."

And when it comes to safety, he says, as in aviation, redundancy is key. "You often hear about an airplane that loses an engine, but it can still land safely," he says. "That same concept is used in our industry, where you look at safety from every aspect of a ride's life." For example, a lap-bar restraint system has backup locking mechanisms that riders never see. "We go through this heavy effort where you're looking at all the potential failures and mitigating them," he says. "From the outside it looks like this is just a fun job—and it is. But you have such an intense focus on safety that it's also very methodical, detailed, and analytical. Safety is the number-one thing that goes through every step of the process."



Once a newly installed ride has been thoroughly tested—both through computer analysis and using dummies akin to those in the automotive industry—Seay aims to be one of the first humans to climb aboard. Surprisingly, though, he wasn't much of a coaster fan as a kid. His first: an old-style wooden coaster at an amusement park outside New York City that he rode at the age of eight or nine, "and I think I was pretty damn scared." Seay was born in Switzerland, to a mother whom he describes as "a Liverpool showgirl who hung out with the Beatles" in her youth; his father was a Texan who wasn't involved in his life, but gave him access to American citizenship. His mom, who became a journalist and photographer, opted to raise him in the U.S., and they settled in Connecticut; she eventually married a Hungarian-born artist, and Seay spent many of his weekends at a Manhattan arts colony.

These days, Seay spends about half of his work life on the road. For fun and stress relief, he pilots a four-passenger Piper Archer airplane, which can take him up and down the East Coast and as far west as the Mississippi. "To fly, you have to have absolute focus," he observes. "It takes your mind off of every other issue you're dealing with, which is healthy." One of his biggest personal thrills: participating in a zero gravity flight with Stephen Hawking in 2007, which included spending several days with the famed physicist. "He was quite the guy. It was amazing to be with him in person," Seay recalls of Hawking, who passed away this spring. "He knew what industry I was in, and he told me that he loved roller coasters. He very much wanted to ride them; he was disappointed he wasn't able to, and he wanted to find a way that he could." ■

— Kitty Kemp

HERE COMES THE BRIDE

If she's clad in a gown by the popular and playful designer Hayley Paige Gutman '07, she's likely wearing sparkles, intricate embroidery, and a poufy skirt fit for a princess



MIX & MATCH: Gutman (in pink skirt at left) on "Say Yes to the Dress" with a bride who chose a custom combination of the designer's Carrie bodice and Lennon skirt. Above: Gutman at work in her Manhattan sample shop.

"I have a slight-to-major Hayley Paige obsession," the future bride admits. "I'm a little bit in love with her. I kind of want to be best friends."

On a 2016 episode of the long-running TLC reality show "Say Yes to the Dress," a young woman named Elisabeth comes to Manhattan's Kleinfeld Bridal salon in search of the perfect gown for her Long Island seaside nuptials. She has a designer very much in mind: Hayley Paige Gutman '07, who has had her own line of romantic-but-sophisticated wedding gowns since 2011. "I love her use of beadwork," Elisabeth enthuses. "Not like crazy sparkly beadwork, but it's all very antique-y looking while still being very modern and fresh."

After trying on several gowns, Elisabeth leans toward one of Hayley Paige's iconic styles: the Carrie, which features wide, crystal-beaded straps in an intricate leaf pattern that embraces the shoulders to form a dramatic keyhole back. ("I've stalked

this dress on Instagram!" she admits.) But she laments that its skirt isn't as voluminous as one of the others she'd modeled: the Lennon, whose elaborate pleated bottom is made of diaphanous layers of English net and organza. When Gutman herself comes in—to the future bride's shock and delight—she mocks up a customized version of the dress by combining the Carrie

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bodice and the Lennon skirt, calling it "the best of both worlds." "Oh my God, this dress is unbelievable," Elisabeth says, reduced to happy tears after trying it on. "It's elegant, it's a little sexy, it's got glamour, it's unique . . . It's me personified as a dress. I

can see myself walking down the aisle."

She does, of course, say "yes" to the dress—making her one of the tens of thousands of brides and their attendants that Gutman's gowns adorn each year. Sold under the umbrella of the large, multi-label bridal house JLM Couture, Gutman's designs comprise several lines, including two tiers of wedding gowns: Hayley Paige, priced at \$3,000 to \$7,000, and the more affordable Blush by Hayley Paige, which range from \$1,200 to \$3,000. As *Martha Stewart Weddings* put it in a preview of Gutman's spring 2018 collection: "If Hayley Paige is known for one thing, it's creating wedding dresses with a healthy dose of shimmer. That, and designing her eponymous collection with a distinctly vibrant, youthful vibe and a dose of edginess."

Gutman also creates dresses for bridesmaids and flower girls; sells a collection of pink-and-white leisure garb—bearing slogans like "Sparkle Squad" and "Wedding Day Vibes"—for the bride and her attendants to wear while getting their hair and makeup done; and designs a couture line that's available only at the JLM flagship store in West Hollywood (and has been worn on the red carpet by celebrities like Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman, musician Carrie Underwood, and model Chrissy Teigen). "My biggest goal is to keep developing as a designer—to always be a student of design and to know that I'm going to be learning something new," says Gutman. "I've always felt that you can't use up your creativity. The more you do it, the better you get at it."

It's a Tuesday in mid-May, and Gutman is chatting with CAM in her office in the heart of Manhattan's Garment District—a room familiar to fans of Gutman's many media appearances, including on "Say Yes" and her TLC multimedia series, "Happily Ever Hayley." The walls are decorated floor to ceiling with photos of models wearing her dresses, and a giant mirror stands ready for fittings; just outside the door is a "sample room" where seamstresses and patternmakers are at work creating prototypes of Gutman's latest designs. Everywhere, clothing racks overflow with dresses from her various lines; in her office, one bulletin board bears examples of new embroidery concepts, while another has ideas for her popular series of wedding-themed emojis (dubbed "Holy Matrimoji") that she offers free through the iTunes Store. On her computer screen is another recent creation: a partly completed drawing of wedding attire for this year's most famous bride and groom, whose nuptials are just days away. "I'm designing Meghan Markle's dress!" Gutman says with a wide grin, holding the beat for just long enough to make one wonder if she's just offered the scoop of the decade. Then: "Just kidding!"

Gutman may not have landed that plum gig, but she did serve as a post-ceremony expert on TLC's "Royal Wedding Revealed," where—in addition to presenting her own fantasy design for Markle's gown and declaring the groom "a hunka-hunka burning ginger"—she admitted to some disappointment in the much-anticipated dress. "The fit was not quite right, I felt," said Gutman, who appeared on the show in one of her own couture designs: a pink, backless, see-through number with elaborate embroidery, complete with matching stiletto heels and



AISLE BE THERE (clockwise from left): Gutman's wedding-themed emoji app; a jacket from her "athleisure" collection for brides and attendants; and one of her recent gown designs, the Andi.

feathered fascinator. "It's a very difficult fabric to work with, the silk cady, and I

felt like the sleeve was a little bunched. It should have been more tailored . . . I wanted something that was bodacious and kind of showed off her frame a little bit."

A varsity gymnast at Cornell who'd previously trained for the Olympics, Gutman is petite and fit, with bright blue eyes and a mane of wavy, waist-length blonde hair. ("She's like a little >





FASHION SENSE (clockwise from left): A Hayley Paige bridesmaid's dress; Olympian Aly Raisman in one of Gutman's red carpet creations; Gutman, sporting one of her own designs, with a fellow TV panelist commenting on the recent royal wedding



as she could. "But at some point in my college experience," she says with a laugh, "I wanted to be making pretty dresses and not solving carbon equations."

She majored in fiber science and apparel design, landing a coveted internship at *Elle* magazine. Her senior collection in Cornell's annual student-run fashion show consisted entirely of wedding gowns—and she got lucky when a high-end fashion designer who happened to be in the audience offered her a job on the spot. One opportunity led to another, and by age twenty-five Gutman got her foot in the door at JLM. The firm's

fairy princess," noted Elisabeth, the TLC bride, "and I want to hug her.") Eager to interact with her brides and other fans, Gutman is active on social media—particularly Instagram, where she has more than 700,000 followers and her posts garner thousands of likes—and is regularly on the road for trunk shows, events at which stores showcase particular designers. Her aesthetic, she says, "is a little bit rogue and sassy, but also humorous. I'd rather feel like the bride's friend than like, 'I'm the professional and you need to listen to me.' It's a collaboration in a way, because I'm directly inspired by them." Today, she's clad in a fashion-forward ensemble (not of her own making): a Southwestern print blouse, a short black mini-skort, and black lace-up boots with pearl-encrusted heels, accessorized by chunky-framed eyeglasses, a diamond-patterned statement necklace, and pinkish-orange lipstick. "When you're getting married, there's such an emotional investment," she observes. "The dress can capture the charm and heart that goes into that commitment, and I feel like that's present in a lot of Hayley Paige gowns. A lot of brands pride themselves on having a heritage—sort of an intimidation. That's not my cup of tea. My cup of tea has whiskey in it."

Gutman grew up in Northern California, the daughter of a surgeon and an interior designer. She learned to sew from her grandmother, and dreamed of being a wedding dress designer from a young age; when she created her own prom gown, she says, "it looked like a wedding dress. It was straight-up white and it had tulle." But Gutman also had a knack for science, and when she matriculated into Human Ecology, she planned on following a pre-med track while taking as many design courses

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CEO had her audition by designing a capsule collection in a few weeks; she came back with it the next day, complete with price points and profit margins. "It's still almost unbelievable that I get to do this for a living," she says. "It's hard work, of course, but there's so much that's playful and creative. It's so sentimental. It gets me really fluttery and emotional sometimes. I still cry during trunk shows when a girl says yes." ■

— Kitty Kemp



ON THE HILL: Student models (above) wearing Gutman's wedding dresses at her 2007 senior fashion show. Right: The designer during her days as a Big Red gymnast.



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ON A ROLE

Ato Essandoh '95 started out as a chemical engineer—but now he's a familiar face on TV shows like 'Elementary,' 'Chicago Med,' 'Blue Bloods,' and more

Rumors of Ato Essandoh's death have been highly exaggerated.

After the prolific actor and 1995 alum had a small but pivotal role in the 2012 Quentin Tarantino drama *Django Unchained*—playing an escaped slave whose evil master has him ripped to pieces by vicious dogs—a persistent Internet rumor held that his on-screen death was real. As the meme claimed: in service of his art, Essandoh had signed a document agreeing to be killed on camera—and was pronounced dead by Leonardo DiCaprio, who played his murderer. “A friend sent me the link, and I thought it was the dumbest thing I’d ever seen,” Essandoh recalls with a laugh, chatting with CAM last spring in a café near Manhattan’s Theatre District. “But as I was about to click away, I saw it had like 500 comments. ‘That’s against the law! They should throw Quentin Tarantino in jail!’ And I thought, These people believe this!”

So Essandoh decided to have some fun with it. He started tweeting responses from the afterlife, including requests for beer and the happy news that one of his neighbors in heaven was Jimi Hendrix. “It went on for a number of years,” he says. “Every once in a while, somebody will be like, ‘Hey, are you alive?’”

For Essandoh, it was just another twist in an unlikely journey that began on the Hill—where he both majored in chemical engineering and got his first taste of acting. The son of Ghanaian immigrants, he grew up near Albany and in suburban New Rochelle, New York. Matriculating into the Engineering college, the performing arts never crossed his mind. But junior year, a girlfriend convinced him to try out for a play, a production by the Chinese Students Association that explored issues of diversity and assimilation. “I’ll never forget coming on stage and hearing people laugh, feeling them connect, hanging on every word we said,” says Essandoh, who

played an African American man on a blind date with an Asian woman. “That’s an amazing power, telling a story that they’re listening to. I really think that’s the core of—dare I say—human existence. We all tell each other stories.” While he didn’t do any other shows on campus, the role was “the little crack in the dam that I kept thinking about.”

Essandoh completed his degree, but tossed out his grad school applications; he took a nine-to-five job in technical sales in Rhode Island and tried to figure out what he wanted to do with his life. He studied French, took SCUBA lessons, traveled. “Acting,” he says, “just kept coming back.” A software

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consulting gig allowed a transfer to New York City, where he took classes at the Acting Studio under a protégé of legendary teacher Sanford Meisner. “To my parents’ credit, they didn’t disown me,” he says of telling his family that he was devoting himself to his craft. “They saw how much I wanted it and how hard I was working.”

His first TV role was as an injured bike messenger in a 2001



PHOTOS: ELEMENTARY, CBS TELEVISION STUDIOS; DJANGO, WEINSTEIN CO./COLUMBIA PICTURES; COPPER, BBC AMERICA; BOURNE, UNIVERSAL PICTURES; MED, WOLF FILMS; UNIVERSAL TELEVISION



episode of the NBC drama "Third Watch." ("My lines were like, 'Ahh! Ahh!' ") In 2003, he marked the New York actor's rite of passage: a role on "Law & Order." (He went on to appear in a second episode as a different character, and also worked on "Criminal Intent.") The following year, he played Natalie Portman's adopted African brother in the hit indie film *Garden State*; in 2006, he was a Sierra Leonean revolutionary in the Oscar-nominated *Blood Diamond*. Around that time, he stopped having to take non-acting jobs to pay the rent—but all in all, it took fifteen years of pounding the pavement until he felt like he was truly a working actor. "Luckily, my career has always gone up," he says. "There's never been a real lull. But there's always me hustling and trying to get work."

His first "series regular" gig was playing a doctor on BBC America's "Copper"; the show, set in New York's rough Five Points neighborhood in 1864, ran for one season in 2012–13. Essandoh has had a recurring role on the Sherlock Holmes reboot "Elementary," as the protagonist's Narcotics Anonymous sponsor, a master thief. On "Vinyl," the one-season HBO series, set in the New York rock scene of the 1970s, that was created by Martin Scorsese and Mick Jagger, he played a blues singer—and surprised the producers with his skill on guitar and vocals (which they'd planned to dub). He's had another recurring role on "Blue Bloods," playing an activist preacher who's a thorn in the NYPD's side, and yet another on "Chicago Med," as an Orthodox Jewish surgeon with Asperger's syndrome. He was in all ten episodes of the recent Netflix sci-fi series "Altered Carbon," playing a former Marine medic avenging his wife and daughter. In the 2016 action film *Jason Bourne*, he was the right-hand man to Tommy Lee Jones's malevolent spymaster—and got offed by Matt Damon himself.

Meaty roles, one and all—and far from the sorts of parts stereotypically offered to African American men. "Somehow, I lucked out," Essandoh says. "From the beginning I've played



MANY FACES OF ATO: Essandoh's numerous movie and TV appearances have included (clockwise from opposite page) "Elementary," *Django Unchained*, "Copper," *Jason Bourne* (with Tommy Lee Jones), and "Chicago Med."



roles that are different—a doctor in the Five Points, a blues singer. I dodged the stereotype bullet, the compartmentalization bullet. I feel like I've ridden a wave that has now met this whole renaissance in roles available to people of color, as well as to women. There's much more work to be done, but I'm happy to see that progress."

Next year, Essandoh has a part in Marvel's latest X-Men movie, *Dark Phoenix*. But don't ask him about his role; having signed a stack of non-disclosure agreements, all he can say is that he has a few scenes (and that he shot them in Montreal). But his biggest career boost yet may come with the next TV season, when he has a lead in the new CBS series "The Code." On the show, which he describes as "an updated cool version of 'JAG,'" he plays an attorney who's a major in the Marine Corps. When Essandoh met with CAM, he'd only recently gotten the news that the pilot had been picked up—and his next stop was interviews with *People* and *Entertainment Weekly*. "Chemical engineering was so hard, it gave me a work ethic that I still enjoy today," Essandoh observes with a smile. "Actors always get asked, 'How do you memorize all those lines?' And I'm like, 'Number one, that's the easiest part—and number two, I went through organic chemistry at Cornell.'" ■

— L.P. Drew

'TABLE' SERVICE

Hotellie Christopher Bates '03 and his wife run a popular fourteen-seat restaurant that's the jewel of their Finger Lakes dining empire



GOOD TASTES (clockwise from above): The dining room at FLX Table, which seats fourteen; a first course of cheeses and crudites; chef and restaurateur Christopher Bates '03, who worked his way through Cornell cooking at the Statler

In early January 2017, a *USA Today* poll bestowed the honor of the nation's best new restaurant on an unlikely recipient: a tiny establishment nestled on a block-long, one-way street just off the main drag in Geneva, New York, a college town located an hour from Ithaca on the western shore of Seneca Lake. Called FLX Table, it beat out competition from major cities including San Diego, Philadelphia, and Nashville. It has rarely had an empty seat since.

FLX Table is literally that—one table, seating fourteen people. Founded by Hotellie Christopher Bates '03 and his German-born wife, Isabel Bogadtke, the restaurant serves a five-course, prix fixe meal (\$59 per person) at two sittings, five nights a week. Guests, seated in charmingly mismatched chairs, dine just steps from the open kitchen, at the rustic rectangular table Bates built, beneath artful hanging boxes of verdant herbs. "The dining experience is really the way we cook at home for friends, but elevated a bit in the way things are plated and presented,"

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says Bates, a chef and master sommelier who grew up south of Rochester. "The idea of the restaurant was to bring that same feeling and energy. You're in the kitchen; you're part of it. And like a dinner party, maybe you don't know everybody—but by

the end of the night you're exchanging phone numbers."

As guests arrive, they're invited to a long, narrow table in an adjacent room, where they can purchase a pre-dinner glass of wine, beer, or other beverage from the restaurant's extensive list. Seating assignments at dinner are indicated by playing cards: each guest receives one, then matches it to their place setting. At the table, they're greeted by the first course; one evening last spring, it was wooden serving boards groaning with roasted vegetables and a hefty loaf of crusty bread—one platter per two diners—plus an array of dips, spreads, and flavored butters. That night, the menu featured a second course of rhubarb gazpacho ▶



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'HIGH-END LOWBROW FOOD': Bates puts the finishing touches on a burger at FLX Wienery (above). Right: A take on chicken and waffles at the new FLX Fry Bird.



with cucumber, cream, celery, and orange; it was followed by pastrami with pickled carrot, caper, radish, and miso butter. The fourth course: chicken rillettes with daikon, fiddlehead ferns, ramp, mushroom, and black olive. (FLX also accommodates special diets; for vegetarians that night, fennel replaced the pastrami, and celery root subbed for chicken.) Dessert was angel food cake with chocolate mousse, cashew butter, fruit preserve, and cashew brittle—and when the servers supplied individual spatulas for scraping every drop off the plate, guests tucked in with gusto. “Ultimately for us, it’s not about the food, it’s about the fun,” Bates says. “It’s about doing things that make people smile, and making a connection. It is fancy—we make precise plates and textures—but I don’t want you to leave feeling like you’ve been buttoned up all night. I want you to leave going, ‘That was awesome.’”

Given Bates’s background as a master sommelier—a designation requiring a notoriously tough multi-part test, which only 158 Americans have ever passed—wine features heavily in the FLX Table experience. Guests can opt for pairings (a four-ounce glass with each course) ranging from \$35 to \$275; a beer pairing is also available for \$35. The high-end wine pairings, Bates says, have been a major draw. “The wines we pour are pretty crazy,” he says. “It’s one of the things that’s gotten us the most attention, because they’re wines you don’t get to taste anywhere else—some historically significant wines, and then some younger, hard-to-get, really exciting things.”

While Bates and Bogadtke—whose training is in front-of-house hospitality—originally ran the restaurant themselves, they’ve since hired other staff including a *chef de cuisine* and a wine director. Bates admits that delegating has been a bit challenging. “For many years, Isabel and I were the people that did things for other owners,” he explains. “We’ve had to grow and adapt to being the owners and allow other people to do the things.” Bates grew up cooking with his mom—they’d routinely

do elaborate weekend projects like baking croissants—and even learned to make sushi at age three. He started working in restaurants as a teenager, and logged sixty-hour weeks cooking in Statler kitchens as an undergrad to help pay for Cornell. After graduation, his travels took him around the U.S. and Europe; he met his future wife while working in a winery in Germany’s Mosel region. They managed small luxury hotels in Texas and Pennsylvania before relocating to Bates’s native Upstate New York—drawn by its natural beauty, the chance to start their own business, and a desire to help revive the local economy. “I lived through the days of watching Xerox and Kodak crumble, seeing what it did to families,” he says. “We wanted to be a part of bringing that livelihood back to the area.”

And FLX Table is just one part of the couple’s expanding food and beverage empire. In 2014, they opened FLX Wienery, which sells what they call “high-end lowbrow food”—roadside fare like hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, and milkshakes. Located in Dundee (half an hour south of Geneva), it offers chili dogs and deep-fried Oreos, but also upscale dishes like “fries royale” with

foie gras, pecorino, truffle mayo, and herbs. “For me, food and restaurants aren’t about expense—they’re not about how fancy a product is,” says Bates. “They’re about the passion, love, craft, and attention that you put into them. So it doesn’t matter to me whether I’m making a hamburger or serving truffles and caviar, as long as we’re treating people with compassion and bringing joy to their day.”

This May, the couple opened FLX Fry Bird, a fried chicken joint a few doors down from Table, where the menu includes whole birds, chicken and waffles, and sides like mac and cheese. Adjacent to Fry Bird is FLX Provisions, which offers tastings and sales of New York wines, and sells beer and local food

‘For me, food and restaurants aren’t about expense—they’re not about how fancy a product is,’ says Bates. ‘They’re about the passion, love, craft, and attention that you put into them.’

products. The couple also runs a small brewery, FLX Culture House, which makes sour Belgian-style beers. (It isn’t open to the public, but supplies libations to their other establishments.) Then there’s Feast & Co., their catering company—and Element Winery, which Bates founded with his dad in 2005, and which recently purchased seventeen acres of vineyards on Seneca Lake’s east side. “There’s a lot of moving parts and complexity, but it keeps my brain occupied,” Bates says of his many ventures. “I’m not good at focusing on one thing, so I like to have a lot going on—to make wine one day, cook another day, do computer work one day and construction another. It keeps me excited and keeps me from getting bored. But most of all, I like that we’re able to make customers happy.” ■

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SPOTLESS: Gwen Whiting '98 (left) and Lindsey Boyd '98 in their SoHo flagship store

Gwen Whiting '98 and Lindsey Boyd '98 landed dream jobs in fashion in their twenties, with Whiting designing for Ralph Lauren and Boyd in corporate sales for Chanel. Along the way, each acquired plenty of pricey garments—which also meant costly dry cleaning bills. On top of the expense, they weren't thrilled about the chemicals used in dry cleaning, or the fact that their clothing occasionally came back ruined. As graduates of Human Ecology's Department of Fiber Science and Apparel Design, they knew that most fabrics—even cashmere and silk—could actually be washed, but they weren't satisfied with the detergents that were available. "We were either spending a fortune on dry cleaning or hand washing clothes with baby shampoo in a fifth-floor-walkup sink," says Whiting. "It was frustrating."

The two solved their dilemma in 2004 by co-founding the Laundress, an upscale, eco-friendly line of detergent, fabric care, and home cleaning products. Rather than developing an all-purpose laundry soap, Whiting and Boyd created a range of nontoxic, allergen-free formulas that target specific fabrics—such as wool, denim, or the nylon and spandex used in exercise gear—to fight dirt and stains while protecting color and texture. Their products are now sold by more than 1,500 retailers worldwide, including the Container Store and Bloomingdale's, as well as at the company's flagship shop in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood and two overseas, in Tokyo and Seoul. Their products are also available on the company's website, which features how-to videos and instructions, with advice on everything from getting out pizza stains to the proper way to wash a cashmere sweater. "Seeing is believing," says Whiting. "We want to show that [laundering] is easy and not this daunting thing." >



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One morning late last February, Whiting and Boyd sat down to chat with CAM at their pristine Midtown Manhattan offices. The black-and-white décor—including bright white floors and workstations—mimics the company's chic, minimalist packaging, which is more in line with a luxury beauty or skin care brand than typical cleaning products. Their downtown shop, too, looks like an upscale boutique, with built-in shelving, a crystal chandelier, and black-and-white checkered floors; employees are trained to give guidance on washing techniques, and there's a tiny laundry area—complete with compact washer and dryer—that can be used for demonstrations. "It's a place to touch and feel and smell all of our products," says Boyd, who compares shopping there to "how you can get Chanel at Neiman Marcus but going to the Chanel store on Madison Avenue is a completely different experience."

Like Chanel, the Laundress's products aren't cheap. The company's signature detergent is more expensive than most other natural or supermarket brands, with a thirty-two-ounce bottle costing \$20.50. Yet Whiting and Boyd point out that the formula is highly concentrated, so that bottle cleans sixty-four washloads—which tops the cleaning power of ninety-five ounces of Seventh Generation's Ultra Power Plus detergent, for instance, which costs around \$13.

Plus, they argue that their anti-fade solutions, which are offered in fragrances like jasmine and sandalwood, can help save money in the long run by extending the life of one's wardrobe. "Gwen and I have things we bought twenty years ago and they look brand new," says Boyd. Adds Whiting: "People can see the difference. Their clothes look better, smell better, and last longer."

The two admit that when they launched the Laundress, their parents questioned their decision to leave flourishing fashion careers to start a cleaning product business. They loved their jobs, they explain, but felt there was little room for advancement—and they'd wanted to build a company together since their undergrad days. After coming up with the Laundress idea,



SCRUBBING IN: Whiting (left) and Boyd (right) in a how-to video with musician John Mayer, whom Whiting calls "a secret textile nerd." Below: A sampling of Laundress products.

they reached out to fiber science professor S. Kay Obendorf, PhD '76, an innovator in using science to improve laundering. "I had a really positive reaction to their concept and its uniqueness," says Obendorf, now a professor emerita. She gave Whiting and Boyd a crash course in detergent science in Ithaca over a summer weekend in 2002, and she continued to give tips over the next two years as they perfected their formulas. Her lab even tested

'People can see the difference,' says Gwen Whiting '98. 'Their clothes look better, smell better, and last longer.'

some methods to remove yellowing from white knit garments, which they incorporated into their stain solution.

Unlike many entrepreneurs, Whiting and Boyd haven't sought funding for their business from outside investors. They launched the Laundress with credit cards and a Small Business Association loan—"We bootstrapped it from day one," says Whiting—and have kept it privately owned. Convincing stores to carry their line was challenging at first, but doors opened once Bergdorf Goodman signed on. Now, Boyd says, "a lot of people who first said no to us are some of our best clients." They've also earned well-known admirers, including supermodel Heidi Klum, movie star Drew Barrymore, and director Sofia Coppola. Musician John Mayer was such a fan, he and the Laundress teamed up in 2016 to develop two products—a specially scented detergent and a fabric freshener—that benefit land preservation programs in Montana, where Mayer owns a home. "John is a secret textile nerd," says Whiting, "which is why he found and contacted us."

Moving forward, she and Boyd hope to grow an already strong business in Asia, and plan to continue to expand into accessories like laundry bags, hampers, and storage boxes. Boyd says the ultimate goal of the Laundress has always been to create "a start-to-finish laundry experience" that makes a domestic chore more enjoyable. "Everyone has a need for something that we make, whether it's for a stain or just doing a load of laundry," says Whiting. "We're fixing a problem for them, and that makes people happy." ■

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RUNNER'S HIGH

Gene Dykes, PhD '78, is the world's fastest living septuagenarian marathoner

Running a 26.2-mile race in under three hours is a formidable feat at any age, let alone in your seventies. Until 2018, just one person had ever done it. In April, Gene Dykes, PhD '78, became the second.

Dykes ran the Netherlands' Rotterdam Marathon in 2 hours, 57 minutes, and 43 seconds—setting a new world record for a seventy-year-old, and besting the previous record by more than two minutes. Eight days later, he won his age group at the Boston Marathon for the third year in a row. “Being a world record holder wasn’t my goal—it was a target to motivate my training,” says Dykes. “But there came a point when I said, ‘There isn’t anybody [my age] better than me.’”

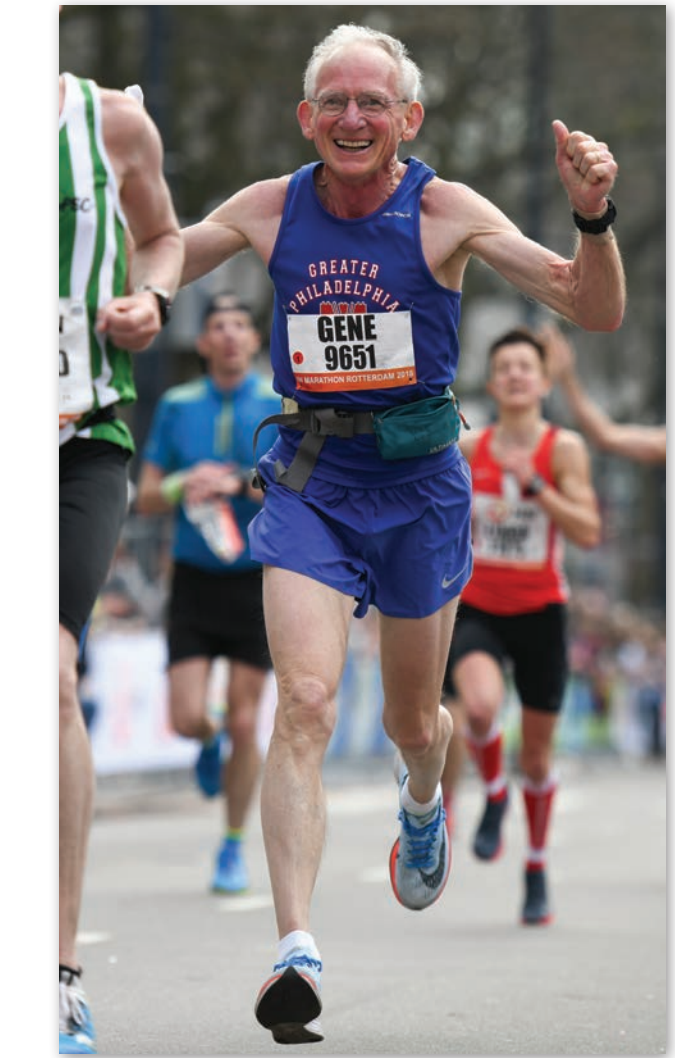
A retired computer programmer who lives in the Philadelphia area, Dykes was a decent two-miler in high school in Ohio, but couldn’t cut it competitively as an undergraduate runner at Lehigh University. Though he jogged a bit over the decades to keep fit, he didn’t begin serious distance running until twelve years ago. Now he defies the odds by getting faster every year. “It used to be that after twenty miles I took a rest day,” says Dykes, who holds a doctorate in biochemistry from CALS. “My coach put the kibosh on that. He worked me a lot harder. Now I can do twenty miles, day after day, and my body has learned to get by on the recovery of a night’s sleep.”

Dykes puts in about 2,800 miles a year in training runs and races—sometimes competing in two marathons in a single weekend. Some of his strategies are unorthodox. For one thing, he never stretches, believing it leads to injury. Eschewing sports drinks, he guzzles diluted Coca-Cola to fuel his final miles; the night before a race, he hides a bottle of the stuff along the course. “With six miles to go,” he says, “it’s such a pleasure to grab that bottle from some bush along the side of the road.”

Unlike most elite marathoners, Dykes includes some 200-mile ultra-marathons and multiday stage races—like a 140-miler over seven days—among the thirty-five races he runs annually. Although many runners would fear that those long races would

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harm performance in the 26.2-milers, he thinks they improve it by raising his pain tolerance and honing his ability to recover quickly. Above all, he attributes his success to a coach he hired a few years ago. “He designed workouts that I could not have dreamed up,” he says, “because at first they seemed impossibly hard.” It’s not that the coach had Dykes pulling a sled filled with rocks; rather, he amped up the frequency and intensity of



STEP BY STEP: Dykes during his record-breaking race in Rotterdam

workouts, which Dykes says appealed to his inner “running nerd.” And along with that improved fitness came a mental breakthrough: sustained, sub-seven-minute miles were doable. The age-seventy record that Dykes smashed in Rotterdam had been set by Ed Whitlock, a legendary Canadian runner who died last year. When Whitlock was seventy-three, he ran an even faster marathon, a record that Dykes is now eyeing. “I’m three minutes off that right now,” he says. “I’ll probably give it a go.” ■

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NETWORK NEWS

**Comm professor
Lee Humphreys '99
explores the vintage
roots of modern
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As a communication major in CALS, Lee Humphreys '99 did an honors thesis on photo manipulation—inspired by the infamous 1994 Time cover that sparked outrage and accusations of racism for depicting O.J. Simpson with artificially darkened skin. Today, as an associate professor in the same department, she's still studying the intersection of media, technology, and society. In her new book—The Qualified Self: Social Media and the Accounting of Everyday Life, published in April by MIT Press—Humphreys puts platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram into historical context. While modern social media is often slammed for enabling narcissism, she argues that their role is far more complex—and that such platforms have their roots in old-school media such as scrapbooks, diaries, baby books, and photographic slides.

We think of diaries as inherently personal. How can they be like blogs, which are written for public consumption?

That was the first piece of history that blew my mind in thinking about social media today—that historically, diaries were not always a notebook with a lock on it into which you pour your innermost secrets. In fact, they were often shared. Sometimes you'd put your diary in the mail and send it to people to read and comment in the margins. Diaries would explain what was going on in the community; it wasn't just about the

writer, but a social chronicling of events: "We planted corn; Mr. Smith came to visit; the baby was born; we went to church." When people would visit, you'd go through your diary together as a way to catch up. It's this idea of people using media to document their lives and share it with others, which describes a fair bit of the content on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

'The primary reason that we share the everyday details of our lives is to reinforce our social connections with others; knowing what someone had for breakfast is actually a form of intimacy.'

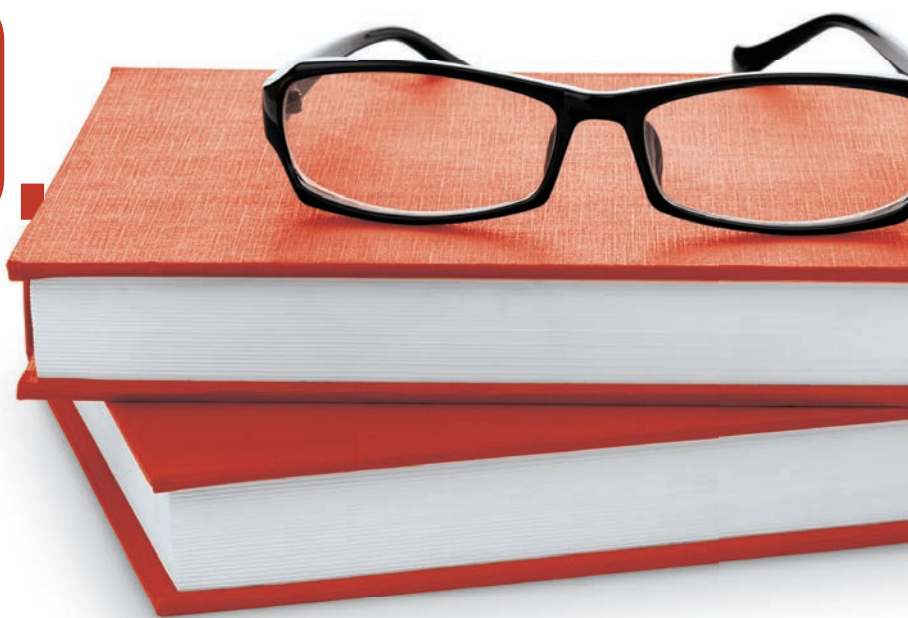
Social media posts are often dismissed as banal; there's the stereotype of tweeting a picture of your latte. Does that sort of thing have value?

The primary reason that we share the everyday details of our lives is to reinforce our social connections with others; knowing what someone had for breakfast is actually a form of intimacy. When I talk to my mom on the phone and she says, "I made a pot roast for dinner last night," it's not really about the pot roast. It's about our relationship—the intimacy and experiences we've shared.

One of your most intriguing observations is that the brevity of Twitter—which initially limited posts to 140 characters—is nothing new. How can that be?

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diaries," which enabled people to take their journal with them rather than writing at the end of the day. One historian has argued that people loved them, in part, because they constrained the writing space, and that was really welcome.

Why would less space be preferable?

The way I teach my students about it is, "Think about the stress you feel when you sit down to a blank Word document. Now, think about what it's like to sit down to a Post-It note." There's no stress about writing on a Post-It. Some of the earliest adopters of Twitter were bloggers, and I think part of the reason is because they were afforded so much space on their blogging platforms that Twitter

'Sitting through slideshows at my grandparents' house or at church is not that dissimilar to looking at people's Facebook posts.'

was a welcome constraint. It allowed them to speak to their audiences without feeling that they had to write paragraphs and paragraphs of prose.

You also talk about how social media echoes the bygone pastime of viewing slides of other people's vacation photos.

Slideshows are a great example of sharing one's life experiences through media—and more importantly, that we have a social accountability to receive the media traces of others. As people create these media to document their lives, there's an expectation that we will attend to those messages. Sitting through slideshows at my grandparents' house or at church is not that dissimilar to looking at people's Facebook posts. Liking them is a way of acknowledging that you're receiving their messages about their life experiences. If someone posts that they just had a baby, I don't think you can scroll through and not like it—there's such social accountability to bear witness.

In the book, you describe some of your own Facebook habits—including posting a "happy birthday" message for your father, even though he's not on the site. Why do we do that sort of thing?

Right—if I'm not posting it to him, who am I talking to? I'm posting it to my family and friends who know him, so we can celebrate together. But fundamentally, it's about me recognizing my relationship with him.

Does researching this field affect the way you behave on social media?

I'm very aware of the norms. For instance, we went on a cruise with my parents for their fiftieth anniversary. It was lovely, and I wanted to celebrate that by posting some photos. But the week that I came back was really crazy at work, so I never got around to it—and when I finally had time, I thought it was too late. The norm

on social media is that you either post them during a trip or right after. As someone who studies it, I'm so aware of the expectations that it stifled my own use.

Finally: why do we love Throwback Thursday?

In the book, I call it not a "remembrance" activity but a "reckoning" activity—how we come to understand who we are and how we've changed. The accepted guidelines for Throwback Thursday are that posts can't be too recent or too braggy. It can't be you winning an award; there has to be a kind of self-deprecation. Part of the reason why we can post embarrassing photos of ourselves from junior high or when we were six is because that photo is absolutely us, but not anymore. There's a great, evocative emotion that comes from sharing a piece of ourselves—but now we have better hair, or we don't have food all over our face. We recognize that it was a moment, and we can laugh at it. ■

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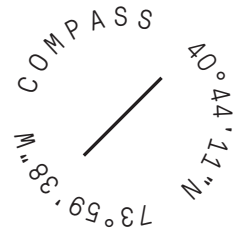
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CAPTAINS OF CRUNCH

Two Hotelie undergrads shake up the granola scene with savory flavors



BEE ORIGINAL: Bumble & Butter's products in the bag (above) and topping a dish (left). Below: Founders Jamie Kim '19 (right) and Katie Lee '19.

Vanilla bean granola with dried cherries seems fairly conventional—though it may belong at the upscale end of the cereal aisle. But what about rosemary-flavored granola with Zante currants? Or a cheddar cheese variety that's seasoned with cracked black pepper?

These unique flavors are the bread and butter for Bumble & Butter, a boutique food business run by Hotelies Jamie Kim '19 and Katie Lee '19. The two undergrads are involved in every step of production—from baking each seventy-five-pound batch (in a commercial kitchen in Stocking Hall) to sealing every bag. In the company's early days, Kim even hand-painted the labels (which, she admits, “was nuts”). “There have been so many nights when I’ve pulled all-nighters to finish an order,” says Kim. “It’s exciting, but it’s definitely been difficult.”

As the name implies, all of Bumble & Butter's granola is made with real honey and butter. Kim and Lee source the latter in fifty-pound blocks from an Upstate dairy farm whose cows are grass-fed, driving three hours round-trip to pick it up; their honey comes from an Ithaca apiary. The final product, Kim says, is “buttery and crunchy, and it has a nice balance of sweet and salty. It has layers of flavor, so each bite is a little bit different.” In addition to their three core flavors, Kim and Lee make the occasional limited-edition variety, such as black truffle or sweet potato with ginger and cinnamon. On their packages, they offer some unusual serving suggestions, such as topping tomato soup, salads, or even macaroni and cheese. “Honestly,” says Lee, “I just like eating it straight out of the bag.”

‘It has layers of flavor,’ granola entrepreneur Jamie Kim ‘19 says of her product, ‘so each bite is a little bit different.’

A Kickstarter campaign, launched in late 2016, raised more than \$2,000 in seed funding; Lee notes that about 70 percent of backers came from outside their social circle (it helped that the venture was featured on the site's “Products We Love” page). In 2017–18, the pair joined Cornell's eLab startup accelerator, which gave them business experience, academic credit, and faculty mentorship. “They’re really bright and hard-working,” says their eLab mentor, Steven Gal '88, BS '90, a senior lecturer in management at the Johnson School. “When you work with them, you see just how intense and focused they are, and how much time and energy they’ve put into this.”

In addition to being sold through their website, Bumble & Butter granola is available at ten Ithaca stores—including Collegetown Bagels, the Statler gift shop, and CALS' Manndible Café—and one location in Syracuse. They recently started selling on Amazon—offering Prime shipping, which they say has spurred sales dramatically. They also handle the occasional large

order, including 240 bags for a monthly subscription box featuring honey-based products, and 500 bags they put together as wedding favors, complete with personalized labels. In response to their growth, the pair recently hired food science major Devon Rosen '19, who will oversee safety issues such as shelf life.

In running the business, Lee contributes more on the marketing side. Kim—who has made granola since high school, when she would give away jars of the rosemary flavor to friends and family—focuses on the culinary end. She traces her inspiration for making savory granola to a summer job in guest relations at Eleven Madison Park, the renowned Manhattan restaurant (co-owned by Will Guidara '01) that tops many best-of lists. “I

noticed that chefs were using it as a way to elevate a dish by adding different textual elements,” says Kim. “Savory granola is big in the dining industry, but it’s not being seen in grocery stores.” And indeed, she admits that many people remain skeptical about sampling it. “They’re like, ‘Did you say cheddar?’” says Kim. “And they’re always surprised by how much they like it. I think that’s the best part of having a granola business—you can change the way people think about food.” ■

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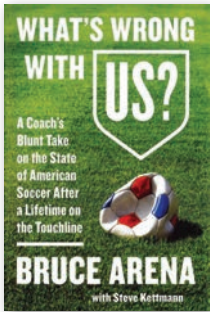
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In his memoir, subtitled “A coach's blunt take on the state of American soccer after a lifetime on the touchline,” Arena gives insights on the industry, from recruiting young players to incorporating foreign athletes. He recounts some of his experiences from forty-plus years as a coach, including interactions with legendary players such as David Beckham. In the chapter “Animal House at Cornell,” Arena reminisces about living in a fraternity and playing soccer and lacrosse on the Hill. The book culminates with an outline for reform, which includes bringing in directors with a better understanding of the technical aspects of soccer, as opposed to just the financial or political sides. “One of the key problems with soccer in the United States right now is the inability to make a distinction between making money and developing the sport,” he writes. “We've pretended that the two goals are the same, when in fact they're only somewhat related.”



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From the style director of home décor site Joss & Main comes this hardcover with tips to bedeck your living spaces. Garlough rejects a number of outdated design notions that, she says, have been around since “people bought forever homes as newlyweds”—such as the importance of investing in expensive furniture that will last a lifetime. Instead, she offers suggestions that take into account such obstacles as a tight budget and oddly configured spaces. “In this age of flash sales, Pinterest, and incredibly gorgeous home-design blogs and magazines, there's no shortage of inspiration,” Garlough writes in the introduction. “What we need is the guts to decorate our own homes.”



Good Neighbors

JOANNE SERLING '88

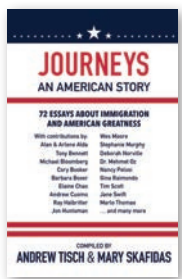
Serling's debut novel centers around four young, affluent families who live on the same street in an upscale Boston suburb. While they try to make their lives appear effortless and glamorous, each couple is hiding family secrets to preserve their social status. As Serling writes (from the point of view of one of the mothers): “We were eager for each other's friendship and reassurance. Convinced that our friends could do for us what our spouses were supposedly doing but simply couldn't: alleviating the boredom and the isolation of middle age, helping us to navigate this strange furlough called parenthood.” Tension surges when one couple adopts a child from Russia—and the others begin to suspect cruelty and neglect. “Serling succeeds at dialing up a sense of dread,” says *Publisher's Weekly*. “While many novels have tackled the subject of suburban secrets and unease, this one excels in particular at exploring the bonds among families.”



For Single Mothers Working as Train Conductors

LAURA ESTHER WOLFSON '87

In this collection of essays, which won the Iowa Prize for Literary Nonfiction, Wolfson reflects on her varied life experiences. She has survived a degenerative lung disease; lived in Russia, France, and the U.S.; been married to two very different men; and worked as a multilingual, globe-trotting translator before transitioning to more mundane employment. “State banquets at the Kremlin, mafia trials, forgotten literary masterpieces, KGB files declassified under Yeltsin (later to be reclassified under Putin)—I translated them all,” Wolfson writes. “It was a halcyon time.” The memoir's unusual title stems from a quirky, bygone fact of Soviet culture: if single mothers who worked as train conductors had to make long trips and had no one to mind their children, twenty-four-hour day care was available. Says *Kirkus*: “This evocatively detailed and richly experienced writing reflects a life with no dearth of material.”

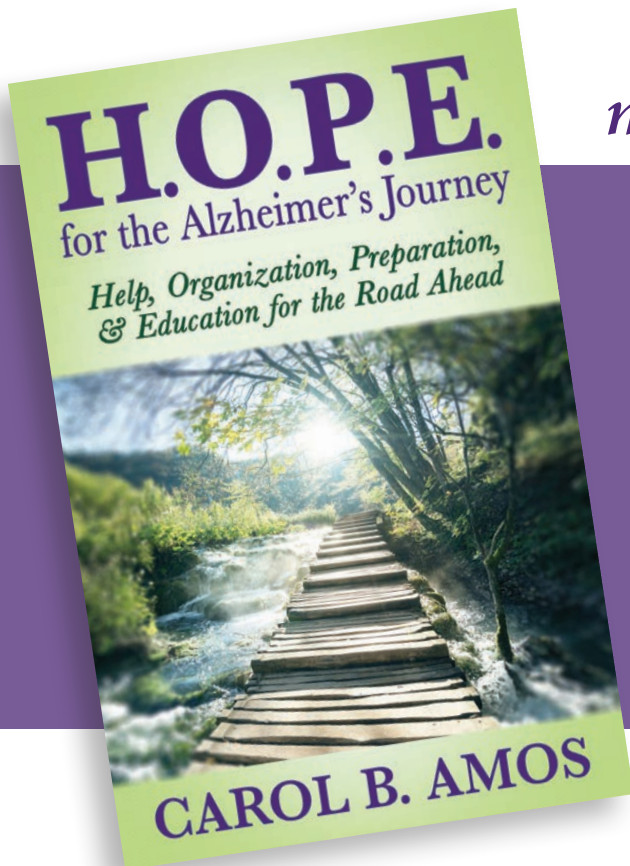


Journeys: An American Story

ANDREW TISCH '71

Tisch and his coauthor have compiled seventy-two diverse essays by and about immigrants and their journeys to America. While some are penned by public figures—such as New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97—most are by average Americans, writing about themselves or their ancestors. Both coauthors also contributed personal stories. (Tisch, former service chairman of Cornell's Board of Trustees, writes about his great-grandfather, who came to America in 1904 with his wife and children.) The essays are grouped into ten sections, based on the driving cause behind each person's motivation for coming to the U.S.—from love and opportunity in this country to oppression and violence back home. The stories, says *Kirkus*, “coalesce to counter the narrative of fear offered by the loud anti-immigrant voices throughout the country.”

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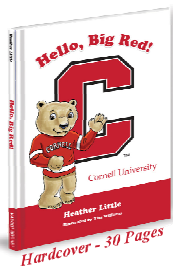
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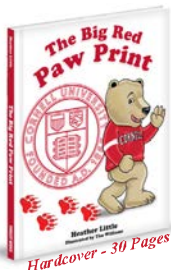


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Big Red Highlights

MEN'S LACROSSE After a two-year absence, Cornell returned to the NCAA tournament, reaching the quarterfinals before losing to Maryland 13-8. The Big Red earned their bid by winning the Ivy League tournament for the first time since 2010. They finished the season 13-5 and were ranked in the top 10 for the first time since 2015. Nine players earned All-Ivy honors—the most in 11 years—led by first-team selections **Jordan Dowiak '18** (below), **Jake Pulver '18**, and **Jeff Teat '20**.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS At the USAG Gymnastics Women's Collegiate National Championships in Texas, **Kaitlin Green '19** posted Cornell's top result during the individual portion of the event with a third-place finish on balance beam, earning first-team All-American honors. **Amy Shen '21** (third in all-around, eighth in vault) and **Izzy Herczeg '21** (10th in floor exercise) also earned first-team laurels. In the team event, Cornell set a school record with 195 points to finish second in its semifinal before finishing fourth in the final.

MEN'S GOLF **Mike Graboyes '18** finished his Cornell career as the only golfer to earn All-Ivy honors four times when he placed third at the Ivy championships. The Big Red came in fourth at the event—24 strokes behind first-place Yale but

only two shots out of second and one out of third. Head coach Matt Baughan was named the league's Coach of the Year.

WOMEN'S TENNIS **Priyanka Shah '18** (right) is the first Cornell women's player to earn first-team All-Ivy honors in both singles and doubles in the same season, finishing her career 47-27 in singles and 48-26 in doubles. **Ananya Dua '20**, Shah's partner as a first-team doubles pick, also earned second-team laurels in singles, becoming the first underclassman in program history to get two postseason honors in the same year.

EQUESTRIAN As a team, the Big Red came in first at the Ivy League Show for the second straight season and the ninth time overall. Four riders won individual titles: **Sam Levkusic '19** in novice fences, **Molly O'Shea '18** in open flat, **Renee Vivancos-Koopman '19** in walk trot, and **Maddy Kinnear '19** in walk trot canter.

POLO Both the women's and men's teams saw their seasons end at the USPA Intercollegiate semifinals. The women lost to Virginia 13-8 to finish 16-4, while the men fell to Southern Methodist 14-9 to close with a 15-4 record. Both advanced to nationals by winning Northeast Region titles.



ALUMNI NEWS

WRESTLING **Kyle Dake '13**—the first NCAA wrestler to win national titles in four different weight classes—continues to make history. In April, he helped the U.S. win its first World Cup title in 15 years. He went 4-0 at 79 kilograms (about 174 pounds), besting his first three opponents with a combined score of 31-0 before beating a two-time Olympian from Azerbaijan 6-4 in the title match. A month later, Dake won the U.S. freestyle championship at 79 kg, taking the title match by criteria after the score was tied 5-5 at the end of the third period. **Nashon Garrett '16** was second at 61 kg in the national event, losing the title match 20-13.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE **Jenny Graap '86** collected her 200th win as head coach when the Big Red beat Binghamton 15-7 in April. When combined with the wins she earned in four seasons at George Mason before taking the Cornell post in 1998, Graap has 221 career wins—ranking 13th among active coaches and 15th of all-time. In other news, former Big Red player **Kathy Milmo Taylor '84** coached LeMoyne College to the NCAA Division II championship, the school's first national title in a women's sport. The Dolphins finished 22-0, matching the Division II record for wins in a season. Taylor led Cortland State to six conference titles in six seasons before taking over at LeMoyne in 2014.

MEN'S HOCKEY A pair of former Cornell players earned post-season laurels in professional leagues this season. The Binghamton Devils' **Jacob MacDonald '15** was named an AHL first-team all-star after leading the league's defensemen in scoring with 55 points on 20 goals and 35 assists; he was also his team's MVP. **Mitch Gillam '17** was named to the ECHL All-Rookie Team. Playing for the Worcester Railers, a New York Islanders affiliate, Gillam was the league's top-ranked rookie goalie, posting a 2.15 goals-against average with a 23-14 record and an ECHL-best five shutouts.





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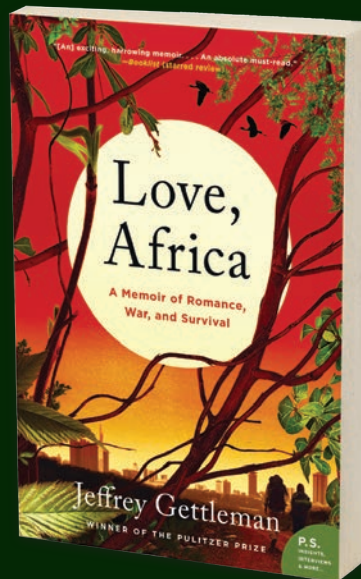
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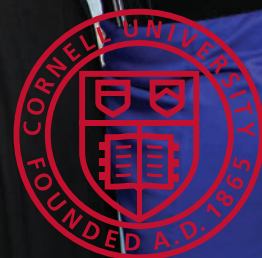
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Growth MEDIUM

In the ag equivalent of an annual physical, a busy CALS lab offers comprehensive check-ups for an essential resource: soil

BY BETH SAULNIER Photos by Allison Usavage

Don't call it dirt. As Kirsten Kurtz, manager of Cornell's Soil Health Lab, points out: while "dirt" and "soil" may be interchangeable to the layperson, to experts the words have distinct meanings. "Dirt is a scientific term," she explains. "It means soil that's somewhere you don't want it to be—like on your pants."

Soil, on the other hand, is the stuff of life. Just ask Harold van Es, a veteran professor of soil and crop sciences who helped found the CALS lab in the mid-Aughts. "When you think about the basic resources that life on Earth depends on, they're water, air, sun, and soil," he says. "Soils provide the minerals and the medium for plants to grow—and ultimately we eat the plants, or we eat the animals that eat the plants." And as van Es is pleased to report, soil is having its moment; the lowly matter beneath our feet is finally getting the respect it deserves. "Soil was misunderstood for a long time, but in the past few years, it's been remarkable how much more people appreciate it," says van Es, a native of Holland who has taught on the Hill for three decades. "People might >



CAN YOU DIG IT?: Soil Health Lab manager Kirsten Kurtz (left) in the lab with Harold van Es, professor of soil and crop sciences. Opposite page: A sampling of the soils the lab has received for testing.

Van Es compares the tests to a person's annual physical: 'You wouldn't try to solve all your health problems through medication and not look at it in terms of lifestyle.'

have thought, 'Soil is dirt, it doesn't matter'—but I've seen a tremendous change in attitudes." He attributes that shift, in large part, to the rise of the foodie movement, and the newfound obsession it has sparked regarding how and where ingredients are sourced. "If people care about food," he says, "then they extrapolate relatively easily to, 'Oh, then healthy soil is also important.'"

Last year, van Es and colleagues won a major award for their development of

a method for helping growers establish optimal levels of nitrogen—a key ingredient in fertilizer—on their crops. Dubbed ADAPT-N, the cloud-based computational tool lets users enter information like planting dates, crop type, and tillage practices; it then uses weather records, detailed soil data, and more to identify the correct nitrogen levels, allowing growers to apply the minimum amount while optimizing yields. Now licensed by a major European fertilizer company,

ADAPT-N beat out dozens of other entries to win the \$1 million grand prize from the Tulane Nitrogen Reduction Challenge, established to find ways to reduce nitrogen runoff from farming—a major driver of the huge algae blooms in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere.

While ADAPT-N is a virtual tool, the Soil Health Lab's work is decidedly hands-on, with a trained staff of technicians who process the thousands of samples it receives every year (predictably, spring is its busy season). Housed in Bradfield Hall—the hulking, mostly windowless brick tower at the edge of the Ag Quad—the lab is a pioneer in its field. The first facility to offer an exhaustive array of tests to assess soil health—Kurtz calls it "the most comprehensive soil health lab in the world"—it's the busiest in the business, conducting some 50,000 individual tests per year. It has also set the standard for other such labs in the U.S. and abroad, as CALS staff have advised other institutions on getting their soil analysis programs off the ground. "We offer them our standard operating procedures—we're an open book," says Bob Schindelbeck, MS '87, the lab's director since its founding.



That could mean specific guidelines (like drying particular types of samples for one day at 60 degrees Celsius) or common sense advice (like folding stacks of cone-shaped filter papers ahead of time for more efficient workflow). “We have great outreach,” says Schindelbeck, who also stresses the lab’s Cooperative Extension mission to help New York State growers. “It only makes us happier, because we believe it helps us do our job better.”

As he and van Es explain, in the past soil analysis mainly focused on its chemical components, such as the amount of nitrogen or its pH level—issues that could be addressed by the application of fertilizers and other additives. But in recent years, researchers have taken a more holistic look at soil composition. They now consider its biological elements—including the number of weed seeds or the presence of organisms like nematodes, which may be beneficial or harmful depending on the species. They also study its physical structure such as its texture, how porous it is, and the size of its crumb-like particles, known as “aggregates.” “We look at the chemical, physical, and biological aspects of soil, and we put them all together,” says Kurtz, “because soil processes influence each other.”

The lab’s clients include farmers, agribusiness consultants, landscapers, home gardeners, academic researchers, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which sends in samples from around the country to establish baselines for soil health. Its standard analysis package, a suite of sixteen tests, costs \$110 and requires about four cups of soil, which clients mail in from throughout the U.S. and abroad. (The lab, which holds a USDA permit to import soil, follows strict safety protocols to prevent the spread of harmful organisms. Samples are autoclaved—heated to a high temperature—to kill any potential pathogens.) Van Es compares the tests—which can include a variety of add-ons, such as screening for heavy metals or measuring salt levels—to a person’s annual physical. “At your checkup, a number of measurements are made—your blood pressure, heart rate, cholesterol,” he says. “We’ve basically developed a holistic assessment of soil. If you see yields plateau, for example, you could put more chemicals into the soil—but there may be something else that’s limiting its function. You wouldn’t

try to solve all your health problems through medication and not look at it in terms of lifestyle.”

Just as one weekend of sitting on the couch eating pizza and ice cream won’t send you to the ER but decades of it could have dire health consequences, season after season of using the wrong type of fertilizer, plowing when the ground is too wet, compacting the soil through the use of heavy machinery, or failing to rotate crops appropriately could lead to poor soil health and disappointing yields. “We’re giving guidance on where the primary problem is with your soil, and what strategies you should focus on,” says van Es. >



PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

PhD candidate Zafer Bestas sieves soil to prepare it for an analysis of available water capacity. Opposite page: Lab technician Bamidaaye Sinon removes samples from the oven during a texture analysis.



WHEN IT RAINS IT

POURS: Lab director Bob Schindelbeck, MS '87 (top), with the "sprinkle infiltrrometer" he designed, seen in full below

'If your soil is unhealthy,' says Schindelbeck, 'it's going to really show in stressful environments, like this crazy weather we've been having.'



"It's like saying, 'If you eat better and exercise, you can build your health back up.' " And, Schindelbeck says, at a time when the world is seeing more extreme weather events, soil health is more important than ever. "When you're healthy, you're sustainable," he says. "Sure, an unhealthy person can walk up a flight of stairs—but what if you have to walk up sixty flights? If your soil is unhealthy, it's going to really show in stressful environments, like this crazy weather we've been having. When there's more drought, or it's wetter for extended periods, healthier soil can take it without catastrophically failing."

In the early Nineties, Schindelbeck designed one of the lab's signature tests: a device, called a "sprinkle infiltrrometer" that simulates rainfall. Essentially a vacuum-controlled water tank with tiny tubes along the bottom, it allows researchers to assess how well soil stands up to

a deluge; does it wash away, or does it remain stable and retain the water as a resource for plant life? "We put the soil samples underneath and let the rain beat on them," he explains. "It's a five-minute thunderstorm." The lab not only uses Schindelbeck's creation in its own testing, but fabricates a field version for sale (\$1,200 plus shipping) to other research facilities. As Schindelbeck describes how healthy soil behaves during a heavy rainfall—generating that clean, woody aroma that so many air fresheners aim to emulate—his language approaches the poetic. "As nature takes a drink, she exhales, and as that stale air is gone, the water percolates, pulling fresh air in—so she takes a breath," he says. "Nature in her beauty not only takes a drink of water, she takes a drink of fresh air. That's the rejuvenation of rain. What you smell in the rain is that exhale—it's the soil's breath." ■

Earth Tones

Grad student and CALS staffer Kirsten Kurtz is a pioneer in an unusual genre: soil art



In Native American tradition, the “three sisters” are a trio of crops—corn, winter squash, and climbing beans—that thrive together, like supportive siblings. Last winter, Kirsten Kurtz, a formally trained artist who manages the Soil Health Lab, channeled that concept into a painting. Inspired by Franz von Stuck’s classic 1910 work *Ringelreihen*, it depicts three joyful women holding hands as they dance in a circle, their vegetables in wicker baskets at their feet. The four-by-five-foot image, created by Kurtz and five fellow artists during a public painting event in Mann Library in December, won first prize in a contest held by the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization—and not just because of its theme. The painting, like all of Kurtz’s current artistic work, is executed in an unorthodox medium: soil. >



ART & NATURE: Kurtz’s *After Artemis* (top). Above: The artist at work on the painting.



'I tweak my colors a lot, like I'll mix a light sand in with a darker soil to get gray,' Kurtz says. 'As I get more comfortable with this medium, I'm working with it almost like an oil painting where I'm blending on the canvas, which is really fun.'



RAW MATERIALS: Some of the lab's soils, sourced from around the U.S. and abroad, that Kurtz uses in her paintings. Opposite page: Her award-winning *Three Sisters in Soil*.

Kurtz—who is also a master's candidate in natural resources, conducting research on grassland soils in the Midwest—is among a small group of artists worldwide creating works whose pigments are derived entirely from soil. It's an emerging genre that has ancient roots, stretching back millennia to paintings on cave walls. "Soil has become my preferred art form," she says, adding that when it comes to conventional paints, "I couldn't go back to the lack of texture, of depth." Although she estimates that about ten other contemporary artists worldwide are currently painting with soil, she wasn't aware of them when she started—so she had to develop her own technique. On her website, soilpainting.com, she shares step-by-step instructions: after the soil is air-dried and sieved, it's mixed with water and clear gesso (a compound typically used to prime canvases) to form the consistency of acrylic paint. "I tweak my colors a lot, like I'll mix a light sand in with a darker soil to get gray," she says. "As I get more comfortable with this medium, I'm working with it almost like an oil painting where I'm blending on the canvas, which is really fun."

While the majority of soils come in shades of black, brown, or red, there are some vivid exceptions, including a blue clay from Maryland ("I loved it so much, I've used it all," Kurtz admits) and a green one from France. Kurtz notes that the medium requires patience and planning, since the paints tend to take on a lighter hue as they dry. "You have to build the colors up slowly," explains Kurtz, who grew up on an organic farm in Upstate New York and studied visual arts as an undergrad at SUNY Empire State and Alfred University. "It takes at least five or six layers to get that richness and depth of color. Typically, I lay down a layer, walk away, and come back an hour or two later or the next day. I've learned the hard way that to match the colors again, I have to take really careful notes."

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I'm passionate about helping the public think about soil as a natural resource in the same way we think about air and water." Kurtz has organized a variety of public soil painting events, which have drawn crowds of students, community members, and kids. (The latter, she recalls, "were playing with the soil, painting their faces with it—it was pretty adorable.") A video of a 2015 celebration on campus to mark World Soil Day—at which participants created two large canvases, including a cutaway view of the geologic strata beneath McGraw Tower—inspired the U.N. to announce its worldwide soil painting competition. "That night," Kurtz says with a laugh, "I bought the rights to soilpainting.com."

Asked to name soil's main attraction as an artistic medium, Kurtz cites its rich, varied texture—but she points out that those same qualities can make painting with it a complicated endeavor. Not only is creating finely detailed lines a challenge—especially when working with soil that comprises large particles—but the final product can be much more fragile than a conventional work. "After we finished the *Three Sisters* mural, the clay all cracked," she laments. "I had never worked with pure clay before, and I was pretty heartbroken." She broke off all the cracked parts, added more gesso to the clay, and repainted it—but the same thing happened. "Then it occurred to me that I could also add soil to the clay, and lots more gesso, and I was able to get it to adhere," she says. "The cracks in the different layers ended up being really cool, and I was even happier with the final product. It's like science and art; it's problem solving. You have to be creative." ■



BIG RED

Summer Puzzle Special

With many puzzle fans among Cornell's alumni, CAM decided to create a special section devoted to Big Red-themed puzzles. We reached out to the National Puzzlers' League to help us recruit constructors, and the next thing we knew, none other than Will Shortz—puzzle editor of the *New York Times*, “puzzle master” for NPR’s Weekend Edition Sunday, and a veritable giant among cruciverbalists—had sent out a mass e-mail to League members on our behalf. To our surprise and delight, many of those who responded were alums, including people who have constructed for such venues as the *New York Times*, the *L.A. Times*, and *Games* magazine. The following pages are filled with Cornell-inspired puzzles, each created by an alum or a CAM staffer. They comprise varying levels of difficulty and an assortment of genres—crossword to acrostic, rebus to word search. There’s a Founders maze, math problems featuring the Hot Truck and Touchdown, a “spot the difference” challenge set in the A.D. White Reading Room, and much more. Answers can be found on page 93. Need a hint? Go to cornellalumnimagazine.com/puzzlehints, where you’ll also find links to explanations of how some of the answers are derived. Happy solving!

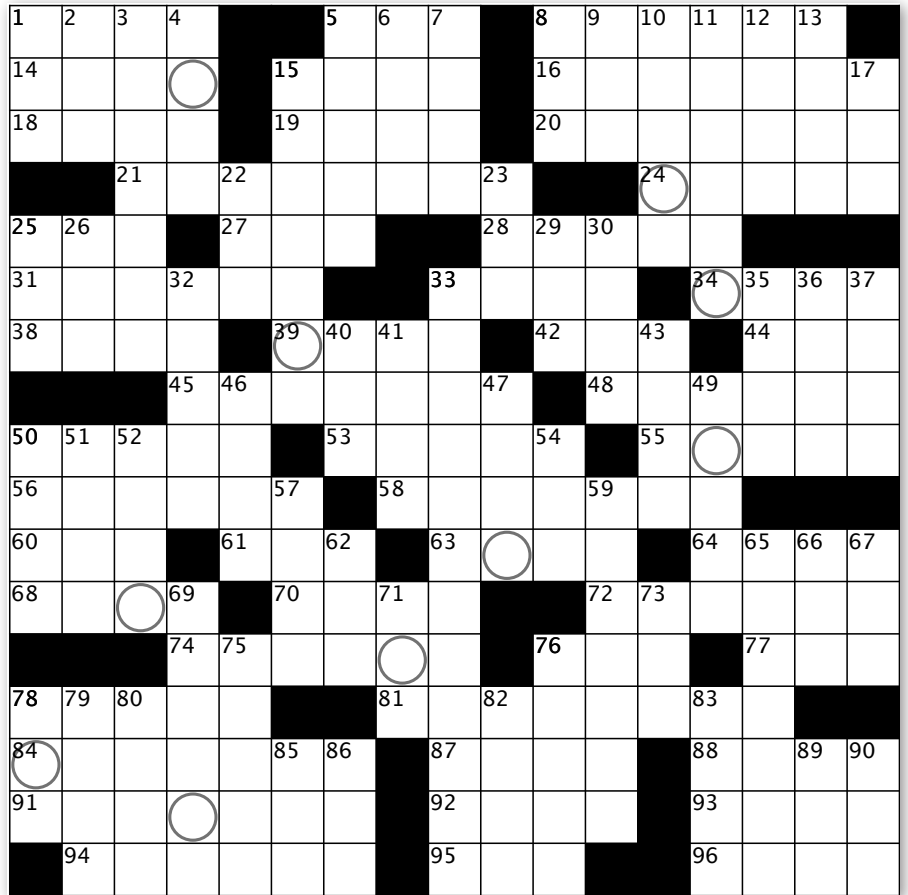
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Robyn Lipsky Weintraub '91

When read in order, the letters in the circles pose a question pertaining to 33 Down.

ACROSS

1. Last word in an ultimatum
5. College entrance exam
8. Newman Arena team
14. Like the Lynah Faithful
15. *Gödel, Escher, _____* (Douglas Hofstadter book)
16. Suited like a knight
18. Library with a poultry science collection
19. "Suffice ___ say ..."
20. Campus destination listed on Expedia.com, with "The"
21. Cornell masthead words
24. Details on a list
25. Hockey rivals from Troy, NY
27. Camera type, briefly
28. Cornell-bred cultivar Empire, for one
31. Campus creature that emerges once a year
33. Traditional Thanksgiving dish
34. Oft-regarded guy on campus?
38. You might get one from a Hangover
39. Folksy affirmative
42. Kissing on the Ag Quad, say
44. Game piece
45. *West Side Story* song
48. Westernmost Ivy League city
50. See 51 Down
53. It may be obtuse
55. West Campus name since the Sixties
56. "Tell all the ___ on the Hill ..."
58. Geological process that forms gorges
60. Prez who penned an Address in Kroch Library
61. CU college featured in a Nat Geo reality series
63. New Year's song title starter
64. Auction website
68. Cornell professor Lowi and namesakes
70. Query from a patient of 61 Across
72. Lake located far below campus
74. *Murder on the Orient Express* sleuth
76. Cornell Maple Program raw material
77. SUNY member?
78. Professor who made multiple appearances on "The Tonight Show"
81. PMP producer
84. Oakenshields neighbor
87. One of six in this clue
88. Kindergarten lessons
91. Type of adhesive
92. Australian birds
93. Touchdown at Schoellkopf
94. Kept looking
95. Class of '54 alum "Notorious ___"
96. Racetrack stats



DOWN

1. Certain shade tree
2. Hawaii's Mauna _____
3. Old timer on the Engineering Quad?
4. Poet ___ St. Vincent Millay
5. Mythical creature that's part goat
6. Some college entrance exams
7. You, in the Bible
8. Gov. majors' degrees
9. NYC's first subway line
10. It might get forwarded to cornell.edu
11. Went bad
12. Perry Mason author ___ Stanley Gardner
13. Determine
15. Class of '77 alum "The Science Guy"
17. Grads of the 86 Down college
22. Looking for, in personal ads
23. Hammock activity
25. Campus and Dryden: Abbr.
26. Athlete who moved up from the NCAA, say
29. Dot on 44 Across
30. Salon offering, briefly
32. Have a cow
33. Mysterious campus sight from fall 1997 (and 20+ years later, the perpetrator's identity remains unknown)
35. When preceded by 28 Across, a proverbial prescription for good health
36. More than just a bad habit
37. All those in favor
40. Bygone weekly student publication *The Cornell* _____
41. Mathematical curve
43. ___ cost (free)
46. "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin
47. Baseball family surname
49. Cornell Beekeeping Club product
50. Little argument
51. With 50 Across, notable grade at Cornell?
52. Gave the go-ahead
54. Class for some international students
57. Interstate rig
59. Lost ones get replaced in Day Hall
62. Thrice in Latin
65. Part of a dorm setup
66. Mature, as cheese
67. Deviate from one's course, as a ship or plane
69. Ancient foe of Athens
71. Fireworks exclamation
73. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
75. "Time is ___ side"
76. Olympic gymnast Kerri
78. Comic Caesar
79. Stewart and University: Abbr.
80. *Peer* ___ (Ibsen play)
82. Mummy's place
83. Popular Mexican resort, for short
85. It's unrefined
86. Cornell ___: NYC campus, familiarly
89. Scoundrel
90. Ones ordering caps and gowns: Abbr.



LOGIC

Karen Richards '87

Use the grids to eliminate options and derive the answers to each of these puzzles—one relatively easy, the other devilishly difficult.

Easier: The Student Meet-Up

Four students in different years (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior) want to get together over lunch to work on a class project. Each person favors a different restaurant (Collegetown Bagels, The Nines, Ruloff's, or Souvlaki House) and each is coming from a different building (Ives, Lincoln, Malott, or Snee). Can you figure out where everyone is coming from and where they'd like to go?

1. The person who wants to meet at Ruloff's is two years ahead of the person coming from Snee.
2. The person coming from Malott is a year ahead of the person who wants to go to Collegetown Bagels, who is a year ahead of the sophomore.
3. The person who wants to go to Souvlaki House isn't coming from Snee or Lincoln.

	C. BAGELS	THE NINES	RULOFF'S	SOUVLAKI H.	IVES	LINCOLN	MALOTT	SNEE
FRESHMAN								
SOPHOMORE								
JUNIOR								
SENIOR								
IVES								
LINCOLN								
MALOTT								
SNEE								

CLASS	BUILDING	RESTAURANT

More Challenging: A Cornellian Quartet

Use the clues below to determine the first names (Andrew, Ezra, Jennie, or Martha) and last names (Morrill, Sibley, Stimson, or Uris) of four fictional alumni, the year they graduated (1951, 1962, 1974, or 1986), their major (classics, hotel administration, mechanical engineering, or plant science), and the sport they played (basketball, lacrosse, soccer, or tennis).

1. The Hotelie, whose first name isn't Jennie, graduated after Martha, but before the lacrosse player.
2. Sibley, whose first name isn't Andrew, didn't play basketball and graduated after the

mechanical engineering major.

3. Uris, who didn't play lacrosse or basketball, graduated after Morrill, who graduated after Jennie.
4. Stimson didn't major in classics, and Ezra, who graduated after Stimson, didn't play soccer.
5. Andrew, who wasn't an engineer, graduated a dozen years after the tennis player, who was not in plant science.
6. Martha isn't the basketball player, Andrew isn't the lacrosse player, and the engineer isn't the tennis player.

	ANDREW	EZRA	JENNIE	MARTHA	CLASSICS	HOTEL ADMIN.	MECH. ENG.	PLANT SCIENCE	1951	1962	1974	1986	BASKETBALL	LACROSSE	SOCCER	TENNIS
MORRILL																
SIBLEY																
STIMSON																
URIS																
BASKETBALL																
LACROSSE																
SOCCER																
TENNIS																
1951																
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CLASSICS																
HOTEL ADMIN.																
MECH. ENG.																
PLANT SCIENCE																

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MAJOR	GRAD YEAR	SPORT

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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The top photo—taken in Uris Library’s A.D. White Reading Room in spring 2010—has been manipulated in twenty ways, as seen in the bottom image. Can you find them all?



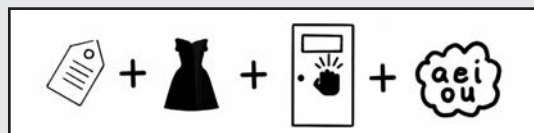
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- 18) _____
- 19) _____
- 20) _____

REBUS NO.1

Karen Richards '87

The images form a Cornell-related answer, as in this example: Fin + Girl + Eggs = Finger Lakes



More of Richards's rebus puzzles appear on the following pages.

CRYPTO Quotes

Karen Richards '87

The follow quotations by distinguished Cornellians are encrypted with a simple substitution code: each letter of the alphabet is represented by another. The codes are different for each quotation. Can you decipher them all?

① "JUS TIC'E PIDM RE IHH, IHH IE
UCTM...UDMA FJ HRXMOLIC R EPRCV R
PIDM PIG RE IHH. WSE RC GRXXMAMCE
LMARUGO UX ERFM, EPRCYO
NMAM AUSYP."

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54



② "EK NZL YPRJ JZ MOZJZVBPMO P
XPR AMERRERV, VESC AZXC JOZLVOJ JZ
YON OC AMERA. LRTCBAJPRTERV KZB P
MOZJZVBPMOCBEA PA EXMZBJPRJ PA JOC
CHLEMPCRJ OC LACA."

— Margaret Bourke-White '27



③ "LUP LPBYN NRNBIR OUR NVZEPCHYF
HVPK OUR YZVXZ ... LR ZVR ZYY AUZJR
AUTHORVA ZCN KZETIZY VRTCXRCOPVA.
YTHR TA VRZYYF Z JYBVZY CPBC, Z
IZVZXZC PH ARYXRA."

— Diane Ackerman, MFA '73, MA '77, PhD '79



④ "S PIDER XLLE JIGL INASJSBAST CHIDA
C HGSWFA XDADGL XIG JCY SX FL BNLYA ELBB
ASJL NGIMSYW AFCA FL TCY IDAPSA YCADGL
CYR JIGL ASJL ACBASYW FLG BPLLAYLBB CYR
GLBNLTASYW FLG BLYSIGSAK."

— E.B. White 1921

⑤ "XTT IXDXVMGKG, XTT
CHLIMXG, XDK VKGMSPKV
NO BEL MG PLH HEKDK, NO
HEK IKLITK BEL XDK PLH
XTTLBKV MP."

— Toni Morrison, MA '55



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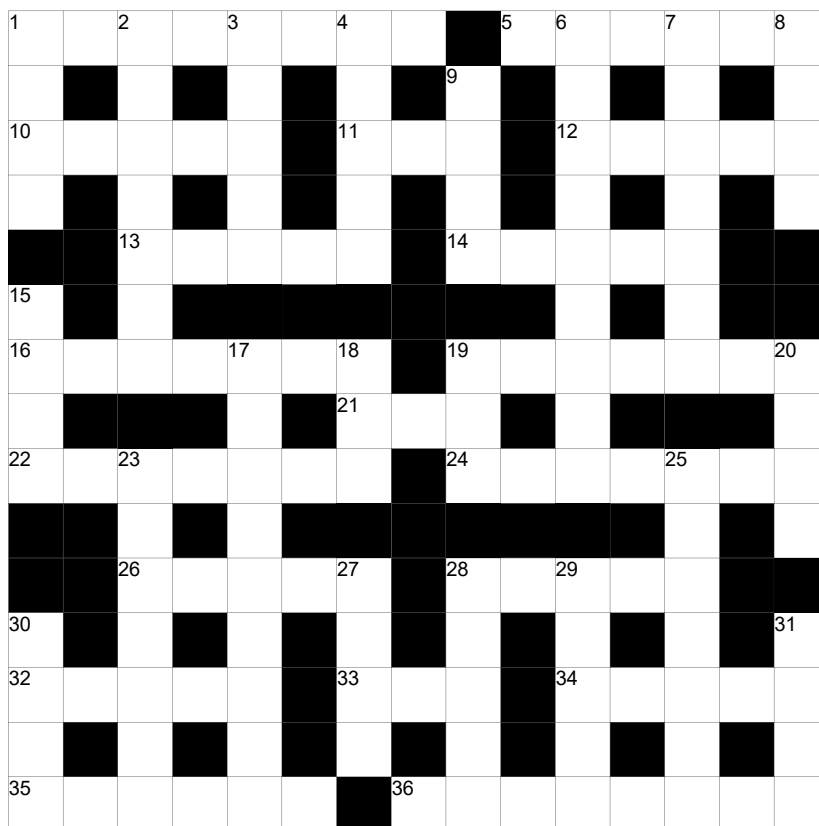
CORNELL CRYPTIC

Fred Piscop '70

Cryptic crosswords—which are more popular in Britain than in the U.S.—require understanding of their specific types of wordplay to arrive at the answers. Many tutorials are available online; for some links, go to the puzzle hints page at cornellalumnimagazine.com.

ACROSS

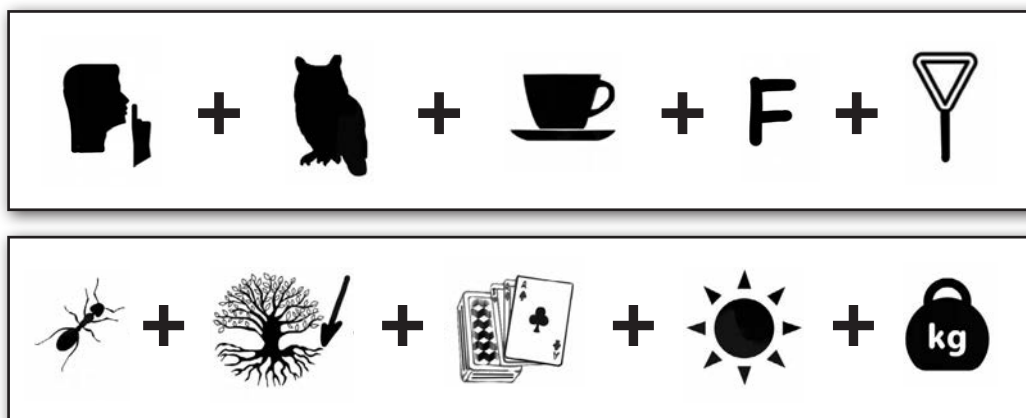
1. Direct waterway by the sound (8)
5. I chat nonsensically at a Greek island (6)
10. End of course is taken by fellow, a French playwright (5)
11. Cold and uncooked (3)
12. Time for a nobleman, it's said (5)
13. Former presidential candidate takes gourmand's lead to eat like a pig (5)
14. Inclination for unappetizing fare? Start to eat (5)
16. What's left of flu shot is calming (7)
19. Small state overrun by rats and roaches' fathers (7)
21. Yalie in the midst of 22 Across (3)
22. Qualifying rounds are simpler, surprisingly (7)
24. Fish keeps everything back in pit (7)
26. Beheaded swashbuckler's mad as hell (5)
28. Go together to a tennis contest (5)
32. Irish leader goes head-to-head with trellis climbers (5)
33. The German returns, visibly embarrassed (3)
34. Part of an egg bit by egghead (5)
35. Athletic award for an apartment dweller (6)
36. Courts divided about record album by Michelangelo, e.g. (8)



DOWN

1. Herb, a wise man (4)
2. Awfully green, Ed Sheeran initially goes back on his word (7)
3. Lay to rest in cold season, after the first (5)
4. Shore erosion at Appaloosa, e.g. (5)
6. No tailor's sick of barbers (9)
7. Mackerel's tail found inside ticks off fishermen (7)
8. Newspaper section for dirty rats (4)
9. Take advantage of, say, some farm females (4)
15. Music heard at the end of a movie shoot (4)
17. Chicken dish, in case fries are ruined (9)
18. The French guitarist Paul (3)
19. Spot, any way you look at it (3)
20. Purpose of an alcoholic beverage (4)
23. "Snob" title is bogus (7)
25. Nonbeliever participating in bank job (7)
27. Lear, strangely, is a nobleman (4)
28. Doctor found in rhyme dictionary (5)
29. Masseur's offering to pull an old Manhattan train (5)
30. English comic Benny's chilly inside (4)
31. Deal with having no clothes on, say (4)

REBUS NO.2 & NO.3

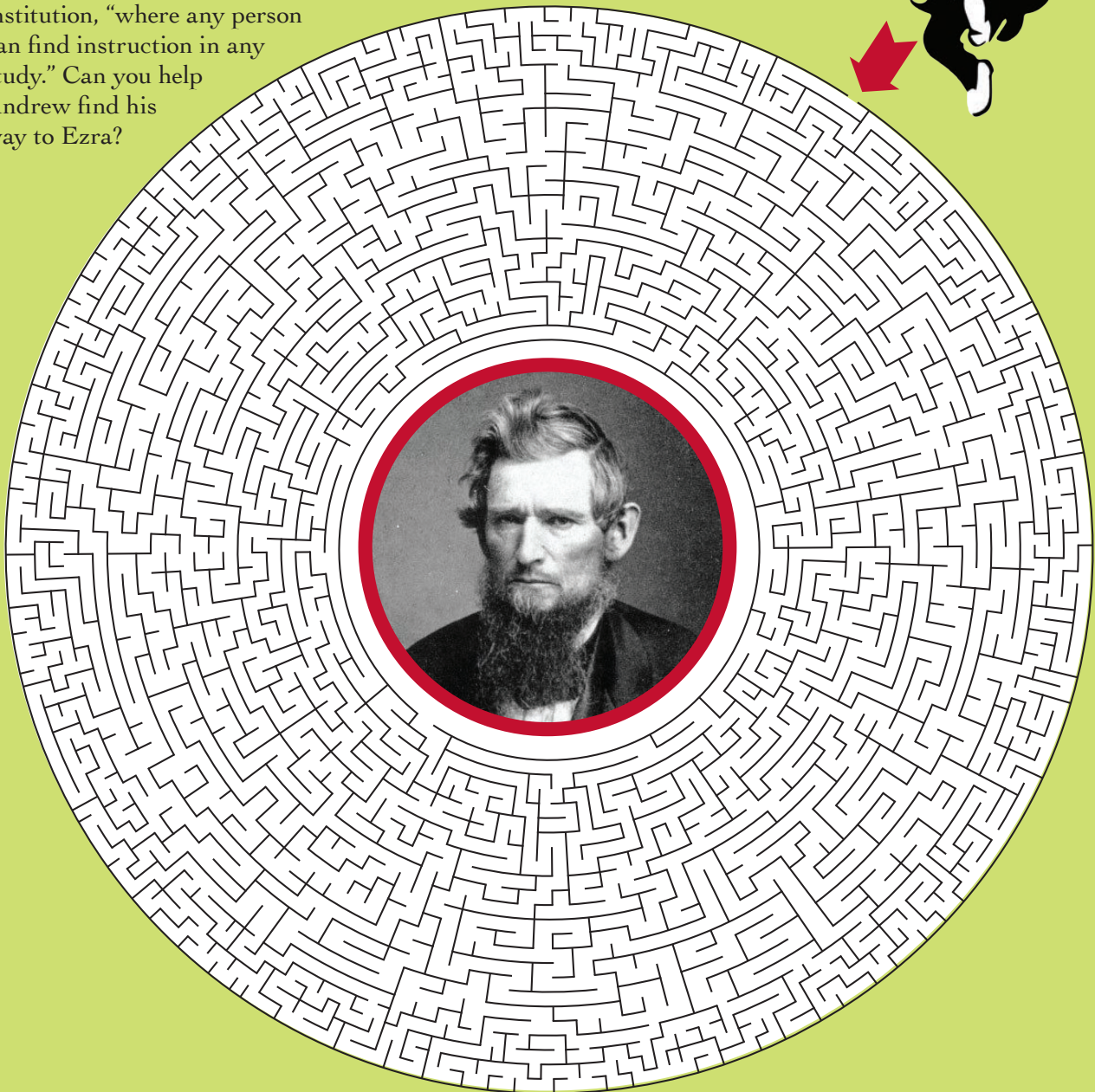




Founders Maze

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The year is 1865, and Cornell has received its charter as New York's land grant university. Andrew Dickson White needs to meet with Ezra Cornell so they can finalize their plans for the new institution, "where any person can find instruction in any study." Can you help Andrew find his way to Ezra?



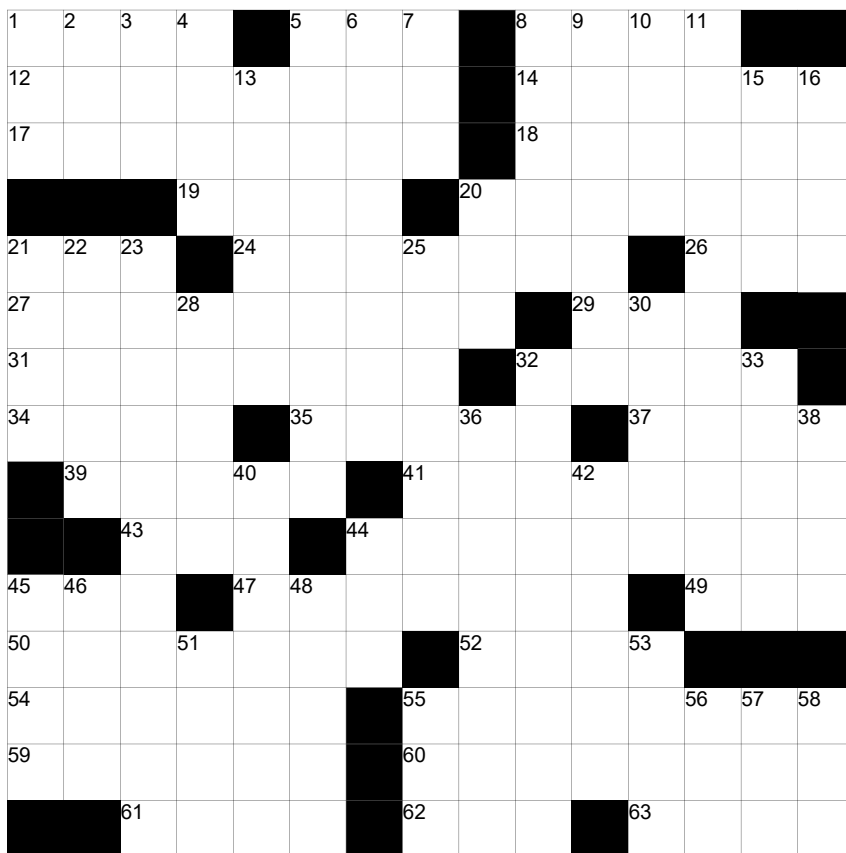
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BIG RED 'Themeless'

David Liben-Nowell '99

Across

1. It makes you see red
5. Innits : England :: ____ : Canada
8. Fed leader a decade before Janet
12. Worst possible
14. Hit some bars alone?
17. Will change and will change?
18. Certain shot maker, briefly
19. Saag go-with
20. Act the mister?
21. Tampa sch. founded 91 years after Cornell
24. About whom Ann Coulter '84 said: "We have 55 Republican seats in the Senate . . . and Son of Read-My-Lips gives us another ideological blind date"
26. Some are happy in Collegetown: Abbr.
27. Tool for olden times?
29. Dyson product, in brief
31. Miss out on a date in Madrid, maybe?
32. Actors Merrill and Meyer
34. Specs to follow
35. Following
37. Org. with a branch near Ithaca Mall
39. Buck, e.g.
41. Become violently unhinged?
43. White alternative
44. Short-sighted business?
45. Cell for a bio major, e.g.: Abbr.
47. Leverage
49. Dump
50. Breeding pair?
52. Rice, for one
54. Make-up artists?
55. Eschews Okenshields, in a way
59. One of its groups was cornell. marketplace.housing
60. Big part
61. Doesn't go to seed?
62. Purity competitor's namesake
63. Shoot off



Down

1. Org. concerned with vectors
2. Hugs
3. Kind of okay
4. Certain big shot
5. *Sun* spot?
6. Varieties of right-eye flounders
7. Part of iOS: Abbr.
8. It's a tie
9. His sobriquet was "the Fat"
10. Zinck's choices
11. Piker place
13. Lynah laureate
15. Lasting leader?
16. Some profs across the pond
20. Field grub
21. Big red power, once
22. Crash
23. If you're in the Clock Tower for a chimes concert, you'll never see more than one of these
25. Spent
28. "Spill it!"
30. "____ them will work" (comment of indifference)
32. Green party?
33. Petrichor, for one
36. Brought closer
38. Cornellian character on "The Office"
40. Like #1 for Cornell men's hockey
42. Got down
44. Gets down
45. Moosewood mainstay
46. Actor LaRue and Cornell computer scientist Tardos
48. Unnoteworthy moments?
51. Cornellian who was once 7th in the line of presidential succession
53. Doesn't catch at first, e.g.
55. Supportive shout
56. Dunk
57. Montréal, e.g.
58. Word found in every formal address at Cornell?

REBUS NO.4



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Word Search

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Searching forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally, find these thirty-four hidden, Cornell-related terms—plus six more not listed below. (Hint: each of the bonus answers is at least nine letters long.)

Y P Z O T X W T Y G H C Z S R Z X F C E H O S U L
 F V N H O T T R U C K W N A W Y P A K T D E E K P
 S T A W J R R C Y P M E B T A Y S A E Q A J M B G
 J T J D O R Z U Z M D Y E V Q C L W G H U I I N H
 O E E J O T C L Z R R M L A A E H H D P Q F H T L
 H V S W Q T E Y A I P R R D B X L G I V S M C A B
 N E D X A C S G A L V O I E S U O H R E T P A H C
 S N U E O R C D E Q I L E F P L G L B O R I W L S
 O I T M R I T O R L L B G R F H K E N N A C P B Q
 N N O H N G F A B A L M A R T H A P O L L A C K B
 Y G Y A U Z I U V E G O P B K S C A I L X L K A V
 W S T A E M A B Z E R E C E H T M H S B B S I G X
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 R O G T E Y L I F D I O Z X D E M A S T I R U E X
 H E U Z G Y N U T T R S F T L R V S U B A L C H K
 L Q W I V M A A O E E I A S Q H U I S M P A H W V
 R N J O E H M D H Y E E I V D O V V G X Y T D S U
 A O H Z T S T T N R N R S N O T R A B R G Q O C I
 B F S G B K L E B O I S C H O E L L K O P F W T A
 I E W X C H C U Q S G N E K A L A G U Y A C N K T
 M L P G C F Q O N B N A K Y J N A G A S L R A C O
 S J M O X E V L L C E U R H M A N N L I B R A R Y
 L I B E S L O P E C H H N D A U U J S P D W L P U

- AAP
- AD White
- Arts Quad
- Bailey
- Balch
- Barton
- Beebe Lake
- Big Red
- Botanic Gardens
- CALS
- Cascadilla
- Cayuga Lake
- Chimes
- Clock Tower
- Collegetown
- Dairy Bar
- Engineering
- Evening Song
- Ezra
- Hot Truck
- HUM EC
- ILR
- Johnson
- Libe Slope
- Louie's Lunch
- Lynah Rink
- Mann Library
- Martha Pollack
- Risley
- Schoellkopf
- Statler Hotel
- Stewart Avenue
- Temple Of Zeus
- Touchdown

REBUS NO.5
















WORD SCRAMBLE

Karen Richards '87

Unscramble the six words and write them in the spaces provided. Next, rearrange the shaded letters to find the answer to this question:

While attending a Cornell-Penn football game in 1898, the manager in charge of what product was inspired by CU's school colors?

- 1) ELOPS   _ _ _ _
- 2) SECMIH  _ _ _  _ _
- 3) ELPIMR  _ _ _  _ _
- 4) TAPSUET _   _ _ _ _
- 5) CRASHROD  _ _ _ _  _ _
- 6) TAMBOURER _ _ _  _ _   _

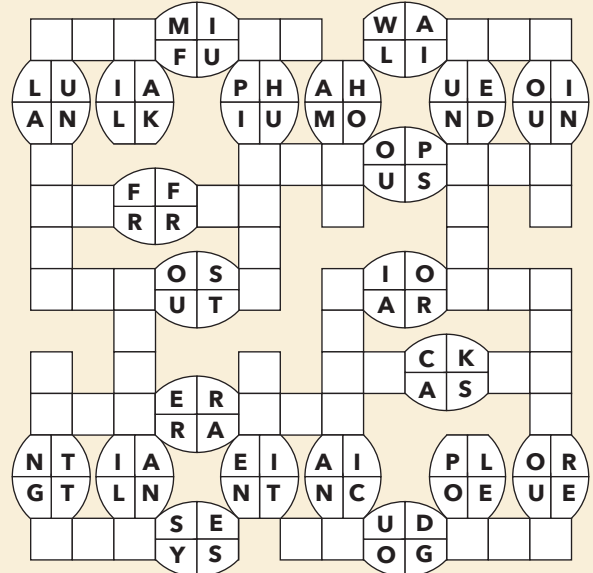




ANSWER: _ _ _ _ _ ' _ _ _ _

Split Decisions

Fred Piscop '70

As in the example below the grid, fill in the squares to form pairs of words that work with the provided letters. (Note: This classic puzzle from Piscop's archive isn't Cornell-specific, but contains some college-related answers.)



EXAMPLE:   BECOMES    EW

Symbolic MATH

Scott Miller, PhD '98

Tap your math skills from middle and high school to solve these problems. The second—which has two possible answers—is more challenging.

Solve for 'NYE'

$$\text{Cornell Tower} + \text{Cornell Tower} + \text{Teddy Bear} = 8$$

$$\text{Statue of Liberty} - \text{Teddy Bear} = 5$$

$$\text{Cornell Tower} + 2(\text{Statue of Liberty}) = 11$$

$$\text{Cornell Tower} - \text{Teddy Bear} - 2(\text{Statue of Liberty}) = \text{John Legend}$$

$$\text{John Legend} = ?$$

Solve for 'SAGAN'

$$\text{Cornell Bus} + (\text{Cornell Sweater} \times \text{Cornell University Seal}) = -10$$

$$\text{Cornell Bus} + \text{Cornell Sweater} - \text{Cornell University Seal} = -7$$

$$\text{Cornell Bus} - \text{Cornell Sweater} = 2$$

$$(\text{Cornell Bus} \times \text{Cornell Sweater}) + 2(\text{Cornell University Seal}) = \text{John Legend}$$

$$\text{John Legend} = ?$$

Cornellian 'Croctic

Christopher Adams '14

The grid spells out a quotation from a book. Answer as many clues as you can, then transpose each letter to the corresponding numbered square in the grid. As you fill in the grid, guess words and phrases—then transpose those letters to the numbered spaces in the clues to help you solve them. The first letter of each answer forms the author's last name and the work's title, to be filled in below the grid. (Note that words may continue from one grid line to another.)

1K	2D	3U		4P	5E	6V	7W	8L	9E	10B	11T	12Q		13G	14G	15N		16J	17A	18C		19I	20G	21F	22L	
23T	24M	25M	26N	27C	28P	29O	30A		31I	32O	33W		34H	35Q	36F	37I	38S	39D	40Q		41B	42D		43H	44U	
45J		46M	47S	48J	49M	50K	51L		52V	53E	54L		55N	56I	57B	58J		59M	60M	61R	62C	63Q	64O		65A	
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	196G	197Q	198M	199G	200G		201G	202D	203G	204C	205T		206E	207G	208M	209D	210D	211M	212G	213Q						
120A	10B	18C	2D	5E	36F	14G	34H	19I	45J	1K	8L	25M	15N	29O	4P	139Q	61R	47S	11T	3U	6V	7W				

A. British band known for “Venus” and “I Heard a Rumor”

120 17 30 65 106 133 132 169 114 186

B. Like the characters in Joyce's *Ulysses*

10 57 41 85 107

C. First children's novel from the author of *Charlotte's Web* (2 words)

18 27 62 84 97 122 76 134 148 153 204 175

D. School that holds an annual conference named for CU's founder (2 words)

2 87 42 77 39 138 109 105 171 135 183 209 192 195 191 202 210 181 180

E. Admit (to) (2 words)

5 9 53 90 206

F. Like phys ed courses, grade-wise (2 words)

36 21 69 136 95 144 81 131

G. President interred beneath Sage Chapel (3 words)

14 20 13 88 111 189 119 165 199 117 201 179 166 196 200 203 212 207

H. “That's just terrible!” (2 words)

34 96 43 92 71 137 104 141

I. Some note-taking devices, nowadays

19 37 56 31 147

J. Graduation requirement since 1905 (2 words)

45 16 48 58 103 118 177 142

K. Lost on purpose, as a game

1 50 67 94 78

L. Like beanie caps for freshmen

8 22 51 54 115 128 126 168

M. Person who said, “People ask me sometimes . . . ‘When will there be enough women on the court?’ And my answer is, ‘When there are nine.’ ” (3 words)

25 24 59 60 46 157 146 151 162 49 198 152 211 75 149 208 163

N. Bad reactions to a chemistry lecture?

15 26 55 91 154

O. Initiation requirements, occasionally

29 32 79 64 176

P. Year for some students

4 28 86 98 156

Q. Home to the president's residence (2 words)

139 35 40 102 12 161 193 160 178 63 197 184 213

R. Went (for)

61 173 89 100 74

S. Nobelist whose 1964 lectures on the Hill were published as *The Character of Physical Law* (2 words)

47 38 187 80 130 116 150 182 167 159 145 172 188 170

T. All-female *a cappella* group with a punny name (3 words)

11 123 93 99 72 113 23 66 140 155 158 174 190 110 205 194

U. Like intro courses vis-à-vis upper level courses

3 44 82 68 112 124

V. Purchase payment plan, perhaps

6 52 121 101 83 164 143

W. Big Red venue that seats 4,267 (2 words)

7 33 73 108 185 125 129 127 70

EZRA

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EXTRA

This special section, a bonus issue of the university's Ezra magazine, highlights ways Cornell initiatives intersect with philanthropy and engagement of Cornell alumni, parents and friends.

VICE PROVOST CONNECTS THE DOTS TO SHAPE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

Lisa Nishii, associate professor of human resource studies in the ILR School, became Cornell's vice provost for undergraduate education in January. She oversees academic student success and academic diversity programs including the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, the Learning Strategies Center, and the Intergroup Dialogue Project, along with living-learning initiatives on West and North Campus. Her office also partners with the vice provosts for engagement and land-grant affairs, international affairs, and academic innovation.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/NishiiQA.

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“WHAT ARE THE BEST CATALYSTS FOR DEVELOPING THOSE PROFOUNDLY MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH ACADEMIC MENTORS, THE KIND THAT PEOPLE TALK ABOUT WHEN THEY LOOK BACK AT THEIR STUDENT EXPERIENCE?”

– Lisa Nishii

What part of your new role has the most impact?

The role is really broad – and that’s what attracted me to it. While the schools and departments have responsibility for the core curriculum within the disciplines, this role is about the whole experience for students. It involves representing the needs, interests and success of undergraduate students at the center of the university.

I’m looking at the student experience in a much more holistic way. As we prepare this next generation of leaders, they need not only have their deep disciplinary knowledge. Our hope is to have them leave here having developed a wide set of non-discipline-specific competencies, like an appreciation of cultural difference and human commonality; the ability to work collaboratively in diverse teams; moral and ethical awareness; a deep capacity for empathy; and a sense of personal and civic responsibility.

We want to give them opportunities to develop into the kinds of people who can then go out into the world, continually make connections with other people and with new forms of knowledge, and connect that with what they’ve learned here so they can be adaptive and creative in the way they approach new problems.

Doing this involves thinking about everything from the first-year experience to the co-curricular and extracurricular space. It’s having that broad view, trying to connect all the dots, that I find to be an important, and the most fascinating, part of my job.

What are students’ responsibilities for their education, and how do they partner with you?

To get the most out of their education, it’s important that undergraduates remember a few things:

One is to be curious, and remain curious. Stay open. Don’t rule things out too early. Ask a lot of questions of the people around you and talk to professors. Listen to as many different sto-

ries as possible to create as many imaginable paths for yourself, so that you explore while you’re here.

Two: Be as resilient as possible. A lot of students experience some form of failure – for the first time, it might feel like – when they’re here, and that’s supposed to happen. That’s how you learn. And so, be kind to yourself, be willing to ask questions, ask for help. But know that everyone is experiencing some version of that.

Three: Have discipline – not just to work hard, but to question your assumptions, to suspend what you think you know and to collect more information. Understanding how it is that people around you see something differently is a shortcut to expanding your knowledge structures.

Four: It’s easy to name problems. But don’t stop there. Do your research, be informed, ask questions, give people the benefit of the doubt, be constructive. Do your part to be part of the solution and you’ll be happier for it.

Much of Cornell’s approach to the undergraduate experience is described in terms of diversity and inclusion. Why is that framing critical?

I think that diversity and inclusion lens on everything is unavoidable, in that we live in an incredibly diverse world, period. So if we continue to approach things with a monolithic lens, we’re going to fail.

It’s not just about serving a diversity of students who arrive here with very different training and experiences and expectations. It’s also about how that has the power to push us, to encourage us, to inspire us to reflect on what we teach and how we teach, so that we can continue to evolve as an institution and to be better at what we do.

For most students, probably all, the community they’ll live in during their time here is the most diverse, culturally rich milieu they might ever experience in a concentrated way.



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– Lisa Nishii



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Ideally, they will emerge from these experiences transformed by that, with a broader view of the world, and an understanding of the diversity in it, that prepares them to be global leaders.

What collaborations and partnerships does your office spearhead?

Collaborating with the vice provost for academic innovation, we look at how the way we teach influences how students learn, and explore how pedagogical strategies can eliminate achievement gaps, especially in the large intro courses that are the launching point for so many different majors. We partner with the individual colleges and departments to make sure we're providing all the advising support that students need. We also collaborate with the vice provost for international affairs to help more students consider service learning and engaged learning opportunities abroad.

I also work closely with Vice President for Student and Campus Life Ryan Lombardi to help shape student experiences – in the classroom, outside the classroom and in their residential communities.

How has serving as a co-chair of the President's Task Force on Campus Climate affected your approach to your other roles?

It has helped me to develop a broader understanding of all the parts, the complexity that is Cornell. And it has helped sensitize me to what issues students, faculty, and staff are experiencing right now.

A good number of the things that I think will come out of the task force are going to intersect with my role.

I hope that more and more students – hopefully eventually all – take part in at least one engaged learning opportunity because I think that the best way to develop the capacity to engage across difference is to engage with people whose lived experiences and perspectives are different.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term, and how will you measure success?

One thing that we heard more often than I expected to hear in all of our outreach for the task force is: what are our core values, and what makes Cornell distinctive? We have certain mottos, but what do they truly mean for you, for me, for the undergraduate – what does it look like to embody those values?

I would love for us, collectively in the near future, to get to a place where we have a crisper understanding of that and let that guide and shape the way we approach undergraduate education.

Providing this clarity of vision and values as the basis for defining a distinctive and meaningful undergraduate experience will be important and helpful – to create better cohesion,

connective tissue, glue, for students to make sense of this enormous array of opportunities and what it means for each one of them to be a Cornellian.

Also, over the next few years, we will have the opportunity to develop a more data-driven understanding of how to shape student success and well-being, such as who is choosing to study abroad, seek community-engaged learning opportunities, conduct research, or get involved in student leadership – when, why and to what effect? What are the best catalysts for developing those profoundly meaningful connections with academic mentors, the kind that people talk about when they look back at their student experience?

I also want to know more about those students who on paper appear to be doing fine, but maybe aren't fully engaged. How can we better lead them to new discoveries about themselves, about what they feel passionate about, or help them become more resilient and confident?

What do you want alumni to know about what Cornell is doing to support student success?

There's a big need to teach our students about the value of engaging in real dialogue. And I mean in person, not through social media or after the fact.

I worry that some people think that all this talk about engaging difference – whether it's different people or different ideas – is something that only people who care about diversity find relevant.

But it's much more fundamental than that; it's a societal need. It's about being human. I know it might sound corny, but you can't be a good, effective lifelong learner without it.

We, faculty and staff, together with alumni, need to model that.

I would love to engage alumni in more informal discussions with students, about their life paths and big lessons. Their pivotal "aha" moments. Help students realize all the ways in which being open will enrich their lives.

Opposite page:

Lisa Nishii, left, with Vanessa Lillard, assistant director at the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, at an OADI senior celebration event in May.

Below: Co-chairs of the Presidential Task Force on Campus Climate, from left, professor David Wooten, Nishii, and Eduardo Peñalver '94, dean of Cornell Law School.



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Grants give Sofia Villacreses '19 a shot at Cornell



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Above: Sofia Villacreses '19.

Right: Villacreses works a weekly shift as a "climbing czar" at the Lindseth Climbing Center.



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For Sofia Villacreses, who lived in Ecuador until she emigrated with her mother to New York City at age 11, the plan for college had been modest: attend LaGuardia Community College and then transfer to the City College of New York. But as two years of community college drew to a close, her friends pointed out her potential.

"Because I had a good GPA, my friends told me, 'You should try one of the higher schools. Just give it a shot.' So I did," she said.

When she got into Cornell's College of Engineering, however, she doubted whether she and her mother could afford tuition. Fortunately, grants make it possible for her to study engineering at Cornell, reaching higher in her education than she'd thought possible.

Now in upper-level courses, Villacreses thinks coastal engineering is a possible career path.

While Villacreses is finding her way into a career, she helps others find more concrete paths – up the rock faces at the Lindseth Climbing Center, where she supervises equipment and safety. She is grateful for friends, staff and donors who have made her Cornell education a reality.

"Your kindness has enabled me to expand my horizons and ascend to new heights as a person," Villacreses wrote to John '74, MBA '76 and Elaine '77 Alexander, the donors of one of her scholarships.

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– Sofia Villacreses '19

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

43 **John Holden** and Bernice, his wife of 70 years, still live in Southampton, NY. "We are care-givers for each other," John writes. "Our health is good, but our limited mobility keeps us close to home. We have no car and don't drive anymore. Daughter Mary has moved to Pennsylvania to be near her children and grandchildren, but visits us regularly. Sons George and Lester live nearby and check on us. Lester is a partner in the land surveying/engineering firm that I retired from." John noted that he wished he could attend the Class of '43's 75th Reunion, and would enjoy hearing from any of his Engineering classmates. Prof. O'Rourke, who taught reinforced concrete design, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

As for **C. Lawrence Swezey** (Palo Alto, CA), that distinction goes to his first-year English TA. Who had the greatest impact on you during your time on the Hill? Send us your news: ♦ **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

44 **Richard Evans** was recently awarded a Boy Scout master's trophy, a recognition for his long service to the Boy Scouts, specifically Boy Scout Troop 100 in Washington, DC. He is the oldest scoutmaster in the National Capital Region. "It's a great organization," Richard noted in a recent article in the *Washington Times* about the local troop. "For both my son and me, there's hardly a day that goes by that we don't reference or use some bit of information that we learned in scouting."

Virginia Corwith Strachan wrote in from Scottsdale, AZ. She and her two brothers, **Paul Corwith '52** and **Richard Corwith '50**, together sponsor a scholarship that is given annually to an Ag student. **Edward Carman**, who played both lacrosse and hockey while at Cornell, notes that his classmates and teammates had the greatest impact on him. Sadly, he reports, "My beloved wife of 73 years, **Cecily (Bishop) '46**, passed away January 20, 2018." **Robert Miller** is living in Kendal at Ithaca. He keeps up with the stock market and has his breakfast at Denny's daily. Robert wishes he could be playing golf, and says that his oldest daughter and her husband moved to California, where they hope to stay.

Howard Evans, PhD '50, and his wife, Erica, are also at Kendal. "I've been giving away my collection of natural history specimens," he writes. Howard was a shipmate on the SS *Sacajawea* for the invasion of Japan that turned around in the mid-Pacific and returned to Seattle, WA. His grandson recently graduated from Purdue with a PhD in ornithology and a professorship at Harding U. in Arkansas. Lately, Howard has been busy with revisions for the fifth edition of *Miller's Anatomy of the Dog*, and says that he wishes he could be collecting sea shells on a Pacific Island beach—"New Guinea in particular." 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.

45 Please take a moment to share an update with your class. What brings you the most satisfaction in your life these days? Where's your favorite

place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? We'd love to hear from you. ♦ **Julie Kamerer Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com.

46 There is some news! Many thanks to my loyal contributors. **Kathleen "Kay" Smith** Mancini has reached 90 now and enjoys reading the *Cornell Chronicle* every week. She is so proud of all the super Cornellians. Kay keeps active in many local groups, which is excellent therapy, she claims. She has been living in Palm Coast, FL, for 36 years, moving from Levittown, NY.

Joyce Manley Forney writes that her little dog from Operation Kindness keeps her walking. With spring here, she is outdoors gardening. Joyce has six great-grandchildren, ranging from 6 months to high school graduation. Weekly family brunch keeps 15 members of the family who live in the Dallas area in close touch. She brings homemade muffins. She recently visited daughter Ellen's new home in Utah, which is near the entrance to Zion National Park. Joyce said that Prof. **Arthur Allen 1908**, BA 1907, PhD 1911, whose early morning bird hikes set her up for a late-life fascination with the purple martin and other feathered friends, had a great impact on her later interests. **Mary Jane Vandewater** D'Arrigo still keeps up two houses (amazing!), plus an acre under cultivation. (What's growing, Mary Jane?) The grandchildren are getting married, and life is busy and happy. She has many great memories of those days with her college roommate, **Marian Cudworth** Henderson, who passed away in December 2012.

The Peninsula Regent, my retirement home, has non-stop activities every day and I seem to always be involved. We have a great, friendly community spirit. I just finished directing our spring glee club performance, the "Seven Stages of Man in Song." It was hard work, but fun and enjoyed by all. Recently, as co-chair of the house and garden committee, I led a tour of the Elizabeth Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto (Procter & Gamble). This is a beautiful reproduction of the original early 20th-century garden. The California poppies and iris were especially glorious. Remember, your news is good news to your fellow '46ers. ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

James Beckett (Flower Mound, TX; jamesbeckettjr@gmail.com) considers himself blessed. He writes, "I reflect about my life, the sovereignty of God, and why my marriage to Jane of 70 years has worked out so well." Well done, Jim. Many thanks for your report.

In the absence of reports from our fellow classmates, I'll use the following story about my dad from a column of many years ago. It was well received then. So let's give it another go:

In 1946, when I normally should have graduated, I returned to the Hill to complete my Engineering degree. The delay was due to serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. By spring term, my dad had become a regular visitor to the massive white stucco

fraternity house on Thurston Ave., the home of Pi Lambda Phi.

I know it was spring, because Dad's fall weekends were booked. Dad was in the midst of setting an all-time Ivy League record. When completed, he would have missed no Yale football game, home or away, in 53 years. For most of those years, he hosted customers of the region to Yale's away games. He usually covered expenses many times over with the orders he wrote for comforters. For instance, to Yale-Cornell games played in Ithaca, you could count on his arriving with, and making sales to, the domestics buyers and merchandise managers from Rothschild's of Ithaca and Sheehan's of Elmira.

Dad was engaging, hard-working, and hard-playing, a living legend in his field. Most of his competitors felt he'd have no problem selling comforters in Equatorial Africa. One junior competitor continually pestered him for the magic secret to his success. As a sort of running gag, Dad put him off for three years before agreeing to a date on which to reveal THE secret. When the young man confronted him on the designated date and demanded the secret, Dad gave him the one answer he didn't want to hear: "Hard work!"

Dad quickly bonded with my Pi Lam fraternity brothers and became their Uncle Eddy. When, in June of 1949, I donned cap and gown for graduation, Dad joined **Don Weiss '49's** 1909 Cornellian dad and lined up with Cornell's Class of 1909 as O'Levine of '09. His toast, later, to the new Pi Lam graduates included THE secret: "Here's to the Forty-Niners; may the gold rush to their pockets. Let's take off our hats to the past, our coats to the future, roll up our sleeves, and go to work."

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 2017 was very eventful for **Joan Dall** Patton (jpattont215@gmail.com), who writes, "In June, I took my daughter and my son's 14-year-old daughter on a cruise that started in Copenhagen. We were supposed to have two and a half days to tour Copenhagen, but when we checked in at the San Francisco airport we found that the SAS plane was still in Copenhagen. We did some hectic sightseeing before boarding the ship, and we stopped in ports in Norway, Scotland, and the UK. A really great trip." She continues, "In September, I was married to Martin Blair, a man who lives where I live and who I have known for about five years. We just returned from an 18-day cruise to Hawaii from San Diego." Congratulations, Joan!

Jane Ruggles Pine! (janepine!@hotmail.com) and her husband, Robert Lint, still own the Gallery at Well Sweep in Hillsborough, NH. "For health reasons my husband is not as active in the gallery, but we do host several art and music events each summer." Jane says that writing and connecting artists through the gallery brings her great satisfaction, as well as her "beautiful daughters, both of whom have their doctor degrees. One has already retired; the other works for the government."

If Jane had a day in Ithaca, she writes, "I would visit the art gallery and the Architecture college. My granddaughter was a graduate of that college." Please send your news to: ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 This column is due in mid-April, well before our Reunion in June, so I can give you no news about the event. So bear with me when you read a Reunion-devoid column in this July/August issue of the *Alumni Magazine*.

I am pleased to include several write-ups from classmates looking back on their earlier days at Cornell and how their lives were affected. **Louis Fisher**, MBA '50, volunteered for the Marine Corps after the outbreak of WWII, went through "boot camp," got selected for officer training, and was sent to Cornell. WWII ended while he was at Cornell, thereby eliminating the probability that he would be shipped out to the Pacific and an uncertain future. Instead, he got the GI Bill and finished undergraduate at Cornell in 1948, and then got his MBA in 1950. He describes his entry into the business arena with his Cornell degrees as a confusing time because of the Korean War. He did not have to serve in the military in Korea, and held a variety of positions in the private sector before forming his own company in California, which makes soundproof floors. Now in retirement, his company is run by his son and grandson. His personal life is enriched by three children, three stepchildren, and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Living in California, Cornell is too far away for frequent visits or any second-generation Cornellians. Looking back to his Cornell education, he sees his understanding of European history to have had many applications in his life. On the other hand, he's disappointed that Industrial and Labor Relations has not been able to create a productive method of integrating labor and management to provide efficient production along with protection of labor vs. exploitive management.

Arthur Behrer also looks back on the '40s as years of a mixed existence of college and WWII service. He served in the Navy in WWII at Guam and again in the Korean War at Norfolk Naval Base. He was part of Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron No. 1 USNR. His Cornell degree in Civil Engineering prepared him for a career in that profession as a construction manager. He considers Cornell to be a reputable university that provides a good education to those who attend. As with most of us in the Class of '48, the active life is now with his children and grandchildren, and he reports the arrival of his first great-grandson. Meanwhile, his medical encounters are limited to his physical checkups.

Murray Heimberg, MNS '49, was a Cornell freshman in 1942-43 and entered the Army in 1943. Eventually he ended up in the Infantry, saw combat in Europe in 1944-45 with the 84th Infantry Division, survived the war, and returned to Cornell. Although he had been a pre-Vet student before the war, he majored in Biochemistry post-war, got his PhD in that specialty, and eventually became an MD as well. He expresses it well: "Without Cornell, I would not have had the education and career I loved." Beyond the subject matter itself, Cornell taught him that "anything worth having needs to be earned!" Now at age 93, he "just enjoys living," which includes keeping up with his medical interests, enjoying all his family, and relearning to play the piano!

Before it grows cold, I want to update and expand a bit on **Alan Strout's** contribution to the Nov/Dec column,

when I reported on his family trip to Tanzania. I had thought they traveled in the summertime, but it was actually over Christmas, to Tanzania and Zimbabwe, so as to include two grandkids home from Brown and Vassar. You guessed it: they are serious "wanderers" at times, including in February 2018, when he and his wife were off to Bali, partly to see one of their younger families who have been exploring Southeast Asia and have another half-year to go! (Having myself been to Singapore, Bali, Brunei, Bangkok, and Penang, I can attest to the uniqueness of this part of the world!)

And now something a bit unusual: twin sisters who both went to Cornell and are in the Class of 1948, **Rita Lemelman Alper** and **Jean Lemelman Meadow**. Having both lost their husbands, they are now living together in Stony Brook, NY. Rita considers Cornell an important part of her life. "Cornell brought me into the big, wide world from a small town in Upstate New York." And she remembers getting her first job in Washington, DC, after seeing a notice on a bulletin board at Cornell. Even now she has wonderful memories of Cornell and her closest friends there, **Ramona Riccio Byard** and **Gail Grant de la Motte** (both deceased), **Patty Hayes O'Brien**, and, of course, her sister. Rita very much enjoyed the several Reunions she attended. She has recently retired as a page at the Emma Clark Library in Setauket, NY, and is contemplating what she wants to do next, besides enjoying the accomplishments of her children. Her daughter, Jodi, was just appointed a judge in Superior Court in Newark, NJ, and son Garth is a department head at the U. of Louisiana in Lafayette, LA. Jean also got her first job through Cornell, in the Language department. She met her husband while attending Cornell. And her son, **Richard Meadow '82**, MS '84, and his wife, **Judith (Hagen) '82**, are also Cornellians! So, great! Send news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

49 Our exciting 70th Reunion! It's coming next summer! Let's all start NOW planning to attend!

Lee Metzger (East Aurora, NY) tells us that he wishes he could be doing "all the things I used to do; i.e., ski, play tennis, and walk normally!" Who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell? He responds, "Those older fraternity brothers returning to graduate, especially those with combat experiences during the war! Mature beyond their years!" Lee was married to the late **Barbara (Odiorne) '52. Henry Zipp Lang** is retired and has been living in a senior residence in Getzville, NY, for the past five years. "I like it very much," he says. Two men who had the greatest impact on Henry when he was on the Hill were alumni **Charlie Dykes '36** and **Tubby Sailor '42**, who were both active as advisors at Beta Theta Pi. Charlie served as treasurer of the Grange League Federation during the late '30s.

Our class is sorry to note the passing of **John Ten Hagen** on May 24, 2017. His son **John Ten Hagen Jr.** is Class of '86. **Jerry Farber** (Boca Raton, FL) tells us, "I'm doing nothing but relaxing. Went through age 96 this month." Asked what else has been happening, he replies, "Not much. Kids are traveling around the world." Jerry, who would like to hear from **Horace Chandler '48**, BCE '50, notes that it was **Fred H. "Dusty" Rhodes, PhD 1914**, who had the greatest impact on him when he was on the Hill.

Chuck Reynolds (Vero Beach, FL) writes, "After my wife, Sis, died in September 2016, I started to think more seriously about family history. For years, I had considered it a shame my mother or father or grandfather had not

recorded in some way our family history. As a result, I was interested in a small 15-word ad in the *Wall Street Journal* for a firm writing family histories. I called them and was eventually led to a London company, which subsequently published my family history in 157 pages including 40-plus photographs. It is titled *Big Galoot*, which is what my eighth-grade teacher at Saint Joseph School in North Plainfield, NJ, called me. I shipped 38 copies to our immediate families and had much satisfaction from completing the project. *Big Galoot* has started me thinking about genealogy and I am deciding whether or not to start on what could be a 'the rest of my life' endeavor. I recommend you all think about writing a family history and, if anyone is interested, I shall be pleased to assist with information re: my publisher. My 91st birthday is a few weeks away as I write this [in March], so I'm pretty sure I will make it. Still living in our houses in Vero Beach in the winter and Mantoloking in summer. Hope to see some of you at our 70th in 2019." (Ed. note: Whatever happened to Chuck's magnificent raccoon fur coat that so distinguished him from the rest of us conservative wool-wearing fellows?)

S.F. Tom Weissenborn, MBA '50 (Stuart, FL) is "still enjoying working—moved my office to Florida." **Cynthia Foster Clements** (Gainesville, FL; cjclements@gmail.com), married to Jack, is busy in retirement. She says, "I'm now a nonagenarian and, except for the aches and pains, I like being 90. Guess that's because I'm still able to be relatively active. I can still drive (safely, I'm told) and work out in our fitness center, and I continue to participate in the numerous activities at our amazing retirement community (Oak Hammock), which is associated with the U. of Florida, Gainesville. It was strange, at first, to cheer for UF football, basketball, and women's gymnastics, but I'll still cheer for Cornell if UF plays Cornell. (Fat chance of that, though.) Oak Hammock at UF has numerous lectures and lecture series given by UF faculty members on a variety of subjects and also provides short nature tours around northern Florida, all of which I enjoy. I'm so fortunate that my husband, at 92, is still with me, but his frail health prohibits him from being very active. Nearly every day I recall episodes at Cornell that have helped to give me a rich and rewarding life. I'm so grateful for my Cornell years!"

Barbara Way Hunter (bwayhunter@gmail.com) is married to Austin and living in Walpole, NH, where she is "helping to maintain a 22-room 1812 house." She is busy with "bridge, opera, and book club." Barbara notes that she has "just returned from a 29th anniversary of Hunter PR, a firm I founded in 1959. Also was a panelist on a women in public relations program for the Museum of Public Relations." She adds that she wishes she could be traveling. Working on the *Cornell Daily Sun* had the greatest impact on Barbara at Cornell. **A. Jerry Barash**, married to Mary Ruth, writes from California that he is busy "mostly reading (historical, military) and caregiving." He tells us that he "moved on January 18 to a new assisted living facility in Sacramento, only two blocks from our daughter, Dianne. We now have seven great-grandsons! No girls." Jerry wishes he could be "playing golf and swimming—long gone, and only one of my buddies still surviving." It was Dean Howard Bagnall Meek of the Hotel school who had the greatest impact on Jerry at Cornell.

Vera Johnston Farrell (Livingston Manor, NY) was married to the late **James '50**. She tells us that her activities include "president of the local library, president of the scholarship foundation, garden club member and volunteer, lots of golf in season, and traveling." What else has been happening in your life? "First great-grandchild,

two weddings this year.” Vera adds, “I’m lucky to be able to do what I do.” Asked who is an old Cornell friend she’d like to hear from, she replies, “I am in touch with a few.” It was “no particular person, just the physical setting and academic atmosphere” that had the greatest impact on her at Cornell. **Hannah Schwartz Cohen** (New York City) was married to the late **Julius ‘48**. She sold her house in Cold Spring Harbor seven years ago and moved to Manhattan, where, she tells us, she is “enjoying this phase of my life.” Hannah is “hoping” to come to our great 70th Reunion next year. She told us that she attended the last one and it was “wonderful!”

Your class correspondent is busy keeping house for her daughter Emily, a surgeon, and taking care of Emily’s three young children, two dogs, and two cats. It is a lot of fun! We’re also looking forward to coming to Reunion next year—probably not with the dogs and cats, however, just us folk! How welcome it is to hear from all of you! Please don’t wait for a questionnaire from the alumni office to send in your news. Your classmates want to know everything about each one of you. We are all ‘49ers! ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the class meeting and dinner in New York City in April, but **Ruth “Midge” Downey** Crone was able to attend. Here is her report on it:

“We had 20 in all at the dinner, which included classmates, their wives, and two grandchildren. My granddaughter **Cara Sprunk ‘10** flew in from Los Angeles to her dad’s house (my son) in New Jersey and drove me to NYC. We were the only Cornell women present. Class members at our business meeting were **Jim Brandt**, **Bill Brownlee**, **Nels Schaenen**, MBA ‘51, **Jack Rose**, MD ‘54, and me, Ruth Downey Crone. We had reports from treasurer **Ben Williams**. We have 98 duespayers toward a goal of 180. The class Century Fund now has a balance of \$28,769. Jim presented us with lovely thank you notes from the two recipients of our scholarships—the Sam Johnson and Cornell Tradition scholarships. We still have \$113,000 in our Willard Straight Fund. The meeting was followed by a presentation by Prof. **Kent Hubbell ‘69**, who talked about the music and arts activities at Cornell. He also brought recent copies of the *Cornell Daily Sun*.” We are trying to determine how many living classmates we have. (We have been given two different numbers, 806 and 562. We will try to find out which is correct.) The next class meeting will be in New York on April 26, 2019.

Bill Brownlee competed in the World Rowing Indoor Championships again this year. Previously this has been part of the CRASH-B competition in Boston, but this year the WRIC were in Alexandria, VA. “Much more convenient for me,” writes Bill. “I moved into the 90-94 heavyweight category this year, and since I was the only one in the group I came in first, in spite of a slow time. I swore I would retire after this year, but we will see.”

Ann Ellis Reynolds, MEd ‘53 (Rayann802@gmail.com) lives in Quechee, VT, and practices psychology part time. She is active in politics and equal justice issues. Upon reflection of her first few days at Cornell, she recalls, “I knew people before I arrived in 1946, which was reassuring.” **John Mellor**, PhD ‘54 (jmellor@jmassocinc.com) writes, “The *Financial Times* just listed my recent book under ‘best books in economics in 2017.’ My book is *Agricultural Development and Economic Transformation: Promoting Growth with Poverty Reduction* (Palgrave/Macmillan). I just returned from

West and East Africa, working on debt problems for African Development Bank and others.” John notes that the first person he met at Cornell was **Dave Spalding ‘44**, BArch ‘47, and if he had a day to spend in Ithaca, he says he would visit the gorges.

Sonia Pressman Fuentes, who moved to Sarasota, FL, full time in 2006, sent this note about her experience with last year’s hurricane season. “Until Hurricane

scooter. But I get to the Cornell Club in NYC regularly to play bridge and attend interesting lectures.”

Janet Armstrong Hamber (Santa Barbara, CA) sent me her Christmas letter detailing her several recognitions. “The US Fish & Wildlife Services (USFWS) award was inscribed, ‘Janet Hamber Trailblazing Woman in Science. We are proud to honor your dedication and outstanding effort on paving the way for all woman scientists following

‘I am very grateful that Sarasota largely dodged the Irma bullet.’

SONIA PRESSMAN FUENTES ‘50

Irma, I had never experienced a hurricane. When the announcements of Hurricane Irma were made, everyone was stressed as to what to do. Stay home? Go to a shelter? Try to find a hotel? Drive or fly out of state? I was afraid to remain in my condo alone if we lost electricity and water. My upstairs neighbor was petrified about her roof blowing off. I finally decided to evacuate and travel five minutes away to a Jewish senior residence called Aviva to the apartment of a cousin, and my upstairs neighbor came to my condo with her cat. Aviva treated guests like me beautifully. There were, in fact, more such guests than residents, and Aviva provided all of us with meals at no charge. I was there for two days and then was able to return to my condo.”

Sonia continues, “Miraculously, neither Aviva nor my condo lost power. While a number of Sarasota residents did lose power, some for up to six days, I think most did not and, except for those living near the Gulf of Mexico, the damage was minimal—debris in the roads and fallen trees or trees that needed to be cut down before they could crash into homes. The only damage to my condo was a ripped panel on the screen of my lanai. I’ve heard various reasons as to why Sarasota was largely spared: there’s an atmospheric depression above Sarasota, which spares us major damage; Irma veered to the east before arriving in Sarasota; Irma went from a category 5 hurricane to a category 2 before reaching Sarasota; and Native Americans considered Sarasota a ‘safe place’ and had their burial grounds here. I haven’t checked these out, but I am very grateful that Sarasota largely dodged the Irma bullet.” Please send news to: ♦ **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 North Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail: stewart@aol.com; **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com.

51 **Shelley Epstein** Akabas (NYC) writes, “Please remind classmates that their class dues are due! My news is limited but happy. I have three new great-grandchildren, each born this past year and each with a father who is my grandson and a Cornell grad. In birth order, there is Jacob, born in May 2017 to **Shai Akabas ‘09**; Belle Rose, born in June 2017 to **Sam Akabas ‘07**; and Natan, born in early September 2017 to **Tal Akabas ‘11**, ME ‘12. Two of my other grandchildren are in the Class of 2019 and love Cornell: **Ariel Kaminsky**, the daughter of my daughter **Miriam Akabas ‘82**, and **Lev Akabas**, the son of my son Seth (a Princetonian). After an accident that caused a hip fracture, I went off to Grand Cayman for the winter and am slowly recovering with very limited mobility, largely with the aid of a motorized

in your footsteps.’ That has always been one of my goals, and I’m pleased to be honored for the endeavor. April brought the last of my awards. The Wilding Museum of Art and Nature chose me for their Wilderness Spirit Award at a special event at Rancho San Antonio in Buellton, CA. Just remember, never in my four years at Cornell did anyone ever mention that I could become a wildlife biologist. I think all the women in the Ag college were expected to become teachers, perhaps in Ag Extension or the great helpmate on the farm. I am so lucky to have had great teachers in Biology and Nature Study. They certainly gave me a background in science that I most enjoy.”

Joseph Landau, MD ‘55 (Santa Monica, CA) writes, “Granddaughter **Simmone** is in the Class of 2019, CALS.” Joseph has a part-time practice as clinical professor of Medicare/dermatopathology at UCLA. **John Ehret** says his Olympia Fields house is for sale. Offspring: “Ted (MBA, U. of Chicago) is 55 years old; Julie (U. of Illinois); Kristin (U. of Illinois); Caren (U. of Illinois, Elmhurst Hospital, human resources).” Rant: “I’m suing, with 37 plaintiffs, the Army Corps of Engineers, since July 8, 1999, for eroding 6,352 front feet on the Lake Michigan shore. Damages in the billions—3,000 feet of piers cause loss of land. Government people are not STEM educated and therefore can’t do their jobs. FBI, Dept. of Justice, and V.A. are a mess. Love the Navy. Broke from lawsuit costs.” Classmates: “Hope there are still some left.” What pleases him: “God, Catholicism, family, grandchildren, FOX News, and Trump.”

John and Diane Orr (Newtown, PA) have been residents of a CCRC (Pennswood Village) for 15-plus years and attribute their activity level and good health to that fact. “My marriage to Lynn, two days after graduation, lasted 50-plus years, when she died months after we moved here. I remarried a long-known friend (Diane) in 2004, and we are both doing well, having been the ‘newlyweds’ at the retirement home—even though we celebrate our 14th anniversary in March. As a five-year engineer, I am still puzzled as to why I am a member of my freshman year class rather than my graduation year (‘52), but after 65 years I’m probably almost used to it.” **Eugene Foster** (Red Wing, MN) writes: “We have a great-grandson, who was born in June 2017 and is a great guy. I will be 91 later this month and I am legally blind. It is difficult to read. Several years ago, I was class correspondent and enjoyed doing that.” Gene sends his greetings to **Chuck Mund**.

Raymond Firestone (NYC): “Married in 1952, was widowed in 1983, and remarried in 1987. Children: Ruth (deceased), Albert, David, and Rebecca. Grandchildren

(via Albert): Owen and **Charlie Firestone '14**. I got my PhD in 1954 in chemistry from Columbia. Pharmaceutical research—mostly with Merck, Sharp & Dohme and Bristol-Myers from 1956–99—on drugs, reaction mechanisms. Private research from 1999–present in anti-tumor chemistry. My first wife, **Carolyn (Rapp) '53**, died of cancer. Professional bassoonist from 1951–83. Principal interest now is classical music.” **Calvin Gage** (Lake Bluff, IL) wrote: “Recently, my son, Andrew, while brows-

he was 105, his father played 18 holes of golf almost every day. Both examples give me hope and motivation. Am I wiser than when I was 21? Not sure, especially when dealing with the fast-moving world of technology these days. Although I do have an iPhone, I do not text, and stay away from social media. Writing hundreds of postcards is still fun and personal for me. Just have fun, keep on trucking, and hope for some more good luck, too. Thanks for asking.” Thank you for answering, Rik. I

at Valley Forge, a retirement community, and have spent 60 summers at their 1890 cottage in Sebago, ME. “Always plenty of work and repairs to be done, but it is worth it with the mountains and lovely views. We have enjoyed seeing the US and some of Canada by train; in fact we have taken every long-distance train trip that Amtrak offers. Even though the cars are old, the service and food has been good. This is remarkable considering the continuing cuts that the government has made in Amtrak’s budget. Seeing the country by train is really a grand experience with new perspectives of the land.” The Langs hope to attend their 66th Reunion, even though it is not one of the celebration years. They are looking forward to seeing many of their classmates return. They hope to stay and see them at the Statler. Eben’s other thoughts: “As a member of the Class of 1952, I feel a lot closer and have a greater appreciation of Cornell than I did as an undergraduate. Being busy with classes and activities, primarily with the *Cornell Daily Sun*, I did not really appreciate the size and growth of the university. When I attended our Reunion in 2017 I was inspired by the continuing expansion and magnificence of Cornell. I hope the current freshman undergraduates realize what a wonderful opportunity they have here.”

Francis Laimbeer III (Warrenton, VA; flaimbeer@aol.com) turned 89 on May 13. He moved into a two-room apartment, where he plans to stay. Other thoughts: “Loved years at Cornell and playing polo.” You do know I would like to hear from the rest of you, so please send news or just write. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

53 April can be a real cool month, as Thomas Stearns Eliot wrote approximately, with snow on diamonds where men may swing the bats of the national pastime. It is also a time to compose prose about high-flying wild geese and pigskins. So now is a good time to issue a Homecoming alert. It’s the weekend of September 21, and the football foe is Eli Yale. There will also be banquets, parties, etc., etc., etc. There will also be scholarly pursuits for the many who are so inclined. Oh, yes. There will also be tailgating.

Carroll McConnell Manning (Rochester suburb Webster, NY) submits: “Walk most every day—at least a half-mile. Live at an assisted living development in a cottage between two other cottages. There is a huge apartment building. About 100 residences. Library, MD, cafe, large community building with periodic entertainment. Today we had the second LARGE snowstorm for the winter—yuk! I no longer have a car; at 87 with not-so-quick reflexes, it seemed wise to give it up. However, I have a friend who might take me [to Reunion]. Time will tell. I’d love to see the campus again!” She would like to see “the Big Red Band, the eight-group that sing quartets, the arboretum, downtown Ithaca, and Cayuga Heights, where I grew up! My favorite courses were Dairy Cattle, Botany, and Zoology. I failed Chemistry. I was at the point of losing my sight. I have had three corneal transplants. Besides, I have a lousy memory! Wish I had taken Grace Steenigan’s Foods Chemistry. I’m a fan of Garrison Keillor. On one of his CDs he sings Lake Wobegon’s alma mater, which is the same as ours with different words.”

Carroll’s favorite Cornellian: Her late husband, **Robert, DVM '55**. “Also both of my parents—**Lois (Zimmerman) 1920** and my dad, **James A. McConnell 1921**, briefly a trustee, but he didn’t like the way they conducted business! He taught the first Agribusiness course at Cornell. I think also ‘55 or ‘56. My brother and sister were Cornellians and our three children are Cornellians,

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RICHARD CLARK '52

ing in a Tucson thrift store, came upon and purchased a 71-year-old 78-rpm record of the Cornell Glee Club, directed by **Thomas B. Tracy '31**, number XP 40581. The Alma Mater and “Evening Song” were on one side, “Crew Song” and “Cornell” on the other. The songs, recorded in spring 1949, were included on an LP that I purchased before graduating. Many of the singers were in our Class of 1951.” **Brad Bond** (Marietta, OH) tried out for the Glee Club about that time, but didn’t get accepted. **Bar Dee Stirland Bond** and her bass fiddle did get accepted by Cornell’s Symphony Orchestra. I still remember them both.

Jane Haskins Marcham (Ithaca, NY) has been out of circulation for a year recovering from surgery on a severely damaged arm. She hopes to be able to drive again this year. **Max Forbes** (Englewood, NJ) retired from hotel management and checked in with no news. **Ernest Sofis** (Hingham, MA) writes: “Things are well. My granddaughter is a sophomore and may go to Australia for the next phase. My 16-year-old grandson just returned yesterday from Africa. I’m active with veterans, the GAR Memorial Hall, and church activities/plans. I regret to say no news of fellow classmates.” Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Last issue I asked you for some thoughts on aging, as those of us still here have reached a rather remarkable age. I asked that you send your thoughts to my e-mail address. To my delight, someone did. **Richard Clark** (Osterville, MA; capeclarks@aol.com) noted how much more attention was given to the aging process, and adds, “There are many thoughts and experiences I have had regarding the process. Here are a few current thoughts. Keeping active physically and mentally is critical to maintaining good health and having as active a lifestyle as possible. I have seated yoga classes twice a week, some fitness efforts, and a spinning class on Saturday mornings at the Cape Cod YMCA.”

Rik continues, “I have been blessed with decent health and am able to continue to do heavy yard work in our five acres. That said, I did give away my chainsaw several years ago, for safety’s sake. Reading, travel, competitive and social golf, performing arts events, and having young friends also helps feeling and being young. I was an active road bike rider, but gave that up in 2012 after a serious accident. Some good luck helps, too. My mother lived to be 96 and had all her marbles the day she died. A golfing friend of mine lost his father at age 107. Until

am asking, still. Aging is different for each of us. I would like to hear from you (joangaul@mac.com).

Now to the mail bag, which is not what it used to be. Note first, that the “ratio” lives. I have received six news forms from male classmates to every one from females. Come on, ladies—women if you insist—you must have something to say. I am pleased to have heard from people not heard from ever or in a long time. **Dave Matson** (Ft. Wayne, IN) writes that he is “retired” and appended a note: “Hi, **Terry, JD '56**, and **Dori Crozier Warren**. Glad to see you two are co-presidents.” **Dana Johnson** (Pittsford, NY) continues to play clarinet and baritone sax in three bands. He also “had a hip replacement two months ago.” **Howard Shimabukuro** (Honolulu, HI; howardshima@gmail.com) writes that he is “91 years old and still able to walk.” His priority lately is to take care of Ethel, his wife of 60 years. Although they attended his 50th Reunion, Ithaca is now too far away to attend Reunions. Howard’s other thoughts: “Very thankful that I was able to attend Cornell and achieve a degree in Civil Engineering.”

Jerry '49, PhD '55, and **Ina Perlstein Loewenberg** are still in Iowa City, IA. Ina (ina-loewenberg@uiowa.edu) writes, “I have published a memoir, *A Life à la Carte*, focused on my changes of interests and pursuits: philosophy, poetry, photography, Judaism. My years at Cornell figure in the chapters as well as the many years since.”

Robert Ostrander (Romulus, NY; reomag@rochester.rr.com) has been retired for 24 years, living in Romulus, Seneca County, just north of Ithaca. He has been busy making friends with meds, but “is still in one piece and functioning!” He plans to keep on enjoying the Finger Lakes. His other thoughts: “Cornell gave me the opportunity to expand my horizons and the ability to be a Jack of All Trades: Army officer, hillside geologist, petroleum reservoir engineer, geophysicist, chief engineer, operations manager, VP, UN interregional advisor. Without a Cornell education, I would not have been able to have done this.”

John Ash (Chebeague Island, ME; jmashiv@yahoo.com) says, “Seems this winter I have spent much time messing with snow and not playing with my trains! Island living is still good, however.” **Diane Sargent** (Gloucester, MA; dianasargent@me.com) writes, “I enjoyed our Reunion and seeing old friends—and the campus, which looked magnificent. Hope I will be here and able to make the next one. Thanks to all of you who did the planning and work to make it a success.”

Eben Lang (Audubon, PA; langsebago@gmail.com) and wife Mimi have enjoyed ten great years at Shannondell

but no grandchildren went! My two brothers-in-law and their wives are all Cornellians."

Retired urologist **Stan Landau**, MD '56 (Hewlett Harbor, NY) still walks two miles every morning at six and plays nine holes of golf (from the senior tees). Sarasota calls for part of the winter. He and Maxine keep an apartment in NYC handy for theater, symphony, and museums. He feels good about his relationships with all their five children and nine grandlings. He's pleased with his practice of pediatric surgery—"helping a lot of people get well." He and Maxine have enjoyed sailing, golf, and skiing in season. **Bert Pitt** (Ann Arbor, MI) is "busier than ever," though retired over 15 years from the U. of Michigan School of Medicine. Clinical trials in heart failure and hypertension keep him occupied. "I'm proud that my son, Geoffrey, is director of the Cardiovascular Research Inst. at Weill Cornell Medicine."

Mel Atwater (Olympia, WA), a brother, and a nephew are all Cornellians. All, Mel reports, have participated in running the farm that has been in the family since 1850. It has become one of the largest dairy farms in Niagara County, NY. On the other side of the Empire State, **Herb** and Stephanie **Neuman** live not far above Central Park (NYC). At last report, Stephanie was recovering from a fractured hip and Herb was looking forward to "toasting my fellow survivors" in Ithaca in June. One of his Sigma Alpha Mu brothers, **Burt Fine**, was regretting he'd be missing his '53 Reunion, owing to the usual Columbia Law conflict.

Barbara Querze Weinreich, ME '54 (Orlando, FL) leads book groups and finds volunteer job searches for disabled adults gratifying. She was looking forward to a campus visit to see her granddaughter become a Cornell grad. **Janet Perrigo** Brown-Wolff (Shelburne, VT) has been writing her autobiography. By last spring she had about finished memories of her school days and was proceeding into her professional career. She has moved into assisted living six miles from the home she shared with her (now deceased) husband. Her oldest grandchild and his parents live in Kalamazoo, MI. Janet has been great-grandmother to some 38 foster children. **Helen Teschner** Greene speaks highly of the five-star life in Rancho Mirage, CA, where she dwelled-it-up last winter. Then back to Great Neck for May through November. Folks like Ginger Rogers, Gerry Ford, Barack Obama, and Colin Powell have liked it, too. The golfing is fab, as are the dining, the tall palms, the pickle ball court, the star gazing, and the thousand-seat amphitheater.

The very generous partners **Bill Gratz** and Jay Bruno have been honored with the Cornell U. Gay and Lesbian Alumni Assn. (CUGALA) **Steve W. Siegel '68** Award. Siegel, a CUGALA founder, pretty much ran it until the end of his life. Bill and Jay's enthusiastic support of scholarships and other financial aid to current Cornellians is inspirational. Bill received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award in 2015. The William F. Gratz Cornell Tradition Fellowship was established in 1983. The James A. Bruno Cornell Tradition Fellowship came to be in 1998. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 It's that time of year when I tend to read about the Dog Star Sirius. It is the brightest star in our skies, so even I can locate it when the lights of this urban area do not hinder my limited abilities at star gazing. This year's research revealed Sirius was thought of as an agricultural deity in Egypt. The ancient Egyptians saw that Sirius rose just before the sun each year immediately prior to the annual flooding of the Nile River. As we

know, flooding can be destructive, but floods often bring with them new soil and new life. So instead of harassing that brown dog as the Roman's did, the Egyptians saw something of value. Guess it all depends on how we look at many things in life.

I trust that this time next year, as many of us as possible will have enjoyed our 65th Reunion. This next Reunion will require some thoughtful planning just to get to Ithaca. **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** retired to Ithaca, so that problem is one they don't have to ponder, nor does **Jarry LaBrecque** Purcel, who also lives in Ithaca. **Robert Hellman**, MS '57, is still caring for critters and the land they inhabit. He lives a bit further from campus (though still in the Empire State) in the town of Hilton, just to the west of Rochester, but far enough to manage his six acres of reclaimed forest. **Stanley Birer**, JD '58, hails from Flossmoor, IL, so that will require a 12-hour drive and a little less to fly.

Peter Whiteford lived in Houston for 62 years and this past December moved to Park City, UT, which now serves as a launch pad for visiting friends and family around the globe. I do hope he is home enough to enjoy the great powder and thinks of flights East. Further west, the east side of San Francisco Bay is the home of **Allan Griff**, another transplant. Allan rented on the West Coast for a year to see if the fit was one they could live with, and it was. Allan has always been a bit of a trifecta. His professional specialty is the world of plastics, where he now is involved educating factory workers on a basic chemistry level. On the arts side, he writes poetry and essays, and does choral singing. He is still sharing his Cornell stage training and Chemical Engineering background. Travel remains on his bucket list, mainly Norway, Ireland, and all the Hawaiian Islands.

We have several members of the class who not only winter in the Sunshine State, but live there year around. But perhaps I am finding a new trend. For many of us, health is a concern and we find ourselves more and more looking to our family for support. I certainly do. **Robert Jarvis** moved south in retirement and is now moving north to Illinois to be closer to his daughter.

Age has slowed desire for travel . . . well, except for my brother, who is heading to Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia as I type this. I shall have him speak with Allan when he gets home. Virginia and **Andrew Craig** seemed to have relocated from St. Louis to Naples, FL, for their retirement. We have a number of classmates in the area who have made the same choice. **Willard Wheeler** has chosen to live on the eastern side of the Sunshine State in Coral Gables, making it easier to summer in New Hampshire. **Joseph Hartwig** has lived in Sanford, FL, for a number of years and has been battered by enough hurricanes that he's now looking for the appropriate people who have an interest in lessening the destruction to both human and property damage, a large order to be sure.

I shall be back in two months with more news. Until then, please take care of yourselves and your offspring, upon whom we grow more and more dependent. ♦ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 Lots of news from classmates! Thank you so much for keeping in touch. A quick message from **Ken Hunt**: "Dues sent. I'd love to get to the next Reunion, but Boise is a long way to travel by walker." Granted, but we'll miss you, Ken.

Nancy Taft Whitman brought us up to date on news from Nebraska. "After over 45 years as a widow, I married

again in 2016, to a retired philosophy professor who was also an amateur cellist. Unfortunately, he died seven months after we married, but we had been together several years. I inherited his springer spaniels, who are a lot of company. Otherwise, after traveling all over the world (about 90 different countries) since 1990, I decided it was time to give it up, due to lumbar arthritis. I found I couldn't quite do that, so I'm signed up for a Great Lakes cruise in August and a cruise around Newfoundland in October. Oh, well. But I will be confining my traveling to the US and Canada, and trips that don't involve changing hotels every other day!" Three of Nancy's four sons and wives and their offspring live within flying distance, so while most of the college graduations will be over after this year, more weddings are in the offing. These days, Nancy's teaching music classes at OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Inst.).

Dick Schrader, MBA '58, has been active with the OLLI program for the past 11 years, at the U. of North Florida, but hasn't traveled for the past eight years, "thus accumulating thousands of Delta Airline miles on my credit card." But he's kept in contact with **Tad Cameron**, **Hans "Wolff" Duerr**, and **Nick Hathaway**. He remembers his friendships with **Linc Reavis** and **Sun** colleagues **Phil Merrill**, **Dick Schaap**, and **Roger Severance**. **Seymour "Sy" Musiker** is another classmate enjoying OLLI. He spends his free time reading, exercising, going to doctors' appointments, and "seeing friends old and new, including classmates **Frank Tretter**, LLB '57, and **Ron Ganeles**."

Bill Andrews reports, "During summer 1953, I married my high school sweetheart. She got a job as a secretary in the Engineering college and I had three separate jobs, one of them driving around campus in an ancient 1937 car, servicing ice cream vending machines for the Dairy Science Club. We were actually banking money. Against all parental expectations, my marks improved dramatically. I still have the car and the girl!" **Don Jacobs** says, "I'm busier in retirement than I think I was at work." He's the moderator of the largest book club in Pennsylvania and works out every morning at 6:30. "Getting older isn't easy, but we have great workout facilities, so I'm in very good shape." He and **Frances (Walden) '56**, who have been married for 62 years, travel every year. "I'm in touch with so many Cornell friends like **Fred Antil**, who lives near me, but too many of my good friends have died."

Sam Kaplan would like to hear from **George "Yo" Ramsey Yoder**, his ex-roommate. **Charlotte Bialo** Picot joined the Women's Club in Forest Hills and has gone back to playing bridge, "learning the new conventions," and is playing tennis again at the West Side Tennis Club. She and **Gerri Sobel** Katz enjoyed the class luncheon in Florida last summer. **Ruth Lauterbach** Hutter says she's still busy as a volunteer docent at the Newark Museum. If you're in the area, Ruth urges you to visit this worthwhile museum ("as good as or better than many NYC museums"). Good news from **Marcia Willemen** Sutter: their youngest son, Neil, "was finally married at age 47 to a lady from Thailand, who is the legal guardian of her two nephews, and Neil expects to adopt them. They also just had a baby girl—and moved two blocks from us!"

Bob Leader says he's working reduced hours and still representing clients in legal matters. "I have cut down on commuting to our Gouverneur, NY, office, but we use express mail, e-mail, faxes, and telephone to our advantage." The Leader clan includes several lawyers, 17 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Unfortunately,

Bob's son William, a Clarkson graduate, died in 2011. **Gerald Curkendall** volunteers for the local historical society, which operates two historic properties that provide social and cultural events for the community of Newark Valley, NY. Gerry's grandson graduated from Cornell Law School last spring. **Don Crane**'s volunteer work includes hospital auxiliary, church, veterans' club, and Rotary. Don wishes he could also be teaching.

John Braun reports on a "fantastic hiking trip" with Elderhostel through Death Valley. "Learned some geology and saw the many colors of the valley and the mountains." After 17 years in Rhode Island, **Ben** and **Ruth Clarke Hawkins** moved to Brooksby Village, an Erickson Living continuing care facility in Peabody, MA, and they say they're "loving it!" Rudy, thank you for your kind note after Ed's untimely death, just before our 2015 Reunion. At that time, I said, "No more Reunions for me." But as 2020 gets closer, I'm reconsidering. The yearning to "tread the Hill once more" is hard to resist. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 **Gideon Panter**, MD '60 (Palisades, NY) closed his ob/gyn office a year ago and became professor emeritus at Weill Cornell Medicine. "I miss my medical practice, but it is appropriate to retire at the top of one's game. My two youngest children are Cornell students. **Dara '21** is a freshman Science major, and **Giulia '19** is a junior, trying to convince Arts & Sciences that it is okay to have three related majors, Comparative Literature, English, and Linguistics. It reminds me of myself with majors in Math, Physics, and pre-med. I am forever thankful for my Cornell experiences and relationships."

Diana Motycka Day has moved from Silver Spring, MD, to Wooster, OH, to be near children and grandchildren. Diana misses her late husband, **Bob**, very much, but she says it helps her to be near their children. "2017 has been a year of changes. January started with Bob and me both still ushering Sundays at church, staying active in the Anacostia Community Boathouse Assn., Sandy Spring Museum, Cornell Club of Washington, and two garden clubs. In fact, both of us received awards. Bob was named Anacostia River Hero by the Anacostia Watershed Society for his work organizing and promoting rowing, paddling, and cleanup programs on the Anacostia River. From zero activity, there are now over 750 rowers and paddlers per day. I received Cornell Club of Washington's annual award for my volunteer work, which was really for supporting Bob's work creating and developing many interesting programs for the CCW." Bob's health took a turn for the worse over the summer, and he died on June 24, two days after his 83rd birthday. "Many, many thanks to so many who came to Bob's memorial service. The support was immensely appreciated." She would like to get involved in Cornell activities in her new hometown, and would like to get in touch with **Tom Merryweather** and **Joe**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger**.

Roy Curtiss III (Gainesville, FL) was awarded two research grants from the USDA in 2017. In the same year, his 11th grandchild and 11th great-grandchild were both born. He recently gave a presentation at a Cornell symposium in Ithaca on food safety and security. **Percy Edwards** Browning has moved to Kendal at Ithaca. She has a lovely cottage with her art on the walls and sculptures in the garden. Percy is still on the board of the Kitchen Theatre and Finger Lakes Land Trust and sings with the community chorus. She recently hosted our Reunion chair, **Carole Rapp** Thompson, who was

invited by the ILR school to speak on sexual harassment in the '50s.

Virginia Seelig Lenz (Forest, VA) recently attended Road Scholar choral workshops in Abington, VA, and St. Simons Island, GA. **Leo Convery** (Edgartown, MA) has been in touch with **Ned** and **Carol Gibson Worthington '57**, **Chuck Dorman**, and **Steve Kittenplan**. He reports that the Worthingtons are breaking records for taking cruises, Chuck is enjoying retirement, and Steve spends the summers on the vineyard with Leo. "We are all on the right side of the turf," says Leo. He's enjoying winter in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and was planning to take a cruise last March.

I am saddened to report the passing of **Kathleen Rooney** Irish. Her daughter Mary wrote, "She was the best mom in the world and we miss her guidance, love, beauty, and laughter every day." ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 When **Beth Ames** Swartz was giving her presentation in the Lund Lounge at Mews (our 65th Reunion HQ), the bright sun streaming through the windows made it virtually impossible for our classmates to make out anything on the video screen. **Judy Lund** Biggs's family had funded that room, and **Connie Santagato** Hosterman parlayed that into the recommendation that we consider a class project to achieve a window treatment to solve the problem. **Betty Starr** King picked up the ball, got in touch with the right people, and even suggested it might be a good Architecture student project. Better yet, the university is picking up the tab, and when the treatment is in place, Betty has promised to get pictures. Our treasurer, **Stu MacKay**, celebrates by stating, "Our treasury is still intact."

On the medical front, **Myron Teitelbaum** is retired from his psychiatric practice, living eight months in Florida and four months on Long Island. He and Linda are involved in a myriad of charitable causes. **Bill Angell** is still active full time in chest and vascular surgery, keeping the body in shape by sculling five days a week and taking up golf. **Hugh Neilson** has figured out where to spend fall and summer, the former in Upstate New York and Vermont and the latter in Michigan.

Paul '55, MD '59, and **Joanne Field Bleakley** have run in all 50 states, nine Canadian provinces, and several countries around the world. They have cut domestic exercise by downsizing to a one-floor plan in Geneva, NY, with a great view of Seneca Lake. **Michael** and **Myrna De Nicola** spend half their time in Calgary, Alberta, and the other half in Murrieta, CA. He represents Fujitsu on the boards of directors of several organizations. **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, and **Bob** report from Hilton Head that they enjoy visiting with other '57ers on the island and hope (ATTN: **Judy Reusswig**) that a local Cornell Club could be organized. They have recently cruised to Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania before embarking on another cruise, this time to South America. As an aside, Marcia shares with your correspondent an enduring respect for Prof. **Clinton Rossiter '39**.

Dick and **Dale Reis Johnson '58** have gotten hooked on duplicate bridge in retirement, having recently taken a bridge cruise down the coast of Mexico on which they finished first and second out of 62 players, many of whom were life masters. In January of this year, **Mark Levy** gave a one-man concert entitled "An old man sings old songs about old age," going through 17 songs to a most enthusiastic audience of folks our age. **Bill Schmidt**, Impressionist Artist Supreme, continues to

produce world-acclaimed art. For examples of his work, go to <https://billschmidt.net>. **John Jenner**, MBA '59, is promoting the life of Founding Father Roger Sherman in a number of ways, one of which is working to create the tourist Roger Sherman Trail in Connecticut.

Our former class president, **Phil McIndoo**, continues his annual involvement with the Bryn Mawr-Wellesley Book Sale, which provides scholarships to young women who have been admitted to either of the institutions. Another annual McIndoo ritual is his attendance at Oxford to learn from (and impart wisdom to) the Greats.

We lost another great one in April when **Bob Black** passed away. Bob and your correspondent saw a lot of each other on the Baltimore high school basketball courts before becoming lacrosse teammates on the Hill. He was our captain and an All American, but much more than a jock. He was president of his high school class, president of Phi Gam, and president of the Cornell men's judiciary council. After graduation, he was a key director of US Lacrosse, the ruling body of the sport during its growth-spurt years at the high school and college levels. Professionally, he took over Black & Co., the CPA firm founded by his grandfather and nurtured by his father. When the Big Red stickmen played Syracuse, we encountered Jimmy Brown, whom we are led to believe also played football. **Bob Shirley** and I, each 160 pounds of absolute terror, would soften him up and then hand him off to Blackie for the coup de grâce. When Bob was distributing his children to colleges, I wrote this:

*It's tough to see an old man choke
And send his kid to Roanoke,
Or ship his daughter, lass of lasses,
To Arizona with the masses.*

*But culture never was his bag,
In social circles he's a drag;
Not wrapped too tight — a little wacky,
We love him though — our Bawlrmer Blackie.*

Send news to: ♦ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 Reunion will have been enjoyed last month, as this column appears in July. We'll have follow-up news from that event in the next column; meanwhile, from back in April, we have some classmate news to pass along.

The Rev. **Bob** and **Peggy Chamberlain Beringer '59** are in a new chapter of their lives, Bob says, in a fine retirement center in Topsham, ME, greatly helpful to them both as Peggy has some major health issues to live with. Unfortunately, those issues will keep the Beringers from joining us at Reunion, with their deep regrets, "but with fine memories of those many they did attend." Bob continues leading Bible and discussion classes and singing in their Highlands Choir; they both appreciate their grandchildren's graduations toward "getting into useful lives." **Muriel King** Taylor, MD '62 (jamur4321@gmail.com) still resides in Lakewood, WA, and recently helped her sister, **Rosemary King** Rhea '63, move to nearby Tacoma. Muriel lost her husband, Jack, in 2016 and is working hard at recovering, now getting into shape for a long-sought trip to Peru for cruising and hiking in the Amazon and visiting Machu Picchu this spring. She also sadly reports the loss of her junior- and senior-year roommate, **Lenore McGee** Luscher, after a long battle with cancer. Muriel remembers many of her professors at Cornell, including Prof. Gilbert, William M. Sale Jr., **Michell Sienko '43**, **Stuart Brown '37**, PhD '42, and

more, requiring her “years of graduate school before finding others of such stellar caliber.”

Barbara Avery, MA '59, is planning some long trips also, with New Zealand and Australia coming up, and then to Mongolia with her husband, Courtney Chapman, on his Rotary project of children's books. Barbara is keeping active in Worthington, OH, with teaching ESL, remodeling some of their home with emphasis on Northwest tribal art, taking courses from Ohio State U., surviving hip replacements, and generally keeping on the move. They plan to join the class at Reunion. **Bob Hendricks**, PhD '64, professor of materials science and engineering and associate department head at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, wishes he had more time for travel and photography. Two grandchildren are in college, one graduating this spring and the second swimming for RPI.

Beverly Blau Miller (bevmiller59@gmail.com), living in Jamesville up near Syracuse, NY, is active in that town's V.A. hospital, volunteering weekly while helping to maintain gardens at the local zoo. She's taking courses through her nearby OASIS program and enjoying having four grandchildren living nearby with attendant soccer and lacrosse games. **Louesa Merrill** Gillespie was planning to go to Russia with Cornell's Adult University (CAU) this past April, taking a break from consulting for her family's Beachmere Inn business, acting on local nonprofit boards, and enjoying symphony and chamber music. She is also learning more about robots, practicing her Spanish, and remembering Dean Howard Bagnall Meek at Cornell, who had the greatest impact on her.

Nach Waxman (nachwaxman.op@gmail.com) continues to put in three days a week at his culinary bookstore, Kitchen Aids & Letters, in NYC, and takes two- and three-week road trips with his wife, Maron. Nach plans to add to his donation of food-related materials to Cornell's Rare and Manuscript Collections. **Jack Kelly** says he's looking forward to seeing many classmates and friends at Reunion. He continues to greatly enjoy his work with his sons, helping families manage their assets, and reports 55 years of marriage to Ingrid this July. **Jerry**, MD '62, and **Judy Rensin Mandell** '61 (gm@virginia.edu) will be at Reunion, coming up from Virginia, where they've happily resided since 1969. Jerry writes: “We are proud to be a loyal Cornell family: my wife, Judy; sons **Jim Mandell** '84, MD '92, and **Scott Mandell** '92; daughter-in-law **Elizabeth (Berger)**, MD '88 (she says she's a Yalie, but she went to Cornell Med); daughter **Pam Mandell** Freedman '87; and grandsons **Zach Mandell** '18 and **Will Freedman** '22.”

John '55 and **AC Church Riley** will also be joining the Reunion crowd. AC keeps busy with her recently reported civic activities in her town of Saratoga Springs, NY, and plans to attend the election CAU at Mohonk Mountain House before November elections. **Irene Rizzi Metzger** will find our Reunion bittersweet without **Roger**, deceased two years ago, after their life together since their first meeting at Newman Club on September 22 of our freshman year. Irene (irmetzger114@gmail.com) is finding her new life with family (upcoming wedding and graduations), music enjoyment, working on downsizing a bit, and recalling her wonderful years with Roger and friends during her undergraduate years.

Larry Hirschhorn says he's keeping busy with “family, investing, and traveling to Maui and Europe . . . and should be reading and traveling more.” He is pleased that his oldest grandson has been ED accepted to Cornell, adding to the attendance list of six family members, including one of his children. Larry recalls Vladimir Nabokov as a “great educator” who had a great impact

on him. **Lois Cohen** Tucker (Lrtucker@rochester.rr.com) says the same about Nabokov, “the best of all, along with other excellent professors, like **Milton Konvitz**, PhD '33, Katherine Reeves, **Urie Bronfenbrenner** '38, Robert Cushman, and **Clinton Rossiter** '39.” Lois has continued to enrich her life in retirement, especially through studies with Osher@RIT—a lifelong learning program that is now part of 100-plus universities in the US. Lois and her hus-

wonders. In Rotorua, on the North Island, I saw multi-colored hot pools and mud pots—similar to Yellowstone. In Franz Josef, on the South Island, my hotel was set in the midst of a rainforest, complete with tree ferns. Just over four miles away was a glacier!” Mary Ella's latest love is writing memoirs—mostly humorous, but also a few dark ones. We'll have one of these short reminiscences in our next column.

‘The yearning to “tread the Hill once more” is hard to resist.’

NANCY SAVAGE PETRIE '55

band, Donald, also take pride in the accomplishments of their grandchildren, all in the professions or well on their way. Cheers for now. We'll have Reunion news in the next column. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Jan Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 Roz Bakst Goldman was awarded the Belmont Society Award by the Appraisers Assn. of America at the organization's national convention in late 2017. The award was given to Roz in recognition of her significant contributions to the association over the course of 25 years. Among other contributions, she is a past president of the association.

The Latah County Human Rights Task Force presented **Pat Lasky** Rathmann with the 2018 Rosa Parks Human Rights Community Award on January 20 at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Community Breakfast in Moscow, ID. Pat was recognized for her determination and continuous fight to protect the rights of Native Americans and the environment of the Palouse region. “A well-deserved award [for] this tireless community activist,” commented the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Inst. “I'm proud of my mom for her tireless efforts as an advocate for the environment and for indigenous peoples and so many other social justice issues,” wrote her daughter, **Lisa Rathmann** Stewart '87.

Fellow '59ers and Columbia Law School classmates **Ellie Applewhaite** and **Harry Petchesky** were present in February when Columbia Law School conferred its Medal for Excellence on **Steve Friedman**. Steve's wife, **Barbara (Benioff)**, and their daughter Caroline Friedman Levy were also present. The medal is the law school's most prestigious award, presented to alumni and past or present faculty members “who exemplify the qualities of character, intellect, and social and professional responsibility that the law school seeks to instill in its students.” Steve, a retired chair of Goldman Sachs & Co., is chairman of Stone Point Capital and a member of the investment committees of the Trident Funds. He is also a trustee of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in NYC.

“My favorite role as an actor was one I had hoped to play—someday—since I was in my twenties: Aunt Abby in *Arsenic and Old Lace*,” says **Mary Ella Harman** Feinleib. “I've also played a 65-year-old nymphomaniac and an equally senior fur thief—all this at the Georgetown Theatre Workshop in Georgetown, MA.” Mary Ella continues to work at her retirement career as a travel agent planning itineraries for clients, and she continues to travel widely. This past winter, she spent a month touring New Zealand on her own, with private drivers and guides. “For a small country, it has an amazing array of natural

Retired architect **Hugh Zimmers** and his wife are happy with their move to Vergennes, VT. “My son and his wife and daughter invited us to move here and participate in raising their 4-year-old, so we constructed a two-bedroom apartment in the back of their renovated two-story barn. We like it here, and do not feel as isolated as we were in Philadelphia.” A large family keeps retired radiologist **Alan Herschman** hoppin'. He and his wife, Ruth, have four married children and ten grandchildren—all living nearby in New Jersey. **Carl** and **Nancy Hedden**'s four children and ten grandchildren are more far-flung, so traveling for visits fills their calendars.

Sidney Boorstein's younger daughter, Michelle, has served as the *Washington Post*'s religion reporter since 2006, overseeing and producing faith-related coverage; in 2017 she was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard. Sidney's oldest grandson is a 2018 graduate of the U. of Miami. Another recent graduate is **Saul** '58 and **Helen Sugarman Presberg**'s grandson **Matan Presberg** '18. You may recall reading about this Engineering student in the Jan/Feb issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*: Matan is a juggling whiz who is a three-time winner at the Int'l Juggling Assn. Numbers Championship.

In addition to running a small laboratory at NIH in Bethesda, MD, where he studies hemoglobin and its diseases, such as sickle cell anemia, **Alan Schechter** is active in editing medical journals and serving on review committees and boards of foundations. He also is writing a history of biomedical research and organizing relevant historical programs. Despite all this, Alan wishes he “had more time and efficiency to accomplish all that I would like to do.”

Seen around town: **Ron Demer**, **Roy Pritchard**, and other Cornellians among friends “from childhood, Cornell, and later life,” present at **Bill Kingston**'s 80th birthday dinner in Stamford, CT; **Carole Kenyon** on a tour of Cornell Tech in NYC—“amazing place, particularly on a beautiful sunny day.” ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Felicitations to **Don Dewey** and his wife, Sandy, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this spring. “We had a great party on April 7,” says Don, “with more than 90 relatives and friends in attendance at the Larchmont (NY) Shore Club. Several Cornellians were among the guests, including **Art Bratone** '62, **Kathy Skinner** Delsanter '63, MS '65, and **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder '61. Our four children, including **Elizabeth Dewey** Efe '98, MBA '06, all participated with humorous roastings of their parents. When the weather cooperates, we plan to spend some time at our summer home on Chautauqua Lake in Western New York.”

Congratulations also to Colonel **Peter Gleichenhaus** (US Army, Ret.) for receiving the Distinguished Leadership Award early this year from the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco. The award recognizes his work with war veterans, including the establishment of a job fair in the Bay Area for those who are unemployed, and his service on boards such as that of the Korean

War Memorial Foundation and the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund. Peter went from Cornell to West Point for more study and then to the U. of Wisconsin, where he received a master's degree. He spent 30 years in the Army, with tours of duty in such places as Vietnam, the Canal Zone, Germany, the Pentagon, and the Presidio in San Francisco. After retiring, he worked as an administrator at a medical organization and a Silicon Valley company. Ranked number one in over-70s men's tennis in Northern California in 2014, Peter is now embarked on a new career, coaching boys' tennis at University High School in San Francisco.

'Didn't face-time used to refer to hanging out in the Ivy Room?'

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Mike Andrew has been very busy since leaving the U. of New Hampshire, from which he retired as distinguished professor of education. Living in an 18th-century house in Gorham, ME, where he had also spent his childhood, he reports, "I raise and race standardbred horses (35 at present) and Hampshire sheep and also run a 65-acre farm. In my spare time, I do some iron work (blacksmithing) and a bit of writing." His book *The Place*, a depiction of life on a farm in Maine in the 1940s and 1950s, was published in 2016. Mike also manages to fit in outings, like regular dinners with Greta and **George Waterman '58**, MS '60, and a two-week spring fishing trip with **Dierk Terlouw**, MBA '61. Mike and Anita have five children, 11 grandchildren, and, he happily reports, "a second great-grandchild just born."

Alan Lippert of Mercer Island, WA, has now retired from teaching at MathPath, a math camp for gifted middle-school boys and girls. He cheerfully admits, "I have become addicted to pickleball. I play three times a week for more than two hours each time. However, I find that as I learn more about the game and what is the best shot to hit, I am less competent in hitting that shot. I also have a new grandson, Cameron, born last summer. I didn't remember how much fun infants can be." If Alan had a day in Ithaca, he says he would spend it "walking all around campus to note the many changes."

Louis Barr writes from Auke Bay, AK, "I'm continuing to work as a freelance fishery biologist and naturalist and also pursuing my 40-year-long activity as a commercial salmon fisherman, following an 18-year career as a biologist-diver with NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service." Not long ago, a chef appointed by the Alaska governor to represent the state in the Great American Seafood Cook-Off told a journalist that she recruited Lou Barr to catch a white king salmon for her project; she then transported her precious cargo to the New Orleans event in a violin case.

Ruth Birnbaum Langer says that she and her husband, Ira, are "participating in a full life here in New York. We take advantage of much of the art and culture that

Iva and I spend time at Fripp Island, SC, with family and friends. We spent two days on campus last summer with our grandson Matt."

Our condolences to **Janis Mitchellhill** Leas, who reports the death of her oldest child, Wayne Johnson, in early 2017: "He was an immigration attorney in El Salvador, striving to reunite families separated by war, gangs, and economic duress." She finds solace in "keeping my 200/300-year-old house and grounds in good order, my wonderful grandchildren, and reading, reading, reading." Janis is grateful for the Spanish literature professor, **Dalai Brenes, PhD '57**, she had at Cornell, she says, "who encouraged me to use the Spanish I had grown up with and was too abashed to speak. Here in Ulster County, many years later, I did translations for my Hispanic friends. Now their DACA children translate for their parents' medical, legal, and shopping needs." Please remember to send news to yours truly. ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 News of classmates getting together. From **Michael Hoffman**: "The last weekend in last September, crews from our 1958 'sweep' win of the Inter-collegiate Rowing Assn. (IRA) regatta races. Frosh, JV, and varsity gathered to celebrate that, but mostly to be with our freshman crew coach, **Carl Ullrich '50**, who was honored with the Mullestein Award, a high honor in the world of rowing! It was a wonderful weekend back on the Hill, and to have time to celebrate Coach Carl was spectacular in itself. '61ers who came include **Don Spero, Tom Gittins, Don Johnes, BCH '64, Bill Cox, Harry Moseley, Larry Bortles**, and myself."

And from **Doug Fuss**: "It's been a busy month here in the Low Country. This week we traveled to Charleston, SC, and were able to join **Charlie Betz** and wife Louise for lunch on John's Island. Charlie and Louise are 'snowbirds' leaving the frozen north in Maine and Vermont for the more accommodating weather on Seabrook Island. Charlie had the opportunity on the drive down to visit friend and fraternity brother **Reg Woods**, MBA '63, and wife Kathy in Charlottesville, VA. Reg and Kathy had just moved from their country home to an in-town apartment. Reg lamented that the move was hindered by disposing of too much 'stuff.' Doug continues, "**Scon** and **Jean Travis Boccuti** sent an e-mail that they would be arriving in Savannah with a Road Scholar tour. We were able to connect for dinner in the historic district. The four of us had a fine evening sharing the now-common angst of too much house, concern for our future health and care, and, to repeat, too much 'stuff.' A shared observation was that our children have little interest in the possessions and furniture we have collected over the decades. I guess

no one uses fine china, sterling, and crystal anymore. We will wrestle with this problem for a while."

Bob Everson (noted April 7, 2018) writes that he "attended a joint concert with the Cornell and Purdue glee clubs last night (amid a powerful t-storm that came through). They were both great. At the end of the Cornell portion of the program, the director invited alums to come up and stand with the Glee Club to sing the Alma Mater. What an honor. We got a photo with the director afterwards." The Glee Club then moved on to Milwaukee, Chicago, and Cleveland before returning home. Bob notes that the storm blew down a 50-year-old spruce tree in their backyard. Our classmate **Harris Rosen**, a millionaire hotelier, donated \$11 million to give everyone in a Florida neighborhood free college scholarships and free pre-K and daycare. The crime rate was subsequently cut in half and the high school graduation rate increased from 25 percent to nearly 100 percent. Harris says his goal was to give them hope, adding, "If you don't have hope, then what's the point?"

Gary Busch (gary@ocnus.net), who lives in London, writes, "I have recently stopped our transport business in Africa. We sold our ships, finished our charters, handed back our leased aircraft, and left the field to others. My family decided I had become too old to visit wars and conflicts in Africa. I'm now only a consultant. I write for several magazines and websites and keep my website (<http://www.ocnus.net>) up to date daily. The outbreak of peace and quiet is surprisingly pleasant. Soon I'll probably think of retiring." **Bobbie Horowitz** sent an update about her cabaret series and reported that she's also written a book, *Fit and Fabulous From Fifty Forward*. She says, "I had to find a way (that was right for my body) to restore my health, and I help guide people to do the research to find out what's best for them to do. I think of Cornell and my wonderful friends. I send love to Cornell!"

The April 2017 *Naupaka News* from Waikoloa, HI, honors **Thomas Rohr**, a.k.a. "The Commish." This two-page newsletter highlights his project, Waikoloa Beach Resort, and goes on to detail the history of his professional activities with the Waikoloa Land Co. and the resort. "Rohr is widely regarded as someone who set new standards in the leisure hospitality industry in Hawaii during his long career." Thanks, Tom, for sending us the newsletter—and congratulations!

Sad news sent by **Ronald Demer '59**: "SAE **Harold 'Spike' Kunz**, MD '65, died peacefully in his home on January 5 from complications of diabetes. He is survived by his wife, Dodie, son Greg, daughter Beth, and brother **Eric Kunz '62** (also a Cornell SAE). Beth is associate director of Engineering admissions at Cornell. Spike attended Cornell's Medical College in NYC and served as a captain in the US Air Force. After being honorably discharged, he began a radiology residency at Washington U. in St. Louis and was a radiologist until retirement at 55. Spike and Dodie had a home in Lake George, NY, since 1980. He was an avid sailor and skied at Gore Mountain with his children, grandchildren, and friends." Ron added, "On a Phi Psi note, I hosted Scon and **Jon Fairbanks** during their visit to Ithaca in the fall for the Harvard hockey game and football vs. Columbia."

Brenda Young Crawford (helivet@aol.com) and husband **Tony, DVM '62**, "live in a fabulous community—Spruce Creek Fly-In. Most of us have a consuming interest in aviation. Lots of fun and interesting people. I play bridge and make jewelry. We travel as often as possible—Cuba and the Galápagos were highlights in 2017. Tony is a flight instructor and teaches both fixed wing and helicopter.

We are fortunate to see many Cornellians often and attended Tony's reunion last year." Please continue to keep us informed. ♦ **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 "We should be very proud of ourselves," notes **Judy Prenske** Rich. The Arts & Leisure section of the April 1 *New York Times* contained a three-page article on an exhibit currently at the National Civil Rights Museum (recently opened in Memphis, TN) honoring the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Spread across two of those pages is a photo of student demonstrators marching from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 to fight for black suffrage. The photo is by Bruce Davidson. Last year, at the behest of a group of Cornell students who accompanied Nancy Green (a senior curator at the Johnson Museum and guiding guru behind our photo collection) to a photo show in NYC, she purchased a spectacular Bruce Davidson image to add to our photo collection at the museum. This is the second Davidson image in our collection, the first one having been added in 1981. "This remarkable photo is yet another example of why our photo collection will leave its mark forever. More than anything else we have done as a class for the university, these extraordinary and enduring images give our class an identity. They are our legacy," concludes Judy.

After eight years of snow-birding between Florida and her mountain farm in Monterey, VA, **Linda Himot** (lindahimot@gmail.com) has decided to sell the farm. "It was a tough decision as the farm, with its spectacular mountain views, flower meadows, and tranquility, is hard to leave. I have yet to decide what I will do during the hot and humid summer months in Florida; perhaps travel the country visiting friends and gardens."

Karen Palmer Anderson filled out the news form. She and Einar moved to a Sun City in Lincoln, CA, two years ago. "I am now on what amounts to a planning commission. In my past life, I was mayor of Saratoga, CA, so this committee is duck soup for me. My husband and I travel quite a bit, so I have resisted the impulse to join the board. I try to take on short-term projects so no one is mad at me for missing meetings when we want to hit the road. One that came up last year was to serve as a consultant to residents of Lincoln who were outraged that a Bay Area county was trying to dump a violent sexual offender in our town, which is full of young families. His target was young boys who were drugged and raped. The parents were eager to learn techniques to hold local politicians' feet to the fire. At the end, with the luck of having a judge whose past life included teaching district attorneys how to prosecute sex offenders, we kept our town safe and the offender out. The follow-up came with local legislators' passing a bill that an offender must have some link to a community to ensure the success of rehabilitation and cannot be foisted off on a community with no resources to keep itself safe or provide aid to the offender. These offenders have no more than an ankle bracelet, powered by them each day, to monitor their whereabouts. It was quite a frightening time. We have two daughters nearby so we see grandkids, ball games, etc. No greats yet, but I also have two sons, one in the Bay Area and one in Oregon. We love to travel to places most don't go to. What my husband and I love most is retirement's many joys and opportunities." In response to the query about how she would spend a day in Ithaca, Karen replied, "I would take my granddaughters around the campus and to the restaurant at Beebe Lake for lunch, tell them the tall tales about the footprints on

the Quad, drive them to town to see where Zinck's used to be, give them a sense of the history of Cornell."

Since November 1976, **Jane Brody** Engquist (janeengquist@juno.com) has been writing the weekly personal health column in the *New York Times*. She continues, now on a half-time basis. Other activities include opera, concerts, travel, four grandsons, and a 5-year-old Havanese, Max. "Twin grandsons Stefan Engquist and Tomas Engquist will be joining the Cornell Class of '22, much to my delight." Jane would like to hear from **Charmaine Berg** Campanini. **David Shearing** (shearing@rochester.rr.com) continues to work part time with Western New York Crop Management in Perry, NY. He and Eleanor enjoy Caribbean cruising. David would like to hear from **N. Joel Edwards**, DVM '64.

"I am still hard at work as an IP lawyer involved in litigation, patent and trademark prosecution, and international legal affairs," writes **Peter Hochberg** (peter.hochberg@gmail.com). Peter merged his law firm with Walter Haverfield LLP in Cleveland, OH. Peter and his wife, Maxine Singer, travel extensively to international conferences and are very involved in art functions. **Patricia Padgitt** Wellington (dpwelli@aol.com) was married to Thomas Reeves in Venice, FL, last April 7. In Prescott, AZ, **Faith Miller** Roelofs (faithvmr@msn.com) has volunteered in many capacities at the Highland Center for Natural History over the past 28 years. Faith and husband **Charles Dann** '61, ME '64, are active grandparents of three in Prescott and two in California. They enjoy camping in their fifth wheel.

Alice Dalton Brown (alicedaltonbrown@me.com) remains professionally active as an artist. Her latest solo exhibit was this spring at the Butler Inst. of American Art in Youngstown, OH. Alice and **Eric**, MS '67, live in Peekskill, NY. **Jack Foley** (jandafoley@sbcglobal.net) of Oakland, CA, is also involved in the arts as a poet, performer, and writer. Three recent books include *Riverrun*, *Grief Songs*, and *The Tiger and Other Tales*. Jack's book of selected poems is entitled *Eyes*. He lost his wife of 55 years in 2016. Keep those notes coming! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 By the time you read this, Reunion will be a thing of the past. The next issue will have a write-up on the event. By now, you should have all paid your dues to the class. I hope you have also contributed to the Tatkon Center, which is our class project. The class council will now be turning its attention to our 60th Reunion in 2023!

I had a nice e-mail from **Ella Andresen Brovitz**. "I went back to Ithaca to share in a surprise visit at the Delta Gamma initiation for my granddaughter, **Emma Peek** '21, presently a freshman neuroscience major in the College of Human Ecology. Emma is a double legacy as my daughter, **Laurie Difffield Peek**, DVM '96, is also a Delta Gamma from Ohio State. It was a happy time for me during a very sad time, as my husband, **Cortland '46**, recently passed away. He always said he started the Cornell tradition for our family as so many are Cornellians! I am proud to say I have another grandson starting at Cornell in the fall." **Ed Hoerning** (Gastonia, NC) wrote, "December 2017 has been life-changing for my family. I had quadruple heart bypass surgery in early December. I am now on the road to recovery and currently attending cardio rehab sessions. About the same time, my wife, Carol, entered an assisted living facility in Gastonia, NC. She has been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for the last nine years. Our oldest granddaughter, Laura (U. of North Carolina), is teaching third grade in Charlotte, NC."

John "Whip" Gunn celebrated his 40th year as a volunteer with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "Currently we have 32,000 volunteers on 109 committees. This year we are committed to \$25.6 million in grants, awards, and scholarships for the youth of Texas. Since our beginning in 1932, our giving has been in excess of \$420 million! A lot of cowboys and cowgirls giving a lot of young people a chance!" **Ed Butler**, MS '65, wrote: "We will be very happy when spring arrives after this bizarre winter here in New Jersey. But we did get away for two weeks. **Nancy (Taylor) '64** and I took a cruise in January with **Walt**, MBA/LLB '66, and **Susie Lamme Laessig '64**, MAT '66, to Central America and the Panama Canal. The cruise covered two items on my bucket list—the Panama Canal and seeing Mayan ruins. Nancy and I first met, and Susie and Walt first met, at the same fraternity party at Cornell in 1960. We've been very close friends and have traveled together over the years. Nancy and I are enjoying our grandkids (ages range from 2 to 18). We are especially fortunate that the 2-year-old is only an hour away and is charming us with visits as well as video face-time. Didn't face-time used to refer to hanging out in the Ivy Room? We are both still involved with Cornell activities—it is like a second career that you can never retire from. But it's for a good cause and we've met and become friends with many alumni from different eras."

Those who participated in Cornell's Adult University in Ithaca during the summer of 2017 included **George '62**, MBA '63, and **Shirley Morrison Loveless**, and **Sonia Werker** Butler. Off-campus trips included Cuba, in which **Paula Trested** Laholt and **Kandis Vengris** Scott participated, and a trip on the Atlantic, which **John**, MS '65, and **Mary Semon Carberry '66** enjoyed. **Jim**, MBA '64, and **Karin Billings** are now living full time in Sarasota, FL. "Up until last year we spent our summers in Hamburg, Germany. Since summers can be trying in Florida, we will be traveling to visit my children: Betsy (Dartmouth '93), her husband, and three children in Park City, UT; and son **Jay '98** and his wife and four children in Boulder, CO." Last May, Karin and Jim took the *Queen Mary 2* (their tenth crossing) from New York City to Hamburg to attend the wedding of Karin's grandson. They hoped to go to Israel to sight-see then visit friends. Visiting friends and playing golf round out their hopes for the summer. Jim wrote, "I am about to finish my second year as president of Laurel Oak Country Club. My first year in office was quite pleasant, this one not as much. Hurricane Irma struck our clubhouse. We were closed for four months for remediation and repairs. The ensuing assessment was not treated as good news by the members. Nonetheless, life goes on and, to paraphrase, 'all's well that ends well.' We are blessed to be healthy and happy."

Orlo, MD '67, and **Carol Clark** are busy participating in senior learning at the Fromm Inst. and at surgical conferences at UC San Francisco, playing tennis, doing Pilates, gardening, and traveling. Orlo was made "an honorary member of the Spanish Surgical Society in 2017. Also honored as mentor of the Int'l Assn. of Endocrine Surgery 2017 and a second Orlo H. Clark Lectureship at UCSF in 2017." ♦ **Nancy Biers** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com. Class website, <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

64 Heads up, folks! It's get-ready-for-Reunion time! That's right. Our 55th Reunion is next June 6-9, 11 months away, so plan to block out a fun long weekend to return to Ithaca. Look for more details

here and elsewhere as the date approaches and details are finalized.

In other class news, **Cindy Wolloch** writes, "The JFK committee is delighted to announce the selection of our winner for 2018, **Salma Shitit '18**. Salma is a Near Eastern Studies major with minors in . . . wait for this . . . Arabic, History, and Jewish Studies. Ross Brann called her 'our best, brightest undergraduate, and the student most committed to a life of public service.' She heads to Georgetown Law in the fall. Salma's passion is advocating for and resettling refugees. She will devote her law career to clinical legal education to bring more young people to the work to which she is dedicating her life. The committee was unanimous in our selection of Salma, even as we recognized some highly qualified candidates in the pool."

Fittingly for an upcoming Reunion, we've heard from a classmate who's never before been in this column: **James Hobbins**. Jim catches us up on his activities the last half-century by writing, "After getting my MA in American history from Temple U., I had the pleasure of working for the Smithsonian Institution for 40 years, where I served as a historian for the Papers of Joseph Henry for nine years and special assistant to the secretary for three years. Then for 28 years I served four secretaries (Dillon Ripley, Bob Adams, Mike Heyman, and Larry Small) as executive assistant, the head of his office and primary liaison with the board of regents. I loved working there, and after retiring in 2007 I co-founded the Smithsonian Alumni Program, which now has nearly 450 members who relish visiting our old colleagues. But my passion has surrounded our house, which in 1980 we reconstructed from the timbers of a 1790 home from Brooklyn, CT, on five lovely acres in Potomac, MD. In my retirement, I have taken special delight in its period furnishings and the upkeep with the yard! I'll happily give one and all a tour!"

Hoteli **Patrick Terrail** may hold the class record for multi-faceted retiree (if indeed he is retired). He attached a business card for a publishing company named 85 South, of which he is named publisher. At some point in his distinguished and heralded epicurean career, he's been a chef, restaurant owner (of tony eateries in Hollywood and Atlanta), Olympic Games spirits consultant (also Atlanta), cooking school owner, and cookbook author. But now Patrick lists other pursuits, principal among them raising a 9-year-old son with wife Jackie and traveling. The Terrails still live near Atlanta, but spend summers in the south of France.

Moving on, there's news from those still working. New Yorker **Richard Berman** wrote of a trip he and his wife took last spring to Italy, noting they had a "wonderful if brief stay in Florence (no Nor'easter there)." Richard and Elizabeth are both still working, he as a US Circuit Court judge in NYC, where he adjudicates civil and criminal cases, she as chief communications officer at Wellesley College. **Edwin Stern**, last in this column 33 years ago, is celebrating his 15th year as head of the not-for-profit practice at Seiden Krieger Assocs., an executive search firm. Ed and wife Sallie also live in NYC.

William "Rams" Ramsey is retired from his principal career as an orthopaedic surgeon, but still works part time evaluating injured workers for disability coverage. Bill otherwise enjoys skiing, biking, travel, music, and model railroading. He also enjoyed playing piano and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle—but both these pursuits were lost, along with the Ramsey's "beloved" Santa Rosa, CA, home, in the raging fires that engulfed the Northern California region this past winter. For the time being, Bill and wife Barbara are living in a second home in Truckee, CA, which is near Squaw Valley in the Lake

Tahoe recreation area, and are planning to move to a larger home in the same area.

Elliot Gordon, a toxicology consultant who specializes in agrochemicals, has a new endeavor: he's been certified as a personal trainer in 2017. Elliot and wife Linda live in Princeton, NJ. **Joe James**, who lives in Eagle, ID, with wife Shirley, writes he's still active in his own produce brokerage business, plus spends a lot of time with their grandchildren. Perhaps many of us, including my husband, Jim, can commiserate with Joe's other pursuit, in his words: aiming to be "more efficient at using my iPhone, purchased last year."

That's it for now. Please note that it's the time of year for our annual dues and news appeal, so be sure to respond soon to both to keep our column "newsy." Send your news to me by e-mail or regular mail, using the news form or even a sheet of paper. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

65 Judith Kellner Rushmore (Belmont, MA; judesr@gmail.com) is more than busy with family, friends, entertaining and cooking, gardening, reading, organizing events, bicycling, and travels. In September 2017, she traveled to Germany for a bike trip from Berlin to Dresden. More recently she spent ten days in the Cape Town and Franschoek area of South Africa, and then three days on a game reserve in Sabi Sands near Kruger. She enjoyed the "lovely country, delightful people, great food, and wonderful animal sightings."

Les Golden, ME '66 (driesgo@aol.com) relates that after retiring as an astronomy professor at the U. of Illinois, Chicago, and having earned a pension as an actor in stage, film, TV, radio, and commercials, he has become a writer. *Never Split Tens*, a novel based on the life of blackjack card-counting guru Edward Thorp, was published in 2017 by Springer. "It's funny, romantic, charming, and mathematically accurate. Just ask Prof. James McConkey, who graciously aided my efforts via weekly phone conversations! Next up is *New Comedy Dialogues for Actors: The Role of Status and Fibbing in Characterization*." Les's astronomy/physics textbook, *Laboratory Experiments in Physics for Modern Astronomy*, was published in 2012. Also, *Venusian Casino Junkets and Other Essays in Mathematics and the Probabilities of Gambling*, and *The Body Shapes of Extraterrestrials and Other Essays in Astronomy Through Geology* are slated for 2018 release (both by World Scientific). The prolific Les makes two special requests: "Please respect the planet, all its flora, and all its animal inhabitants"; and, "Ask me about my rescued dogs and cats and my bird feeders at driesgo@aol.com."

Joan Hens Johnson writes: "Thanks to Judy Rushmore for once again organizing a wonderful luncheon at Seasons 52 in Naples, FL, for the class in March. In attendance were classmates **Warren Emblidge**, **Dave Bridgeman**, **Frank** and **Carol Gibbs Stover**, **Joe Schneider**, **Lew Stevens**, **Sharon Hegarty** Williams, **Neena Martin** Lurvey, **Bruce Eissner**, **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Ed Scully**, **Fay Thomas** Bakhrui, MAT '66, and me. Brenda Teeter gave us a summary of current Cornell happenings and we enjoyed news of Dave and Karen's wedding this past January. We share the joy of being in mostly good health and easy conversation among the prime-timers that we are!"

Henry Nave, ME '67 (Peoria, AZ; HJNave@gmail.com) has been trying to secure financing for a wind farm in

the Rocky Mountains; at last word, he was a finalist in bidding. He is active at his church, serving as chair of Christian education and as elder and Bible study instructor. Henry is an avid bicyclist, planning a 200-mile bike ride along the Rhine River in Germany. He has adjusted to the summer heat of Arizona by vacationing out of state! **Joel Strom**, ME '66 (Tampa, FL; joel@strom.com) is a visiting scholar at Florida Polytechnic U. He has begun a cardiovascular clinic at the St. Petersburg Free Clinic to diagnose and treat people who lack health insurance. His wife, Jane (Brown '67), is on the national board of Hadassah and on the board of directors of the Florida Orchestra. Joel and Jane have a grandson at the U. of Sussex and a granddaughter at Oxford. He would like to finish a textbook entitled "Cardiovascular Systems for Engineers."

Bill Waylett, ME '66 (Stuart, FL; billwaylett@yahoo.com) keeps busy with volunteer work and consulting. He recently moved to accommodate his wife's love for a pool. He is envious of his best high school friend owning a B&B in Haines, AK. He would love to hear from **Dick "Max" Bardo '63**. He remembers Prof. **Raymond Thorpe**, MS '47, from Chemical Engineering, the Cornellian who had the greatest impact on his life. **Larry Menzer** reports that he is still practicing pediatrics in Los Angeles. **Michael Schwarting**, MArch '68 (Port Jefferson, NY; jms@casarchitects.net) is still practicing architecture with wife Frances Campani at Campani and Schwarting Architects in Port Jefferson, and teaching architecture at New York Inst. of Technology. He has three grandchildren from two Cornell grads. He published a book, *Rome: Urban Formation and Transformation* (Allied Research and Design, 2017). The Cornellian with the greatest impact on his life was Prof. Colin Rowe.

Susan Blair Jenny (Cascais, Portugal; susanandhermann@gmail.com) writes that she and husband **Hermann '66** sold their B&B in southern France and moved to Portugal in 2017. "The climate, friendly people, new culture, and language were the big attractions and we love it there now." They live 30 minutes from the Lisbon airport, very near the Atlantic, and have made friends among both native Portuguese and expatriates. Susan's brother still lives in Ithaca. **Stephen Appell** (Brooklyn, NY; bigred1965@aol.com) was fortunate to make three trips to Ithaca during the 2017-18 Cornell basketball season, and view six men's home games, including a thrilling 107-101 triple overtime victory over Princeton. He also attended men's road games at Columbia and Yale; went to Newark to see the women's team defeat NJIT; and made a trip to Philadelphia to see the men's team in its first Ivy post-season tournament appearance. He is already looking forward to enjoying the Big Red basketball teams in 2018-19! ♦ **Stephen Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com; **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com.

66 Dick Lockwood, MNS '68, sent some information on Cornellians that highlights how important Cornell is in educating people in civic engagement. Dick teaches at Brandeis U.'s Heller School for Social Policy and Management. The new dean at Heller is **David Weil '83**. David's position is endowed by **Larry Bailis**, in tribute to his late wife, Susan. Another Cornellian who got involved with Brandeis was the late **Seymour Bluestone '40**. He believed many of the world's challenges can be solved only on a global level, that people suffering anywhere on the planet should be of concern to people everywhere. Based on that and his feeling of affinity for Brandeis's philosophy, he donated \$8.4 million

to the Heller School program that Dick teaches. Dick also noted the accomplishment of his high school classmate Michael Rosbach, who now teaches at Brandeis, and who won (along with two others) the Nobel Prize for Medicine last year. Another Cornellian Dick mentioned who was dedicated to helping others was the late **Sylvia Ferrell-Jones '79**. She was an administrator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and CEO and president of YWCA Boston.

In early February, class co-president **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67 (NRFrantz@verizon.net), past president **Alice Katz** Berglas (alice.berglas@gmail.com), and correspondent **Susan Rockford** Bittker attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held in Philadelphia. It was a great mix of interactive workshops, presentations from current students, and an interview with President Pollack by the dean of the Engineering college. Susan attended the workshops on inspiration and collaboration, which showed the importance of being inspired so that you can pass on information to others in a meaningful way. The collaboration workshop was valuable in talking about how to share skills with others in an organized fashion to get a task done well. Another workshop stressed the importance of being involved with your class from dues paying to active participation at whatever level works for you. The three of them also had time to get together and talk about issues for our class, with Rolf adding input that he got from co-president **John Monroe**, PhD '70 (Monroe.jw@gmail.com). Your class officers are always interested in hearing from classmates for input on class activities and news of things in your life.

Norman Meyer (NM2101@yahoo.com) continues as a medical ophthalmologist two days a week. He's also active with the Masons, the Lions Club, and civic activities. He coordinated the Sebastian (FL) Fourth of July Festival last year. He went bass fishing in Lake Okeechobee, and plans to retire this year and then travel. He wrote that at Cornell, his Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity brothers had the greatest impact on him. **Jerry Bilinski**, DVM '69, continues to practice veterinary medicine and also works at a not-for-profit humane association. Jerry says he wishes he could be starting his freshman year at Cornell, and adds that he appreciates "each and every professor in his or her way."

Garry Munson (munson@whitnecap.com) recently moved to Coral Gables, FL ("at least for part of winter"). When asked, he reported, "Yes, I still ski! Why not? At Deer Valley, UT." Garry, along with Cornell '66 teammate **Bob Berube**, said that their team won the over-70 division of "5-on-5" basketball at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, UT. He added that his basketball teammates at Cornell had the greatest impact on him. **Linda Duman** Nack wrote that she is retired, but volunteering and grandkids keep her busy. She is a docent at a historic house, is tutoring in a first-grade classroom, and loves to travel. Linda would love to have traveling friends and family come to visit her in Oakland, CA. She appended that by saying she'd like to hear from "any old (but young at heart) friend from Cornell." **George Stark** sold his investment advisory business to a firm from Atlanta, GA. He's now busy managing his securities broker-dealer firm, Stark Capital Management. He added that his wife, Lois, has just launched "a fascinating book on Amazon, *The Telling Image: Shapes of Changing Times*, by Lois Farfel Stark."

Cesar Carrero, ME '67, wrote that his work is in real estate administration, and after last year's Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, he has been busy in performing

repairs and future planning. Prof. Erickson in Engineering had the greatest impact on him. **Laura Bowman** Gray, MAT '67, wrote that she is "still happily engaged as professor of developmental psychology here in L.A. I also serve on the Cornell University Council. I am in Ithaca every year for the TCAM fall meeting. I am blessed with a fantastic life here at the beach in Santa Monica, CA. I'm also in NYC every summer—with forays to Westhamp-

diver." **Steven Stravinski** (Boynton Beach, FL), husband of classmate **Jane Natter** Stravinski, died February 6, 2017. Formerly located in Tenafly, NJ, he was a pediatrician for Whitehall Labs, American Home Products. **Roger Brahm** (Canandaigua, NY) died last September 4. He spent his professional career working at Eastman Kodak Co. and was a Boy Scout leader and involved in the South Bristol Historical Society.

'Tom Lambiase has made "28 (and counting) trips to Haiti in support of a rural school, clinic, and orphanage."'

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ton Beach. My two grandchildren and family live in NYC." Laura remains in touch with many Cornell friends. "Most important is my best friend and roommate for three years, **Joann Biancaniello** Wills." Who had the greatest impact on Laura while she was at Cornell? "My fantastic professor **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38**. His theories in developmental psychology are ones I still use today." Send news to: ♦ **Pete Salinger**, petersalinger95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 We lost several of our classmates in the last year. **Sarah "Sally" Hall Swanson** (Ashburn, VA) writes that her husband, **Doug Swanson Jr.**, ME '68, died on January 5. Doug was a nuclear propulsion engineer who monitored and administered technical, cost, construction, and scheduler matters for reactors for the Navy after serving on active duty as a naval officer after NROTC at Cornell. After retiring, he started a second career as a managing consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting and a senior managing consultant for IBM.

Gordon Page Brown Jr. (Bradenton, FL), who died last September 19, served two tours in the Vietnam War as platoon leader in the 9th and then 1st Infantry divisions, and a second tour as advisor to the 65th Vietnamese Border Rangers. He received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star. He was an assistant county attorney for Rockingham County, NH, and a trial lawyer in private practice from 1976 until 1997, mostly in the law firm of Brown and Lapointe in Exeter, NH. He was also author of *The Unrequited* and *Clara's Wonderful Day*. A practicing Buddhist, he was a member of Friends of the Western Buddhist Order in New Hampshire and the Mindfulness Meditation Center in Florida. **Joel Kahn** (St. Kilda, Victoria, Australia) died on May 1, 2017. He was an anthropologist who specialized in Southeast Asian studies and comparative social science and was professor emeritus of anthropology at La Trobe U., Melbourne, and an honorary professorial fellow at the U. of Melbourne, and chair of anthropology at Monash U., also in Melbourne. His fieldwork focused on Indonesia and Malaysia, and he also taught at University College and Goldsmith's College, both in London.

Roger Mezitt (Hopkinton, MA) died last September 23. He owned Weston Nurseries and was president of the Hopkinton Historical Society, a board member of the Tower Hill Botanic Garden, "a cat lover and a scuba

James Legacy, PhD '76 (Weeki Wachee, FL; jlegacy@siu.edu) retired as dean emeritus from Southern Illinois U., plays golf every day, and enjoys "lots of travel." His "grandkids are becoming teenagers," but he recalls from his Ag school days Prof. **Daniel Sisler, PhD '62**, "and his walk unaided to swim at Teagle Pool on a daily basis." **Tom Lambiase**, MBA '72 (Fairfax, VA; tjambiase@verizon.net) has made "28 (and counting) trips to Haiti in support of a rural school, clinic, and orphanage, Village of Hope Haiti." He volunteers with Fairfax County in the faith community doing planning, response, and recovery from disasters, and welcomed "grandchild number six; great-grands next!" He aims to "convince all alums to give something back to their faith, community, and internationally."

Allan Hauer, ME '68 (Corrales, NM; awhauer@comcast.net) reports: "I've managed to construct a 'fourth' career that follows research scientist and manager at Los Alamos and bureaucrat at the Dept. of Energy. I found a niche in journalism as the science editor and columnist for a small magazine called *Innovation*. It's a free publication that can be accessed at innovation-america.org. This is not really 'science reporting.' My hope is to use a scientific perspective in analyzing more general issues facing our society and the world. I'd be interested to have comment on whether I'm even close to this lofty goal." ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 The campus was never so majestic, sitting as it has for over 150 years high above Cayuga's sparkling waters. The gorges never so deep with their chilly twinkling waters cutting their way from Ithaca's heights. The hills on campus seemed to have steepened, the slower climb up Libe Slope filled with memories of that blip in time that for most of us began 54 years ago and culminated for all in June 1968. The best part of our celebratory milestone Reunion weekend, of course, was sharing memories and life's experiences with classmates coming together once more.

Of course, I'm imagining all this about our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, as I'm writing this column in April for the July publication you're now reading. The Reunion issue will publish September.

Jeff Donahue (jeffrey.h.donahue@gmail.com), like many of us, ranks playing with his grandchildren (two in L.A., one in Seattle) at the top of his list of the most satisfying times of his life these days. Though Jeff and

his wife, Anne, live in Baltimore, they spend a fair part of the year at their second home in magnificent Santa Barbara, where they're closer to their three children and their families. Now in semi-retirement, Jeff is still serving on the boards of three companies and chairs an investment committee for CalPERS, which leaves him time for traveling. **Herb Fuller** (hfuller01@comcast.net) and his wife, Martha, recently cruised around North America via Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth* and Amtrak, transiting the

captures the youth of the late '50s and '60s, which, as Bill Bryson said, was "an especially wonderful time to be a noisy moron."

Hope everyone had a special time at our 50th Reunion. Our sincerest appreciation to all volunteers, especially Reunion chairs for life **Bob** and **Bette Nelson Zippin**. I encourage all classmates to continue to share their stories through Class Notes mailings and through me: ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevisan22@comcast.net.

German POW Stalag IV-B for five months, then liberated by the Russians on May 1, 1945. Returning to Cornell to complete his degree, Barney reconnected with the great love of his life, **Ethel (Handelman) '46**, who waited for him at Cornell until she learned that he was, indeed, alive and had survived the war. The book is expected to be published before the end of 2018. You can search for Seth's books on Amazon.com.

Ron Gidron lives in Madrid, where his main activity now is being a singer/songwriter and composer. You are more than welcome to visit the following websites to enjoy listening to over 70 songs (12 in English) and 200 compositions: <http://www.rongidron.com>; <https://www.facebook.com/rongidron/>; and <https://open.spotify.com/album/3SFeZ4SueXyBsRTdfaGrEk>. Ron and wife Lourdes are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year. "Taking 14 members of three generations to my birthplace country for an encounter with our roots. I enjoy my family (six grandchildren), the musical creation process (in cooperation with the Muses), going to good shows (mainly music like opera, concerts, theater), traveling (regularly to my beach place in Alicante, and my mountain place in Sierra Nevada, Granada, both in Spain), and reading both nonfiction books and novels, mainly historical." If he had a day in Ithaca, Ron would visit all the places he lived in (Bolt Hall, Dewitt Place, etc.) and the buildings he studied in (Arts Quad, Uris Library, the Cornell Store, Willard Straight Hall, the Engineering Quad, etc.).

Thanks to our officers, council members, and Reunion chairs for their hard work on the Reunion—and save the date, June 6-9, 2019, for our 50th! Check out our website for updates: www.cornell69.org. Enjoy the summer and take some time to send your news to: ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Our 50th Reunion is less than two years away. It will be a weekend filled with fun, friends, and festivities. Plan your journey back to Ithaca and Cornell—June 4-7, 2020—now! Be sure to regularly check out our various '70 sites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

Diana Christopoulos (Salem, VA; dchristop@earthlink.net) has been named to the president's advisory circle for Appalachian Trail Conservancy (the NGO that manages the Appalachian Trail): <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/home/about-us/board-and-leadership>. She is also president-elect of the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, which holds 55 easements in central and western Virginia.

Andrea Strongwater (andrea.strongwater@gmail.com) has reported that she has two new exciting projects debuting in 2018. First is a children's book, *Princess Ingeborg and the Dragons*, written by **Wendy Zomparelli '71**, for which Andrea has created the illustrations. She and Wendy were on the same corridor in Clara Dickson Hall during our sophomore year at Cornell. Andrea was thrilled to illustrate Wendy's book after having seen each other now and then over the years. Andrea says it's a fun story that's interesting for both children and adults. The princess goes to live with the local dragon family and learns about a whole new world. Second is a new jigsaw puzzle for the Cornell Store. The puzzle is an image of the Robison Herb Garden at the recently renamed Cornell Botanic Gardens (no longer the Cornell Plantations). She worked from a 17-page planting list to ensure all the plants are in the correct locations. Andrea's new puzzle will be available at the Cornell Store, where she signed both books and puzzles during the recent Reunion 2018 weekend in June.

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Panama Canal. On board, the ship's program department asked Herb to present a series of lectures utilizing his travel and railroad documentaries. Herb says, "Entering a room full of British railway enthusiasts with movies about British steam locomotives and Cunard's *Queen Mary 2* felt quite rewarding." Since retiring from his administrative work on the faculty of the arts and sciences at Harvard, Herb's enjoyed a return to his documentary film career and has made several films with professors from Massachusetts College of Art and Design. While "travel" describes most of his projects, "Two Brides—No Waiting," which he made for his photographer niece, Herb describes as "the most profound."

David Gorelick (davidgorelick1@gmail.com) and his wife, **Naomi Feldman, MD '77**, spent last Chanukah in Israel visiting their son **Jonathan Gorelick-Feldman '02**, his wife, and their newest grandchildren, twins Emuna and Neshamah. David is enjoying semi-retirement, working part time in research in the psychiatry department, U. of Maryland School of Medicine. David and Naomi are looking forward to Reunion (now we're looking backward), as they haven't been to campus since 1989. **Nicholas Long** (Nicholas@ntlong.com) and his wife, Abigail, live in Little Compton, RI, and were looking forward to Reunion, but will miss Nick's friend and our classmate **Ed Kemp, DVM '71**, who passed away last October. Nick continues to practice law, focusing on nonprofits and pro bono immigration issues. He's also working as an arbitrator/mediator and as a recovery coach. Nick just returned from his sixth annual one-month Spanish immersion study in Esteli, Nicaragua. He writes, "With my viejo cerebro it is muy difcil, but I continue to make progress, and it is so inexpensive I can't afford to stay home."

Bennett Marsh (bamarsh4@verizon.net) and his wife of nearly 50 years, Patricia, get hours of pleasure from their granddaughters Rose and Lily, who have thrived in the Smithsonian Institution's Early Education Program, where they benefit from great teachers and mind-expanding exhibits of the Museums on the Mall. Bennett's children and their families live all over the US including Seattle, San Francisco, San Jose, Phoenix, Denver, Northern New Jersey, and, of course, Washington, DC, where their daughter **Joanna Marsh Cynamon '99** resides. Bennett stays in contact with classmates **Gary Klein**, **Richard Felder**, and **Cary Sherman**. **Rob Hamilton** (rdhiii@temple.edu) has helped to coauthor a book entitled *Not Exactly Rocket Scientists*. The book

69 Greetings from the rocky coast of Maine—hope you are enjoying the summer. Plans are well under way for our 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019, so SAVE THE DATE. Class co-president **Char Bruska** Gardner wrote us in April to update us on Reunion news: "Thank you for continuing conversations toward our Reunion in 2019. Much has been accomplished since CALC and we are beginning to gather steam as we head into June 2018 to shadow the Class of 1968 at their 50th. **Charlotte Hildebrand** Bernini, **Cindy Nixon** DuBose, **Barbie Schultz** Spencer, **Alan Cody**, and I will be at Cornell this June to learn all we can about what was successful for the Class of 1968. Barbie's husband is a member of that class so we will gain inside information on the actual events!"

Kudos to **Susan Wohryzek** Mittler, who writes, "I am honored to inform you that I was elected as the New York State Regent for the 6th Judicial District. This covers ten counties in and around Ithaca, NY. I have served one year of the five-year term. We are currently working on equity in access to educational opportunities for all students. There is a focus on authentic, effective assessments for students, funding based on need rather than geographic location, the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA), and culturally responsive curriculum. I continue to live in Ithaca and serve on the Sciencenter advisory board. Aside from all the snow, life is good."

Barry U. and Nova Southeastern U. adjunct professor of history **Seth Bramson** is America's single most-published Florida history book author. His 28th book was the first-ever history of Broward County (Hollywood, Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, and other cities and towns), while his 29th book, *From Brooklyn to Biscayne Bay and on to Tallahassee: The Remarkable Story of Former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald Kogan*, is the first-ever biography of a Florida judge or Supreme Court Justice. His 30th book, in Arcadia's "Images of Modern America" series, is titled *Florida East Coast Railway (FEC)*. Seth is currently working on six more titles simultaneously. For Cornellians, his upcoming biography of **Bernard "Barney" Mayrhoen '45, BS '47**, may be of great interest. Titled *From Brooklyn to the Battle of the Bulge and on to Building an International Business*, the book—nearly completed with 139 photographs, including a number taken in Ithaca or at Cornell—is the life story of a man who was captured by the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge (along with the remnants of the 106th Division, the Golden Lion Division) and was interned in

Phil Schwartz (philschwartzdp@gmail.com) says that life in Santa Monica, CA, continues to be enjoyable for him and his wife, Andrea. To avoid driving on the dreadful L.A. freeways, they use the recently completed Expo light-rail line as much as possible. This past April, Phil and Andrea had a three-week exploration of Portugal and Barcelona. Phil reports that Andrea continues to work as a yoga instructor, teaching everything from prenatal classes at UCLA to “chair yoga” at retirement communities. For the last two years, Phil has been working on a large coffee-table-style book of his own photography. It will comprise 100 of his best still images shot over the last 40-plus years as a cinematographer. He says that these images were made while either “on location” for a project, or on Phil and Andrea’s many travels. Initially, he will be self-publishing and plans to have his book completed by November 2018. Besides now being a publisher, Phil continues to teach cinematography, mostly on the graduate level, as an adjunct at the USC School of Cinematic Arts. He is also very active with the Cornell Club of L.A., as well as with the local CAAAN committee (for over 30 years and counting!). He stays in touch with **Doug Wyler** and **Mark Tabakman ’71**. ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 While many of our classmates are continuing to work, they are also taking a bit more time for travel, grandchildren, or volunteer work. **Howard Rodman** (howardrodman@gmail.com) wrote in June 2017 that he “married Mary Beth Heffernan, artist and chair of the department of art and art history at Occidental College. Among the wedding guests were Cornellians **Mary Bailey, MA ’72**, **Dan Lansner ’74**, **Allan Mayer, Felix Kramer ’70**, **Rochelle Lefkowitz ’72**, **William Weidner ’70**, **Susan Rutberg ’70**, **Kenneth Brecher ’67**, and **Ricky Jay**.” Howard also noted that his son, Tristan, “repatriated to Los Angeles after graduating Brown and spending some time in Providence.” Howard is still a professor at USC’s School of Cinematic Arts. Most recently, he has been working on an adaptation of a French crime novel for Amazon. Last September, he stepped down as president of the Writers Guild of America West. In January, he once again served as artistic director of the Sundance Screenwriting Lab, and in February he was inducted into Final Draft’s Screenwriters Hall of Fame.

Herrick Lidstone (hklidstone@bflaw.com) told us that his 2019 *Securities Law Deskbook* (CLE in Colorado) was released in mid-March 2018. “It is written for business managers, accountants, and lawyers who are not securities law specialists.” He gets great satisfaction from spending time with his five grandkids. **Martha Coultrap** (mfcoultrap@gmail.com) opened up a new chapter of her legal career and joined Dorsey & Whitney in mid-April. She is “looking forward to the new adventure.” Marty has shared meals with several classmates recently. She breakfasted with **Ken Vittor**, who is teaching a law class to journalism students and attending music classes at Juilliard. He and his wife, Judith, have purchased a weekend house in Dutchess County and are enjoying the beautiful view of the Hudson River. She had dinner with **Maria Yurasek** and **Karen Snider**. Marty also saw **Marilyn Porter** Woolfolk and her husband, Gerald, in February; the Woolfolks traveled to NYC from Ann Arbor for the Big Ten basketball tournament. The tournament was on their bucket list, and they were able to witness Michigan take the title.

Maria Yurasek wrote that she is “becoming a first-time grandma in July.” Maria (who is semi-retired) lives

in two “incredibly beautiful” areas—Aspen, CO, and Baja, Mexico—and is an inveterate traveler. She spent time exploring Belize and Honduras with her younger daughter, Francesca, earlier this year and was about to travel to Paris with her college roommate, Karen Snider. Francesca runs two of the “most popular organic farmer’s markets in Portland, OR,” and daughter Christine is editor of *Aspen Magazine*. As Maria put it, she is “healthy and happy. Hubby of 38 years is the love of my life . . . Life is good!”

Linda Germaine-Miller and her husband, **Joe Miller ’69**, still live in the Boston area. “We moved here to go to graduate school in 1971 and we never left.” Their children live in New York City, and they visit frequently “to see our two beautiful grandchildren, Max, 4, and Frankie Grace, 1. We often see **Leslie Jennis** Obus and husband Mike when we are in the City. We are in touch with friends **Steve Gorfine**, **John ’70**, MBA ’71, JD ’74, and **Amy Pastarnack Hughes**, MBA ’74, and **Andrew Tisch**, all in New York.” Recently, Cornell pals **Sandi Taylor** Eisenstein (from Seattle) and **Beth Shapiro** Stroul (D.C.) visited the Millers. Then Linda’s “childhood friend **Susan Devins** Rubenstein visited from Toronto.” By the time you read this, Linda will have traveled to Florida to spend time with her Cornell roommate, **Diane Brenner**. Joe is a healthcare technology consultant and Linda is a nutritionist at Atrius Health. “We enjoy our work and have no plans to retire.”

In February, **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas “joined a small band of Cornell Club of Washington denizens for a 16-hour round-trip to Cornell Tech.” She reported, “We eight island-hopped in a party van—among Manhattan, Roosevelt, and Long—and passed through all five NYC boroughs together, even singing the Alma Mater in the euphoria, leaving the dazzling experience of Cornell’s newest undertaking.” As many of you know, Elisabeth is a major fan of Cornell’s Adult University (CAU). She and husband **Art Spitzer** attended the April CAU spring theater weekend in New York, followed closely by a trek to Ithaca for a weekend CAU program “centered around Bach’s great choral piece, the *St. Matthew Passion*.” Leaving no month untraveled, Elisabeth and Art will be joining CAU’s Austria and Hungary: After the Hapsburgs—Authoritarianism to Democracy taught by Valerie Bunce. Naturally, she will be in Ithaca this summer for CAU’s four residential weeks of courses. Elisabeth emphasized, “Your pal Art is not retired. Not at all. In fact, he is working harder than ever.”

Over the last several months, very few classmates have submitted class news forms. (For this issue, only Howard and Herrick volunteered their news.) To fill out the column, I solicited news from the other classmates mentioned here. We’d like to hear from a broader range of people! Please send news to: ♦ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; or **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 **Neil Comins** (galaxy@maine.edu) and spouse Suzanne live in Bangor, ME. He writes that he is sorry to hear that Stephen Hawking died. “It was remarkable that he lived more than half a century with ALS. Stephen was a great man in many ways, including the science he discovered and how well he communicated science to the public,” Neil writes. He first met Hawking in the late 1970s. He was working on his PhD thesis in Cardiff, Wales, and shared some results with his thesis advisor, Bernard Schutz. The next day, Bernard came to see Neil saying, “I’ve arranged for you to present your results to Stephen Hawking and his group at Cambridge.” It would be the first talk Neil gave about his research. A few weeks later, he took the train to

Cambridge and presented his work. Hawking was smiling through the talk. There was some debate about the results, but Hawking ended it by saying that he believed they were correct. He was right, and five years later, Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar cited that work in his 1983 Nobel Prize lecture. “Back then, Stephen was able to control his motorized wheelchair and zoomed around Cambridge. Everyone just had to get out of his way,” says Neil. He had dinner that evening with Hawking and his family. He has a vague recollection that someone said the home they lived in was also where Isaac Newton lived, but Neil was never able to confirm that. He closes with, “Requiescat in pace, Stephen.” Thanks, Neil, for sharing your memories of one of the great men of our time.

Joe Kandiko (jgkandiko@msn.com) transmits an e-mail to inform us that he retired after 38 years as a family practitioner in Chaska, MN. He looks forward to traveling, reading, and pursuing photography. **Doron Levin** (doron.p.levin@gmail.com) and spouse Adina reside in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Doron has been a freelance journalist since 2010. Among his activities are hosting a radio show on SiriusXM, writing for *Forbes* and *MIT Tech Review*, and providing communications consulting services for CEOs. He is also very proud of his grandchildren! He has two grandsons in Minneapolis and a granddaughter in Berkley, MI. Spending time with children and grandchildren, and hanging out with his wife of 42 years, brings Doron tremendous satisfaction in his life. The first person he met at Cornell was **Kay Grebe** Gunderson. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would walk the entire downtown. **Nancy Kollisch** (kolna2002@yahoo.com) and spouse Jeff Pressman live in Rancho Santa Fe, CA, where she keeps busy walking and taking care of her dogs since her retirement in 2016. The person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on Nancy was Prof. **Scott Elledge, PhD ’41**. He gave her a lifelong love of Shakespeare, a great gift for an Aggie.

William “Wes” Schulz, ME ’73, and wife Debbie both retired from the same power plant in Houston on the same day, January 31. Wes had over 30 years of experience as a design engineer in Houston after 14 years with Stone and Webster. Debbie was a document control lead, with over 35 years of service. When asked how the couple met, Wes replied, “I would bake cookies and give them to various groups. One day, Debbie voiced how much she liked them after she had some with her group. I made a special batch for her. We’ve been married almost eight years.” Debbie agreed: “I would periodically see him, but after those special batches of cookies—the rest is history.” Who needs Mrs. Fields? Debbie plays guitar and loves to sing, while Wes likes to hike and climb mountains. In 2016, he achieved his lifelong goal of climbing all 46 High Peaks in the Adirondacks, all over 4,000 ft. elevation. It took him 53 years. Wes plans to publish a book regarding his accomplishments and experiences climbing the peaks, focusing on what not to do. The couple visited children and grandchildren in NYC and Austin, TX.

Duncan Maxwell (snakepoisonbad@yahoo.co.uk) writes to say that since his retirement he keeps busy flying, beekeeping, gardening, traveling, and enjoying music, do it yourself tasks, videos, and photos. By the way, he loves retirement. **Larry Baum** posted a photo of himself attending the ECAC hockey championship weekend at Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid. Unfortunately, the top-seeded Big Red was upset by Princeton. Cornell was still selected to the 16-team NCAA field and awarded the top seed in the northeast region, where they lost in the first game to rival B.U. Send news to: ♦

Alex Barna, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

73 Happy summer to one and all! Although you will read this column after our fabulous 45th Reunion celebrations in Ithaca in June, our Class of '73 Reunion Report will appear in the next issue, Sept/Oct, due to my mid-April copy deadline. On to your news.

Bill Chamberlain (chamberlain.bill@gmail.com) took a new job (last year at 65!) as the pre-law adviser at the U. of Chicago. He loves it and has no plans to retire any time soon. "What would I do?" Bill retains his yen for the stage, appearing in the 1980s musical *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* as the Reverend Crisparkle, and last fall sang the role of Major General Stanley in *The Pirates of Penzance*, actually remembering all the words to the famous patter song! As he writes, "My days in Cornell Savoyards with Fred Kahn have served me well over the years!" Bill gets the most satisfaction in life these days performing and counseling students on how to get internships and whether to attend law school, as well as spending time with his husband of 24 years, Howard Heyman. If Bill had a day in Ithaca, he would see if his old apartment is still there (205 College Ave.), visit Risley, where he was an original resident in Cornell's first coed dorm for the arts, cross the suspension bridge, hang out on the Arts Quad, walk around Beebe Lake, climb the tower, stop by the Straight and the bookstore, try to catch a Glee Club rehearsal, and walk and walk and walk. As he says, that is way too much for a day, so it's a good thing Reunion is coming up. I look forward to seeing him there.

Claudia Gaillard Meer (cgm8@cornell.edu) retired July 1, 2017 after 43 years on the faculty at Rutgers U. Her plan is to spend more time with her grandchildren, ages 5 and 8, who live in Manhattan, and to travel more. She is enjoying not spending so much time commuting and having more time to spend with friends and family. In January, **Rick**, MBA '74 (res234@cornell.edu) and **Lynn Rosenbluth Saltz '75** took a Cornell Alumni Assn. trip to Morocco. Rick reports that they had a wonderful time; the trip was "well-organized, and we met new Cornell friends—alumni and parents. Morocco is an amazing, diverse, and historic place. It is well worth the visit." If Rick had a day in Ithaca, he would visit Cornell, wineries, the parks, and, "of course, the Farmers Market."

Margie Smigel (margiereal@gmail.com), who has owned her own boutique real estate brokerage in downtown Chicago since 2013, has a new grandson—whom she tries to see as often as possible, despite his parents living in Washington, DC. Her son got married last fall and just moved from Boston to North Carolina. Margie spends her winters in Delray Beach, FL, because she has "aged out of winter." She will miss Reunion because she will be visiting Jordan for the first time to attend a wedding in Amman. Margie feels blessed all the way around, with winters in Florida, summers in Chicago, a business that keeps her engaged with the world, and children who give her pleasure and laughter. If Margie had a day in Ithaca, she would hang out in the gorges. Thanks for your lovely personal update, Margie; blessed indeed.

Mark Wurzel, MBA '74 (mark.wurzel@calicocottage.com) claims he is still "the sweetest guy in any room" because he is in the candy business! And he gets the most satisfaction in his life now "eating peanut butter chocolate fudge." He also reports that he has "one wife, two adult children, one son-in-law, and two grandchildren. The children and grandchildren all live nearby in NYC." OK, I am jealous much (both children and my one grandchild live

over 600 miles away!). If Mark had a day in Ithaca, he would try to find U-Hall 1. "It may take a while."

My recently retired spouse, a.k.a. Mr. Military History, and I are continuing our annual adventures to Europe by joining a group from the superb National World War II Museum (a must-see when visiting New Orleans) for "The Rise and Fall of Hitler's Germany" in May with historian Alexandra Richie. From Berlin to Warsaw, followed by adventures on our own in Munich and Salzburg. I love May travel and will work on improving not just my knowledge of the history that engulfed the formative young adulthood of my parents, but also my personal understanding of how much we owe to these fast disappearing members of the Greatest Generation.

Thanks for all your news submissions, our column's lifeblood. Send news to: ♦ **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; or **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

74 Thanks to all who wrote this time! **Shelly Porges**, MPS '77, has returned to campus. She wrote last spring, "Where I live in Washington, DC, 'the Hill' refers to Congress. But next week I'm headed to the first Hill in my life, Cornell, to meet with students and professors both at Human Ecology and Dyson. My focus will be on how entrepreneurship and innovation is driving economic, social, and political change globally. Can't wait to get back to the Hill!"

Wendy Goldberg let us know that she recently had a solo exhibit at the Bartolini Gallery in San Rafael, CA. **Helen Bendix**, a class correspondent for many years, was recently appointed to the California Court of Appeals, Second District. **Randee Mia Berman** is continuing to host her radio show, *Mia's World*, on City World Radio Network. She wrote, "I'm the only broadcaster who's been summing up the news in rhyme every week for five years straight. I call myself the Limerick Babe." She is also working on a young adult fantasy novel about an 11-2/3-year-old misfit, Bluitz Bluestone, and continuing to blog for Huff Post, for whom she has published about 30 humor blogs so far. Mia's websites are www.cityworldradio.com, www.huffingtonpost.com/author/randee-mia-berman, and www.MiaBerman.com.

Ben Brungraber (Delran, NJ) writes, "I'm still working as a consulting timber structures engineer. Sons' tuitions and divorce leave me glad that I still enjoy my work. My parents are still alive, and a third grandchild is on the way. I am trying to get closer to all of them." The first person he met at Cornell was roommate **Gary Roth**, MAT '75, with whom he is still in contact, and, if he had a day in Ithaca, he would "walk up and down the gorges and visit the Chapter House rebuild site." Responding to the question, "What gives you the most satisfaction in life these days?" he wrote, "My latest facility, the ultimate man cave: a warehouse with crash pad/office attached, in a marina on the Delaware River, just up from Philadelphia. Some boomers are getting rid of their stuff; others gear up, with loading docks, overhead hoists, and forklifts."

News from **Ron Pies** came from Lexington, MA, where he is retired from psychiatric practice. "I just published a book titled (tongue in cheek), *You Must Know Everything: A Quixotic Compendium of Human Knowledge*." His satisfaction these days comes from reading philosophy and classic literary works. The first person he met at Cornell was his "brilliant freshman-year roommate, Tom." If he had a free day in Ithaca, he would do a "tour of the best restaurants and take a long walk on campus."

Classmates' updates and memories make me realize that our 45th Reunion, with the chance to see old friends and meet new ones on the beautiful Cornell campus, keeps getting closer! Please continue to send news. ♦ **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu.

75 Can you name the nicknames (some official and others not official) of all 50 United States? Try your hand as we enjoy learning about what our classmates are doing. Empire State resident **Linda Walz** Riggi obliged us with news, gloating that she was writing to us while in Rome, Italy, on a course trip through SUNY Adirondack, where she is an adjunct professor of economics. She commented that, despite the snow in the Eternal City (a few international cities also have nicknames!) earlier in the season, while she was in Rome it was a warm 60 degrees. Back in Glen Falls, NY, where she lives, it was 25 degrees.

From the Garden State, we hear from **David Fischell**, PhD '80. He and wife **Sarah (Thole) '78**, ME '79, reside in Fair Haven, NJ. He continues to work with companies that he founded to get them "launched for good." His granddaughter Maria turned 2. Daughter **Erin '10** is on the faculty at Woods Hole. Daughter **Jen '13** lives in Brooklyn, NY. **Joanne Bicknese**, DVM '78 (Cream Ridge, NJ; bicknesj@verizon.com) shepherds a Boer goat herd and recently added white dorper sheep (yes, I had to google both breeds!). She continues to be on the winning side at the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center buck and ram test! She happily reports that she successfully recovered from two hip replacements, but then fractured her wrist. "We will prevail," she writes. She dreams about retiring and working full time on her farm, Locustwood. **Laurie Clemente** Milnor, if you're reading the column, Joanne would enjoy hearing from you. Cornellians who made an impact on Joanne: Mary C. Smith, Prof. **Francis Fox**, DVM '45, and Prof. **Doug Antczak '69**.

Charlotte Clark Russell writes from the Bay State, where she lives in Littleton, MA. She teaches voice at St. Mark's School in Southborough and also directs the Threshold Singers at Indian Hill. There, she trains people to sing in trios for those who are ill or near their end-of-life. Charlotte enjoys birding and participating in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's FeederWatch Citizen Science project. News also comes from the Sunshine State, where **Robin Pearl** (Boca Raton, FL; robinlpearl@gmail.com) lives. She recently retired in 2016, after a 40-year career in marketing research, the bulk of which was with Estée Lauder. She uses the term "retired" lightly, since she also has formed her own consulting company, Inspired by Insights. Robin moved from New York to Florida in 2016, after her two children graduated, one from law school and the other from his undergraduate studies. "Walter Federer was my mentor and had a deep impact on me—we kept in touch until his passing in 2008," Robin notes. She would love to hear from other Cornellians.

Ohio lists four nicknames: the Buckeye State, the Mother of Presidents, the Heart of it All, and the Birthplace of Aviation—pick one! **Tom Stocksdales** writes from Wooster, OH (tstocksdales@farmersbankgroup.com). He continues his work as an agricultural lender and also keeps busy on his family farm with five grandchildren. He'd enjoy hearing from **Stan Gross**. Greatest impact: both the Ag school and Bob Cullen's 150-pound football team (nowadays, it's Sprint Football with a 178-pound weight limit).

Dan Malone (dmalone@svpdpdetroit.org) writes from Bloomfield Village, MI (the Great Lakes State), where he

lives with his wife, **Claudia (Hebel) '74**. Dan was just named the CEO of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Detroit. Prior to this, he practiced law for 38 years as a member of the Detroit-based law firm Butzel Long. While there, Dan directed the firm's Korean client relations and was an expert on automotive safety issues, working with government agencies, associations, and clients in the US, South Korea, Japan, and Germany. He also found time to lend his considerable talent to serve as an instructor at Detroit College of Law and Wayne State U.'s School of Law. His calling to his new position as CEO stems from his concern for the inequality that our nation has witnessed, and he seeks to use his capabilities to give back.

Randi Kanuk Dauler writes from the Keystone State (Pittsburgh, PA; randi.dauler@me.com). Randi's husband of 32 years died in 2015 after battling pancreatic cancer. Life has unexpected turns, she writes, and she recently met a widower, Donn, and the two have fallen in love. Randi is the board chair of Neville Chemical Co. and was just elected trustee emerita of the Pittsburgh Public Theater. She also volunteers her time on her condo association board, which some of you know can be a full-time position!

We here at Seton Hall U. enjoyed another great basketball season and a trip to the NCAA tournament. This past December, my husband, Joel, and I, along with our two Army officer children, braved the snow, ice, rain, and whatever in Philadelphia to watch Army beat Navy at that annual football game—we've been going since 2007 and have witnessed not so many Army wins! When we returned to our tailgate tent after the game, Mother Nature had prevailed and the tent had collapsed!

Keep in touch! We all enjoy learning about what each of us is doing and how our paths intersect time and again. ♦ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

76 I am writing this as spring has officially arrived in New England, but as usual, we had two more inches of snow in April. Hopefully, when you read this it will be summer!

Wendy Schessel Harpham wrote that on March 18, her eighth book was published, titled *Healing Hope: Through and Beyond Cancer*. It is part of her mission to change the conversation about hope. For more information about the book or her work, go to: www.wendyharpham.com. In April, Wendy received the 2018 Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award from the American College of Physicians for contributions to the medical humanities. "On a personal note," she writes, "all three of my grown children live in town. My grandson Wesley Kyle turns 2 years old on March 28. His cousin, my first granddaughter, Emma Jean, arrived on March 30, 2018." This is joyous news!

Jody Jacobson Wedret is currently working as a pharmacist in the capacity of pharmacy education specialist and clinical professor. She has almost completed visiting all 50 states. Husband Loren and Jody celebrated their 15th anniversary on a cruise down the Mississippi (highly recommended). Unfortunately, they were snowed out of Arkansas, so she still has three more states left. Last summer they cruised the Baltic region, thoroughly enjoying St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Estonia, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Helsinki. Jody and Loren are headed to Croatia, Greece, Italy, Malta, and Slovakia later this year. They do love to travel. Jody is still enjoying being a docent at

the Getty Center (emeritus status this year after completing 20 years) and being a docent for historic homes in the Tustin, CA, area, where she lives. If she had a day to spend in Ithaca, she would canoe, get some of that fantastic Cornell Dairy ice cream, attend a seminar or class, and visit the Johnson Museum of Art. She would also go up in Libe Tower and hopefully see her dad and granddad's photos in the yearbooks. That would be quite a busy day!

Jeri Frank is in her 42nd year of teaching, 15 years of early childhood and 27 years at Umpqua Community College. She is gratified and proud to be the president

of the local part-time instructors' union, which she helped start at her college. Jeri is an enthusiastic contra dancer and jogger, habits she started as a freshman! She has also been in a monthly book club since October 1996 and is an avid reader. Dancing with her husband, **Sherwood "Woody" Lane, PhD '84**, gives her the most satisfaction in her life, along with her music, dance community, and teaching reading, writing, and math. Woody and Jeri love being in their woodsy place outside the small town of Roseburg, OR.

Please send us your news. You do not have to wait until the News and Dues forms arrive, just e-mail one of us. Our deadlines are the 15th of the months of April, June, August, October, December, and February. We do love to hear from you and we try to include as much news as we can in this column. ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com.

77 Just in time for the summer. **Robert Slocum** is fiscal coordinator of the Tompkins County Office for the Aging. He is also a board member of the Cornell Club of Ithaca and is president of the Dryden (NY) Kiwanis Club. Robert just got married this past October and is very happily living in Dryden. From all of us, congratulations! Robert says he would like to be at Fenway Park watching the Red Sox. He would also like to hear from **Gary Buerman '78**.

Chuck Samul reports from NYC that these are exciting times in the world of shortline railroading. Business interest is increasing because of traffic congestion and the limited availability of trucks. Chuck is married to Pam Shipley (Sarah Lawrence '80) and notes that daughter Sophie (NYU 2012) was recently accepted into a master's program in nonprofit management at Columbia. His fraternity brothers at Alpha Gamma Rho had the greatest impact on him on the Hill. Chuck says he would rather be skiing, hiking, or kayaking now, and he would like to hear from **Steve Garcia '76**, **Bob Brown**, and Robert Slocum. This is serendipitous, Chuck—please read above.

John Longstreet II lives in Camp Hill, PA. He is president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Assn. and travels throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is also renovating his lake house in

Ithaca, the Lucky Duck. Daughter **Liz Longstreet '08** married Jacob Darr on October 7, 2017. John says he would like to spend more time on Cayuga Lake (so would a lot of us). **Ray Cantwell '52**, MS '76, Hotel school Dean **Robert Beck '42**, PhD '54, **Vance Christian '61**, MS '65, and **Jim Eyster '69**, PhD '77, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

That is it for now. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>), or write to us directly at: ♦ **Howie Eisen**, MD, heisen@drexelmed.edu; or **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com.

'My days in Cornell Savoyards with Fred Kahn have served me well over the years!'

BILL CHAMBERLAIN '73

78 Greetings, '78ers! If you're looking for a Reunion in Review column, that will be in the next issue. Rest assured that **Ilene Shub** Lefland and I will have a tag-team Reunion retrospective for your enjoyment therein. Meanwhile, I have a full inbox of news to share.

Classmates in the news: **Margaret "Sunny" Bates** and daughter Lola Bates-Campbell were featured in a *New York Times* article on the fifth anniversary of the publication of Sheryl Sandberg's *Lean In*. As you can imagine, there was some generational difference in the response to the book. From Sunny: "What satisfies me at my age—some board representation, some women in the C suite or on the management team—does not feel like enough to my millennial daughters." **Joe Holland**, MA '79, is running for the Republican nomination for New York Governor. He announced in February, and the primary is in September. In case you missed it, **Diana Lorenz** Weggler is featured in *Forever Faithful*, the history of Cornell hockey.

Fellow Seattle area resident **James Hoffman** writes, "I retired about three years ago. It was my decision to retire, but I have to admit if I could have reversed it the first year, I would have. I felt like a duck out of water. It took a while, but I have now found my rhythm. I am as busy as ever with many things including volunteering and traveling. In 2017 alone, my wife and I were in Thailand, Ireland, and Italy. And in the first three months of 2018, Italy again and Mexico." **Jane Tanner** retired from teaching, "mostly at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. I am serving as the immediate past president of the American Mathematical Assn. of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) and am chair of two foundations: the AMATYC Foundation and the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation (DKGEF)." She escapes the Snow Belt (Parish, NY) winters in Florida these days.

Some classmates have transitioned to part-time work or switched gears/locations. **Brian Meagher** (Jamestown, NY) has cut back to part-time radiology at Brooks Memorial Hospital in Dunkirk. His logic is, "More free time = more skiing." **Charlene Moore** Hayes celebrated retirement from Johns Hopkins by visiting Spain and Morocco. She's since started a human capital consulting practice. She answered the question of who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her by saying, "I married one of my instructors (Floyd Hayes III)!" **Doug** and **Ann**

Thomas Porter moved to San Diego after 33 years in the Chicago area. "No more snow for us. From the window of our condo, we can see our first apartment, where we lived when Doug was stationed here in the Navy."

Genevieve Chu Chang reports: "Olderson Evan graduated from medical school in May, and is moving to UC Davis for residency in ophthalmology. Daughter Isobel graduated from Boston U. last May. Younger son **Jared**

Tod, all completed graduate degrees from Penn and enjoy attending events together, like last fall's Penn homecoming football game.

Patricia Martin and Moose Wesler live in San Leandro, CA. Patricia retired from the California Digital Library (part of the U. of California Office of the President) as a director of discovery and delivery services in June 2017. After traveling for the summer, Patricia explored several

and rugby at Cornell!" Cindy has a horse that she now rides daily, and she also competes in eventing dressage and show-jumping. Cindy would like to go on an African safari and climb Kilimanjaro. Regarding the person who had the greatest impact on her at Cornell, Cindy mentioned **Heidi Hutter**, one of her dearest friends. **Bob Platt** writes that he is still practicing law at Manatt Phelps in Los Angeles, and that 2018 marks his 35th year at the firm. This past April, Bob and his wife, Rachael, had the joy of watching their 12-year-old twins celebrate their bar and bat mitzvah.

George Rogers is a lawyer supporting impact investment and venture capital funds for the multilateral investment fund window at the InterAmerican Development Bank. When he reaches mandatory retirement age next year, he's planning to find new ways to work. Rabbi **Michael Feinberg** of New York City received an honorary doctorate from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College for 25 years of service. **Bruce Burstein's** daughter is a recent college graduate. She spent the fall 2017 semester studying abroad in Italy, and Bruce and his wife had the fun of visiting her in November for Thanksgiving. They also did sightseeing in Vienna, Budapest, Prague, and Bratislava. Bruce continues to be an avid fan of Big Red men's hockey and enjoyed following the Cornellians participating in the Winter Olympics.

Please continue to send us your news and connect to our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of 1979). To share an update, write to classof79@cornell.edu, or send your news directly to us, your class correspondents: ♦ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cindy.shea@sothebyshomes.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; **Linda Moses**, mosegurevitch@aol.com.

80 It's midterm election year, kids! Time to stock up for the excitement to come. Here's a handy checklist of things you may need: booze, rubber pants, thorazine, and a passport. Maybe a hammer.

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers **Brad Smith, D. Kevin Dean**, and **Paul Lego** recently gathered to take in a basketball game in Charlottesville, VA, Kevin's hometown. Paul and Brad were visiting from California. Brad was the inventor of the fraternity's famous Fun-in-the-Sun event, Joust Over Water. In those days, Pike would park its 1942 Ford fire truck on the Arts Quad, set up the pool and equipment, and encourage all comers to knock each other senseless with soggy pillows, over water. Hilarity ensued! (If any readers have Fun-in-the-Sun pictures, please share them on the class Facebook site.)

Spouse Kelley and I (correspondent **Dik Saalfeld**) met **Chas Horvath**, ME '81, and his wife, Mary, in Boston recently. The town was preparing for the marathon, so we walked around and observed the goings-on. We took in a ballgame at Fenway, and Chas told the delightful story of taking his young son to a game many years ago, and having to calm the lad down after a foul ball disappeared into the stands—because how could they continue playing without a ball?! Kelley and I also visited with **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead and her husband, **Larry MacLennan '79**, in Manchester, NH. Nancy and Larry live in nearby Londonderry.

Matthew Adler has published a book on arbitration. The book "combines practical and academic elements, providing in-depth coverage of relevant cases, articles, and proposed rules." He is a partner at the law firm of Pepper Hamilton and is the chair of their international arbitration and domestic arbitration group. He also

'I never thought about shoulders when playing lacrosse and rugby at Cornell!'

CINDY HAHN '79

'19 is studying Mechanical Engineering at Cornell. Husband **Chris, JD '78**, is still practicing law in NYC." Gen is a private college admissions counselor. **Bob Lerner** (Princeton, NJ) has two Cornellian children: "My daughter, **Dana '14**, lives in NYC and works in the Broadway industry; she co-produced a show that recently won two Tonys. My son, **Jordan '18**, is a member of the varsity golf team." If he had a day in Ithaca, Bob would "walk around campus, visit Moakley House at the golf course, and have a drink at the Statler." When asked the same question, **Paul Rubin** says he would dine at Moosewood, climb Libe Slope, and work on a puzzle in the Straight. Paul is also following the successes of the Cornell wrestling team and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Mark Rust (Woodstock, NY) has re-released his first album, "Our Families Came to Sing," on CD. "This was my first commercial release, recorded in Ithaca in the early '80s with local musical all-stars, and features the first recording of the song that has become Ithaca's unofficial anthem, 'Ithaca Sunset.'" Mark has been making college visits with his oldest daughter, "which reminds you how old you are." **Jeanne Arnoldschwetjé** (Mattituck, NY) finished her third triathlon in May. She's learning classical piano, using her French and Russian skills to teach the Bible, and caring for her 92-year-old father and two grandchildren. She'd like to hear from **Dale Feuer '79** and **Paul Andreassen**, two of her former housemates from "Phydeaux" on South Quarry St. That's it for now. See you for the Reunion in Review! ♦ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com.

79 Welcome to summer! And remember, our 40th Reunion is only 11 months away! Please put the dates on your calendar now: June 6-9, 2019.

Tim and **Laura Hitt McCann** are living in Landenberg, PA, yet have been spending a considerable amount of time in Southeast Asia, particularly in China, where their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren live. Tim, who is retired from DuPont, has accepted a part-time consulting job in Thailand, and has been able to create opportunities to travel to the area for work and also see their loved ones. Tim and Laura enjoy sailing in a local Wednesday night series (Tim was captain of Cornell's sailing team). They also each have an Icelandic horse and trail ride regularly. Laura keeps in close contact with **Andrea Holtzman Drucker**, the first person she ever met at Cornell. Laura, Andrea, Tim, and Andrea's husband,

volunteer positions before deciding to return to work as an emergency hire reference librarian at City College of San Francisco. She got her start in libraries doing work study at Mann Library, and finds that she loves working with students and learns from them every day. Patricia mentioned that she stays in touch with **Libby Hoffman** Liebschutz, the first person she met at Cornell while participating in a week-long orientation for freshmen in the White Mountains. On that same trip, she met **David Jacobs** and **Cathy Dalrymple**, who also became good friends.

John Wilkinson (Napa, CA) writes that he is busy building another 250,000-gallon winery next door to Bin to Bottle, a business that John started with three partners in 2006. And he is continuing to grow Splinter Group Spirits, Straight Edge Bourbon, Whip Saw Rye, Slaughter House Whiskey, and Partner Vermouth. John and his wife, Peggy, have three children: Max, who is living in San Francisco working for Union Bank; **Hunter '21**, who is completing her freshman year at Cornell and is enjoying being on the equestrian team and a member of Theta sorority; and Channing, who is graduating high school and waiting to hear about college choices. John writes that the first person he met at Cornell was **Gene Leone**, the grandson of Mama Leone. **Marcy Wachtel** is head of the matrimonial department at the Midtown Manhattan law firm Katsky Korins and is entering her 36th year of practicing law. Her daughter, **Allison Hartel '13**, lives in Los Angeles and works as an assistant to an agent at William Morris Endeavor.

Robert Nichols, MArch '81, has his own firm, Nichols Design Assocs. Inc., located in Washington, DC, that focuses on both residential and commercial architecture. Robert writes that professors Lee Hodgdon, Michael Dennis, and Colin Rowe had the greatest impact on his experiences at Cornell, and that he would welcome friends from the College of Architecture's classes of '78-'80 getting in touch with him. Robert has two daughters: Michelle, a rising sophomore at Boston College; and Pauline, a rising freshman at the Washington Int'l School who is studying French and Russian. Robert serves as co-founder and chairman of the board of directors for World Deaf Architecture, an organization affiliated with the AIA that provides opportunities for networking, professional development, and education worldwide.

Cindy Hahn (Spokane, WA) retired from private practice in neurosurgery in May 2017. She spent this past winter recovering from rotator cuff surgery, and writes, "I never thought about shoulders when playing lacrosse

co-chairs the firm's commercial litigation practice group. Matt teaches a course on arbitration at the U. of Virginia School of Law, and previously taught at Rutgers Law School, Camden. **Todd Wolleman** is proud to announce the graduation of his daughter, **Lauren Wolleman '18**, from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, with a major in Information Science. Lauren has accepted a position in New York in her field.

Jim Bittner received the Distinguished Service Award at the 186th meeting of the New York State Agricultural Society. Jim is also involved with the Niagara County and New York Farm Bureau, the US Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching, the New York State Advisory Council on Agriculture, the New York Specialty Crop Advisory Committee, the CALS Dean's Advisory Committee, and the Council of Agricultural Organizations. Phew! Jim's early days in agriculture were spent working on the family beef farm and with Bittner Singer Orchards. Jim's community involvement is extensive as well—he is a long-time member of the Barker Lions Club and works with a local Kiwanis club. He lives in Niagara County with his wife, Margo, and has three children, Kevin, Janet, and David.

Mike Rolband, ME '81, MBA '82, is easing into what he calls "a gradual retirement." He writes that he is a "part-time professor of practice in civil and environmental engineering, running a design project for six Master of Engineering students." This requires him to visit Ithaca three times a semester for a week. He conducts weekly video classes and took his students on a three-day field trip. "All of us are having a great time—and the students are getting a taste of the real world as they work on the design of a stream restoration project. Next year we will undertake a wetlands restoration project." Mike's note left your correspondent breathless, and said correspondent questions Mike's understanding of the concept of "retirement." But good on ye, Mike! It sounds like you're working toward a better world of all of us.

Carol Moore Dyer retired from teaching in 2016. She writes, "Since then I've had less stress and the time to do things I want to do. I started bike riding with a club of retirees and love it for the activity and the social life it provides. I enjoy traveling to do hundred-mile rides in beautiful places in California." She participates in triathlons, and her two daughters joined her for a half Ironman triathlon relay in Palm Springs to celebrate Carol's 60th birthday: "All our strengths converged: one daughter did the lake swim, I did the bike ride, and my other daughter did the half-marathon run. My current training reminds me of my time competing with the Cornell women's crew team. I honestly feel as fit, but maybe not as strong, as I did then. Retirement has been wonderful."

Celeste Sant'Angelo writes that she and husband Steve are very proud of their son, Luca Koval, who has been accepted to the Cornell College of Engineering. "We are all thrilled! He spent six weeks this past summer in the Cornell Summer Program in Engineering and loved it. He cannot wait to go back." **Diane Berson** is an associate clinical professor in the Dept. of Dermatology at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York. She was recently installed on the American Academy of Dermatology's board of directors. She is an assistant attending dermatologist at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital as well as a trustee of the Dermatology Foundation.

As ever, keep news of your lives coming in. Join the Class of '80 Facebook group. Go to the hockey game in Madison Square Garden this fall. Eat a peach. ♦ **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, llb39@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

81 Our classmate **Linda Poppleton** (lip2@cornell.edu) still works for Cornell and writes that she doesn't have much news to report about herself. However, her daughter **Laura Smith '07**, PhD '16, recently joined the faculty of U. at Buffalo as an assistant professor in the epidemiology and environmental health department. Laura is a nutritional epidemiologist and is conducting research for the SHINE (Sanitation, Hygiene, Infant Nutrition Efficacy Project) trial in Zimbabwe, leading the work investigating effects of mycotoxin exposure on birth outcomes and child stunting.

Velda Breckton Ward has recently had a wonderful life-changing moment. "I didn't know that I was a Canadian citizen my entire life! Yes, it's true! My mother was Canadian and I discovered I was automatically a Canadian, even though I was born here in the US. My connection to my mother's family has and always will be very important to me, especially because of the two Scottish clan ancestors in my heritage who emigrated to Canada. I feel very honored to be given this 'gift' at such a later moment in my life, which makes it all the more wonderful and gratifying. Thank you, Canada!"

After "retiring" years ago from advertising to be a stay-at-home mom to two children, **Lisa Wisznat** Kirsten (lisawisznatkirsten@gmail.com) and her husband, Doug, have enjoyed living in Mill Valley, CA, for almost 25 years. Living very close to two of her Cornell roommates, Lisa was happy to spend an afternoon recently with **Lori Schiffrin** (who lives only eight miles away), and the next afternoon walking dogs with **Kitty Yates** Edwinston '82, who lives just blocks away. "It's a small world—after not having seen each other for at least 15 years, Kitty and I ran into each other in the Mill Valley grocery store!"

Since the news was a bit thin this issue, I'll add some updates of my own. A recent merger brought my service on Monster Digital's board to a close, which allowed for additional time to spend on general counsel duties at Parametric Solutions. My stepson Joey is heading to Penn State as an Aggie, leaving my daughter Julia as the last of our kids still in high school—a senior! Please send news—the class would love to hear from you! ♦ **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

82 As I began to write our column, thinking about its publication in July, I realized when you are reading this it will be 40 years since the Class of '82 arrived on campus! We are grateful to all who continue to update us on their whereabouts and wellbeing, although news trickles in these days versus when we first started writing this column. Back then, classmates were happy to send updates by snail mail, without the knowledge of e-mail. We appreciate your news in any form!

So pleased to hear from **Olson Okada**, MS '85, working in Honolulu, HI, who is looking for news from anyone from U-Hall 3, first floor. (Hello from the third floor!) Please e-mail him at otokada@gmail.com. Olson is planning to retire after 33 years with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Congratulations! Congrats also to **Alan** and **Stefanie Roth**, who wrote from London about the birth of daughter Lonia Annabelle in January 2016. She joins big brother Leonard, and Alan reports that they enjoy sharing their "Future Cornell Alumni" drinking cup, a present from classmate **James Sargent**. Alan continues as managing director of Fitzroy Partners, a biomedical investment and advisory firm based in London. He reported that he had returned to Oxford U. to teach a course in the chemistry department, where he had done a postdoctoral fellowship.

More congrats to **Joe** and **Dana Lichtman Molloy '83**, who welcomed their first granddaughter, Sophia Rose, in January 2017, born to **Jennifer Molloy Martinez '07**. Joe reports, "Sophia, Jennifer, and Alex (chef at Wild Goose in Port Washington) live but a few blocks away in North Massapequa." Joe and Dana's younger daughter, Rachel, will be completing her master's in special education from Adelphi in May 2019. They also welcomed their fifth Newfoundland to their home in March 2018—Bluwater's Good Golly Miss Molly—who will follow in the footsteps of their beloved Newfoundland therapy dog, Sully. Joe also reported that in January 2015 he changed direction after almost 35 years in HR/benefits/insurance to become VP, workforce safety at Northwell Health, where they've built a state and nationally recognized workers compensation and safety program for almost 70,000 employees. These successes resulted in his award through the New York Claims Assn. for 2017 Risk Control Executive of the Year. (Even more congrats!) In December 2017, Joe received a patent for "systems, methods, and program products for calculating shared risk—recognizing unique benefit designs and applications in the move from fee for service to accountable care." Joe adds, "I'm also happy to mention that we see **Maury** and **Beth Littman Josephson '83** regularly."

Congrats as well to **Henry Herz**, who wrote three children's picture books to be published this year: *How the Squid Got Two Long Arms* (Pelican Publishing), *Good Egg & Bad Apple* (Schiffer Publishing), and *Alice's Magic Garden* (Familius). More details at: <http://www.henryherz.com>. After 22 years at the U. of Maryland, **Chris Plowe**, MD '86, moved to Duke U. to become the director of the Duke Global Health Inst. His wife, Myaing Myaing Nyunt, joined him at Duke, where she directs the program in Myanmar. Chris reports that listening to vinyl records for the first time since his time at Cornell gives him the most satisfaction these days.

Rose Sabban Seidman sent news from Skokie, IL, that she is still working as a librarian at Northwestern U., selecting materials for the Jewish and Israeli studies program and cataloging the acquisition for the collection of Africana. She travels a lot to see her children and grandchildren all over the US and is grateful to be keeping active visiting family and friends and enjoying the opera and plays. Please let us know how you are keeping busy! ♦ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nprmlaw.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

83 I last wrote a column in December 2017 and I predicted a harsh winter. Well, I was correct. It just snowed in April and it has snowed 14 times this season in the NYC area. Truthfully, NYC was much like Ithaca this winter! I believe everyone is anxiously awaiting some fun in the sun. Hopefully, when you read this in July, you will have had some great, mild weather to enjoy!

The big event, our 35th Reunion at Cornell in Ithaca on June 7-10, 2018, will have passed by the time you read this column. A "Reunion Report" will follow in the next column. A special thanks to Reunion co-chair **Andy Sosa** and class president **Nancy Gilroy** for all of their effort in planning the Reunion events and activities.

Cornell hockey had a great year! They were one of the top-ranked teams in the country for the tournament. Unfortunately, Cornell lost in round one to rival Boston U., by a score of 3-1 on March 24 to end their glorious season. Interestingly, Cornell beat Boston at the "Frozen Apple" at Madison Square Garden when they met up over Thanksgiving weekend. However, Boston managed to win the big

game in the tournament, which will make next year's rivalry even stronger. Screw BU. Do not despair; Cornell men's lacrosse is having a great year. They are currently 6-3 and lost narrowly to Albany (No. 1) and to Yale (No. 3). Other than those close contests, Cornell only lost to Colgate. They are currently ranked tenth in the country. Hopefully, the second half of the season is as good as the first half, and they will manage to get into the NCAA tournament this year. By the time you read this, the final results will be known.

Now for some class news. **Scott Bolton**, ME '93, reported that his third book has just been published by Palgrave Macmillan, a graduate-level textbook on the career of Irish playwright Brian Friel. He is also working on a new project for Syracuse University Press. Scott loves cooking for his family, while very slowly working toward his black belt in aikido. If Scott had a day in Ithaca, he would walk from North Campus to the Arts Quad to Collegetown and eat at the Souvlaki House and watch the sunset. If he was lucky, he would do it on Dragon Day! **Layne Lieberman** is currently leading culinary tours to southern Italy, targeted to dietitians and those seeking in-depth Mediterranean diet experience. The program is pre-approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for 30 continuing education units. Layne's book, *Beyond the Mediterranean Diet: European Secrets of the Super-Healthy*, is being sold around the world and won an Indie Book Award in the health and wellness category. She enjoys spending time with family and friends and loves counseling clients, developing healthy recipes, and contributing science-based content for magazines and online sites about food and nutrition.

Nancy Korn Freeman was very happy to announce that this fall they will have both kids at Cornell! Son **Willie '20** is currently a CALS sophomore and daughter Jesse will be a CALS freshman. Nancy and her husband, Andrew, intend to visit Cornell frequently! **JD Phillips** also wrote in. I remember JD quite well as one of the outstanding goalies on Cornell's lacrosse team. He lives in Massachusetts and keeps busy with commercial art, video animation, online digital advertising, and commercial video productions. JD is getting used to transitioning from college parent to empty nester. He said that his spouse, **Jenifer Lauro '84**, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

Hans Bauer continues to work as an interventional cardiologist and was recently named chief of the Division of Cardiology and chairman of the Dept. of Medicine at Lourdes Health System in southern New Jersey. Hans is quite proud that his son Jackson was accepted early decision into the Cornell Engineering Class of 2022. He is looking forward to more trips to Cornell and hanging out in Ithaca! **Ruth Coomber** Matt plays the piano (duets) in the Portland Rossini Club, hikes, and plays USTA tennis. Her son, Peter, served five years as a Marine and is now studying electrical engineering at Penn State. She has a grandchild, McKenzie, who is 18 months old. Ruth wants to travel more and hopes to hear from "Lisa from Spanish classes." Ruth's Spanish teacher ("Thelma?") had the biggest impact on her at Cornell.

Hopefully everyone keeps sending in their news! We depend on you for the column. You can always reach either of us at the e-mails below if you have something to share. ♦ **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Barb Warner** Deane, barb@barbwarnerdeane.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

84 As I write this, we are just weeks away from the Cornell Class of 2018's graduation. Please e-mail us and let us know if you were there or what you are up to so we have news for our upcoming columns!

John Toohey and wife Carmen were heading up to Cornell for their son's graduation this year. John writes that he drove (yes, drove!) from Miami to Lake Placid, NY, to see the Cornell men's hockey team play in the ECAC tournament. "While the outcome of the semi-final was disappointing, it was great to see son **John Michael Toohey '18**, who also traveled to New York's North Country to meet us and take possession of his used Toyota as he prepares to graduate in Environmental and Sustainability Science this May." Congratulations to the Toohey family on another Cornell degree!

Sharon Nutter Rozzi writes, "In June 2017, I joined Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Group as senior director of supply chain. In this role, I am accountable [to ensure that] when new products go to market they are supply chain ready so we are always there to help a patient in need of a new therapy. Youngest child **Paul '21** started his freshman year at Cornell and is having a wonderful experience." Like his mom, Paul is pursuing Engineering. Among his extracurricular activities is the Knit with Care club, to support local cancer patients. He is loving the beauty of Cornell winters—a throwback to his early life growing up in Minnesota. Sharon is enjoying the benefits of 30-plus years of work experience and what that means in terms of bringing your talents to work and making a difference to customers and co-worker development. She is loving that her adult children are happily independent and launching their engineering careers. She has reconnected with CAAAN in her new home state and enjoys the opportunity to influence the next generation of potential Cornellians. If she had a day in Ithaca, Sharon would go for a hike and finish her day at the Statler bar and grill.

Rosenna Jackson Bakari's new memoir, *Too Much Love Is Not Enough* (Karibu Publishing), was recently released. She is an activist and poet from Colorado Springs who is working to empower fellow survivors of incest to heal and have their voices heard. Her memoir discusses living as an adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse and why she decided to break her silence. Rosenna founded a nonprofit organization, Talking Trees, in 2010 as an online support group, and it has since evolved to include an annual conference for men and women all around the US. For more information, visit her website (<https://rosennabakari.com/>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/1roguescholar/>), or Twitter (<https://twitter.com/RosennaBakari>).

A sincere thanks to those who sent news. Please send more via e-mail or the online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Janet Insardi**, janetinsardi@gmail.com; **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinecantwell@gmail.com. Class website, classof84.alumni.cornell.edu.

85 I missed the column deadline. I never miss the deadline. But, well, my only child is turning 17. SEVENTEEN. He just had all FOUR wisdom teeth out, we are registering for SATs and ACTs, and we are touring colleges. WHAT CORNELL COURSE PREPARED ME FOR THIS? None! That's which one! I know, I know, mothers have gone through this before and they will after me, but how did they do it? So, that's why I missed the deadline. Laugh all you want, those of you with three kids in college, planning a wedding, visiting your grandchildren, traveling the world, or taking care of your fur babies. We've all been in my spot before, feeling overwhelmed by how quickly time is passing. Don't blink! We are 55 this year! But, good news: 55 is the new 35! And Joe Scaglione III is having an Ithaca High School anniversary reunion in

August at the North Forty. Hopefully, I'll see a lot of you there this summer.

Mark Miller wrote that he is the managing partner of Good Harbor Partners in Boston and was named chairman of LearnLaunch. **Jonathan Miller's** novel *Luna Law: A Rattlesnake Lawyer Thriller* won the Tony Hillerman Award for fiction at the New Mexico/Arizona book awards. He is still, also, practicing law in New Mexico. **Tracey Nichol** Austin's daughter, Jill, is attending Ithaca College in the fall for cinematography and photography.

Debbie Grossman Shaked (debshaked@gmail.com) writes, "In 2007, I became a NYC Teaching Fellow and I've been teaching ever since. I'm now at HERO High in the South Bronx—an early college program school that has an interesting healthcare focus." Debbie's daughter, **Sarene '18**, graduated in May with a BA in Psychology, and son Ari will be an entering freshman in Arts & Sciences this fall. "We became a Cornell family," she says. "Last time I wrote they were 4 and 81!" Debbie notes that hanging out with friends in NYC and around the world gives her the most satisfaction in her life these days. "This has not changed since the '80s!" The first person she met at Cornell? "**Jeannie Engel**, across the hall in U-Hall 3. Still one of my dearest, closest friends. I am in close touch with many of my U-Hall 3 friends that I met Orientation Week, 1981."

Eileen Cooper Ahvenainen (eahvencpa@gmail.com) is still working as a CPA/tax accountant. She writes, "We lived through the trauma of the wine country fires in October. Our son's school burnt down. It is a unique school for kids on the autism spectrum; they've chosen the phoenix as their new mascot. They are back on-site in the parking lot in portable classrooms, roughly three months after the fires. The fires were never particularly close to our house, but once the fire jumped the freeway, we were packed for evacuation and stayed packed for the duration. Heads up to all—make sure your emergency plans are made and up to date!" She adds that her father, **Calvin Cooper '50**, died on May 6, 2017. "He was 90. My mom is doing fabulously at age 91." For more than five years now, Eileen has been developing a unique skill: weaving, a passion that first began with an extra-curricular class on the Hill. If she had a day in Ithaca, Eileen would "hike the gorges!"

That is the short and sweet of it. I need your news! You can send it directly to me at the e-mail below or through a news form, either in the mail or online. Everyone would love to hear what you are up to! Hopefully we will have great news for the next column, and certainly after I catch up with you all in Ithaca at the North Forty! See you there! ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, jcornett@actslife.org. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

86 Please take a moment out of your busy summer to share an update with your class. Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! ♦ **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; **Michael and Lori Spydell Wagner**, mwagner@maiwealth.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

87 Happy summer to the members of the Cornell Class of 1987! **Matthew Nagler**, an economics professor at City U. of New York, went to Australia for part of his 2017-18 sabbatical. He spent two weeks

presenting his research on behavioral economics at six universities around the country. He says he also had a little time to see “an amazing and surprising part of the world.” He’ll return to teaching in the fall.

Laura Wolfson (lauraestherwolfson@gmail.com) writes, “In the spring of 1983, an older student named Larry did me a great kindness, helping me to address a #MeToo situation I encountered while working in the dining hall at Willard Straight. I would like to thank him, but don’t remember his last name. I am hoping someone will recognize him. We lived in the U-Halls (number 3, I think, next to the student union down there, to the right as you faced downhill).” Larry grew up on a farm near Ithaca, Laura says, and was in the Ag college, probably in the Class of ’84 or ’85. After being with Goldman Sachs for 21 years, **Michael Millette** left the company in 2015 to start an alternative asset management firm. “Hudson Structured has now been up and running for over a year and a half and we are making steady progress,” Michael says. His son George will be a freshman in the College of Engineering this fall.

Barbara Wirostko Morelli reports that she is currently an adjunct clinical associate professor in ophthalmology and in bioengineering at the U. of Utah. She and her family moved to Park City, UT, about seven years ago to practice medicine and ski. In 2011, Barbara co-founded a drug development/polymer devices company, Jade Therapeutics Inc., to treat unmet needs in ophthalmology. The company was funded by more than \$2.5 million in Dept. of Defense and National Science Foundation grants. EyeGate Pharmaceuticals Inc. acquired Jade Therapeutics in March 2016, she says. Barbara now serves as chief medical officer for EyeGate. The company completed its first human trial with its polymer topical eye drop “with great efficacy and safety,” she reports.

Elaine McLaughlin Halliday says that she and her daughters, ages 14 and 12, will once again head to Cornell’s Adult University for a week this summer. Red-haired like Elaine, they have a natural affinity for a school with the nickname Big Red, she says. “I have always found rewarding, interesting work as a writer and a teacher,” Elaine writes. She currently guides students in writing their college application essays—ensuring they write lucid essays that reveal what matters most to them—and preparing them for the ACTs and SATs. **Lisa Doria** Slayton says that this summer she will be celebrating her ninth year with the North Carolina Division of Workforce Solutions. She currently works for the agency as a regional employment analyst.

Rana Glasgal, ME ’92, says there was a great showing from the Class of 1987 at the bar mitzvah of **Elana Marcus**’s son, Nathaniel. Eleven class members plus a member of the Class of 1986 attended the happy event. “The Big Red got a shout-out from the bar mitzvah boy, to our great delight,” Rana says. He’s been going to the Cornell hockey games at Madison Square Garden since he was a little boy. **Sanford Williams**, MBA ’90, received the Advocate for Education Award from the Virginia School Boards Assn. last November. Sanford is a member of the school board of the City of Manassas, VA.

Class president **Stacey Neuhoefner** Silberzweig became the director, enterprise cost of care for Anthem Health in April. She reports that **Vera Schneider** is a compliance officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, investigating complaints of housing discrimination. Stacey ran into **Staci Pollack** at a Cornell Westchester women’s network event. Staci works as an infertility doctor at Montefiore in Hartsdale,

NY. She also ran into **Lisa Cocchi** at an ALS event at the Cornell Club.

Please be sure to send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing any of your class correspondents: ♦ **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Lisa Griffin**, LAG77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu.

88 By the time you read this, our 30th Reunion will have come and gone. Hope you enjoyed it! If you didn’t make it, there is an opportunity EVERY DAY to reconnect with old friends from the Class of 1988 on Facebook. It’s a great way to see photos, find upcoming events, promote an event, and more. Join the conversation at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. And check back here in the Sept/Oct issue for a report on Reunion weekend!

And now the news. **Jane Weiner** Parish reports that her son, **Andrew ’18**, graduated from Cornell this May. Congratulations! **Maria Chi** luomo is an endocrinologist and physician educator in Richmond, VA. Her practice

After ten years of writing this column as a class correspondent, this one is my last. It has been a pleasure reading and sharing your news, updates, and inspirational stories. You’re in great hands with my fellow correspondent, **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, whose wit and wisdom has graced this column for years. Have a wonderful summer! ♦ **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu.

89 Happy summer, classmates! Many of us have recently enjoyed a season of graduations and transitions, 29 years after we graduated from Cornell. How is that possible? But yes: save the date for our 30th Reunion next year, June 6-9, 2019! One classmate—**Curtis Bartosik**—already wrote to say that he’s planning to make the trip from Paris, where he currently lives, and is looking forward to seeing friends from Sigma Phi, ROTC, Watermargin, and COE.

Marci Braunstein Arnold and her husband, **Mark ’88**, have enjoyed recent visits to the Hill, as their son

‘Layne Lieberman is leading culinary tours to southern Italy.’

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is called Virginia Diabetes and Endocrinology. She’s also an activist for the Democratic Party and supports gun control reforms. Maria and her husband, Frank, have two daughters, Juliana, 19, and Jacqueline, 17. Frank is an orthodontist. Maria would love to hear from her old Cornell friends **Judith Rayl** (Engineering) and **Julia Kim** (Arts). Maria and Frank love to travel and are planning a trip to Japan and Australia this year.

Also visiting Asia this year is **Gail Elkin** Scott, whose travels will take her to Vietnam for two weeks. She has been in private practice as an art therapist for 18 years in New York City. Gail is a board member for the Inst. of Expressive Analysis, and her two dogs add to her daily joy at home and work. **Pam Darer** Anderson is busy with her four daughters, Rebecca, 21, Allison, 19, Sara, 16, and Katie, 12. She also manages her daughter’s track club and operates a small business, Pamsweets. Rebecca graduated from college this year and Allison is studying engineering at Dartmouth. Pam wishes she could visit with old friends more.

Erik Dullea has been elected partner in Husch Blackwell’s Denver office. Erik focuses on administrative and regulatory law, with an emphasis on workplace safety in heavily regulated industries such as mining, energy, and aviation. He joined Husch Blackwell in June 2016 as senior counsel. A licensed pilot and flight instructor, Erik is also a noted author and lecturer for the federal Occupational Safety and Health Assn. (OSHA) and Mining Safety and Health Assn. (MSHA). He also does cybersecurity for government contractors and manned and unmanned aviation. After Cornell, he obtained his JD from the U. of Denver Sturm College of Law; he is currently enrolled in the U. of Maryland’s master’s program in cybersecurity law. When he graduated from Cornell, Erik didn’t waste any time. This year he will complete a 30-year military career consisting of active duty and reserve service as both a pilot and intelligence officer with the Navy.

Jacob ’21 is an Engineering student at Cornell. Great story here: During Jacob’s just-completed freshman year, he lived in Mary Donlon Hall with **Parker Miller ’21**, the son of **Howard** and **Karen Saul Miller ’90**. Marci and Howard, old buddies from U-Hall 2 their freshman year, noticed on Facebook that their boys had both been accepted to the Class of 2021; they reached out and connected after all those years, and it all worked out to keep the freshman family connection going for a new generation! Marci and Mark’s other kids are Alyssa, who just graduated from the U. of Texas and is off to Columbia’s Mailman School of Public Health in the fall for her master’s; and Braden, who’s a rising senior in high school.

Marci also had a great time last summer with her U-Hall 2 roommate, **Lori Duke**. They traveled together to Madrid and Barcelona to celebrate their 50th birthdays. In Barcelona, they caught up with another U-Hall 2 friend, **Jill Simon**, who’s lived there for 25 years now. Marci says, “It was a great way to celebrate turning 50, with friends who have meant so much through the years.” Lori’s husband, **Tom Bruechert**, sent in an update too. They live in Austin, TX, and both still work in the public sector, Tom fixing the nation’s infrastructure while protecting the environment, and Lori helping abused and neglected children. Daughter Madison just graduated from Rhodes College with a double major in physics and religious studies and is a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. Son Cole just graduated high school, and younger son Austin is a rising junior who plays football. Tom wrote that he’d like to hear from old Cornell friends **Chris** and **Suzanne Wisniewski Nolan**. And he sweetly answered the “Who, at Cornell, had the greatest impact on you?” question with not only “the Landscape Architecture faculty,” but also “my wife.”

Cathy Blodgett Gaffney sent an update from West Henrietta, NY. She works as VP of specialty cheese and deli at Wegmans Food Markets in Rochester. Her daughter, Mary, will start in CALS as a Communication major

in the fall. Cathy would like to hear from her freshman-year roommate, **Lesley Fredericks**. **Steven Greenberg**, MBA '90, wrote a few months back that he's the new managing partner of Triphammer Ventures. "It's a new, independent venture capital fund investing money raised from Cornell alums into startups connected to the Cornell community. I spend my days talking with Cornell alums who either want to invest in our fund or who are looking for investment into their companies—it's a great platform. I also teach private equity for the Johnson

greatest impact on her at Cornell. Meanwhile, **Marta Bechhoefer** writes to us from Santa Cruz, CA, that she is working as a bilingual (English/Spanish) speech language pathologist, working with children ages 3 to 11 in a school setting. When asked if there was anything else she wishes she could be doing, she writes, "I wish I could get just a little more rest!" Like Bernadette, Marta credits a professor for having the most impact on her at Cornell: "**Zulma Iguina '80**, my best and most favorite professor of Spanish language."

He also appreciates his wife of over 20 years, Sharleen, and their four children, "who have never given us a hard time, who still listen and talk and learn with us, and who continue to amaze us." He notes that their oldest has left his teenage years, while their youngest had his bar mitzvah last summer. Outside of work and family, David announces, "I have filed officially with the FEC as a Republican contender for the office of President of the United States." Feel free to visit his official website for more information: <http://davidherz.org/>.

How about yourself? How is work treating you? Your family? For which public office are you running? Please feel free to drop us a line with your news for the class column. ♦ **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu. Class of 1990 Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>.

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School and sit on the board of the Cornell Program in Infrastructure Policy (CPIP)."

Ken Lee recently moved to Seattle to work for Amazon Web Services as head of product marketing for AWS compute and Amazon EC2 services. His daughter, Elaine, is a rising senior at Penn studying international relations and philosophy, and son Andrew is a rising sophomore at Harvard studying applied mathematics and computer science. **Mark Schlageter** has been appointed to the board of directors of AML RightSource, a national leader in anti-money laundering services. Mark has had an impressive career with Thomson Reuters and as a contributor to *Forbes*, the *Financial Times*, China National Television, and the Aspen Ideas Festival.

In Washington, DC, AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly is very pleased to announce the addition of **Linda Popejoy** as manager and legal aid attorney for systemic reform. Linda, an ILR alum (and Harvard Law '92), has an extensive background in pro bono and public service law. **Joe Tagliente** wrote, "Our family is still euphoric about our daughter, **Kristina '17**, graduating from the Hotel school last year. Kristina and her brother, Joey, are currently working on a new fitness concept in the Boston area. I will let you know when the grand opening is. Entrepreneurship runs deep in our family! As for me, I am continuing to focus my work on hospitality real estate and franchising with my partner and classmate **Howard Capek**."

Congratulations to all, and thanks for sharing your news. If you're reading this and are inspired to share, please take a minute to return the news form you get in the mail, e-mail one of us, or visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/ and our class Facebook page. ♦ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com.

90 Class correspondence really does seem to come in waves, focusing either on work, family, the passage of time, or world events as the dominating theme. Our most recent batch of news seems largely centered on work, although I'll be saving some news toward the end that really runs the gamut.

Bernadette Rogan Reilly is keeping busy in new home sales with Gumenick Properties in Richmond, VA. Bernadette gives a shout-out to Prof. **Richard Aplin, PhD '59**, her Economics professor who, she says, had the

Writing in from the Greater Philadelphia area, **Moody Kwok** says that he is loving his life. He works in orthopedic hand surgery teaching residents, fellows, and medical students. In his off-hours, he and wife Julie enjoy watching their three boys play lacrosse, soccer, and basketball. Moody says he'd enjoy hearing from **Tom Tai** and **Michael Gen** (and your class correspondents would love to hear from you too!).

Elisa Barfus Bremner is finding fulfillment working in the field of practical nutrition for the underserved, particularly with regard to improving access to healthy food through education. "My passion is food justice, and I love teaching people how to create a balanced and healthful diet within the context of their culture or financial situation. It is so rewarding to know that my work is helping people to become more healthy, prevent disease, and enjoy life." Unfortunately, her full-time job with the JCCA/Pleasantville Cottage Schools has been reduced to per diem, so she is looking for additional work. In the meantime, Elisa's older son is studying toward an engineering degree at Durham U. in England, while her younger son will be attending college next year—although where, exactly, has not yet been decided. Asked what she would do if she had a day in Ithaca, she writes that she would enjoy hiking anywhere in the vicinity, "topped off by Nines pizza."

Congratulations to **Larry Gritz**, who works in visual effects for movies in Vancouver, BC. Last year, his work won a technical achievement Academy Award. Way to go, Larry! "Six years ago, I moved with my family to Vancouver, Canada, and we love it here. Four years in Ithaca prepared me well for the cold wet winters, though it was a bit of a shock after the previous 16 years living in Berkeley, CA." If he had a day in Ithaca, Larry writes that he would love to walk through the campus on a summer day and show his almost-12-year-old son all the old haunts that he has heard so much about.

And finally, **David Herz** reports that he is enjoying coaching people "in creating the awesome lives they want (<http://coach.theherzes.com/>). I've answered more than 4,800 questions on Quora (profile: <https://www.quora.com/profile/David-Herz-4>), mostly regarding people's relationship issues. These have garnered more than 906,000 views." David reports that he is also working in digital marketing, helping certain types of local businesses shine on Facebook and online. Asked what gives him the most satisfaction in his life these days, David responds that he enjoys helping people live better lives.

91 Classmate **Joe Marraccino** here to continue our "Mecca" (i.e., change) theme from my inaugural column a few months back. Let's see what's new with our fellow classmates, including a powerful first book to help people make better decisions, a sports psychology venture to get players, coaches, and parents in-synch for success, and a sabbatical project literally for the birds. We'll also take a peek on time spent away to recharge with classmates ("Cornell Chicas") and solo ("rave in a snow cave"). Let's get going!

I'm thrilled to be back in touch with **Cheryl Strauss** Einhorn, freshman year U-Hall 2 alumna. We meet for breakfast a few times a year. Cheryl lives in New York and has three children, with two daughters at Cornell—a junior studying Food Science and a freshman in the Dyson School. She also has a sophomore in high school, her "little guy" who is six feet tall. Cheryl, a History and Government major on the Hill, recently had her first book published, *Problem Solved: A Powerful System for Making Complex Decisions with Confidence and Conviction*. Cheryl said proudly, "The book aims to help people make better personal and professional decisions, like a student choosing a college or a company deciding how to grow its business." Cheryl teaches her AREA Method decision-making system at Columbia Business School, and she enjoys "helping companies and individuals through my coaching and consulting practice, CSE Partners." Cheryl recently met up with **Sarah Walking** for coffee when Cheryl spoke at a Booz Allen innovation conference in Washington, DC. Sarah now works in government affairs for Michigan State U. Cheryl would love if you reached out to say hi through her website, www.areamethod.com.

Lauren Gallagher has a few of her own "firsts" to report, as she launched a new company, Sync-it-Up Sports, in her hometown on Long Island. Lauren, a Human Ecology major, co-founded the company to combine her passion for sports (she played soccer at Cornell) with her passion for education and psychology (both a master's in special education and PhD in school psychology). Lauren says about the enterprise, "Our goal is to connect players, coaches, and parents with the psychological, social, and team-building tools necessary to develop the complete athlete within the team sport environment." Along those same lines, Lauren's second "first" is a soon-to-be-published children's book, *The Hard Hat for Kids*, co-authored with fellow Cornellian **Jon Gordon '93** and based on his inspirational book, *The Hard Hat*. "With lessons like 'Ten ways to be a great teammate' and the 'We Before Me' philosophy, it's a worthy read for youth sports families." While raising her two children, Jackson and Gracie, and working as a school psychologist, Lauren has found time to coach

boys' and girls' soccer for the past 12 years. Wish Lauren well in her new venture at www.syncitupsports.com.

Lauren keeps in close touch with Cornell friends who spend a "sacred" annual long weekend together, going back about eight years. The group of a dozen or so rent a house or villa and have been to places from Charleston, SC, to Puerto Rico to, of course, Cornell. "Our get-togethers are not only filled with tons of catching up, eating, drinking, dancing, and relaxing, but also have become 'think tanks' for sharing ideas and info that help us grow both personally and professionally," Lauren beamed. This year's trip included **Maria Del Mar Ortiz** Fournier, **Jodi Rogoff** Gonzalez, **Lori Attanasio** Woodring, **Kirsten Blau** Krohn, **Kim Seibert** Sleeman, and **Katherine Miller** Eskovitz. They all have a brim hat to show for it, with the tag line "Cornell Chicas 2018."

Chris Eykamp calls Portland, OR, home these days, and recently got away to recharge as well, to a "rave in a snow cave." My first natural question was, "What's that?" He elaborated, "It's a party in a cave dug into the snow on the side of Mt. Hood—accessible only by skiing or snowshoeing a mile and a half, followed by a short climb—illuminated by flashing LEDs, disco balls, and projected video. (Yes, someone hauled all that stuff up.)" Now that's a party! Chris is a software developer and cartographer by trade. "My Civil and Environmental Engineering degree never panned out for me, thank goodness!" he quipped. Chris is currently on sabbatical, but he's not taking it easy. He created an organization, Sensorbot, to "improve the air quality in Portland by building a bunch of air quality monitors (housed in birdhouses) to map air pollution and help people understand how bad it is, with the hope that will result in new initiatives to reduce diesel pollution and wood smoke, the two biggies here in Portland." Chris added, "We are also creating a template for the project that can be replicated elsewhere, either with or without our involvement." Chris and wife Jen have two children—the older is off to college next year to study engineering, and the younger is a sophomore in high school. Catch up with Chris at chris@eykamp.com.

It's great to see these classmates doing new things, pursuing their passions, and going strong! Now it's your turn. What's your Mecca? A career change, a child off to college, been to a gathering of classmates, moving to a new location? Text me subject line "Mecca" at (845) 548-2564 and I'll contact you a.s.a.p. to hear your story! We'd love to hear from you about anything! Send your info via the online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or contact one of us directly at: ♦ **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wfafinet.com; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com; or **Lori Attanasio** Woodring, lori.woodring@yahoo.com.

92 Hello, Class of '92ers! As we finally are able to enjoy some warm weather, sit back, relax, and enjoy the most recent news from our fellow classmates!

In November 2016, **Christian Brady**'s second book was published, *The Proselyte and the Prophet: Character Development in Targum Ruth in Supplements to Aramaic Studies*, Vol. 14, (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2016). In July 2017, Christian was named the inaugural T.W. Lewis Dean of the Lewis Honors College at the U. of Kentucky, and full professor of ancient Hebrew and Jewish studies in the modern and classical languages, literatures, and cultures department. He had previously been dean of the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State U. for ten years (<http://christianbrady.us>). Congrats!

After 25 years in the restaurant industry, **Peter Christ** has sold his restaurant in Red Lodge, MT, to start a new chapter in ordained ministry. He's now the lead pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Roseville, MN, and says, "I'm still serving bread and wine, just in much smaller quantities!" He says that he's adjusting to the fact that his kids are now the ages he was when applying to and attending college. His daughter is almost done with her freshman year at the U. of Minnesota, and his son is finishing his junior year in high school. If he had a day back in Ithaca, he says he would spend the afternoon wine tasting in the vineyards, having some evening beers in Collegetown, and going to the Hot Truck after hours.

Congrats to **Ken**, JD '96, and **Lisa Chin Potash**, whose daughter, Isabelle, was accepted to Cornell and is starting her studies this fall. Lisa says, "We are looking forward to spending some more time at Cornell the next few years!" Best of luck to your daughter! **Brian Blaubeux** has recently been promoted to regional chief medical informatics officer for Northwell Health (NY). He also had the opportunity to visit Cornell for a healthcare leadership course at the Statler Hotel in fall 2017.

Steven Pae is happy to report that he rejoined Goldman Sachs in February 2018. In September 2017, he started teaching at NYU as an adjunct professor in computer science. He also joined Red Bear Angels, an angel fund. When asked what at Cornell had the greatest impact on him, he says, "Meeting my wife, **Diana (Yu)**." **Eileen Rappaport** specializes in NYC sales and rentals, and is "very passionate about real estate in general!" She welcomes any inquiries at eileen.rappaport@elliman.com. In addition to building and growing her developing real estate business, she is a single mom by choice to 7-year-old Lily Kate. Eileen has started a group of NYC single moms by choice that meets bimonthly to network and relax over cocktails! She organizes and plans the events, and encourages people to reach out to her for more info. When asked what she wishes she could be doing, Eileen writes, "Traveling as much as possible with my daughter." Their next destinations are Rome and Florence—safe and happy travels!

Last, but certainly not least, is some exciting news from **Rob Crane**. He has recently taken a new position as new product platforms manager for ExxonMobil Chemical. His job is to create new businesses for the company, and he "welcomes significant ideas from any and all sources—especially those that can improve sustainability and make the world a better place." Rob also tells us that his daughter, Carson, is joining the Class of '22! He says, "Look out, Cornell Engineering, another Crane is on the way!" Best of luck to her! In other news, he says that his family is still recovering from Hurricane Harvey and they hope to be back in their house this summer. Rob says it's been a long process and that he's grateful for the support of an awesome community. He still enjoys racing triathlons and especially enjoys cycling. He will be riding in the Tour de Steamboat (Steamboat Springs, CO) this summer and racing OilMan Half Ironman Triathlon in Montgomery, TX, this fall. He invites friends visiting the Houston area to look him up. That's all the news for now, folks! Keep it coming! Looking forward to a great second half of 2018. ♦ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

93 **Whit Watson** is about to complete his eighth year at Golf Channel, traveling about 22 weeks per year as a play-by-play announcer for live tournaments on the PGA Tour and PGA Tour Champions. Lots of travel, for sure, but it sounds like an enviable job! He and his

wife, Tracey, are proud that their son, Zachary, graduated from Trinity Prep (Whit's other alma mater). Their daughter, Ellie, is a theater kid who just finished her role as Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Asked what he would do if he had a day in Ithaca, Whit said, "Rebuild or buy back the Nines, the Palms, Johnny's BRG, and the old WVBR building on Linden Ave., and restore them to their proper glory."

How many countries have you traveled to since 1993? **Patrick Lansky** has visited 30 including: Curaçao, Barbados, Aruba, Grenada, Guadeloupe, St. Maarten, the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Finland, Estonia, the Netherlands, France, Spain, England, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Malta, Croatia, Greece, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Chris Miller is living happily in the Rocky Mountains with his wife, Lindsay, and three children Charlie, 10, Oliver, 8, and Caroline, 5. They spend their free time skiing in the winter, hiking and fishing in the summer, and enjoying the sunshine year-round. Chris is now running a business called Paladina Health. The objective: to disrupt healthcare by supplying direct primary care for employers, unions, and municipalities, saving money and improving clinical outcomes in the process. **Jennifer Mitchell** (jenmitch4@gmail.com) is running an education business with a staff of 15. They provide consultation tutoring, classes, and more for 3-year-olds through college-age students. During her spare time, Jennifer works on her home and landscaping and loves to swim and surf. She most recently traveled to China and plans to hit Australia next. She wants to hear from you, Pi Phi sisters, and Cornell swimmer **Luiz Soares**.

Did you miss Reunion? Look for the Sept/Oct issue for the Reunion Report. Or better yet, come back to the Hill for Homecoming on September 22, 2018! ♦ **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com.

94 **Scott Behson** was recently named a Silberman Global Faculty Fellow at Fairleigh Dickinson U., where he is a management professor. As part of this fellowship, Scott now also teaches intensive MBA courses at IESEG School of Business in Paris and Lille, France, and conducts research on cross-cultural comparisons of work-family considerations.

Peihua Ku is a commanding officer for Naval Reserve, US Pacific Command Detachment 601. The unit has about 20 members located mostly in the Midwest. He writes, "I recently completed a year-long deployment in Bahrain. I am a reservist with the US Navy and served at Task Force 51, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. I lived in Juffair and worked at the Naval Station, Bahrain in Manama. I also made trips to Muscat, Oman, to work with the Royal Oman Armed Forces." Peihua notes that continuing support for his reserve unit brings him great satisfaction, "though it's tough. I fly from my home in California to Rock Island Arsenal, IL, once a month at my own cost. But I have a good crew made of dedicated and committed sailors. We provide staffing support for events and conferences around the Pacific Rim and Asia led by Pacific Command (PACOM) based near Pearl Harbor, HI.

We hope you'll take a moment to share an update with your class. What are your plans for the summer? Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant,

95 Greetings, classmates, and welcome to the “time warp” edition of the Class of 1995 column! Given that we are full on into baseball season, I, **Alison Torrillo** French, am pinch-hitting this month, not only as your guest columnist, but also in my “Oldies” uniform as a blast from columns past.

As I write the column, however, it feels like anything but baseball season. Winter Storm Toby is about to pummel the East Coast and I’m wondering what in the world to do with my kids home from school yet again! While pondering that, I put this question out on our class Facebook page (see link below): Despite another round of snow about to hit the East Coast, spring is officially here! What are your fondest memories of Cornell in the spring or spring break?

The most prominent memory? Nope, not that spring break trip to Cancun. In the words of **Amy Fuchs** Nutig, it was when campus shut down for the “Storm of the Century” in March 1993! Added **Jean Chiasson** Bachen, “I remember sitting by the radio waiting for them to cancel classes. I feel like IC had closed, and the roads in the county had been shut down, and then finally Cornell cancelled classes.” **Todd Hodgman** chimed in with his fond memory of “traying” down Libe Slope. **Diego Hammerschlag** took that one step further, recalling sledding on trays down Buffalo St. as well as “digging cars out from the snow . . . probably not as fun, but still memorable!”

But perhaps the most interesting, non-storm related spring memory came from **Dave McKew**, who sent in this amazing story about senior-year spring break, when he and **Alan Florendo '96** (both Cornell Library student staff) “were bored in the dorm and got this idea of visiting all 17 Cornell libraries on campus in one day (specifically, March 23, 1995). We made a list, looked at the spring break schedule, and headed out, starting at the Africana Studies Library. At each library, we had a staff person show us ‘the most interesting thing’ about their library, and also sign a checklist to verify we’d been there on that day. At the Entomology Library, for example, we got to see this ‘high tech’ CD-ROM thing that was a simulated house (living room, kitchen, etc.) and you could zoom in on any part and see what kind of creatures might be living in a sofa, or a carpet, or whatever. Perhaps the most fascinating part of the visit was the Annex Library, where patrons are NOT allowed, but they were so fascinated with us, they let us in and gave us a small tour, despite the rules. (The Annex is a storage warehouse of older, not-often-used volumes for all the other libraries.)

“Our route took us across the campus, and our final stop was Olin Library because it closed the latest over spring break. When we arrived, we were shocked to learn that we were expected! Somehow the word got out that we were doing this, and the Cornell University Librarian, Alain Seznec, told the front desk to keep us around while his meeting finished. We sat around for 10-20 minutes and then Alain came out, shook our hands, and took a photo with us. As far as he or anyone knew, we were probably the first people to ever go to all 17 libraries in one day—even the runners for the Annex likely never have to go to all 17 in one day! He also gave us each a copy of *The Widening Stain* (1942) by **Morris Bishop 1914**, PhD 1926, a mystery set in a Cornell campus library. Honestly, we were embarrassed—we just thought it was a stupid thing, but apparently we got our picture in the Cornell Library newsletter, so it became a really public

stupid thing. Most fun spring break ever? Probably not, but at least we got outside. That day, anyway.”

Meanwhile, back to the present, **Susan Hunnewell** Duvall is a professional engineer working on water systems in Massachusetts, who says her greatest satisfaction comes from raising her family of three children, ages 12, 10, and 8, connecting with old and new friends, and coaching youth basketball. In February, her family vacationed with **Lanise Baidas** Stuftt and family in the Grand Caymans. Lanise’s family owns and operates General RV, based in Michigan. **Nathan Merrill** is “still operating the family dairy farm” and is about to celebrate his 26th wedding anniversary with wife Judy. The family is very excited to now have both of their daughters at Cornell: **Hannah '19** majors in Ag Science, and **Sammy '21** is in Communication. Nathan fondly remembers the first person he met on campus: Prof. **Eddy LaDue '64**, MS '66, of the CALS Agricultural Economics department when he visited Cornell his senior year of high school. He stayed with his hometown neighbor **Kim Scamman '91** and “immediately fell in love with Cornell and the natural beauty that surrounds our incredible campus.”

With that in mind, don’t forget to mark your calendars to return to Ithaca in less than two years, on June 4–7, 2020, for our 25th Reunion! It will be here before we know it, and we are looking to have a fantastic turnout back on the Hill . . . and hopefully great weather too! ♦ **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu; **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com. Class Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/cornell1995>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

96 **April Tan** continues to lead in health and financial services in the Washington, DC, area as an objective advisor and VP for Citi, BB&T, and Bank of America. She is simultaneously seeking opportunities to diversify her expertise on various subject matters and geographic areas, possibly by taking advantage of her academic training, which includes Asian studies and Biology and Society. April still remembers her application interview with Dean Turner at Cornell’s med school campus. Currently, she takes advantage of living between three lakes by combining exercise, dance, and communing with nature. She is also looking forward to traveling more with her family and friends to Asia, Europe, and beyond!

Sara Ende Masri recently took a position as the Rhode Island regional director for Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, where she is in charge of statewide fundraising and community outreach efforts. She had previously served as a major gift officer for Butler Hospital Care New England and as director of development for J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center in Warwick, RI. Sara celebrated her daughter’s bat mitzvah in October and says she appreciates the wonderful, lasting friendships she’s made through Cornell.

Erica Gantner Brandler has begun a new role at Empire Merchants (the Metro New York distributor of E&J Gallo Winery), managing half of the retail sales team. With her husband, Seth, she moved back this winter from Northern California to NYC, where she took advantage of all the nor’easters to look for some skiing runs! Please send news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 **Kirsten Newbold**-Knipp writes, “I’m entering my third year as an analyst at Gartner. I specialize in helping CMOs and marketing executives improve their strategy, execution, and select marketing

technology. My research allows me to tackle some of the toughest marketing challenges across all industries and affords me the ability to travel, keynote at conferences, and meet hundreds of smart marketers.” Kirsten and husband John recently moved into a brand-new home, which they both architected and built from scratch. “We promptly adopted two adorable kittens, who are filling our days with snuggles and laughter.” If she had a day in Ithaca, Kirsten says she would jump off one of the bridges into the chilly water, visit Olin Library and the Hotel school, and get some wine and local foods!

Dara Baker (dabaker.research@gmail.com) writes, “I’m finishing up my first year as archivist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, NY, and have survived my first New York winter since Cornell. Previously I worked as head archivist at the US Naval War College in Newport, RI, and archivist, historian, and legislative researcher at the Export-Import Bank in Washington, DC. Interestingly, my titles get shorter as I move.”

She adds, “I finished a weaving project that I’m incredibly proud of. I tend to try to do one new skill every year; this year will be kayaking (and possibly stand-up paddleboard).” With a day on campus, Dara would wander around to see what’s changed, visit the library and archives, sit in on a lecture for a topic she didn’t study as an undergrad, and have ice cream.

Pam Feliciano is the scientific director of the Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge (SPARK), which is the largest US autism research study, sponsored by the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI). Pam joined the Simons Foundation in 2013 and has a son with autism. Previously, she worked as a senior editor at *Nature Genetics*, where she was responsible for managing the peer review process for research publications in all areas of genetics.

Please take a moment out of your busy summer to share an update with your class. Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where’s your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

98 Reunion has come and gone, and we hope that you had a chance to reconnect with classmates and make some new memories on the Hill together. Check future issues of CAM for news from Reunion, and keep those stories coming!

Congratulations to **Kevin Walsh**, PhD '11, who has been promoted to associate professor of mathematics and computer science with tenure by the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Kevin has received several external grants for his teaching and research from Google, Amazon, and the National Science Foundation’s Technical Committee on Parallel Processing. His recently published work has appeared in peer-reviewed conferences and journals such as the *International Workshop on Clouds and Applications Management* and the *Journal of Chemometrics*. In addition, he has published multiple software packages, including software for conducting cloud computing research and teaching computer architecture. At Holy Cross, he helped create the Bangalore Maymester study abroad trip. Kevin currently serves as a study abroad liaison and is a co-advisor for the math and computer science club. He has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2012.

Kim McMunn writes, “In 2012 I decided to make a change, so after 11 years working for the USDA as an

animal physiologist, I applied to veterinary school. I would have loved to be back at Cornell, but the reality was that in-state at Purdue was the only way to go." Kim graduated last May and is now working at a small animal practice in Lafayette, IN, where she lives with her husband, Tom. She still volunteers for the local humane society and a wildlife rehabilitation center. Kim also enjoys running marathons—not only in Boston, Chicago, and New York City, but internationally as well. She has completed two of the six Abbott World Marathon Majors, including her recent completion of the Tokyo Marathon.

If you have an update of your own to share, or would simply like to let classmates know what you've been up to lately, you can access the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or feel free to e-mail one of your class correspondents: ♦ **Toni Stabile Weiss**, TLS9@cornell.edu; or **Uthica Jinvit Utano**, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 **Kelwin Harris** (kharris1@gmail.com) has been selected as a 2017-18 Marshall Memorial Fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the US. The Marshall Memorial Fellowship (MMF) is the German Marshall Fund's flagship leadership development program. Created in 1982 to introduce a new generation of European leaders to the US, MMF grew in 1999 with a companion program that began sending emerging leaders from the US to Europe. The German Marshall Fund makes MMF awards to the best and brightest from all sectors, including business, government, and civil society. Selected fellows engage in six months of preparation designed to enhance their understanding of transatlantic relations before embarking on 24 days of policy immersion across the Atlantic. Kelwin will be concentrating on the nexus between equity, inclusive growth, and civic and community engagement.

We hope you'll take a moment to share an update with your class. What are your plans for the summer? Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! ♦ **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

00 Greetings, classmates! Thanks to everyone who sent back news forms. I love hearing what you're up to! Drop me a line anytime. Now, on to the news.

Joy Johnson shares that she welcomed a son, Alexander Paul, in November. She and husband Joseph Craig are also parents to Sammy, 3, and report that the two boys give them a great deal of satisfaction and happiness. Joy is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at the Chicago Theological Seminary. Writing from NYC, **Lisa Oberstein** sent word that she is the assistant head of school at the Caedmon School. She has a toddler son named Maxwell Jacob.

Are you a podcast fan like me? Classmate **Emily Barocas** is a professional podcast listener as the podcast lead for NPR One. Her job includes curating podcast content for NPR's digital audio experience that can be accessed through phones or other electronics. In a Faces of NPR feature, Emily said, "My job as podcast lead is to make sure that we are highlighting great podcast content and creating a great experience for our listeners. That means choosing episodes to feature, maintaining relationships with podcast producers inside and outside of NPR, analyzing data, and exploring new ways to use the NPR One infrastructure to get listeners to the content they

want." Emily lives in Montclair, NJ, with her family. Husband Neal Carruth is the general manager for podcasts at NPR, and the couple has two sons, Max, 7, and Dylan, 5.

First-time author **Cliff Lerner** sent word of his new book, *Explosive Growth: A Few Things I Learned Growing To 100 Million Users & Losing \$78 Million*. This business book recounts his story of the rise of his online startup and shares his insights and tools. Cliff is the co-founder

of SNAP Interactive. He served as the company's CEO and chairman from 2005 through 2015 and now serves on its board of directors. Under Cliff's leadership, SNAP has established itself as one of the leaders and innovators in the online dating industry. SNAP was the first successful Facebook online dating app and became the first social media company to become publicly traded in 2006. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Is it natural to feel annoyed by the generation that comes directly after you, but have a soft spot for the ones after that? I keep noticing this lately, whether it's how my parents act so differently with my kids and their friends than they did with me and my sister, or by how impressed we've been by the composure and charisma of the Parkland teenagers in the wake of such tragedy. The third example that makes this a trend? Cheering as Cornell's undergrads helped us shatter fundraising records on Cornell Giving Day!

From midnight to 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on March 20, a whopping 11,750 donors gave \$7.8 million to the university's colleges, units, departments, and programs—the highest number of donors, gifts, and dollars for one day in university history. "Twice as many students—2,400—gave this year than last, helping to boost total giving past the \$6.3 million raised on Giving Day 2017 and the previous record of \$6.9 million set in 2015," the *Cornell Chronicle* reports, noting that fun on-campus events that day helped drive more participation in the previously online-only event.

Cornell Giving Day gave our class a chance to shine too. We made 142 gifts totaling \$24,985 to the university, including 19 gifts to our Class of 2001 Meinig Family Scholarship, which helps offset tuition costs for a Cornell senior every year. (Class co-president **Claire Ackerman**'s parents chipped in too. Thanks, Mom and Dad!) We also stepped up and sponsored a challenge, awarding \$2,001 to the Annual Fund for Athletics and Physical Education, a department determined by the number of student gifts made between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. that day. If you participated in Cornell Giving Day, thank you! And either way, really, isn't every day Cornell Giving Day? Remember, alumni donations count toward how highly our alma mater gets ranked in all those annual lists; paying your class dues also ensures that you get this lovely magazine and that our class can offer programs leading up to our 20th Reunion in June 2021.

And now, for your regularly scheduled classmate news. **Alison Burke** and her family welcomed son Aras on December 11. After graduation, Alison worked in the Cornell Entomology department doing research for two years before attending the Johns Hopkins U. School of Medicine for a master's degree in medical and biological illustration. For nearly ten years, she worked as a medical illustrator for the *Journal of the American Medical*

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Assn. in Chicago. She currently works as a senior medical/scientific illustrator for the *New England Journal of Medicine* and lives in the Boston area with her husband, Cassio Lynn, and their sons, Kai and Aras.

Hanna Shea, her boyfriend, Pete, and their dog, Cedar, have moved from Denver to the tiny town of Cotopaxi, CO, in the Arkansas River Valley. Hanna works as a communications manager for World Law Group, a global law firm network that sends her to Europe and Asia periodically. She's also started a side gig in the form of a monthly wine tasting club for people who want to receive hand-selected wines from boutique vineyards all over the world; she already has branches in Australia, Germany, and the United Kingdom. (I guess Hanna wasn't one of the panicked seniors cramming for the Wines final senior year! Not that I would know anything about that . . .) Interested in learning more about this venture? E-mail her at hannashea@gmail.com. In between all this excitement, Hanna got the chance to hit the slopes with **Angela Ronzio** Korch last winter, and she also stays in touch with former roommates **Jennifer Radi** Greenberg and **Liz Doerrbecker** back East.

Speaking of staying in touch with friends, we've hit the halfway mark between our 15th and 20th Reunions! Wouldn't it be nice to see each other sooner than June 2021? We can have some between-Reunion reunions this fall, at Homecoming on September 22 and at the Cornell-Columbia game in NYC on November 17. Contact classof2001@cornell.edu if you're interested in a Class of 2001 tailgate or happy hour for either weekend. You can also visit CornellConnect, our alumni directory at <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu>, to make sure your contact information is accurate, so that it's easier to find each other and see who else is in your neck of the woods.

Got news to share, want to get back in touch with old friends, or feel like pitching in with our class programs? Take a look at our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). And if you'd like to join me as a class correspondent, just find me online or e-mail me at: ♦ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 "I've learned that I like being my own boss," writes **Kate Bennett**. "I currently run my own private practice focusing on the transgender community. I also run an Airbnb, and I am a Lyft driver!" **Ruthie Levy** (levy.ruthie@gmail.com) writes, "I moved to Germany in 2016 and am working as a business development

manager for a BP refinery in Lingen. A bunch of us attended the wedding of **Jeff Siddiqui** and **Melinda Lee** near Durango, CO, in February 2018. Most unique wedding trick? They skied down to the altar, she in a dress and he in a suit. After the wedding, many people (including the newlyweds) stayed on to ski at Purgatory, Telluride, and Silverton. Was great to see so many people, and it was a very fun wedding/ski trip!"

Pongabha Abhakara, ME '04 (Bangkok, Thailand; pabhakara@gmail.com) is working in the aviation field, at the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) and Aeronautical Radio of Thailand (AEROTHAI). He enjoys being in a position that could significantly contribute to the advancement of Thailand's aviation industry. The first person he met at Cornell was likely **Siree Vatanavikit '01**, who is currently also working at AEROTHAI. Pongabha has his ideal day in Ithaca planned out meticulously: "7 a.m., wake up in a bed in the Statler Hotel; 8 a.m., breakfast at Collegetown Bagels; 9 a.m., read Thai history books at Kroch Library; noon, lunch at Sangam, an Indian buffet; 2 p.m., read Thai history books at Kroch Library; 6 p.m., have a break with an iced tea in Olin Library; skip dinner because I would be still full from the lunch buffet; 7 p.m., read Thai history books; 10 p.m., get back to my room in the Statler Hotel." Sounds perfect!

Please take a moment out of your busy summer to share an update with your class. Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

03 Hello, Class of '03! As usual, our classmates are up to great things! **Simon Tanksley** works at Kaiser Permanente Urgent Care. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking with his two dogs. **Neha Sinha** reports, "I got married in 2017 and we bought a home!" Neha and her husband, Eric, live in Seattle, where she works in recruitment marketing for Starbucks. **Camilla Velasquez** (Brooklyn, NY) is VP of product and marketing for Justworks, a venture-capital-backed startup based in NYC. Justworks focuses on benefits and financial solutions for small businesses. Camilla says she enjoys watching her son grow up and her company grow. "We've gone from five employees to 320 in three years," she adds.

Several of our classmates were recently promoted. **Gerald Griffin** was "promoted and tenured to associate professor of biology and psychology at Hope College." **KJ Rawson**, a faculty member in the College of Holy Cross's English department since 2012, also recently earned tenure. KJ's research interests include composition, rhetoric, digital media, feminist and queer theory, and LGBT studies. In 2016, he founded and created the award-winning Digital Transgender Archive, a publicly available database for transgender history. External funding for his research has come from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. His recent work has appeared in journals including *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, *Transgender Studies Quarterly*, *Radical History Review*, and *QED: A Journal of Queer Worldmaking*. He is a member of Outfront: A GLBTQ Faculty and Staff Alliance, the Academic Governance Council, and several other committees.

Lastly, **Annie Lau** wrote to say that she "made partner earlier this year!" She's at Fisher Phillips, a national labor and employment law firm representing employers. In

addition, Annie has been selected to serve as a member of the 2018 Fellows program for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). Annie joins a class of 293 experienced attorneys from around the US who are committed to fostering diversity in the legal profession. Prior to joining Fisher Phillips's San Francisco office in 2015, she worked in the firm's Dallas and Houston offices, and she is a member of the Dallas Bar Assn. and the Texas Bar Assn. Annie earned her JD from Southern Methodist U. School of Law.

We're looking forward to hearing from more of you through news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. ♦ **Candace Lee** Chow, cjl24@cornell.edu; **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

04 Greetings, Class of 2004! **Rachel Farr**, MAT '05, recently moved. She's now living in Lexington, KY, and reports that she and her spouse, Stacy, welcomed twins on August 11, 2017. Erin Clare and Patrick Jameson are now 7 months old and thriving. She writes, "We couldn't be happier!"

Esther Kibbe writes, "I'm living in Western New York again (near Buffalo), after seven years in Florida. I started doing some consulting work and it has grown into a real business, with a number of clients all over the country who all want expertise related to growing strawberries. Not something that I could have ever predicted, but apparently there is a market for extremely unique skills! I'm still training for races, but more half-marathons rather than marathons, due to travel demands and difficult training conditions in the winter."

We all enjoy keeping up with classmates. Continue to share your own news as well as news of classmates. ♦ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

05 This past year, I joined fellow bagel-lovers—many of them Cornellians—on a quest to find tasty bagels in the Bay Area. Impossible, you say? We were pleasantly surprised! A group of us met up monthly to try different bagels (complete with lox and schmear, of course), dubbing ourselves BAGEL (Bay Area Group Eating Lox . . . & Bagels).

I loved having the opportunity to catch up with classmates, particularly **Andy Riesenberger** Naja-Riese, over something that reminded us of New York and the East Coast. After a year of noshing, I joined Andy and other members of our group to host a bagel-tasting "Bagala" to raise funds for a worthy cause. We selected eight bagels based on our delicious research, and Bagala attendees got to taste and vote for their favorites. This effort helped raise over \$2,500 for UndocuFund for Fire Relief in Sonoma County, which provides direct assistance to undocumented children, families, and communities affected by last year's devastating fires in Northern California. Other Cornellians in attendance at the Bagala: **Graham** and **Helen Yoon Anderson**, **Noah Gaspar**, ME '06, **Alyson Greenlee**, **Lin Yang**, **Katie Boothroyd** Rodrigues '06, MS '08, **Efrem Bycer** '09, **Carl Gottlieb** '99, and **Frankie Whitman**, MS '72. After a fun year of bagel-tasting, we're thinking of a new food theme for our meet-ups—a "soup group," perhaps?

Speaking of Andy, please join me in congratulating him on his recent appointment as CEO of the Agricultural Inst. of Marin (AIM), the organization that manages seven Certified Farmers Markets in the Bay Area. Prior to joining AIM, Andy was chief of the program integrity branch of the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, Western

Region. In that role, he was responsible for the implementation and oversight of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly called Food Stamps and now known as CalFresh in California). After Cornell, Andy received his master's degree in society, human development, and health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Andy is also the secretary of the City of San Rafael's Citizens Advisory Committee on Economic Development and Affordable Housing and an active member of the Marin/Napa chapter of CAAAN.

Does anyone else see classmates through meet-ups (Cornell-sponsored or otherwise)? Keep the updates coming! As always, you can submit them online or send them to any of your class correspondents: ♦ **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu.

06 Please take a moment out of your busy summer to share an update with your class. Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! ♦ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

07 Hello, Class of 2007! Wow! Thanks for all of your submissions this month. It's so wonderful to share all of the great goings on of our classmates around the world.

Alvin Liu is just wrapping up his vitreoretinal fellowship at Johns Hopkins, where he begins as an assistant professor in July. His wife, Elise Ng, is also there, in the dermatology department. "Looks like we will be here in Baltimore for a few years," he writes. **Dorothy Shum** is an active duty soldier at Fort Hood, TX, working as an internal medicine physician at Darnall Army Medical Center. She got engaged to fellow physician Carlito Arenas at the Rock 'n' Roll San Francisco Half Marathon in March 2017 and they married in NYC in April 2018.

Alicia Janos is a licensed clinical psychologist with a specialization in neuropsychology. After completing her post-doctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the Harvard Partners Consortium, she joined the Medical Psychology Center in Beverly, MA. There, she conducts comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations for adults with a variety of medical, neurological, and psychiatric conditions. **Darren Schlissel** began a new job at Gugenheim Partners in NYC.

Richard Scherer was recently named partner with the law firm Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP. **Jennifer D'Amato**-Anderson of Escondido, CA, has recently relocated to become the associate nutritionist for the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. A dream job! She loves spending time with her husband, Andrew, two dogs, and three cats! If Jennifer were in Ithaca for a day, she'd visit Sage Chapel and the clock tower.

Who else is wishing they had some time up at Cayuga Lake for the summer? What would you do with some time on the Hill? I'm looking forward to sharing more exciting stories with everyone! Have more updates to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online! ♦ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

08 We hope you'll take a moment to share an update with your class. What are your plans for the summer? Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer

on the Hill? Let us know! ♦ **Libby Boymel**, LKB24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

09 Manan Suri, ME '10, writes us from India, where he is currently an assistant professor in the electrical engineering department at the Indian Inst. His research—"deep-tech," or research in the areas of neuromorphic hardware and non-volatile memory technology—actually won him an MIT Top Innovators Under 35 award. Congratulations, Manan! **Melanie Gowen** wrote us from Nantucket Island. Although it's a summer destination for some, Melanie has put down roots on this gorgeous island off the coast of Massachusetts. On Nantucket, she's a luxury properties specialist for William Raveis. Melanie is also an interior designer, and relishes the opportunity to combine her roles in real estate and design to help clients maximize investment opportunities. She misses walks in the gorges and sails on Cayuga Lake.

Who said you either have beauty or brains? **Susan Finkbeiner**, a current post-doctoral scholar at the U. of Chicago, is developing a trailblazing research program in entomology (check out the back cover of the *BBC Science and Tech* magazine earlier this year). And Susan is also a runway model. She appeared in London Fashion Week this year! Our hats are off to you, Susan, for being a role model for so many. Classmate **Max Wasserman** and **Omobola Babarinsa '10** were recently married and currently live in Bellevue, WA. The couple were featured in the "Weddings" section of the *New York Times*. Congratulations to you both!

Roland Wang wrote in from Houston, where he completed his two years for Teach For America and is currently in his third year of teaching AP environmental science to 12th graders at YES Prep West, a charter school in Houston. Last year he also spearheaded the first summit for Asian and Pacific Islander American students across the YES Prep district. The summit provided an opportunity for APIA students to meet and discuss issues related to the APIA student community.

As always, please write to me with your news, big or small. I would love to feature you in an upcoming column and share your professional and personal updates with our class. ♦ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu.

10 It's hard to tell what's louder these days: the sound of wedding bells, or the crying of new-borns, as our classmates are marching to the altar and pushing around new strollers. We are looking forward to celebrating the many newlyweds and newly-borns expected this summer, and providing you with these updates in our next columns. And with many of us hitting the big 3-0 this year, there is a lot to celebrate.

Jack Cao was married this spring to new wife Kate in Massachusetts. Cornellians were out in full force to celebrate. **Amy Shepsman** was announced as a *Forbes* 30 Under 30 for her jewelry design. Through her jewelry store, Flaca Jewelry, Amy sells minimalist necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. Flaca is in more than 45 stores across the country and Amy's pieces have appeared in *Vogue*, *InStyle*, *Glamour*, and *Elle*.

Andrew Brady just finished his master's at the U. of Pennsylvania in applied positive psychology. While Penn is universally considered something of a lesser Ivy to Cornell, Andrew's accomplishments are truly amazing. His master's thesis explored how the principles of evolution prove that purpose-driven businesses that balance the needs of all stakeholders will be more successful in

the long run. Andrew presented a TEDx talk on the subject matter and is now expanding his thesis into a book, *For the EVOLUTION of Business*. **Stephanie Rigione**, former Class of 2010 president, was recently promoted to director of annual program strategies at Mount Sinai Health System. Congratulations, Steph!

Alex Faber also recently started a new job as the sommelier at Harry's NYC, a Wall Street institution steakhouse. Be sure to head over to Hanover Square to uncork some grand crus with him. **Lauren Barbato** coordinated quite the effort recently: she headed "Googlegeist," an annual survey of Google employees. San Diego, be on the lookout. After their wedding this summer, **Jeff Bowser** and **Emily Farina** plan on moving to the West Coast. Jeff previously lived in San Diego before relocating to New York for the past few years.

Happy tidings to former class correspondent **Rammy Salem**. For over three years Rammy has been providing you with information and updates on our classmates. He recently started a graduate program and we wish him the best. **Michelle Sun** has eagerly stepped into the position and we look forward to hearing from her in future updates. ♦ **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu; **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com.

11 Hello to the Class of 2011 and our alumni friends! I hope that wherever you are, winter has disappeared and you've stocked up on Coppertone. We have some exciting news from our classmates, including a few family and career updates.

Charles Whittaker got married in September 2017 to his fiancée, Joanna, in Chicago, IL, where they both now reside with their new Cavapoo puppy, Bentley. **Ted Alexander** and **Emily Ruzbarsky '12** also got married in September. Their wedding was held in Scranton, PA. Ted and Emily met sophomore year through the Absolute A Cappella group. **Lauren Schneider** and **Jeffrey Lip-ton '10**, PhD '15, welcomed son Samuel Leonard into the world on April 8, 2018. Mom, Dad, and baby are all doing great.

A couple of our classmates have exciting new career developments. **Corey O'Brien** is now starting his second year of internal medicine residency at Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut. **Samantha Dong** is the founder of a new company, Ally Shoes, which, she says, makes the most comfortable heels for professional women. An AEM major on the Hill, Samantha worked as a management consultant in New York after graduation and was an early employee at a startup funded by the prestigious venture capital program Y Combinator. After incubating the idea of Ally Shoes during her second year at Stanford Business School, she moved back to NYC and formed a women-led team, including a foot surgeon and a former designer for Kanye West's shoe brand, Yeezy. With ergonomically designed heels, Ally Shoes is determined to empower women to "conquer the world in comfort." You can check out Samantha's footwear at: www.ally.nyc. ♦ **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu; **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

12 John Rhee is now in his final year of medical school and will soon find out where he will be for the next four years for residency in neurology. He spent the past year doing research abroad in Spain and Uganda and has just finished all of his required rotations—the rest of fourth year is filled with (non-academic) travel plans before the most intensive part of medical training.

Natalie Goldman recently moved from San Francisco, where she was working for Facebook, to New York to work for Instagram. She is happy to be living close to her family for the first time in ten years and is looking forward to seeing more of her parents and her grandma, who are all now close by. She remembers fondly the first people she met at Cornell: her floormates in Kay Hall, including **Max Gengos**, who lived across the hall. Natalie reports that they are still friends today. **Alexandra Bishop** is now the assistant company manager for the *Book of Mormon* national tour. She is traveling the US and Canada, as the show moves cities every week. Alexandra handles the payroll, contracts, hotels, rental cars, buses, flights, and overall logistics for the entire company.

Jonathan Panter left active duty in the US Navy in June 2017 after four and a half years of service. He began a PhD program in political science at Columbia U. in fall 2017. **Adam Nicoletti** and his wife, **Olivia (Moore)**, are still basking in the good feels from their September wedding in Ithaca. They have been in Chicago since August 2016 while Adam is at Northwestern Kellogg getting his MBA. After graduation, Adam will work at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG). They have delayed their honeymoon until after business school, and will then be headed to Italy and Hawaii for a month. ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

13 By the time you read this, hopefully you've recovered from a wonderful Reunion weekend celebrating five years since graduating. Next month's column will feature a full Reunion Report, so look out for it!

Maria Deno is inspiring all of us Instagram followers with her incredible body and health transformation. Maria admits to gaining the freshman 15 more than once during her undergrad years, but she's finally taking her mental and physical health seriously and showcasing her progress for all to see. Check out her account at @princessfitprocess for words of inspiration, outfits of the day, and meal recipes. She's hoping to cross "instastardom" off her bucket list!

Charlie Clausner left his job in Silicon Valley at Arista Networks in 2015 to join Teach For America. He is a fifth grade elementary school teacher in the Hawaii Dept. of Education (DOE) for Pahala Elementary on the Big Island. He is also a proud millennial homeowner! Charlie says he gains great satisfaction these days from seeing the lightbulbs go off in the minds of the students he teaches. He feels that working with the youth of Hawaii is the greatest honor and "kuleana" of his life. Shout out to **Cam Nickels** and fellow ILR 2013 transfer who was the first person Charlie met on campus. If he could travel all the way to Ithaca for a day, Charlie would stop by the sprint football offices and speak with the coaches there. Then he would make his way to Ives, grab some ice cream, and end at CTB for a cup of hot cocoa.

Jack Reep is a first year at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and living in Newark, NJ. He says he's leaning toward a residency in internal medicine, or even general surgery, but it's too early to tell. Maybe he will specialize in psychiatry and credit his Psychology major at Cornell! Jack is enjoying the endless stimulation and learning that medical school has provided him. At Cornell, we all focus on personal developing and figuring out what our values are, but at medical school, Jack says he's totally absorbed in his studies and training. Jack's brother recently moved from Nebraska to Virginia, which makes it much easier for them to see each

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other now. Jack returns to Ithaca quite a bit, and when he's there he visits his professors, mentors, and friends in the area. He makes time to reflect in locations that have meaning, like his residences and old hangouts. He writes, "I feel that much of the groundwork for who I am today personally and professionally was laid down while I was at Cornell, and Cornell acts as a baseline reference of some sort. By going back to where my journey began, I can usually get a clearer perspective on where I've come, where I am now, and where I'm heading."

I can only hope that all of us who return to Ithaca take a page out of Jack's book and return to those places of significance to reflect and celebrate. As always, I want to hear what you've been up to since graduating so that you can be in our columns! E-mail me with news! ♦ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

14 It's a bit scary to think that we have been out of Cornell for as long as we were there and that Reunion is just around the corner next year! Our class has been up to a lot in the past few months, and we continue to be proud of everyone.

Brooke Parsons recently relocated to Western New York and started working for Kreher Family Farms outside of Buffalo, NY. The farm is the largest organic grain and produce farm in New York State. Brooke is involved in new business development and works to coordinate the many food grade and feed crops that KFF produces.

After moving to and spending two years in L.A. trying to find herself (i.e., five semesters' worth of internships while obtaining a master's in communication management), **Kimberly Tan** realized she actually missed the cold and relocated again to London, UK, where she joined the analyst programme at Deloitte for human capital consulting in September 2017. Though initially expecting to consult in human resource transformation programs, Kimberly discovered she was more interested in the space of human resource technology and is now a certified analyst for implementing Workday, the world's leading SaaS (Software as a Service) provider for human resource management software. She is currently training to specialize in Workday Integrations.

Thanks so much for reading, and we are so excited to continue being in touch with you all! Please reach out to me or Sam if you have any updates for us; we love hearing about what everyone is up to! Until next time: ♦ **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu; **Samantha Lapehn**, SRL76@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

15 Happy summer, Class of 2015! We hope you're enjoying the warm weather (it's about time!), and we wish you well on all of your adventures. In case you were curious, here are some of the things your classmates have been up to recently.

Karina Condez is working as a physician assistant in New York City. What she misses most about Cornell is sitting outside Collegetown Bagels with friends on the first real spring day. **Sarah Kurahashi-Sofue** took her skills to the world of veterinary medicine and is working as a veterinary technician in Newtown, CT.

Adam Kirsch, MBA '16, is putting his business skills to the test as a senior consultant at West Monroe Partners in New York City, working alongside fellow Johnson School graduates **Will Ng**, MBA '17, and **Will Ludlow**, MBA '16. His focus is on mergers and acquisitions, advising private equity and strategic buyers on technical, functional, and operational matters. Adam is also

a fencer in his free time and qualified for the US Fencing Summer Nationals.

Did you know that the Class of 2015 has a designer in its ranks? Garments from **Lea Freni's** VOGEL spring/summer 2016 line are currently being exhibited at the Oklahoma Science Museum in the exhibit "Into the Fold: The Art and Science of Origami." This collection was created in collaboration with origami artist **Uyen Nguyen '00** (a former researcher at the Cohen Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics at Cornell) and first exhibited at Vancouver Fashion Week. They collaborated to develop custom folded textiles. The collection explores mathematical concepts including the Fibonacci sequence and Möbius strips, which informed the structure of crease patterns and garment components.

Have some news? Did you start a new job or get a promotion? Go on an exciting vacation? Have other things to tell us? Share it all with the Class of 2015. Please send us your updates and we will include them in a future column! ♦ **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu; **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu.

16 In March, I had the pleasure of returning to Ithaca to celebrate Prof. Dan Schwarz's 50th year of teaching. The weekend was full of great talks by Cornell grads, and I enjoyed catching up with classmates **Roya Sabri** and **James Toomey**, as well as **Zach Zahos '15**. The English grads from our class are enjoying great success in various post-graduate endeavors, and I enjoyed hearing about their careers and studies.

James Toomey, currently at Harvard Law School, was recently honored as a Cravath International Fellow. As a Cravath Fellow, James traveled to Switzerland, where he did research on the "regulation of biological and genetic technologies under the Swiss constitution." **Nina Gershonowitz** wrote from Brattleboro, VT, with news of her fantastic new venture: "I am currently in circus school at the New England Center for Circus Arts. I originally thought I would go to law school upon graduation, but sometimes you just have to run away and join the circus." This spring, Nina will also be celebrating her brother's graduation from Cornell, with a degree in Materials Science Engineering.

After two years with Teach For America, **Ardian Sahinovic** will be moving to Atlanta, GA, to begin work with Deloitte Consulting in the strategies and operations department. When asked what gives him the most satisfaction these days, Ardian wrote of his role as a teacher and a coach: "Having the opportunity to mentor and teach underserved youth was an incredibly rewarding experience. In addition to teaching, I also took on a role as the women's volleyball coach at my school. My students love hearing about my experience at Cornell, and are always excited when I can show them pictures or footage from my Cornell football career." Good luck in your new role, Ardian! **Kate McCormick** recently accepted a job with a research lab at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She will be working in the Youth, Emotion, Development, and Innovation Lab. This work in clinical developmental research is a continuation of Kate's studies as a Human Development major at Cornell. Kate will also continue her post-collegiate running in Illinois. She is looking forward to meeting Cornellians of the Midwest as she journeys west.

Thank you to all who sent in news! I love hearing about the amazing work our classmates are doing. Please keep us in the loop as you continue your adventures! ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

'37 BA—Edward L. Sleeper,
Boston, MA, February 10, 2018

1940s

'40 DVM—Carleton W. Potter,
Ithaca, NY, March 16, 2018
'40, BS Hotel '47—Edward L. Richman,
Valhalla, NY, February 15, 2018
'41 BS Ag—Isabelle Richards McDermid,
Ludlow Falls, OH, March 15, 2018
'41 BS HE—Dorothy Newman Seligman,
Yorktown Heights, NY, March 9, 2018
'41—Fayette W. Wing Jr.,
Albany, NY, January 27, 2018
'42 BS Ag—Emanuel L. Baum,
Nashville, TN, March 5, 2018
'42 BA, MA '44—Carolyn Evans Finneran,
Gig Harbor, WA, February 15, 2018
'42 MS, PhD '46—Hai-Chang Benjamin Koo,
Toledo, OH, March 1, 2018
'42 BS HE—Gladys McKeever Seebald,
Reading, PA, December 11, 2017
'43—Louise Wolf Campbell,
Shreveport, LA, July 24, 2017
'43 DVM—Eugene G. Dillmann,
Midlothian, VA, September 13, 2015
'43, B Chem E '44—Karlton J. Hickey,
Broomall, PA, February 8, 2018
'44, BS Ag '47—Donald I. Crandall,
Batavia, NY, March 2, 2018
'44, BS Ag '43—Calvin S. De Golyer Jr.,
Castile, NY, March 1, 2018
'44, BS Ag '47, PhD '69—Philip Lewin,
Denver, CO, January 10, 2018
'45 BA, JD '48—Wallace V. Auser Jr.,
Fulton, NY, February 8, 2018
'45—Helen-Louise Goodspeed DeCamillo,
Candor, NY, February 7, 2018
'45, BA '47—Seymour Rotter,
White Plains, NY, April 22, 2016
'45 DVM—James P. Watson,
Union Dale, PA, March 25, 2018
'46-48 SP Ag—Leon C. Blasdel,
Homer, NY, July 10, 2012
'46 BS Nurs—Ruth Pielemeier Bond,
Edgewater, MD, January 27, 2018
'46, BS ORIE '47—Allen L. Boorstein,
New York City, February 12, 2018
'46 BS HE—Evangeline Woodruff Brown,
Marblehead, MA, February 7, 2018
'46 BS HE—Ruth Sergenian De Angelis,
New London, NH, February 28, 2018
'46 BA—Helen W. Fox,
Niagara Falls, NY, March 24, 2018
'46 BS HE—Marion Seel Hackley,
Chelsea, MI, February 5, 2018
'46 BS HE—Anne Hodgkins Ransom,
Powder Springs, GA, December 14, 2016
'46, BA '45, JD '47—Norwin G. Rosner,
San Diego, CA, February 17, 2018
'46 BS Ag—June Barrett Ryan,
Lompoc, CA, February 20, 2018
'46 DVM—Jeanette Sams,
Deland, FL, February 10, 2018
'46, BME '45—Russell C. Scott,
Richmond, VA, February 9, 2018
'46, MD '48—Theodore F. Thomas,
New Hartford, NY, March 11, 2018
'47 MA, PhD '55—Margaret Beattie Bogue,
Madison, WI, March 8, 2018
'47, BEE '46—Calvin R. Carver,
Short Hills, NJ, March 20, 2018
'47, BS Hotel '49—Angus W. Hagler,
Rocky Mount, NC, March 7, 2018

'47 BME—William J. Randolph Jr.,
Scottsville, VA, April 17, 2018
'47 MS HE, MPS '78—Janet Ritchie Smith,
Asheville, NC, February 5, 2018
'47 BS Ag—Frederick Weitz,
Tamarac, FL, February 21, 2018
'48 BA—Doris Eggen Bissell,
Jacksonville, FL, December 18, 2016
'48 MS—John A. Bistline Jr.,
Longwood, FL, November 26, 2017
'48 BA—Herbert K. Bodensiek,
North Haledon, NJ, February 11, 2018
'48 BS ORIE—Burnett D. Haylor,
Syracuse, NY, February 28, 2018
'48 BS Ag, PhD '55—Arthur E. Hiltbold Jr.,
Auburn, AL, February 11, 2018
'48 BS Ag—Werner J. Kaplan,
Highlands Ranch, CO, April 7, 2017
'48 BEE—Dana J. Keller,
Gretna, NE, January 2, 2017
'48—Frank M. Masters Jr.,
Harrisburg, PA, March 1, 2018
'48 BS Ag, MEd '55—Stanley J. Reeves,
Pinellas Park, FL, February 16, 2018
'48 BS HE—Virginia Keeler Smith,
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, December 20, 2017
'49 BA—Priscilla Bassett Bretschger,
Williamsville, NY, January 27, 2018
'49 BS ORIE—William A. Cook Jr.,
Owosso, MI, February 18, 2018
'49-50 SP Ag—William H. Elliott,
Hamilton, NY, January 24, 2018
'49 BS Hotel—Peter F. Roland,
Lake Placid, NY, January 2, 2018
'49 BCE—John D. Ten Hagen,
Pittsford, NY, March 24, 2017
'49 MA—Janet Sepersky Tonkonow,
Meriden, CT, March 6, 2018
'49 BS ILR—Jane D. Wurz,
Stuart, FL, February 8, 2018
'49 B Chem E—Jacques L. Zakin,
Dublin, OH, January 16, 2018

1950s

'50 BS Hotel—Clinton C. Barnard,
Bellingham, WA, April 14, 2018
'50 MBA—Roy E. Bell Jr.,
Memphis, TN, January 21, 2018
'50 BME—Oliver B. Bragg,
Ashburn, VA, April 8, 2018
'50 BS Ag—Frank G. Buzzelli,
Niagara Falls, NY, April 22, 2018
'50, BArch '51—Gardner Ertman,
Lexington, MA, January 2, 2018
'50—Joseph M. Garrett,
Lexington, KY, January 24, 2018
'50 BArch—Elmer J. Guran,
Akron, OH, March 20, 2018
'50 BS Ag—John Lunt,
Wilson, WY, November 18, 2015
'50, BS ORIE '49—Cobb Milner Jr.,
Blowing Rock, NC, February 5, 2018
'50 BA—Mary Green Miner,
Edmonds, WA, February 8, 2018
'50, BS Ag '49—Nicholas M. Sawicke,
Lawrence Township, NJ, January 7, 2018
'50 BS Ag—Charles A. Smith,
Lititz, PA, April 3, 2018
'50 BEE—David C. Smith,
Newton, MA, January 17, 2018
'50 BA—Barrie B. Sommerfield,
Stamford, CT, March 18, 2018
'50 BEE—William P. Yetter III,
La Habra Heights, CA, January 1, 2018

'51 MEd—O. Edgar Babenzien,
Endicott, NY, October 24, 2013
'51 JD—Theodore J. Finnigan,
Williamsville, NY, March 18, 2017
'51, BCE '54—Walter C. Grantz,
Virginia Beach, VA, March 2, 2018
'51, BME '52—Edgar H. McCulloch Jr.,
Ashford, CT, April 14, 2018
'51—Edward A. Proctor Jr.,
Bloomfield, MI, March 12, 2018
'51 BA—Frederick P. B. Thornton,
Media, PA, February 12, 2018
'52, BME '53—Raymond L. Erickson,
Brookfield, WI, March 5, 2018
'52, BME '53—James H. Faller,
Peterborough, NH, December 17, 2017
'52 BA—Imogene Powers Johnson,
Racine, WI, March 3, 2018
'52 BS Ag—Ralph G. Moser,
Burbank, CA, April 10, 2017
'52—John P. Schwantes,
Woodstown, NJ, February 6, 2018
'52 BA—Anne Coddington Tonachel,
New York City, January 5, 2018
'52 BS HE—Virginia B. White,
Schenectady, NY, December 21, 2017
'53 BA, MBA '54—Paul Bomze,
Haverford, PA, December 30, 2017
'53 BA—Ann B. Clark,
Madison, WI, February 24, 2018
'53 BS Nurs—Barbara Forman Edson,
Los Angeles, CA, March 17, 2017
'53, BME '54—Robert H. Eskin,
New York City, February 9, 2018
'53 BS Hotel—Richard M. Heskett,
Pleasant City, OH, February 16, 2018
'53 BS Hotel—James M. Huebner,
Grass Valley, CA, December 31, 2017
'53—Albert E. Jeneault,
Ogdensburg, NY, March 6, 2018
'53 MEd—Natalie Rogers Johnston,
Fulton, NY, March 3, 2018
'53 LLB—Donald J. Mark,
Webster, NY, February 10, 2018
'53 BA—Harvey K. Spivack,
Tucson, AZ, January 25, 2018
'53, BS Hotel '54—William M. Welch III,
Newtown, PA, March 21, 2018
'53 BS Ag—Gordon R. White,
Spring, TX, September 8, 2017
'54, BCE '55—Robert S. Appleby,
Wilmington, DE, January 27, 2018
'54 BFA—Rosamond Peterson Berg Bassett,
New Canaan, CT, January 18, 2018
'54 BS Ag, MS Ag '56—Dana G. Dalrymple,
Washington, DC, March 2, 2018
'54, BME '55—William P. Donovan,
St. Peters, MO, March 14, 2018
'54 BA—Barbara Johnson Gottling,
Cincinnati, OH, January 23, 2018
'54 DVM—Edward C. Melby Jr.,
Charlotte, VT, April 22, 2018
'54, BME '55—Donald C. Morrissey,
Mercer Island, WA, March 2, 2018
'54 BS Hotel—Charles W. Pappas,
Rochester, MN, February 3, 2018
'54 DVM—Paul J. Phillips,
Batavia, NY, March 10, 2018
'54—Edwin F. Rumsey,
Seneca, SC, May 22, 2016
'54 DVM—Ceylon M. Sutherland,
DeRuyter, NY, March 4, 2018
'54 BS Ag—Joy Occhipinti Vlahos,
Charlottesville, VA, February 23, 2018

'55 BS Ag—Lloyd W. Corwin Jr.,
Aquebogue, NY, December 12, 2017
'55, BEP '56, PhD '62—John C. Erickson Jr.,
State College, PA, February 26, 2018
'55 BA—Darel W. Kadlec,
Ithaca, NY, March 1, 2018
'55—Harold G. McAvonia,
Chula Vista, CA, February 1, 2018
'55 BS Nurs—Rosina Nagengast Navagh,
Seaford, NY, November 23, 2017
'55—Esther Kresh Oriol,
New York City, January 5, 2018
'55 BA—Barbara Klaer Pardee,
Ithaca, NY, March 11, 2018
'55 BS Ag—James A. Ryan,
Chittenango, NY, March 20, 2018
'55 PhD—Robert C. Springborn,
Naples, FL, January 21, 2018
'55 BS ILR—Elliot Tahl,
Westbury, NY, January 10, 2018
'56 BA—Kathleen Rooney Irish,
Pittsboro, NC, September 20, 2017
'56 BA—Michael Kempler,
Scarsdale, NY, March 15, 2017
'56 MD—Robert H. Stackpole,
Elizabeth, NJ, January 28, 2018
'57 BA—Robert W. Black Jr.,
Baltimore, MD, April 6, 2018
'57, BME '58, PhD '62—Saul Blumenthal,
Columbus, OH, March 10, 2018
'57 BA—Ralph E. Deeds Jr.,
Birmingham, MI, March 1, 2018
'57 MD—Alan B. Echikson,
Livingston, NJ, January 27, 2018
'57 BA—Ronald B. Hitchon,
Irving, TX, June 27, 2017
'57 BS ILR—Joseph K. Leinbach,
Juno Beach, FL, March 1, 2018
'57, BME '58—John C. MacLay II,
Columbus, NC, January 7, 2018
'57—Judith Barber Newcomb,
Altamont, CA, March 9, 2018
'57, BS Ag '58—Robert E. Parsons,
Berlin, VT, April 8, 2018
'57—Bryce M. Rittenhouse,
West Windsor, NJ, February 21, 2018
'57 LLB—Chad B. Robinson,
Rochester, NY, November 7, 2017
'57—Miriam Chuckrow Sommers,
Albany, NY, February 18, 2017
'58, BME '59—Richard B. Cole,
Springfield, NJ, January 24, 2018
'58 BS Hotel—Thomas G. DeJose,
Manassas, VA, April 27, 2017
'58 MBA—James E. Hamlin,
Delavan, WI, February 18, 2018
'58 BS Hotel—Hugh W. Hoff,
Shoreline, WA, March 19, 2018
'58 GR—Bruce A. Smalley,
Belmont, NY, February 23, 2018
'59 BA, MD '63—James J. Coatsworth,
Issaquah, WA, March 4, 2018
'59—Robert D. Kaufman,
Delhi, NY, March 24, 2018
'59 BA—Ernest B. Miller III,
Orange City, FL, May 9, 2017

1960s

'60 MD—Donn J. D'Alessio,
Madison, WI, December 20, 2016
'60 BA—Ralph R. Fields,
Lutherville, MD, February 14, 2018
'60 BS HE—Cheryl Sarstedt Zanzot,
Fairfield, CA, December 22, 2016
'61 PhD—Albert M. Gordon,
Cocoa Beach, FL, February 13, 2017
'61 BS HE—Barbara Leech Jacquette,
Salisbury, CT, January 28, 2018
'61—William J. Kerns Jr.,
Arlington, VA, March 6, 2018

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'61 BS ILR—J. Brian McKee,
Malone, NY, February 23, 2018
'61 BS Hotel—Barry S. Protage,
Newport Beach, CA, March 9, 2018
'62 MRP—John V. M. Gibson,
Memphis, TN, March 24, 2018
'62—Howard P. Hart,
Dyke, VA, April 30, 2017
'62 MBA—William L. Kelleher Jr.,
Akron, OH, March 10, 2018
'62—John D. Shakelton,
Fort Lauderdale, FL, January 10, 2016
'62 MD—Paul D. Stolley,
Amherst, ME, August 4, 2017
'63 BME—L. Joseph Meyer,
Jenkintown, PA, October 23, 2017
'63 PhD—Alvin R. Southard,
Logan, UT, March 5, 2018
'65, BS Ag '66—John F. Carpenter,
Doylestown, PA, April 1, 2018
'65, BS Ag '69—Bruce M. Simmons,
Cayuga, NY, February 23, 2018
'66 BA—Patricia Anderson Harwick,
Shelburne, VT, January 27, 2018
'66 PhD—Eugene L. Ketchum,
Tucson, AZ, January 24, 2018
'66 PhD—John E. Moxley,
Ottawa, ON, January 20, 2014
'67 MBA—Edward G. Blum,
Colonia, NY, January 27, 2018
'67 BS ILR—John C. Collins,
St. Simons Island, GA, March 2, 2018
'67 MS Ag—T. Bennett Dickerson,
Lititz, PA, February 22, 2018
'67 PhD—James A. Wood,
Arlington, TX, January 24, 2018
'68 BS Ag—James A. Detch,
Bullville, NY, February 7, 2018
'68 BS Eng—John A. Dindorf,
Naperville, IL, February 1, 2018
'68—Joseph N. Pew IV,
Oley, PA, June 10, 2017
'68 JD—Paul M. Rosen,
Briarcliff Manor, NY, March 12, 2018
'68 BA—John G. Salmon,
Denver, CO, October 23, 2015
'68 PhD—John N. Vournakis,
Charleston, SC, January 17, 2018
'68 BA—Peter S. Zogby,
Hull, GA, February 4, 2018
'69 BA—Louise Arnold Berlin,
Portland, ME, February 22, 2018
'69, BS Ag '70—Ernest A. Kostrub,
Trumansburg, NY, February 12, 2018
'69, BA '70—Richard G. Rusk,
Athens, GA, January 28, 2018

1970s

'70 MD—Robert S. Bennett,
Holden, MA, August 17, 2016
'70, BS ORIE '71—Charles W. Lounsbury III,
Florence, SC, March 5, 2018
'70 MRP—Ray B. Weisenburger,
Manhattan, KS, February 25, 2018
'71 MBA—Michael R. Carty,
Geneva, NY, February 9, 2018
'71 BS Ag—James P. McClocklin,
Aurora, ON, December 3, 2017
'71 MFA—Joseph A. Scala Jr.,
New Woodstock, NY, April 17, 2018
'72 BS ILR—Carolyn J. Jacobson,
Washington, DC, March 23, 2018

'72 BS Ag—Richard L. Mundelein,
Dandridge, TN, January 1, 2018
'73 JD—Alan L. Hellman,
Northbrook, IL, February 26, 2018
'73 BS, MBA '74—Jonathan M. Kaplan,
Cupertino, CA, February 19, 2018
'73 BS Ag—William G. Kappus,
East Pembroke, NY, April 1, 2018
'73, BCE '74—Russell M. Nilson,
Port Orchard, WA, February 7, 2017
'74, BA '77—William J. Curtis,
Philadelphia, PA, January 31, 2018
'74 BArch, MArch '89—Arthur A. Ovaska,
Ithaca, NY, March 26, 2018
'75 BEE—Bahman Atefi,
McLean, VA, March 5, 2018
'75 BEE, JD '78—William S. Wachenfeld,
Fanwood, NJ, March 1, 2018
'76 BEE—YongSoo Ha,
Dobbs Ferry, NY, February 18, 2018
'76, BS Hotel '94—Edward Wolchick Jr.,
Orlando, FL, March 4, 2018
'77 BS ILR—Cynthia D. Shenker,
Loudonville, NY, March 26, 2018
'78 MS, PhD '79—Steve Russo,
Ithaca, NY, April 7, 2018
'78 JD—Neil H. Tiger,
Southampton, NY, April 6, 2018

1980s

'80 MS, PhD '84—Ruth J. Mayer,
Wayne, PA, March 17, 2018
'82 BS Ag, DVM '89—Robert J. Toole,
Cazenovia, NY, February 28, 2018
'84 BArch—David A. Bushnell,
San Francisco, CA, March 9, 2018
'85, BS HE '86—Alyson M. Weiss,
New York City, September 3, 2017
'87 JD—David S. Buckel,
New York City, April 14, 2018
'87 BEE, MBA '95—Stephen A. Campbell,
Corning, NY, February 23, 2018
'89 MILR—Theresa Ann Flynn,
Dewitt, NY, March 23, 2018

1990s

'90 DVM—Lorna J. Marke,
Falls Church, VA, February 23, 2018
'92 BME—Patrick G. Duffy,
Belmont, CA, July 5, 2017
'93 MS, PhD '96—Olga Perkovic,
San Francisco, CA, March 3, 2018
'95 JD—Gary N. Mager,
Seattle, WA, March 18, 2018
'95 BS HE—Brian J. Smith,
Chesterfield, MO, February 27, 2018
'99 BA—Jennifer A. Blumin,
New York City, May 15, 2017

2000s

'01 BA—Laura K. Wakefield,
Forest Park, IL, August 7, 2017
'06 BS HE—Danielle A. Peress,
Jericho, NY, November 26, 2017

2010s

'12 BS Eng—Christine A. Smith,
Berwyn, PA, February 9, 2018
'14 JD—Ari J. Diaconis,
Armonk, NY, January 29, 2018w

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East Hill's iconic sundial marries art and science



CATCHING SOME RAYS
(clockwise from far left): The sundial on the Engineering Quad; Corson during its 2006 refurbishment; a close-up of the dial that allows users to set the date.

The sundial on the Engineering Quad isn't just a beloved campus fixture—it's one of the most accurate instruments of its kind on the planet. Assuming that the sun is shining, users need only turn a dial on the six-foot-wide, 650-pound sundial's granite base to indicate that day's date, and they can see the correct time to the minute, twelve hours a day, all year round.

Installed in 1980, the instrument is named in memory of Joseph Pew Jr. 1908—an industrialist, Engineering alum, and prominent Cornell benefactor who's also the namesake of the Engineering Quad. Its creation was the brainchild of Pew's widow, who thought a sundial would be a fitting homage to her late husband, given his long association with the college. But when the University drew up its initial proposal for the device, it met with vocal resistance from a prominent figure: President Emeritus Dale Corson.

Corson—a physicist who had previously served as Engineering dean—had been a sundial aficionado since his days studying celestial navigation in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He strongly objected to the project's original design, which he dismissed as a “garden ornament.” As Corson recalled to CAM in 2007: “I had so much criticism of it that they said, ‘Well, you do it.’” So he teamed up with Richard Phelan, MS '50, then a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, to reimagine the instrument.

How does the sundial they ultimately created tell time so accurately and reliably? It works like this: Along one of its inner curves is a series of lines, one for each minute from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; when the sun shines, a thin cable casts a shadow indicating the time. A system of gears, cables, and pulleys

within the granite base is connected to the sundial's heart: a grooved metal disk called the cam. Its careful design incorporates such factors as Ithaca's latitude and longitude, the speed at which the sun travels across the sky, the tilt of Earth's axis, and the irregularity of its orbit around the sun. All that precise engineering is built into the device—meaning that no technical know-how is needed to use it. “In fact,” as a 2009 book on Corson notes, “it was intended to be what Phelan [called] an ‘audience-participation sculpture’—the first person who happens along in the morning sets the date.”

Placement was also key: as the book points out, the sundial's location was determined not by aesthetics, but by such practicalities as maximum year-round sunlight and the stability of the underlying ground. In 2006, the timepiece got even more accurate when Corson and Rodney Bowman, a scientific instrument

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maker on campus, replaced the cam with an upgraded version, crafted in the Clark Hall machine shop. (Phelan had retired in 1988.) “Dale was about ninety years old at the time,” recalls Stanley Carpenter, who managed the machine shop until his retirement in 2009. “But working on this project, he was as enthusiastic as a freshman.” The original cam had rusted over the previous twenty-six years—so the pair made the replacement out of corrosion-resistant stainless steel. “Considering the weather in Ithaca,” says Carpenter, “this was a huge improvement.” ■

—Alexandra Bond '12



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