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CAROLYN GOODMAN '36 WITH BRAD HERZOG '90

In the summer of 1964, Carolyn Goodman's son Andy vanished in Mississippi along with fellow civil rights workers Mickey Schwerner '61 and James Chaney. Weeks later, when their bodies were found, the three became martyrs to the cause of racial equality. Before Goodman's death in 2007 at age ninety-one, she sat for numerous interviews with CAM contributing editor Brad Herzog—conversations that Herzog has crafted into a posthumous memoir entitled *My Mantelpiece*. In an excerpt, Goodman recalls how, fifty years ago, she survived a parent's worst nightmare.

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BETH SAULNIER

Lewis Cantley, PhD '75, has been fascinated with understanding how things work ever since he was a boy in West Virginia, where his father taught him to make his own toys and design his own rockets. Today Cantley is one of the world's leading cancer researchers, an academic superstar whose many honors include the most lucrative prize in biology and medicine. Recruited from Harvard in fall 2012, Cantley—whose lab was the first to occupy the Medical College's flagship Belfer Research Building—is not only heading up Weill Cornell's new cancer center, he's leading a revolution in its research enterprise. Its watchwords: collaboration, personalization, and translating discoveries into ways to help patients.

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On to the Sesquicentennial!

As you probably know, I will become the next secretary of the Smithsonian Institution on July 1, 2015—but Robin and I look forward to enthusiastically continuing our Cornell work over the next fourteen months, including celebrating our University's sesquicentennial at events on our campuses and around the world.

The sesquicentennial is a singular opportunity to reflect on the things that unite Cornellians across the generations and around the globe, to recognize our collective achievements, and to reaffirm our confidence in the future that Cornell will help to shape. For 150 years, Cornell has set the standard for distinguished private higher education with a formal public mission. In the coming year we will celebrate this proud heritage as we aim even higher for the future.

We'll be foreshadowing the sesquicentennial and celebrating significant milestones in our history during Reunion 2014. Dean Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, the Litwin Professor of American Studies and chair of the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, and Isaac Kramnick, the Richard Schwartz Professor of Government and a key member of the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, will give the Olin Lecture at Reunion, talking about their soon-to-be-published book, *Cornell: A History, 1940–2015*. During the summer they will expand on their lecture in a CAU course, "Cornell's America and America's Cornell: The Big Red from World War II to 2015," offered on the Ithaca campus July 13–19. And, in the fall 2014 semester, they will co-teach a one-time, four-credit undergraduate course that focuses on Cornell's past seventy-five years.

We'll officially start the sesquicentennial year with a September 13 celebration in New York City. On campus, we'll mark the beginning of the celebration with our first-ever combined Homecoming and Trustee/Council Joint Annual Meeting on October 17–18. The weekend will bring together alumni, students, faculty, staff, and the Ithaca community for two days of Cornell pride, including a fireworks and laser show in Schoellkopf Stadium on Friday night. We also will dedicate the Sesquicentennial Commemorative Grove near the top of Libe Slope. This landmark will consist of plantings, stone benches engraved with quotes capturing the spirit of the University, and walkways tracing a timeline of significant events in Cornell's first 150 years. Weiss/Manfredi, co-founded by Michael Manfredi, MArch '80, submitted the winning architectural design, which allows for future additions to the timeline.

Throughout the rest of the academic year, we will bring our celebration to seven cities, including two international locations (see sidebar). Our most ambitious undertaking will be Charter Weekend, April 24–27, 2015. The weekend program will feature magnet events with nationally and internationally recognized presenters, virtually all with ties to Cornell. Among the confirmed speakers are all of Cornell's living former presidents; Pulitzer Prize-winner and MacArthur Foundation Fellow Junot Diaz,

MFA '95; Andrew Ross Sorkin '99, financial columnist for the *New York Times*; Abby Joseph Cohen '73, senior U.S. investment strategist at Goldman Sachs; and Sanford Weill '55, former CEO and chair of Citigroup. We'll serve food, enjoy live music by students and community groups, and celebrate the intersection of town and gown. On Monday morning, there will be a reenactment of the presentation of the University Charter. And, of course, there will be a birthday cake. We hope that many alumni will make the trip to Ithaca for this important weekend.

Even those who cannot visit Ithaca or attend one of the global events will have an array of ways to celebrate. During Charter Weekend, Cornell clubs around the world will host

simultaneous celebrations to connect Cornellians in their regions to the campus event. The Cornell Association of Class Officers will be sponsoring a series of "memorabilia parties" throughout the year for alumni to digitally scan old photos, or duplicate existing digital materials, and send them on to our collection. And Cornellians everywhere will be able to celebrate together online by watching live streams and recordings of Charter Weekend festivities, exploring Cornell's fascinating history, contributing their own photos, videos, and stories, and showing off their Big Red pride.

Robin and I will conclude our sesquicentennial activities with Reunion 2015, and we will carry with us to Washington the enduring spirit of Cornell, which has taught us so much over these past eight years. For the next fourteen months, though, we have much to accomplish at Cornell and much to celebrate with our remarkable family of faculty, students, staff, and alumni. Onward!

— President David Skorton
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LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Sesquicentennial Timeline

Sept. 13, 2014	New York City: Sesquicentennial Celebration
Oct. 17–18, 2014	Ithaca: Homecoming and Trustee-Council Joint Annual Meeting
Nov. 14, 2014	Washington, D.C.: Sesquicentennial Celebration
Dec. 15, 2014	Hong Kong: Sesquicentennial Celebration
Jan. 17, 2015	Boston: Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference
Feb. 14, 2015	Florida's East Coast: Sesquicentennial Celebration
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The Big Picture





March Madness

This year's Dragon Day festivities featured the usual outrageously costumed revelers, plus a minimalist dragon, a glowing-eyed phoenix, and... a purple unicorn?

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Debating Divestment

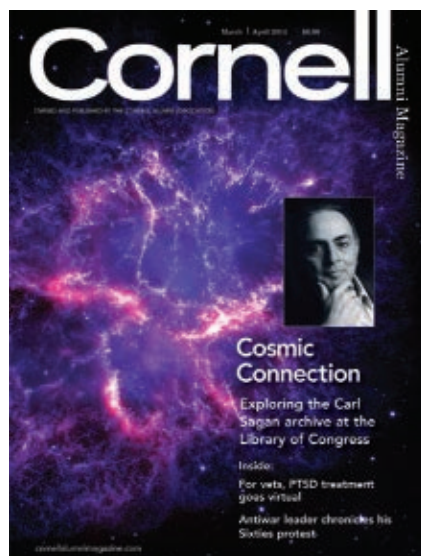
Should the University stop investing in fossil fuel companies?

One can debate the likely value and success of efforts by universities to call attention to the risks of continued fossil fuel use through divestment. However, the blanket assertion by Donna Wiesner Keene '79 that "fossil fuel companies are the major funders of clean energy research" (Correspondence, March/April 2014)—justified only by the snarky comment "Duh"—is factually incorrect and adds nothing to civil discourse.

Utilities and energy companies more generally are notorious for their low rates of research spending relative to almost any other sector of the economy—much less than 1 percent versus more than 15 percent in more research-intensive sectors like pharmaceuticals. There is no publicly available information on how what they spend is allocated, but from what is known it is apparent that most fossil fuel industry research spending is related to resource development and not to what would commonly be considered "clean energy." Consequently, Bill Gates and other major business leaders formed the American Energy Innovation Council several years ago to advocate a major increase in public funding for clean energy research. Many serious and independent financial analysts have begun pointing to the risks of stranded assets associated with continued investment in fossil fuel development at a time when climate policy is increasingly discussed.

Alan Miller '71
Rockville, Maryland

President Skorton is correct in rejecting the Faculty Senate's vote urging the University to divest from the top 200 fossil fuel-holding companies (From the Hill, March/April 2014). Climate change is natural and



ongoing. Global warming because of fossil fuel consumption is factually arguable. It either is or is not happening based on science, not popular voting.

One of the problems we have, which does not require a PhD in environmental education like I have to understand, is that science and politics should be separate. The mixing of the two just fouls things up. Intelligent people should remain skeptical about global warming based on scientific observations, even if (as I read) the qualified skeptics are a minority. Just look at how Galileo was penalized for his minority scientific theory that was later proven accurate. Conservation is always in order, but there is not enough evidence to warrant drastic changes in energy use that could harm our economy and lifestyle at this time.

Gerald Schneider '61
Kensington, Maryland

It is common to derisively refer to people like me as "climate change deniers." I do not deny, however, that humankind's use of fossil fuels is contributing to increased release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and that carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas. Higher carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere do result in higher heat retention from the sun. But who says that the current global temperature is the ideal temperature and that we must make all possible efforts to maintain it by reducing carbon dioxide emissions?

It has been colder in the past and warmer in the past. That has been the history of life on this planet. Life forms have adapted to those changing climate conditions, not tried to control the climate. Those life forms able to adapt survived. Don't forget that the original life form on Earth was plant life, which depended on carbon dioxide and over time generated an oxygen-rich atmosphere that was toxic to some plant forms and led to animal life forms. A balance was then achieved, with animal life converting oxygen to carbon dioxide and plant life converting carbon dioxide to oxygen.

I strongly believe that we must adapt to changing climate rather than try to control it. The costs to worldwide standards of living because of severe reductions in the use of fossil fuels and conversion to much higher cost "clean" energy are too significant. China, India, Indonesia, and many Third World and developing countries will not pay that cost in lower living standards. The populations of these areas are so large that any significant effort by the West to curtail fossil fuels will be overwhelmed. Yes, in the longer term, alternative energy sources will become more cost-effective, but not in time to meet the climate change zealots dire "needs." Adaptation may require relocation of people from coastal locations as sea levels rise and fertile areas may become arid—but current arid and cold areas may become fertile, and plant life will thrive in a higher carbon dioxide atmosphere. Humankind has proven resilient over its life history and will continue to survive in a changing climate.

One last thought: Dramatic population growth over the past fifty years has as much to do with increased carbon dioxide emissions as anything. We have probably

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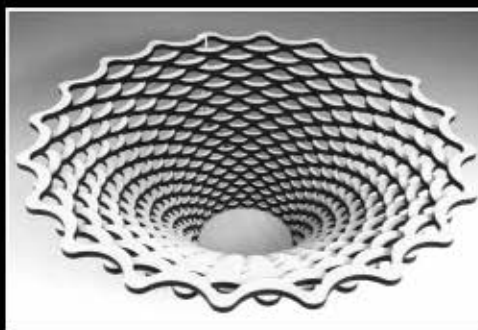
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reached a point where population control is as important as fossil fuel use.

David Hill '62, BChemE '63
Basking Ridge, New Jersey

Bouquets and Brickbats

Thank you, Bill Sternberg '78 and *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for "The Sagan Files" (March/April 2014). The article is engaging, informative, and skillfully written. It made me wish I had taken the opportunity to learn from Dr. Sagan during my years at Cornell, realizing that our Cornell paths crossed only during my MS program, and I was engrossed in my own area of study, far afield from Dr. Sagan's.

I fear that most college students, including those at most centers of academic excellence, are never exposed to the giants of the past except by accident. Your article brought Dr. Sagan back to life for me, and I will do my best to introduce him and Cornell to the many students I will be privileged to mentor in the years to come.

Thanks again for the great article and for reminding me of my privilege as a graduate of, and my indebtedness to, the finest institution of higher learning among the "billions and billions" of universities in our amazing universe.

Dr. Allan Lines '63, MS '69
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

At this past reunion, my 55th, a perception of mine was strongly reinforced: members of the Cornell administration have become increasingly accessible to students over the years. I recall the image of one young administrator, necktie loosened, singing along with the *a capella* groups that performed informally in the lobby of Goldwin Smith following the Saturday night Cornelliana concert at Bailey Hall. The prime mission of today's administrators seems to be to get the students to have as successful an educational and living experience as possible. During my undergraduate days, although I'm sure that the administrators were equally dedicated, they were more remote figures.

My guess is that the accessibility of President David Skorton, including his living in a dormitory for a week early each academic year, has had something to do with setting the tone for that trend.

George Ubogy '58
Greenwich, Connecticut

The jab by Jon Anderson '71 at Fox, that news isn't "fair and balanced" if you have to keep saying it is, was amusing (Correspondence, March/April 2014). Unfortunately, those of us to whom respect for

individual liberty is the hallmark of civilized society have had to become accustomed to snide, sneering, and downright hostile items woven among the heart-warming pieces in CAM that remind us fondly of our years at Cornell. It's bad enough that intelligent, hard-working students are apparently being taught that they can obtain the knowledge necessary to control and design the actions of equally free individuals; one also wonders where they get the moral authority to do so.

I recently retired, but came across a folder of readings I used to assign to my graduate class in social science. Among them was Friedrich Hayek's "The Intellectuals and Socialism." Anyone who suspects that the application of force over individuals' lives is retrogressive, not (as it is misleadingly called) progressive, might find this article a good starting point.

John Egger '66, MEng '68
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The March/April 2014 issue brims over with great articles. I write, however, to object fervently to the obituary on page 23. Despite the tiny disclaimer that this is indeed a "PAID MEMORIAL NOTICE," one assumes easily that it is an article.

Since when has the magazine acquiesced to paid obituaries? As a Cornellian who proudly stands by our founder's motto, I find their inclusion counter to the non-sectarianism that Ezra held paramount. The purpose of the Alumni Deaths page is that we are all listed as Cornellians and—for the most part—all Cornellians are created equal, unless there is need of a magazine-newsworthy article. The adoption of paid obituaries opens floodgates where money buys space at a difficult family time. That feels counter to our motto and very un-Cornell.

Alice Katz Berglas '66, BA '79
New York, New York

Ed. Note: Paid memorial notices have always been available in CAM, although we have never promoted or encouraged them. In this case, we were contacted by a family member who felt strongly about publishing a memorial and was willing to pay the full advertising rate for the space.

Resisting Resister

The subhead on the article "Home Front" (March/April 2014) is significantly flawed. It states: "An excerpt from *Resister* captures a crucial moment in the antiwar movement." This statement assumes that "draft resistance" and "antiwar protest" were synonymous. They most definitely were not.

In the fall of 1966, I was treasurer of Students for a Constructive Foreign Policy. It was my group's premise that only the creation of a majority in opposition could bring the Vietnam War to a close. Our intent was to reach the open-minded and convince them that the American government had gotten things all wrong. I can't speak for the armchair revolutionaries who attended the "ceremony" [where Bruce Dancis '69 tore up his draft card], but for the antiwar movement, his action was a petty nuisance, not a crucial moment. From my perspective, this act was counterproductive—but I would be remiss not to thank Dancis for his work on the Spring Mobilization of April 15, 1967. That produced a cornerstone event of the best kind.

*William Schneid '69
Medford, New York*

I am sure that Bruce Dancis feels his draft card burning and subsequent jail time were highly important to the SDS movement and the antiwar activities on Cornell's campus in the Sixties. For all I know that may be true. I was there from 1969 to 1973, and it's been forty years since I left. I remember being tear-gassed in College town, but I don't know whether it was related to antiwar protests, something to do with the Attica prison riots, or something else. The point is that it was a very long time ago. Why is Cornell so fixated on the antiwar movement of the Sixties and the takeover of Willard Straight Hall in 1969? Get over it and forget it.

Without trying to be too antagonistic, I would ask Mr. Dancis this question: What have you done since 1966? I would rather hear about what a young radical has achieved in today's environment other than rehashing old stories of little import.

*William C. Miller '73
Fairfield, New Jersey*

Sudden Impact

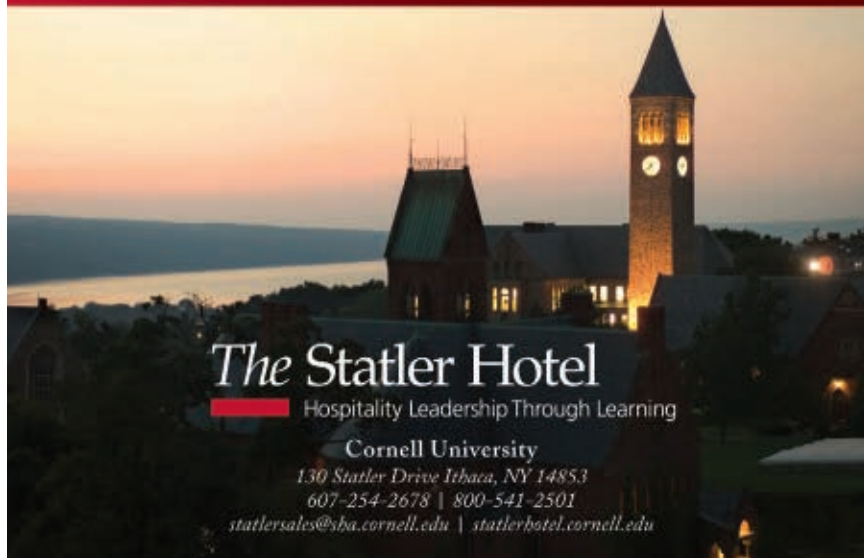
Earlier this year, I received a ballot for two alumni-elected members of the Board of Trustees. The questions posed to each candidate included the following sentence: "Describe your experience in engaging Cornellians in an impactful way." Oh, please. Is the ridiculous phrase "in an impactful way" worthy of a university that "aspires to be one of the world's ten most distinguished research universities"? Why not just say, "Describe your experience in getting alumni involved with the University"?

*Felicia Nimue Ackerman '68
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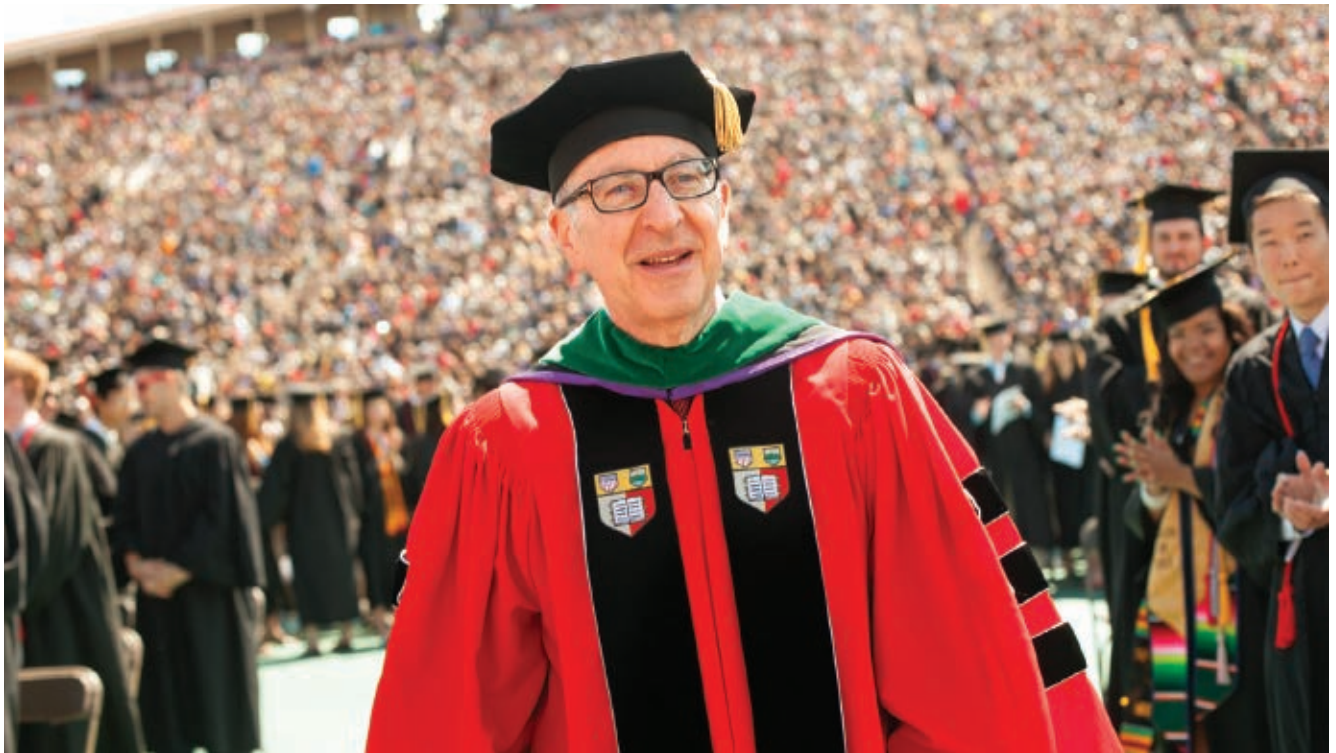
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From the Hill

Lucky Thirteen

With Skorton headed to the Smithsonian,
the search for Cornell's next president begins



JASON KOSKI / UP

Graduating: Commencement 2015 will be the last for President David Skorton.

The search is under way to find a successor to President David Skorton, who leaves the University at the end of June 2015 to lead the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Skorton will serve as secretary of the world's largest museum and research complex, affectionately known as "America's attic." "This is an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for David to lead one of the world's truly great institutions," says Board of Trustees chairman Robert Harrison '76. "In selecting David, the Smithsonian has acknowledged what we at Cornell already know—that David is that rare leader who can guide a great institution to even greater achievement. They could not have made a better choice."

Trustees have formed a search committee for the University's thirteenth president, pledging to make the process "exhaustive and inclusive." The nineteen-member committee—comprising trustees, faculty, staff, and students—will be headed by Jan Rock Zubrow '77, who chairs the board's executive committee. Members include Harrison, trustee emeritus Sanford Weill '55, Medical College dean Laurie Glimcher, vice president for alumni affairs and development Charlie Phlegar, and astronomy professor Joseph Burns, PhD '66. Chairmen emeriti Peter Meinig '61 and Harold Tanner '52 will serve

as advisers. "This is going to be a great search," Zubrow says. "Cornell is in a wonderful position in terms of its reputation, academic stature, and financial position, and that bodes very well for this process."

A cardiologist, Skorton came to Day Hall in July 2006 after three years as president of the University of Iowa. His decision to remain on the Hill through the next academic year will allow him to preside over the University's sesquicentennial celebration. The end of Skorton's tenure as president will also mean his wife's departure from the Cornell faculty; physiologist Robin Davisson, who holds appointments at the Vet and Medical colleges, will also relocate to D.C. "I am honored to be chosen to lead the Smithsonian Institution, one of our true national treasures," Skorton says. "The mission of the Smithsonian—'The Increase and Diffusion of Knowledge'—resonates deeply with me and mirrors the collective mission of the remarkably talented community of scholars, students, and staff with whom I have had the privilege to collaborate at Cornell these past eight years."

For updates on the search process, or to suggest a candidate, go to leadership.cornell.edu/president-search.

WVBR, Live From Buffalo St.

Just before St. Patrick's Day, WVBR moved out of the "Cow Palace" near East Hill Plaza—its home for fourteen years—and back to Collegetown. The station now broadcasts out of its new digs, Olbermann-Corneliess Studios at 604 East Buffalo Street. The facility, which features two production studios and a live performance space, was made possible by donations from alumni and students; they include a large gift from Keith Olbermann '79, who named the studios in memory of his father, Theodore, and his close friend Glenn Corneliess '78, a former WVBR program director. "It has the amenities of any major corporate radio station," outgoing general manager Drew Endick '14 said on the station's website. "But it has the appeal, space, and ability to innovate that any college radio station has."

Peñalver Named Law Dean

An expert in property law and land use currently at the University of Chicago has been named dean of the Law School. Eduardo Peñalver '94, a Cornell faculty member from 2006 to 2012, will take office on July 1—becoming the first Latino dean of an Ivy League law school. He succeeds Stewart Schwab, dean for the past ten years, who will return to teaching after a sabbatical. Says Provost Kent Fuchs: "Eduardo's extraordinary academic pedigree, deep love for Cornell, personal warmth, and engaging vision make him ideally suited to build upon the excellent work of Dean Schwab and to further advance the pre-eminence of the Law School." A graduate of Yale Law School, Peñalver studied at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship and clerked for Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.



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Eduardo Peñalver '94

'Office' Actor Ed Helms Tapped for Convocation Talk

One of the University's most loyal alumni—or rather the actor who played him on TV—will give the Convocation speech in May. Fictional alum Andy Bernard '93, whom Ed Helms portrayed on the hit sitcom "The Office," was Big Red to the bone—constantly dropping the name of his alma mater, sporting Cornell swag, and forever touting the talents of his campus *a capella* group, Here Comes Treble. In the show's final episode, he revealed that he'd landed his "dream job" in the Cornell admissions office. "He's entertaining and he's a comedian—something that the Class of 2014 was looking for," says Jennifer Lee '14, chair of the students' Senior Convocation Committee.

Why did the show have such a comically—some would say obnoxiously—loyal Cornellian? Although CAM supplied its production offices with copies of the magazine (featured prominently in one episode), our queries on the subject never yielded a straight answer—beyond the fact that a number of the show's writers attended certain other Ivies, located far east of Ithaca.



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The cost of attending Cornell will top \$60,000 next year, according to rates approved by the Board of Trustees. Tuition for students in the endowed colleges (and out-of-staters in the statutory schools) will rise 4.25 percent for 2014-15, to \$47,050. Adding in typical costs for room, board, and mandatory fees brings the total to \$60,728, up from \$58,808 this year. Tuition for New York residents in the contract colleges will rise to \$30,910, for a total cost of \$44,558.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

The **Intergroup Dialogue Project**, a peer-facilitated course that raises awareness of social justice issues, winner of Cornell's Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony.

NBC News reporter **Kate Snow '91**, named an honorary member of Sphinx Head.

Lawyer **Carl Weisbrod '65**, appointed chair of the New York City Planning Commission.

ILR major **Michelle Huang '14**, winner of a Luce Scholarship.

The **Statler Hotel**, named the greenest in New York by the state's Hospitality and Tourism Association.

Civil and environmental engineering professor **Jerry Stedinger**, elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Math professor **Steve Strogatz**, winner of the Public Engagement with Science Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mechanical and aerospace engineering professor **Mason Peck**, NASA's former chief technologist, awarded the agency's Distinguished Public Service Medal.

Computer science professor **Jon Kleinberg '93**, who received the \$75,000 Harvey Prize from Israel's Technion for his contributions to the science of information networks.

Streeter to Be Finance VP

Paul Streeter, MBA '95, previously the Vet college's assistant dean for finance and administration, has been named the University's vice president for budget and planning. At Cornell for nearly three decades, he succeeds Elmira Mangum, who assumed the presidency of Florida A&M University. In his new role, he is the senior administrator responsible for managing the University's annual budgeting process, among other duties. He'll also serve as a liaison to the Board of Trustees and to Medical College leaders on budgetary issues. "The heart of Cornell is at the unit level," Streeter notes. "So understanding those needs, helping serve the units, and meeting those needs while still dealing within the university framework is the key. It's all about working with people—fostering good relationships and building trust."



Paul Streeter,
MBA '95

Rhodes Winner Reis '56 Dies

Longtime Cornell benefactor and ardent alumnus Curtis Reis '56 passed away in February from complications of heart failure. He was seventy-nine. Reis, who spent his career in banking, was chairman and CEO of Alliance Bank at his retirement five years ago. A member of a multigenerational Cornell family whose philanthropy included endowing the Reis Tennis Center, he was the son of L. Sanford Reis and Josephine Mills Reis, both members of the Class of 1929. Presi-



Curtis Reis '56

dent of the Class of '56 for more than twenty years, Reis was a cofounder of Cornell's Adult University as well as a University Councilor and a Lifetime Trustee Emeritus. In 2000, his volunteer work was recognized with the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Survivors include his wife of thirty-five years, Pamela Petre Reis, three children, and six grandchildren.

Two More Frats Suspended

In March, two fraternities—Chi Psi and Theta Delta Chi—were put on interim suspension due to "credible allegations of serious hazing." The status means that the chapters can't engage in any activities other than operating their residences. It is invoked, the University says, "when a credible report is made indicating the actions of a chapter pose an immediate or imminent threat to students' health, or that members' actions are so egregious that the University is compelled to cease activities of the organization for the safety of the members, those joining, or guests."



Cosmic kitty:
"Zeus" took top
honors in the Vet
College's Feline
Follies cat show.

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For sports teams, momentum is illusory, says management postdoc Kevin Kniffin. He reports that if a varsity college hockey team wins the first of a two-game series, it doesn't affect the probability of winning the second.

Management professor Miguel Gómez finds that good customer service is the most important factor in promoting sales at wineries. He also notes that offering sensory descriptions of wine may frustrate novice tasters.

A study by human development professor Jane Mendle of 1,244 sets of identical twins and other siblings finds that living in a stressful, low-income household is a primary factor in whether an adolescent becomes sexually active at an early age.

In a project funded by the EPA, fiber scientists and designers are helping Haitians "upcycle" donated clothing, diverting it

from landfills and employing local tailors to refashion it into professional attire.

Plant pathologist Michelle Cilia is working to combat a greening disease, spread by tiny insects, that threatens the nation's citrus industry. The California Citrus Research Board has provided some \$450,000 toward the effort.

Ecology postdoc Arnaud Martin has identified the "supergene" that allows female swallowtail butterflies to avoid predation by evolving wings that mimic a poisonous relative.

For college students, having casual sex for the wrong reasons—such as intoxication, peer pressure, or an effort to boost self-esteem—can lead to negative effects including depression, anxiety, and poorer physical health. Zhana Vranaglova, PhD '13, surveyed 528 Cornell undergrads.

Harvard University Press has published a newly discovered memoir by Jazz Age actress, dancer, and writer Anita Reynolds. After finding the manuscript in the Howard University archives, English professor George Hutchinson edited and annotated the work, *American Cocktail: A 'Colored Girl' in the World*.



Cornell Tech Dean
Dan Huttenlocher
(left) and Jacobs
Institute Director
Adam Shwartz

JEFF WEINER

Driving the Digital Transformation

When Cornell was preparing a bid for the City of New York's applied science competition three years ago, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology was a logical choice for an academic partner. With Israel's reputation as the "start-up nation" and the Technion's history of producing the country's leading tech entrepreneurs, Cornell knew there was a common vision.

Today the partnership between Cornell and the Technion is embodied in the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute, a key component of our new campus. In 2013, Irwin Jacobs '54, BEE '56, founding chairman and CEO emeritus of Qualcomm, and his wife, Joan Klein Jacobs '54, shared the excitement about the potential synergy between these two institutions and made a generous gift of \$133 million to create the Institute.

The Jacobs Institute brings together Technion's expertise in leading applied research, tech transfer, and entrepreneurial success and Cornell's exemplary research and teaching, entrepreneurial programs, and cultural drive. At the Institute, these assets are leveraged to spur economic development in New York City, creating a formidable catalyst for both local and global transformation in technology education.

The Jacobs Institute is designed to be at the forefront of creating new models for education and research that focus on the information-age transformation of key areas of the economy. The Institute includes professors from both the Technion and Cornell, who work side-by-side with industry leaders. This "sandbox-like" environment embraces experimentation and produces graduates poised to succeed in a fast-moving economy. The Institute departs from traditional academic approaches in several ways, including its approach to degree programs, which are focused on three interdisciplinary areas or "hubs," selected for their timeliness and relevance to the New York City economy: Connective Media, Healthier Life, and the Built Environment.

The first Institute-sponsored degree program, an MS in information systems with a concentration on connective media, will launch this fall. The two-year program is designed to educate students to understand not only the technology behind our ever-expanding digital media, but the psychological, social, and business forces at play in today's connected media. Students will graduate with both Cornell and Technion degrees, and the program will produce the next generation of talent to respond to, and drive, the digital transformation of publishing, advertising, news and information, personal communications, and entertainment.

This semester, the Jacobs Institute welcomed six postdocs to Cornell Tech for the launch of the Runway Postdoctoral Program, which provides recent PhDs with the opportunity to draw on their advanced research knowledge to launch new ventures. Technion Professor Uzi de Haan—a global leader in tech entrepreneurship and the founder of the Technion's Bronica Entrepreneurship Center in Israel—is leading the one-year program. Cornell and Technion professors serve as academic mentors, but the aspiring entrepreneurs also meet regularly with those who can share their expertise in areas from law to venture capital. The inaugural group was selected from applicants around the world based on their academic and professional track records, their proposed enterprise, and their passion for launching start-ups. They are working on research and development projects in the fields of health care, e-commerce, and urban planning.

In addition to nurturing nascent entrepreneurs, the Runway Program stands out for piloting an innovative intellectual property (IP) model designed to make it as easy as possible for postdocs in technology fields to develop companies in a university setting. Typically, universities engage in substantial negotiations to license technologies developed on campus, a process that doesn't reflect the realities of today's technology start-ups. The new model developed by Cornell and the Technion positions the Jacobs Institute as an investor in companies that spin out of the program. It gives a company founded by a postdoc an exclusive, unlimited license to use the technology developed in the program in exchange for a stake in the company.

We expect such innovative new approaches to university-generated IP to become a model not just at Cornell Tech, but at other academic institutions around the world. It is an example of the powerful collaboration between Cornell and Technion to envision and create change in technology commercialization.

With the postdocs already hard at work and the Connective Media program launching this fall, we look forward to keeping you updated on the Jacobs Institute.

— Adam Shwartz

Adam Shwartz is director of the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute at Cornell Tech. Previously he served as chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Technion.

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Champions: The women's hockey team won the ECAC tournament this year, their fourth victory in five years. Junior Jillian Saulnier (right) was the team's leading scorer, with 28 goals and 28 assists in 34 games.

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DARL ZEHR

Shooting Stars

Another solid season
for women's ice hockey

Over the past five seasons, women's ice hockey has been on a roll. The Big Red has racked up a 133-29-12 record while winning four regular-season ECAC titles and four ECAC tournament titles. It has made three trips to the NCAA Frozen Four—including a heartbreaking 3-2 triple-overtime loss in the 2010 national championship game. And to top all that off, four recent and former players have shiny new Olympic gold medals around their necks.

The team's recent success marks an impressive turnaround. Before head coach Doug Derragh '91 arrived in 2005, the women's squad was struggling, with its last winning season in 1997. But during his job interview, Derragh told athletic director Andy Noel that he saw major potential. "I said, 'I don't see any reason why we shouldn't be one of the top teams in the country if I do my job correctly,'" recalls Derragh, a former men's team captain. "Where else in the U.S. can you get an Ivy League education and play in a place where ice hockey is one of the top sports on campus? At most colleges in the U.S. it's all about football and basketball. In a place where hockey is highly recognized in a beautiful location like Ithaca, at a great university, I felt the program would sell itself if we got out there and worked hard."

The program turned the corner in 2009 with a 21-9-6 record, building momentum that has continued unabated. Landing outstanding players has helped, of course. Canada's 2014 Olympic championship squad included four Cornellians—Rebecca Johnston '11, Laura Fortino '13, Lauriane Rougeau '13, and Brienne Jenner '14—reflecting the quality of recent recruits. "Once you establish some success, a lot of top players will take a look at your program," Derragh notes, "and it gets the ball rolling."

The team ended the 2013-14 season with a 24-6-4 record



after falling to Mercyhurst in the NCAA quarterfinals for the second consecutive year. But with Jenner—one of its best players—on leave to Team Canada, some observers had doubted they would even make it to the postseason. "It's heartbreaking when you get to the same spot that you did last year and tumble right there; that's definitely a hard pill to swallow," says Jillian Saulnier '15, the team's leading scorer. "But I'm very proud of the girls, especially after losing the Olympians. I thought we came together really well as a unit. And that was our main focus—being a team and having that full dynamic. Even though we lost at the end, I consider it a pretty successful season."

While Derragh acknowledges that the Olympics can affect a team's roster, he notes with a laugh that it's a nice problem to have. "Other coaches wish they could lose their players to the Olympics," he says. "The players defer from school, so when they come back they're a year older and more experienced, and they've learned from another coach and from the rest of the team. They're even better than before." Derragh gives a lot of credit to his assistant coaches—Danielle Bilodeau '01 and Edith Racine, who have a combined fifteen years with the program—for spurring the team's renaissance. "We've had the same staff

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for a number of years, which you don't see very often," he says. "That helps the cohesiveness of the program."

Saulnier, who shared Ivy League Player of the Year honors, led this year's Big Red squad in scoring with 28 goals and 28 assists. She was a top-three finalist for the Patty Kazmaier Award for most outstanding player in the nation and was named first-team All-American by the American Hockey Coaches Association. (Senior defenseman Alyssa Gagliardi earned second-team honors.) "The program has taken a full 180," Saulnier says. "It's been developed by some tremendous players, and I'm so fortunate to be able to play with them. I'm looking forward to continuing that success—and, obviously, getting some big wins."

— Jim Catalano

Sports Shorts

ONE MORE MEDAL In addition to the four Cornellians who won Olympic gold medals in women's ice hockey, former track star **Jamie Greubel '06** brought home a bronze in bobsled. Greubel also picked up her first career World Cup race win in January.

GREAT GRAPPLERS Paced by a second place from **Nahshon Garrett '16** and two other top-eight finishes, the wrestling team placed in the top 10 at the NCAA Division I championships for the seventh straight season. Garrett was seeded number two at 125 pounds, losing in the final to top-seeded Jesse Delgado of Illinois, 3-2. **Gabe Dean '16** earned All-American honors with a third-place finish at 184, while **Brian Realbuto '16** finished sixth at 157. The Big Red also claimed their eighth consecutive Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships behind individual titles by Garrett, Dean, **Chris Villalonga '14**, and **Jace Bennett '14**.

TEAM LEADER Matt Smith, associate head coach for heavyweight rowing, will serve as head coach for the USRowing Under 23 men's national team for 2014. The team will compete at the World Rowing Under 23 championships in Varese, Italy, on July 23–27. Smith has been an assistant coach at Cornell since 2008.

TURNING PRO Less than a week after closing his record-setting career at Cornell, goaltender **Andy Iles '14** collected a win in his professional debut, leading the Florida Everblades past the Evansville IceMen on March 27. Iles, who set a Big Red career record with 2,988 saves in 117 games, was named the ECAC Men's Hockey Student-Athlete of the Year, honoring his success on the ice, where he was second team all-league, and the classroom, where he posted a 3.82 GPA in finance and marketing.

OUTSTANDING OARSMEN Three Cornell rowers finished in the top seven of the men's lightweight division at the 2014 world indoor championships, where competitors rowed 2,000 meters on an ergometer. **Will Oprea '16** was second overall and first in the Under 23 classification with a time of 6:15.9. **Nigel Harriman '16** was sixth overall and second in the Under 23 division with a time of 6:20.1, followed by **Cameron Schultz '16**, who was seventh overall and third in Under 23.

WORLD CLASS Trekking from New Hampshire to Poland to New Mexico over a two-week period, **Stephen Mozia '15** continued to reach new heights in the shot put.

Winter Teams Final Records

Men's Basketball	2-26; 1-13 Ivy (8th)
Women's Basketball	14-14; 6-8 Ivy (5th)
Fencing	16-8; 2-4 Ivy (5th)
Gymnastics	9-9
Men's Hockey	17-10-5; 11-7-4 ECAC (4th)
Women's Hockey	24-6-4; 15-4-3 ECAC (3rd)
Men's Polo	13-5
Women's Polo	17-3
Men's Squash	10-7; 5-2 Ivy (3rd)
Women's Squash	9-7; 3-4 Ivy (5th)
Men's Swimming	3-6; 1-6 Ivy (7th)
Women's Swimming	6-3; 4-3 Ivy (T-3rd)
Wrestling	13-1; 5-0 Ivy (1st)

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Andy Iles

During the Indoor Heptagonals at Dartmouth, he set a league and meet record with a throw of 20.79 meters (68 feet, 2.5 inches). Five days later, he placed 17th while competing for Nigeria in the IAAF World Indoor Track and Field Championships with a toss of 18.91 meters (62 feet 0.5 inches). He returned to the U.S. to take second at the NCAA Championships, where he was one of only two throwers to surpass 20 meters.

TWO IN A ROW The men's track and field team won the Heptagonal Indoor Championships for the second straight season and the seventh time in 12 years. **Bruno Hortelano-Roig '13** was named the most valuable track performer after becoming the first runner to win both the 60 and 400 meters in the same season. He also set an Ivy League record in the 60 with a time of 6.69 in the prelims. Other Cornell winners were **Max Hairston '16** in the 60-meter hurdles, **Will Weinlandt '14** in the 800 meters, **Stephen Mozia '15** in the shot put, **Montez Blair '14** in the high jump, and **Bryan Rhodes '16** in the weight throw.

COMEBACK After a disappointing fifth-place finish at the Heps, the women's track and field team rallied to finish second at the ECAC Indoor Championships in Boston. The Big Red came home with two titles, as **Emily Shearer '14** took the 3,000 meters in a school record 9:11.68 and the 4x400 relay team of **Zena Kolliesuah '15**, **Ebolutalese Airewele '14**, **Elyse Wilkinson '15**, and **Udeme Akpaete '16** set an Ivy League record of 3:36.63.

RECOGNITION Hockey great **Joe Nieuwendyk '88** had his Cornell number 25 jersey retired in 2010, and now the NHL's Calgary Flames have raised his number to the rafters. Nieuwendyk was the second player honored by the team's "Forever a Flame" program, which recognizes its all-time greats while still allowing younger players to wear their numbers. Nieuwendyk won the first of his three Stanley Cups with the Flames in 1989, scoring 51 goals in the regular season and 10 more in the playoffs.

HIGH OFFICE The NBA's second-highest-ranking executive is now **Mark Tatum '91**, who was named deputy commissioner and chief operating officer on February 1. He was appointed by his predecessor, Adam Silver, who became commissioner upon the retirement of Larry Stern after 30 years in the top position. Tatum has served in NBA business operations for the past 15 years and was most recently the league's executive vice president for global marketing partnerships.

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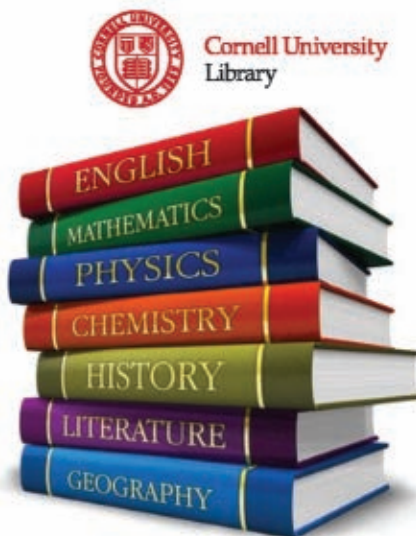
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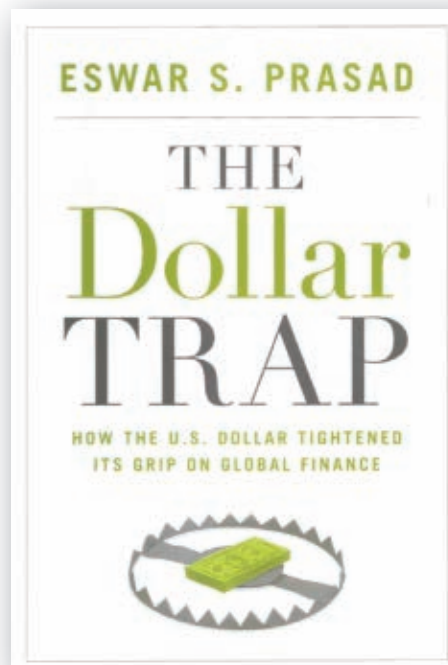
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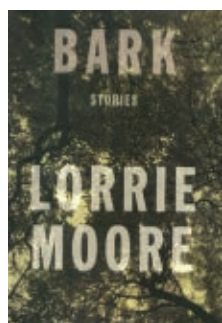
The Dollar Trap

by Eswar S. Prasad (Princeton)

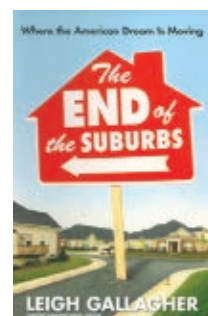
International finance has come to resemble a morality play,” writes Prasad, the Tolani Senior Professor of Trade Policy at Cornell, “but one mostly featuring government mandarins and assorted knaves, with few heroes to speak of.” The global financial crisis and U.S. political dysfunction have raised concerns that the dollar might be dislodged from its position as the world’s leading currency. Contrary to such thinking, Prasad argues that the crisis has strengthened the dollar’s importance for the world economy and concludes that it will remain the dominant reserve currency for many years to come.



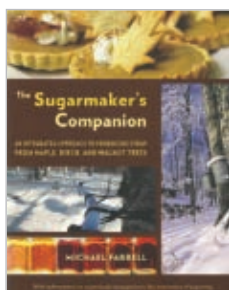
Bark by Lorrie Moore, MFA '82 (Knopf). In her fourth short story collection, Moore combines sharp wit with an eye for the absurd. The narrator of “Thank You for Having Me” observes, “‘Marriage is one long conversation,’ wrote Robert Louis Stevenson. Of course, he died when he was forty-four, so he had no idea how long the conversation could really get to be.” In “Debarking,” a recently divorced man comes to an unsettling realization when he returns to the dating scene. Two stories use classic models: “Referential” pays homage to Nabokov’s “Signs and Symbols,” and “Wings” gives a modern take on Henry James’s *The Wings of the Dove*.



The End of the Suburbs by Leigh Gallagher '94 (Portfolio). The effects of the recession hit suburbs hard, but they were already experiencing a tectonic shift. “The housing crisis only concealed something deeper and more profound happening to what we have come to know as American suburbia,” writes Gallagher, an editor at *Fortune*. “Simply speaking, more and more Americans don’t want to live there anymore.” People are moving back to cities, home valuations have fallen, lower-density development doesn’t yield enough tax revenue to pay for infrastructure, household size is shrinking, and millennials prefer cities (and dislike driving even more).



The Sugarmaker’s Companion by Michael Farrell, PhD '13 (Chelsea Green). Writing with the commercial producer in mind, the director of Cornell’s Uihlein Forest maple syrup research and extension field station in Lake Placid, New York, provides information on topics related to sustainable sap and syrup production. It includes tips on sugarhouse design and construction, tapping a variety of trees, cost-effective collection techniques, sap processing, registering and certifying a sugaring operation, marketing pure maple products, and the future of sugaring in a changing climate.



Horizon by Jenn Reese '92 (Candlewick). In the post-apocalyptic landscape of the final book of the *Above World* trilogy, humanity is divided into separate subspecies that view each other with mutual distrust. Aluna and Hoku from the undersea City of Shifting Tides and their Equian and Aviar friends attempt to stop their nemesis, Karl Strand, from conquering the world with his army of technologically enhanced soldiers, the Upgraders. But when Aluna and her friends join a group of Upgraders in an effort to get close to Strand, conflicts threaten to tear their friendship apart and war seems inevitable.



Fiction

White Man's Problems by Kevin Morris '91 (Sweet Devil). In his first collection of short fiction, an entertainment lawyer and co-producer of the musical *The Book of Mormon* portrays the lives of men baffled to find that the success they've worked for fails to live up to their expectations.

Living in the Land of Limbo edited by Carol Levine '56 (Vanderbilt). An estimated forty-two million Americans now care for an elderly, disabled, or chronically ill adult, notes the director of the United Hospital Fund's Families and Health Care Project in the introduction to an anthology of poetry and short stories about family caregivers. "Poets and writers of fiction," she writes, "have much to say about suffering, healing, grief, and the human condition—the essence of caregiving."

The Black Butterfly by Shirley Vernick '83 (Cinco Puntos). When Penny spends Christmas break at an old inn on a bleak part of the Maine coast, she encounters first love, a ghost who wants her dead, and some startling family secrets.

Poetry

Manual for Extinction by Caroline Manning '04 (National Poetry Review). An assistant professor of creative writing and environmental literature at Hobart and William Smith Colleges explores the connection between humanity and the natural world in her first full-length collection, winner of the National Poetry Review Book Prize.

Non-Fiction

Subsidizing Democracy by Michael G. Miller, PhD '10 (Cornell). An assistant professor of political science at the University of Illinois, Springfield, considers how *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and related court decisions have changed the landscape of campaign finance since 2010 with the advent of super PACs.

The Chief Development Officer by Ronald J. Schiller '86 (Rowman & Littlefield). The former vice president for alumni relations and development at the University of Chicago talks about how a CDO must not only be a fundraiser but an organizational expert, psychologist, mentor, talent scout, and effective leader.

Sex, or the Unbearable by Lauren Berlant, PhD '85, and Lee Edelman (Duke). Two theorists of sexuality, politics, and culture discuss how sex causes the contradictory experience of intimacy and estrangement.

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And the Winner Is...

Brian Cullinan '82, who knows who won the Oscars before the rest of the world



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Bag man: Brian Cullinan '82 wrestles with star Cate Blanchett on the red carpet.

On Oscar night, movie star Samuel L. Jackson asked Brian Cullinan '82 if he'd mind if he snapped his photo. John Travolta joined in, throwing his arm around Cullinan and urging wife Kelly Preston to pose with them. Then another actor—a fellow you may recognize; he played Han Solo and Indiana Jones—jumped into the shot. “It’s funny having those kinds of folks asking if it’s okay to take your picture,” Cullinan observes with a chuckle. But don’t look for the shot on Cullinan’s

Instagram. “Sam Jackson has it on his cell phone,” he laments, “so I never got the photo.”

What makes celebrities want a picture of Cullinan? The same thing that had Best Actress nominee Cate Blanchett jokingly try to steal his briefcase on the red carpet. Cullinan is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the accounting and assurance firm that has been tallying—and safeguarding—the Academy Award ballots for some eighty years. In the days leading up to Oscar night, only two people—the PwC partners in charge of the process—know who won Tinsel Town’s top prizes. This year, for the first time, Cullinan was one of them.

A former psychology major, Cullinan earned an accounting degree from Northeastern before going to work for PwC, where he’s spent his thirty-year career. When invited to co-run the Oscar balloting after his predecessor retired, he jumped at the chance; given that the post has been held by just twelve other partners over the past eight decades, the job doesn’t open up often. For Cullinan and his colleague, Rick Rosas, the weeks leading up to the big night were a whirlwind—overseeing the counting process, staying on top of work for other clients, and giving myriad media interviews. Cullinan appeared on Japanese TV and Irish public radio; the *Hollywood Reporter* did a photo shoot, complete with hair and makeup.

Although Cullinan can’t reveal how many ballots are cast in the Oscar race, he’ll say this much: there are about 6,000 eligible members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and most of them vote. The actual count is done in what Cullinan will only call “an undisclosed location, in quotes.” “It’s a room with no windows, with high-security locks and all kinds of stuff,” he says. “And there’s a room within that room, and within that we have a safe, and within that we have another safe. There’s a ton of redundancy and security built in.”

Voting closes at 5 p.m. Pacific time on the Tuesday before the awards show—and then the count goes into high gear. The team working under Cullinan and Rosas divvies up the various categories so that no one person handles the complete tally in any of the twenty-four categories, ensuring that only the two partners have the final results. The count wraps up on Friday—and for the next forty-eight hours or so, Cullinan is privy to information that millions are keen to glean. “It’s funny how many people say, ‘Come on, just give me a wink and a nod’—but obviously, if we ever disclosed anything we wouldn’t be doing this anymore,” Cullinan says. “My wife said, ‘I’m not even going to ask you.’ And I said, ‘That’s good, so I don’t have to say ‘I can’t tell you.’”

The high-end firm that prints the winners’ names is equally in the dark; it makes cards for all of the nominees. Cullinan and Rosas stuff the gilded envelopes personally, and a complete set goes into each of their briefcases. Then, clad in tuxedos, they travel to the Dolby Theatre in LAPD-guarded SUVs—taking sep-

arate routes as a hedge against the city’s notorious traffic. They walk the red carpet, doing media interviews and enjoying a few celebrity encounters—like Cullinan’s comical tussle with Blanchett, which landed their photo in the *Los Angeles Times*. “She was yanking the bag and I was kidding around, holding it with two hands,” he recalls. “What was interesting is that I knew that in the bag was the envelope saying that she had won Best Actress.”

During the Oscar ceremony, a partner is stationed in the wings on either side of the stage, handing off the winning envelopes to the celebrity presenters just seconds before they go on. “Everyone who goes out, you’re hanging out with right before,” Cullinan says. “I was standing next to and chitchatting—it’s mostly small talk—with Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Jennifer Garner, Kate Hudson, Goldie Hawn, Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, Bette Midler, Matthew McConaughey. To see all

‘It’s funny how many people say, “Come on, just give me a wink and a nod,”’ Cullinan says. ‘But obviously, if we ever disclosed anything we wouldn’t be doing this anymore.’

those people in the course of about an hour—it’s a unique spot to be in.”

Of course, heading up the Oscar balloting is not all tuxedos and Champagne (although the perks do include invitations to the post-show Governors Ball). Cullinan notes that tallying the votes “is not as straightforward as people might guess,” especially for Best Picture. Each year, there can be as many as ten nominees for the top prize, and voters rank each one in order of preference. The counters start by creating separate piles of ballots ranking a particular film first. Then the smallest pile—the film with the fewest number-one votes—is eliminated, with the ballots redistributed according to what was ranked second. The process continues until just one pile remains—but how it got there is something that Cullinan will take to his grave. “When I said that we keep the secret until Sunday, that’s for who won,” he says. “But you never hear how close it was—whether it was one vote apart or 2,000. That’s the secret we always, always keep.”

So was Cullinan happy with the outcome? Having seen all the nominees, does he think that *Twelve Years a Slave* was indeed the best film of the year? Cullinan demurs. In his business, he notes with a laugh, you don’t play favorites. “Well, I can tell you this,” he offers. “The one with the most votes won.”

— Beth Saulnier



Independent lens: Delaney Ruston '88 traveled the world to interview subjects for her documentary *Hidden Pictures*.

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The Mind's Eye

PBS airs the latest film by Delaney Ruston '88, who chronicles issues surrounding mental illness

When doctor and documentarian Delaney Ruston '88 went to New Delhi, India, to shoot her first interviews for a film on how mental illness is treated around the world, it didn't go particularly well. In a city of 17 million people, she spent weeks searching for a willing subject—someone with a psychiatric illness who'd agree to speak on camera. Finally, she found one: a young woman with schizophrenia. But as soon as Ruston started rolling, the woman's mother ordered her daughter to turn away from the lens, and the shoot was over.

The episode underscores the lingering shame around mental illness—a subject that Ruston has long tried to understand and chronicle. A Seattle-based internist who works primarily in clinics for the underserved, Ruston approaches the issue of psychiatric illness more as a storyteller than a physician. It's something she knows intimately: her father, Richard, suffered from paranoid schizophrenia. In 2006, he took his own life by jumping off the Santa Monica Pier. "My whole goal in pursuing documentary filmmaking," she says, "was to use film to inspire social engagement." With her latest project, she aims to explore what she decries as "the epidemic of silence surrounding mental illness worldwide."

Coming to terms with her father's illness fueled Ruston's ambition to become a doctor. After earning her MD at Stanford, she entered residency at the University of California, San Francisco—and began to study filmmaking. Her first major success—*Unlisted: A Story of Schizophrenia*, which explores the deficits of the mental health-care system and documents her efforts to

reconnect with her father—aired on PBS in 2010. While working on *Unlisted*, Ruston learned that, according to the World Health Organization, some 450 million people worldwide suffer from some kind of mental illness. "We tend to think we're different in the United States," says Ruston. "But as you learn about how mental illness is dealt with in other countries, rich or poor, you find more similarities than differences."

Ruston's latest film, which she completed after that rocky start in New Delhi, is entitled *Hidden Pictures*. It explores how people with mental illness are viewed, treated—and, often, neglected—in countries around the globe. In France, whose medical system is rated tops in the world, she finds a young man who's managing his severe anxiety and depression. But he still feels ostracized, and his history makes it hard to find a job. In China, Ruston meets a brilliant young man consigned to psychiatric supportive housing near Beijing. Despite all indications that he's well after eight years in the unit, his father will not agree to his release. In China, Ruston learns, parental wishes overrule a doctor's orders.

In Cape Town, South Africa, Ruston notes the lack of collaboration between the Western approach to mental illness—psychotherapy and pharmaceuticals—and a culture in which such patients are often treated by traditional healers and herbalists. In New Delhi, she finds Sonal, a twenty-eight-year-old woman with schizophrenia who's haunted by intruding voices. She's seldom allowed to leave home except to travel two hours each way to one of the city's few psychiatric clinics. Ruston finds the woman's parents at their wits' end. Sonal's father, a physician himself, can't pierce the veil of secrecy that surrounds mental illness, even as

he describes his daughter's condition as an imbalance in brain chemistry.

Hidden Pictures concludes with interviews in the U.S., including conversations with two prominent mental-health advocates: actress Glenn Close, whose sister is bipolar, and former congressman Patrick Kennedy, a recovering addict with a history of psychiatric issues. The film, parts of which were screened at a meeting of the WHO general assembly, airs on PBS starting in May.

In her films and elsewhere, Ruston notes that mental illness can have dire consequences. When her father took his own life, he contributed to a grim statistic: according to the International Association for Suicide Prevention, about a million people kill themselves each year, totaling roughly one death every forty seconds. "People with mental illness comprise the largest number of those suicides," Ruston notes. "In more developed countries, suicide often involves guns or jumping off high places. But in poor countries, people often use pesticides."

At the close of *Hidden Pictures*, Ruston—the mother of two teenagers—wonders aloud if her children will experience mental illness. And if they do, will society



Moving picture: Ruston with her father in 1976. Suffering from schizophrenia, he later took his own life.

have moved from a shame-based view to one of acceptance, understanding, and support? "If just a fraction of the people with mental illness came forward and told

their stories," Ruston says, "I have to believe that global policies and attitudes would also have to change."

— Franklin Crawford

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To the stylish feline, **blogger Kate Benjamin '93** is the cat's pajamas



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Other than the fact that she has eleven felines in her two-bedroom condo in Phoenix, Kate Benjamin '93 isn't your average cat lady.

With jet-black hair coiffed like a Fifties pin-up girl and tattoos that would impress a hard-core biker, Benjamin challenges the image of a reclusive spinster who hoards kittens like candy. She's hip and stylish—like her thriving online magazine, *Hauspanther.com*, a kind of *Architectural Digest* for design-conscious cat lovers.

As the go-to source for fashionable pet owners fed up with carpet-covered scratching posts and bland plastic litter boxes, Benjamin highlights chic, cleverly crafted cat-related items, pro-

duced mostly by mom-and-pop firms. Her unique finds would fit in many modern homes—from sleek, stainless-steel drinking fountains to raised, pod-like beds that resemble UFOs. Among her current favorites are a sinuous cat tree called the Curvynest and an elegant, bowl-shaped ceramic bed, both of which could pass for contemporary art. “People say, ‘Wow, that’s spectacular. That’s for a cat?’” says Benjamin. “It looks like a piece of modern sculpture.”

Branding herself as a “cat style expert,” the forty-two-year-old Human Ecology grad has set up a 2,000-square-foot studio in downtown Phoenix, where she creates her own line of handmade toys and accessories (and where a twelfth cat, a blind res-

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Cat woman: Kate Benjamin '93 at home with one of her many feline friends

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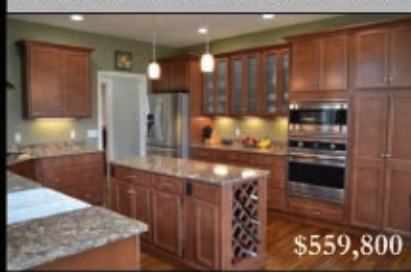
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cue named Claude, makes his home). She's also developing a consulting business for clients who want to "catify" their homes—arranging them in a way that keeps pets happy and healthy without surrendering personal style. Her talent for devising spaces that are both feline-friendly and fashion-forward is showcased on Animal Planet's reality show "My Cat from Hell," where she helps cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy resolve conflicts between owners and their furry friends. The two are collaborating on a design

book about the topic, due out later this year. "She has the ability to calm down humans who don't want to 'catify' their home until they're sure it will work for them," says Galaxy. "I represent function and she represents form."

Benjamin grew up in Plattsburgh, New York, where her father was a restaurateur and her mother ran gift shops. On the Hill, she earned a degree in design and environmental analysis with a concentration in interior design, a subject she went on to study at Arizona State. Before her cat career took off, she worked mostly in public relations, graphic design, and event planning, including a stint as marketing director for Boon, a company that makes stylish children's products. Meanwhile, Benjamin was becoming frustrated at the lack of attractive accoutrements for her growing brood; she found most mass-market merchandise to be ugly or poorly made. She wondered why more pet-related businesses weren't shifting toward sophisticated, high-end gear, as had happened in the kids' industry. "The market was wide open," she says. "Nobody was tackling it except for a few small companies."

She kept scouring the Internet for hip feline products and, in 2007, began blogging about her finds. (Her blog was originally called Moderncat; she changed the name last year to sidestep a lawsuit with a Canadian publisher that had launched *Modern Cat* magazine.) She soon gained an enthusiastic readership, with manufacturers asking to advertise on the site and sending samples for Benjamin to review. By 2009, she was able to quit her day job. These days, she says, Hauspanther gets about 200,000 monthly page views, and her posts have been mentioned by notable cat aficionados like author Anne Rice and comedian Paul Reubens. "You can see this huge change," she says. "Even if you just walk through the cat product sections in Walmart and PetSmart there are better colors, better patterns, and more interesting materials, shapes, and forms."

But to Benjamin, her job goes beyond aesthetics and into animal welfare. For example, she says, if humans don't buy scratchers because they find them too ugly, their cats may claw the furniture—possibly leading frustrated owners to surrender them to a shelter or even abandon them. She thinks stylish, functional products can improve the relationship between pets and their guardians. "I'm saving cats' lives with design," she says. "That gives the heart to the business and makes it my passion."

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Broadway Baby

With kudos aplenty, Danny Bernstein '14 stages an original musical at Schwartz



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Can you spare a rhyme?: Danny Bernstein '14 penned his show's book, lyrics, and score.

In “The Wife of Bath,” one of Chaucer’s best-known *Canterbury Tales*, Queen Guinevere asks King Arthur to let her pass judgment on a knight who has raped a maiden. She’ll spare his life, she tells the miscreant, if he can divine what women want most in the world. After long travels, he learns the answer: they want sovereignty over their husbands. Thus freed, the knight fulfills a promise to marry the homely old woman who told him the secret. When he grants her the power to make her own decisions, she magically becomes young and beautiful...and they live happily ever after.

The poet’s parting shot:

*I pray Jesus to cut short the lives
Of those who’ll not be governed by their wives.*

Misogyny versus feminism in Chaucer’s work, it goes without saying, has fueled many a PhD thesis.

This spring, music major Danny Bernstein '14 put a modern spin on the classic tale. Entitled *Far From Canterbury*, the full-length musical had four performances at the Schwartz Center—

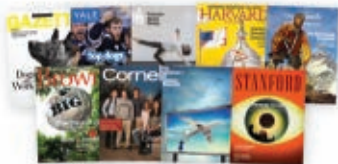
a rare production of an original work by an undergrad. “It was a story I knew from childhood—but I realized that it’s darker than I remembered, and it has these sexist undertones,” Bernstein says of “The Wife of Bath.” “It’s so compelling; I love the conflict. Someone’s life is on the line, and to get out of it he has to solve a riddle.”

Featuring a cast of twelve students, Bernstein’s show—he wrote the book, music, and lyrics—takes some major departures from the original plot. It sets the tale in a kingdom where fairy tales have such cultural currency, their overwrought adventures have warped people’s view of the world. As the characters sing in the opening number:

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talk to girls. Unlike in the original tale, he's no violent criminal; coming upon a princess sleeping in a tower, he assumes she needs rescuing, so he kidnaps her. Joining him on his quest to learn women's true desire are his two best friends—one a spunky young woman fleeing an arranged marriage, the other a fellow knight who's comically irresistible to the ladies. "It's a coming-of-age musical," Bernstein says. "They're unconventional characters trapped in a conventional fairy tale world—and the conflicts they face are similar to what kids in college face. 'Where do I fit in? The script I was given doesn't match the setting. How do I resolve that, and where do I go from here?'"

The Schwartz production is the latest honor for the Westchester County native, who started piano lessons at age three and—having quit because he hated practicing—eventually taught himself to play entire Broadway scores by ear. As a freshman, Bernstein took first place in Cornell's annual undergrad playwriting contest and went on to direct (or musical direct) numerous shows on campus; he was recently named East Hill's Undergraduate Artist of the Year. As rehearsals

for *Far From Canterbury* were gearing up, he learned he was one of three composers—and the only student—selected for a prestigious musical theatre workshop in Los Angeles in May. "He's a very talented kid," says theatre professor Bruce Levitt, who praises Bernstein's show for its "youthful, buoyant" score. "He's been living, eating, and breathing music since he was very young. He's disciplined, and he's persistent. He writes an incredible variety of music, and he's a gifted pianist; he can change things on the spot."

Among his inspirations for *Far From Canterbury*, Bernstein's cites *Into the Woods*—Stephen Sondheim's classic about the darker side of fairy tales—as well as recent works with strong ensembles like *Batboy* (a satire ripped from the headlines of a supermarket tabloid) and *Peter and the Starcatcher* (a tragicomic prequel to *Peter Pan*). After graduation, he aims to seek his fortune on the Great White Way; for starters, he hopes to enter BMI's celebrated musical theatre workshop and to earn a living as an accompanist. "I'm going to try," he says. "Hopefully it'll work out, because I have no backup plan."

— Kitty Kemp

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Korovin is used to racing from her Upper East Side office to film sets, Broadway theaters, and concert venues. For the past two decades, she's been the ear, nose, and throat

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doctor for some of the world's biggest entertainers including Lady Gaga, Pink, Mick Jagger, Patti LuPone, and Liza Minnelli. She once flew to Detroit to see an ailing Luciano Pavarotti. She got Hugh Jackman through the nearly year-long run of *The Boy from Oz* without missing a single show. John Mayer came to her when he was struggling with his much-publicized vocal troubles.

Celine Dion has the CALS grad on speed-dial, too. Years before she shot to superstardom, the panicked singer flew to New York for another opinion when two Canadian doctors recommended surgery on her swollen vocal cords. Instead, Korovin suggested anti-inflammatory drugs and two weeks of total silence. Dion heeded her advice—and came back from a vacation with her throat completely healed. “Had they done surgery on her, I fully believe that they would have ruined her voice,” says Korovin, whom Dion thanked after winning a Grammy in 1999. “She wouldn’t have become the world-famous singer that she is now.”

Besides a conservative approach to treatment and extreme availability—Korovin often sees busy artists at night and on week-ends—she offers emotional patients some much-needed hand-holding. “She’s so comforting,” says five-time Tony winner Audra McDonald, who started seeing Korovin as a freshman at Juilliard. “She’s not an alarmist at all.” McDonald was battling a cold when she played Mother Abbess on the *Sound of Music* special, but the theater veteran knew she could perform. Still, she was concerned that belting out demanding tunes like “Climb Ev’ry Mountain” while ill could do permanent damage. Korovin assured McDonald that she could go on worry-free.

That’s another reason the actress is an admirer: with Korovin, the patient always comes before the production. During 2012’s *Porgy and Bess* on Broadway, McDonald developed a respiratory infection that caused her cords to inflame to a point where she could no longer sing. More alarming, she says, a blood vessel came close to rupturing—something that could’ve ended her career. Korovin went to the producers and insisted that McDonald bow out for several weeks to recover fully. “She’s an absolute advocate for her patients,” says McDonald. “She’s a total dragon slayer.”

A Brooklyn native, Korovin became interested in otolaryngology after she took

an elective course as a student at SUNY Upstate Medical University, seeking to learn more about her father’s hearing loss. In 1989 she began working with Wilbur Gould, a throat surgeon renowned for treating politicians and performers like John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Elizabeth Taylor. She took over the practice after Gould died in 1994, and many patients stayed with her.

After starting out nervously tending to luminaries like Frank Sinatra, Korovin now takes calls from celebrities in stride. Her office walls are covered with signed photographs. (The one of TV chef and talk show host Rachael Ray, who had a benign cyst on her vocal cords removed by Korovin in 2009, is inscribed, “Can I pay you in food?”) But you don’t have to be an A-lister to get an appointment: Korovin estimates that a third of her patients are teachers, lawyers, and other

**When it comes to
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‘a total dragon slayer.’**

non-performers. “I honestly try to treat everybody the same,” she says.

Though Korovin aims for the best outcome for every patient, she concedes that there’s “a little more angst” when it comes to those who are high profile. That was never more apparent than when Julie Andrews walked into her office in 1997, shortly after having an operation to remove non-cancerous throat nodules. Korovin had advised the beloved Oscar winner against surgery; she went ahead anyway with another physician, resulting in the permanent loss of her four-octave vocal range. “She came into my office and could barely speak,” recalls Korovin. “I looked—and I actually walked out of the room and started crying.”

With younger singers, Korovin tries to protect them from future difficulties. She has treated pop star Ariana Grande since her 2008 debut in Broadway’s *13*, and given the twenty-year-old’s meteoric rise in the last year, Korovin encourages her to get plenty of rest and go through proper vocal warm-ups. As a thank-you, Grande gave her a special gift: a platinum record commemorating 2 million copies sold of her top-ten single, “The Way.”

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Made famous by Rush Limbaugh, activist **Sandra Fluke** '03 aims for the California legislature

Whatever Rush Limbaugh's motives were when he maligned Sandra Fluke '03 on Leap Year Day 2012, he probably wasn't aiming to launch her career in progressive politics. But when Limbaugh called her a "slut" and a "prostitute," he made her a feminist heroine.

The Georgetown law student had gone before a Democratic congressional committee to support access to birth control—arguing that her school, a Jesuit institution, should not be religiously exempt from the Affordable Care Act's coverage mandates. "So, Ms. Fluke and the rest of you feminazis, here's the deal," Limbaugh added on March 1. "If we are going to pay for your contraceptives, and thus pay for you to have sex, we want something for it, and I'll tell you what it is. We want you to post the videos online so we can all watch."

In the wake of Limbaugh's tirades, President Barack Obama called Fluke to express his support—an experience she describes as "surreal." The former Human Ecology student went on to address the 2012 Democratic National Convention and represent the President on the campaign trail. After graduating from Georgetown cum laude, passing the California bar, and practicing public interest law, Fluke was widely expected to run for retiring Rep. Henry Waxman's seat in Congress. Instead, she's aiming for the California State Senate's 26th District, a primarily coastal strip that includes Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica. The race has grown crowded, with more than a half-dozen candidates vying to finish in the top two in the June primary. Regardless of party, those candidates will face off in the November election.

Fluke grew up in rural Pennsylvania, in a region that was



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economically challenged—and politically conservative. On the Hill, she double majored in policy analysis and management and in feminist, gender, and sexuality studies. She was heavily involved in student activism for liberal causes, starting with a protest march against the Iraq war. "My family is still scratching their heads as to how I came about," she says with a laugh. "What went wrong?"

Cornell Alumni Magazine: When you took such a public stand on the birth control issue, did you have any idea of what you were in for?

Sandra Fluke: Of course not. But I wouldn't do it differently, because I believe we all have a responsibility to stand up and

fight, to speak up when we see something that's wrong. Some of us get the strange opportunity to do that in a more public way.

CAM: Practically overnight, you went from a being a student at a top law school to being branded—there's no nice way of saying it—a whore in the conservative media. How did you stand it?

SF: By understanding what was really going on. The personal attacks had nothing to do with me; those people didn't even know me. The attacks were about young women speaking out about reproductive justice. It's a pathetic play from a really old playbook.

CAM: Being vilified like that would've made a lot of us want to hide with the curtains drawn.

SF: I was not going to allow young girls to come away with the impression that they shouldn't step forward, shouldn't speak up in class, shouldn't raise their voices because they could be attacked. There are a lot of communities in this country that people attempt to silence on a regular basis—not just women but immigrants, people of color, LGBT folks, poor folks—and I was determined to

show that you don't have to go away quietly. If you stand up, a lot of people will stand with you.

CAM: During the birth control debate, some pundits wondered why you'd gone to a Jesuit school in the first place. So why did you?

SF: I felt that Georgetown was the best school for me because of its amazing public interest law program, and I was accepted into a specialized public interest fellowship there. I wasn't willing to give up those educational opportunities because of their insurance policy.

CAM: When it was announced that you'd gotten married [to writer-producer Adam Muttper], some in the media snarked, "To a *man*?" Did that tick you off?

SF: I don't mind someone asking about my sexual orientation or who I'm married to. But it's hateful when you think it's an insult to imply that someone's gay.

CAM: Has there been a silver lining to the media onslaught, in terms of gaining a bully pulpit?

SF: It's never good for anyone to be verbally attacked. It was hard for a lot of people, because they felt it was also about

them, not just about me. But if it gives me a microphone to speak about the issues I've always worked on, then it's my responsibility to use it.

CAM: Why run for State Senate rather than Congress?

SF: I looked at both races, and the politics are tough in both. Where could I make the most change? Where could I continue the work I've spent my career on? In the State Senate, I can get legislation passed while D.C. is mired in gridlock. And California is a model for other states; we can have an impact that will spread across the country. A lot of folks don't realize how important state legislatures are. Many states are going backward, not only on reproductive rights, but on issues such as gay rights and economic concerns.

CAM: How do you rate your chances?

SF: Some folks who are familiar with my national work have the impression that I'm going to walk into office, and that's just not the case. This a tough race, and I really need folks' support, because I'm not the candidate who is backed by corporate or insider interests. Those are the candidates who are running against me.

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Fish & Tips

A Co-op Extension stalwart offers lessons in hydroponics, aquaculture—and life



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New York City's Food and Finance High School is housed in a brick-and-concrete building in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan, several long crosstown blocks from the bright lights of Times Square. The massive structure, which takes up the better part of the block, is home to a half-dozen specialized high schools. Inside—past the friendly security guards and the metal detectors—it's an institutional maze of wide hallways, heavy doors, and fluorescent lighting.

But up on the third floor is an unexpected oasis: a room filled with lush herbs and lettuces whose leaves glow an otherworldly

green under the simulated sunlight. In the heart of the city, the air smells intoxicatingly fresh.

The lab is the domain of agriculturalist Philson Warner, a thirty-five-year veteran of Cornell Cooperative Extension; so is the aquaculture facility in the basement, where thousands of tilapia and other fish swim in net-covered pools. Clad in a white lab coat and a paisley bow tie, Warner—the program's founder—runs the Cornell-owned labs with an aura of benevolent strictness. Think of him as science's kindest drill sergeant.

Under his charge are some two dozen high school students enrolled in his program of hydroponics and aquaculture. Aside from the actual cleaning of fish, it's no gut course. "I need

In the swim: Philson Warner with aquaculture students at Food and Finance High School

nitrate done downstairs; where's the nitrate guy?" Warner asks on a Thursday afternoon in late February, speaking in the lilting tones of his native Trinidad and Tobago. "Dissolve oxygen—I want two groups. I need to get at least five different kinds of lettuce seeds done. Remember your group. Water levels and pH—I need three guys. I need electrical conductivity done. I don't want shortcuts. Shortcuts will result in dead plants and dead fish. Do you want to kill 10,000 fish?"

The students, most of them African American or Hispanic, sport lab coats of their own. If they forget to bring theirs or it's dirty, they have to leave—and more than two unexcused absences means a reduction in the \$100 stipend they earn for participating. "Move around, guys. I want to see you. I don't want you in back of me," Warner tells the teenagers crowded into the hydroponics lab. "Let me say this again: you work *in* your station. I am not taking an excuse if something falls and breaks. You know how gravity operates. What's the formula on gravity?" No one answers. "What's the equation?" Still nothing. "Who remembers the equation on gravity, guys?" The silence stretches, the students gazing in the vicinity of their shoes. He finally answers

for them. "Nine-point-eight meters per second squared. Things fall at that rate and guess what—they hit the ground. So don't let me see anybody working at the edge of the station. I know you know, but I want to reinforce it."

Over the years, more than 6,500 stu-

dents have come through the program, either as visitors or participants; Warner has also trained more than 200 New York State teachers, who've brought the hydroponics technology back to their classrooms. The labs' products—herbs like basil and oregano; a variety of exotic

Green giant: Amid thriving lettuces, Warner briefs students on the afternoon's battery of diagnostic tests and other tasks.



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lettuces; the tilapia available whole or filleted; a Caribbean-style wet seasoning mix for meat and fish—are consumed at the school or sold to parents, teachers, and restaurants. They're so popular with local chefs, Warner says, he has to ration them to keep things fair.

A decade ago, Warner ran an urban fish farm called Inner City Oceans; these days the aquaculture expert—who has spent more than four decades honing his technique—produces 60,000 pounds of tilapia a year out of the high school basement. “When you walk in here, you shouldn’t smell fish,” he notes, standing amid the blue plastic tubs and five-foot-

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tall microbead filters. “That would mean things were not balanced properly.”

In addition to the stipend, Warner’s students get 200 hours of community service credit, plus an official recommendation letter from Cornell to include in their college applications. For the high schoolers, the letter is a strong draw—but not the only one. “At first I came here because I heard it was a really good recommendation for college,” admits junior Tenzin Yangzom. “But after a while I enjoyed it.” Adds José Cespedes, a sophomore who took the course as a freshman but has come back for more: “It’s a great way to teach kids responsibility and get them interested in nature. It’s just good. It’s some serious fun.”

When the students arrive for each session, they’re expected to greet Warner formally, with “Good afternoon, professor.” In speaking to them, he refers to their classmates not as their peers or fellow students, but as their “colleagues.” There are hand-washing protocols and sign-in requirements, a prescribed path to take through the aquaculture lab’s foot-washing system, and myriad other strictures. In his firm-but-gentle way, Warner makes it clear that sloppiness and imprecision will not be tolerated, and that he’s not interested in excuses. It’s evident, even after a brief visit, that he’s not just training future researchers; he’s molding solid citizens. “Junior scientists always observe,” he tells them amid yet another set of instructions, then breaks into a smile. “I’m playing with you—but I’m serious.”

— Kitty Kemp



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'Others Before Self'

Remembering fallen Marine Richard Gannon II '95

In spring 2003, Marine Corps Captain Richard Gannon II '95 was among the first troops to march into Baghdad at the start of the Iraq War. A year later, on his second combat tour, he and several of his men were killed in a firefight in Husaybah while coming to the aid of a wounded comrade. Thirty-one years old, he left behind a wife and four children.

In recognition of his sacrifice, Gannon was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and promoted to the rank of major. He's buried in Fort Rosencrans National Cemetery outside San Diego, near where he and his wife, Sally Gannon, went to high school together.

In March, a few weeks shy of the tenth anniversary of his death, Gannon was honored in a memorial service at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. Organized by the Cornell Club of Washington and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, the event featured remarks by the Corps' second-highest-ranking officer: its assistant commandant, General John Paxton Jr. '73, MEng '74. "Our leadership principles [are], 'Know yourself and seek self improvement; know your men and look out for their welfare'—and Rich Gannon did that," said Paxton, who served with Gannon in the late Nineties, when the latter was a first lieutenant in the First Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton. "He knew his men and he always looked out for their welfare, including on the seventeenth and eighteenth of April 2004, when he laid down his life for their welfare."

The memorial also included an introduction by retired Lieutenant General Robert Blackman Jr. '70 and remarks by President David Skorton, who described Cornell's long tradition of military training—a requirement of its founding under the Morrill Land

Grant Act. When the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, Skorton noted, some 2,000 undergrads enlisted within sixty days—out of a co-ed student body of 5,000. "There's scarcely anything more important than recognizing service," he said, "and there's scarcely a service that can be recognized more profoundly than the one we're recognizing tonight."

Attending Cornell on a full scholarship through Naval ROTC, Gannon graduated a semester early with a double major in government and history; he went on to earn a master's in leadership at the Naval Postgraduate School and teach at Annapolis. The day after he received his officer's commission, he and his wife were married in a red, white, and blue-themed ceremony: he was born on Memorial Day, she on the Fourth of July. "He exemplified to his last breath, and to us today, all that is best in our Corps—that leadership, that service, that sacrifice," Paxton said. "It is others before self."

Gannon is one of two Cornellian service members to die in the post-9/11 wars. Thirty-three-year-old Army Captain George Hood '93 was killed in Iraq in 2003, when his vehicle was struck by a bomb.

Members of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity have established the Brother Rick Gannon Memorial Foundation to support the Gannon family. For information, contact majorrickgannonfund@gmail.com.

Always faithful: Marine Corps General John Paxton Jr. '73, MEng '74, speaks at a tribute to Major Richard Gannon II '95 in Quantico, Virginia, in March. Gannon (inset) died in Iraq in 2004.

MOTHER COURAGE

In an excerpt from the new memoir *My Mantelpiece*, the late Carolyn Goodman '36—whose son Andy was one of the three civil rights workers murdered fifty years ago this summer—recalls living through a parent's worst nightmare

By Carolyn Goodman
with Brad Herzog

FROM MY MANTELPIECE: A MEMOIR OF SURVIVAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE BY CAROLYN GOODMAN WITH BRAD HERZOG.
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Since childhood, I had always been in love with the stage, and I spent a few years acting in a community theater. One play in particular remained vivid in my memory. It was an antiwar drama called *Bury the Dead* in which, as a teenager, I played the mother of a dead soldier. At one point, in a surreal setting, I stood on stage in a state of denial that my son had been injured while a group of soldiers crouched below me in a trench. One of them was the actor playing my son.

“Let me see your face, son,” was my line. And I repeated it over and over. “Let me see your face, son.” Finally, he turned to me, showing me the little that was left of his face. He was dead. All the men in the trench were dead. My response was to scream. I did, and a primordial sound came out, remarkably heartfelt and drenched in emotion. I screamed that scream over and over every weekend.

Some three decades later, on June 21, 1964, my son disappeared. It was Father’s Day and only Andy’s second day in Mississippi. The longest day of the year became the longest day of my life.

Having driven all night from Ohio before going to examine what was left of the Mount Zion Methodist Church, Andy, Mickey, and James had not returned. We received a phone

Dear departed:
Flanked by the mothers of the other two martyred men, Carolyn Goodman '36 (center) leaves the Society for Ethical Culture after her son’s memorial service.

Burden to bear:
Supported by her
husband, Robert
Goodman '35, BS
Eng '39, Carolyn
Goodman weeps
as her son's body
arrives at Newark
Airport.



call that night from members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, who explained their hard and fast rule that everyone was supposed to be back before dark. Here it was, late at night, and nobody had heard from them. Nobody knew where they were.

The very first day of Freedom Summer, and three volunteers were already missing in Mississippi. The fact that my son was one of them shook me to my soul. But I didn't allow the dark possibilities in the back of my mind to creep into my thinking. Not yet, at least. As my husband, Bobby, once wrote to me: "It's still as Freud put it—to know a thing and to accept firmly in your own mind the truth of what you know are such opposite poles of realization that this simple process has become one of the most difficult elements in human endeavor and the root of all personal failure."

The following day, a phone call to the Neshoba County jail revealed that Andy, Mickey, and James had been arrested the previous afternoon for speeding in their blue Ford station wagon. They hadn't been seen since. The FBI, having already begun a church arson investigation, became intensely involved, eventually devoting 153 men to the case. When officials began searching in the swamps and forests of Mississippi, they didn't find the bodies of my son and his colleagues. But they did find a number of other bodies—local African Americans who had gone missing over the years. It was that kind of place and that kind of time, suffer-

ing from that kind of inequality between the resources and attention given blacks and whites.

Within two days, the case had begun to galvanize the country, so much so that Bobby and I, along with Mickey's father, Nathan Schwerner, flew to Washington, D.C., where President Lyndon Johnson personally greeted us and told us he would do everything in his power to find our sons. When we returned home, not long after we walked into the house, President Johnson called to tell us that an abandoned, badly burned, blue Ford station wagon had been found in a swamp thirteen miles northeast of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

I screamed in agony. This time it was real.

That same day, we received a postcard Andy had mailed upon arriving in Mississippi. He had been told to write us a positive message. That way, no matter who read it, they would get no revealing information. For decades, the card remained on my mantelpiece.

For the next six weeks, dozens of reporters would crowd into our living room or gather in front of the building on Eighty-Sixth Street, day after day, as I gave interview after interview, pleading to the people of Philadelphia, of Mississippi, of anywhere really, for help in tracking down my son. As the days passed, I still managed to generate a flicker of hope that perhaps Andy and Mickey and James were simply being kept

‘Our grief, though personal, belongs to our nation,’ Robert Goodman declared. ‘This tragedy is not private. It is part of the public conscience of our country.’

somewhere, held out of sight. Most of the young people with whom we were in contact knew they were dead, but I didn’t allow myself to think that way. I couldn’t.

Bobby and I managed to endure somehow, in part because we rarely had time to ourselves—time when we could truly reflect on the horror of the situation. Our house was full of people—not only the media, but also friends and family providing constant support. And FBI agents, who were providing constant surveillance. They would sit in a back room, tapping our phones with primitive recording equipment. And, in fact, we received a number of detestable phone calls from people demanding ransom in return for my son. No lead led anywhere.

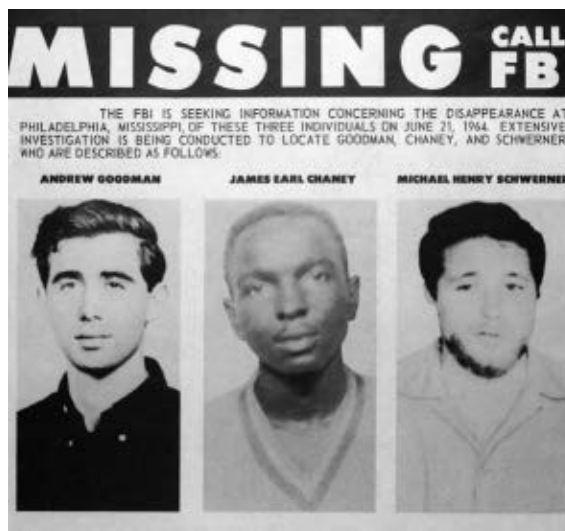
Forty-four days after they went missing, Bobby and I tried to ease our pain with music in the form of a concert at Lincoln Center. There, in the middle of a performance, a friend came rushing down the aisle and pulled us from the auditorium. They had found the bodies. On August 4, the FBI, acting on an informant’s tip, bulldozed an earthen dam on the outskirts of Philadelphia and uncovered the very scene I had been dreading most.

The following day was Bobby’s fiftieth birthday. Somehow he managed to get through a public statement that encapsulated our grief, our expectations, and our continued values:

The passage of many weeks of uncertainty has ended in the knowledge of the murder of our son Andrew Goodman and his companions, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner. Hope, slim though it was, has passed away and a painful certainty has come. Our grief, though personal, belongs to our nation. This tragedy is not private. It is part of the public conscience of our country.

It is necessary, especially in such a time of agony, to confront ourselves with our own history and the social sickness that still remains long after “the binding together of our nation’s wounds” that was our Civil War. The values our son expressed in his simple action of going to Mississippi are still the bonds that bind this nation together—its Constitution, its law, its Bill of Rights. Whenever and wherever part of a people mock our heritage, as has now and again been done, we must respond with the full power and strength of our heritage. The solution of this crime and punishment of those who have committed it is necessary as part of the process that will enable this nation to endure.

Throughout our history, countless Americans have died in the continuing struggle for equality.



We shall continue to work for this goal, and we fervently hope that Americans so engaged will be aided and protected in this noble mission. For ourselves, we wish to express our pride in our son’s commitment and that of his companions now dead; and that of his companions now alive, now in Mississippi, acting each hour to express those truths that are self-evident.

In Washington four weeks ago, my wife and I in a sense made a pilgrimage to the Lincoln Memorial in the evening, and stood in that great shrine looking down past the Washington Monument toward the soft glow of the light around the White House. Full of the awe of a great nation that surrounded us, we turned to read, emblazoned in black letters on the white marble, “It is for us the living to dedicate ourselves that these dead shall not have died in vain.”

The story that emerged of how they died—painstakingly pieced together by Seth Cagin and Philip Dray in the book *We Are Not Afraid*—was awful, not only in its violence and the devastation of so many lives, but also in the series of what-ifs. After the trio had driven away from the church that day, they had a choice when they reached Highway 16: a twenty-five-mile route straight to Meridian, or a longer one through Philadelphia. They chose the latter, perhaps believing it to be safer. If they had chosen otherwise, they might all still be alive today.

As they drove toward Philadelphia, Neshoba County deputy sheriff Cecil Ray Price passed them going the other way. He made a U-turn, having recognized the station wagon, and caught

Lost sons: The FBI’s now-iconic poster



Crime scene: The trio's burned station wagon was found in a swamp shortly after their disappearance. That day, Goodman's parents received his postcard saying that Meridian, Mississippi, "is a wonderful town and the weather is fine."

up with them just inside the city limits. Price was a Klansman, not a rarity in Mississippi law enforcement in those days, and he was eager to impress his friends by stopping Mickey Schwerner and his colleagues. He arrested James for speeding, and he apparently told Andy and Mickey that they would be held as suspects in the church arson.

It was more than six hours later that the three were finally released from their jail cells. They hadn't been allowed to make phone calls, but Mickey had previously instructed a colleague to call every jail and sheriff's office along their planned route if they hadn't arrived by four that afternoon. The Neshoba County Jail received a call at 5:30. No, came the lie, the men hadn't been seen all day.

Caution had been a significant part of the training for the Mississippi volunteers. They were given tips: Don't give a sniper a target by standing in an open window. Know the roads in and out of town. Beware of cars without license plates and policemen without badges. And don't go anywhere at night. But when Andy, Mickey, and James were released (James having paid a \$20 fine), they left anyway without making a phone call, a sure signal that something was wrong. James drove south on Highway 19 toward Meridian. Unbeknownst to my son and his friends, Price and Sheriff Lawrence Rainey

were involved in a plan to ambush them.

Two carloads of Ku Klux Klan members took off after them. One car broke down; the other kept going, joined by Price in his police cruiser. Eventually, not far from the Lauderdale County line, Price caught up and turned on his lights. James made the fateful decision to pull over. Andy, Mickey, and James—to me, they weren't the "three civil rights workers," as they became forever known; they were Andy and Mickey and James—were placed in the backseat of Price's cruiser. He and the other Klansmen, one of them driving the station wagon, turned around and headed back toward Philadelphia. But before reaching the city, they turned left at an unlit, unmarked dirt road and stopped. "So you wanted to come to Mississippi," one of the Klansmen reportedly said. "Well, now we're gonna let you stay here."

Mickey was killed first, shot in the heart. Andy was second. James was last, and he may have been severely beaten, too. They were buried under ten tons of dirt in a dam being constructed to create a cattle pond. Forty-four days later—after the FBI became involved while suspecting law enforcement officials, after the story had made front-page headlines throughout the country, after Sheriff Rainey had continued his sickening swagger and his contention that it was all a hoax, and after an unidentified citizen was paid

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A cross-country trip
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two-decade-long journey



Brad Herzog '90

I first discovered the story of Carolyn Goodman '36 during a cross-country road trip in 1996 while researching a book I was writing about places with names like Wisdom (Montana), Pride (Alabama), and Honor (Michigan). All I knew about most of these towns was that they were some of the tiniest dots on the map. I was aware, however, that the hiccup of Hope, Mississippi, was located next to a city called Philadelphia.

I knew about Philadelphia. It's where three civil rights workers disappeared in June 1964 after visiting the ruins of a black church that had been firebombed by the Ku Klux Klan. They were part of the Mississippi Summer Project, an effort to flood the state with northern college students, teach disenfranchised African Americans about their constitutional rights, and conduct a massive voter registration drive. The oldest of the three was twenty-four-year-old Mickey Schwerner '61, who was relentless in the cause and thus despised by the local Klan. His brave colleague was a twenty-one-year-old black Mississippian, James Chaney. The third volunteer had just arrived in the state. He was Andy Goodman, Carolyn's son.

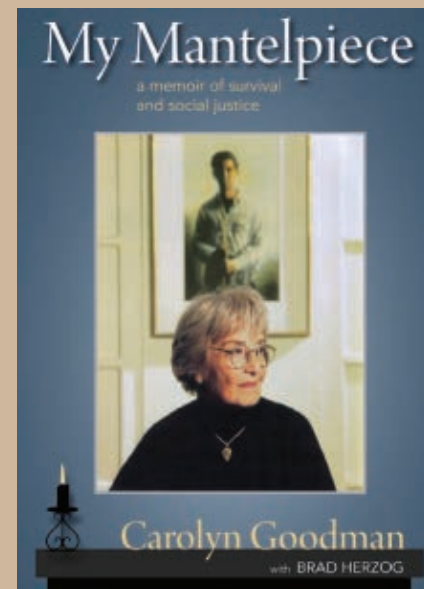
As I drove around Philadelphia, I had the eerie experience of revisiting the events of that fateful day while exploring the actual setting—the Neshoba County jail, the rural highway, the unmarked dirt road where their lives ended violently. I sat down with an African American woman who haltingly informed me that her landlord was the man on whose property the bodies were buried for forty-four days. Like most of the men involved, he was later acquitted of the crime. But I found myself most captivated by the notion of a mother's internal battle—role model vs. protector—when considering whether or not to permit her son to volunteer in Mississippi. "My son wanted to be a beacon of light in the heart of darkness," Carolyn later told me. "How could I deny him?"

While writing a feature story for *Cornell Alumni Magazine*—and then later, through countless interviews after she asked me to co-author her memoir—I came to marvel at Carolyn's story. Hers was a life punctuated by tragedy: a brother's premature death, childhood molestation, a father's suicide, a son's infamous murder. But hers is foremost a tale of turning personal anguish into social conscience. She formed the Andrew Goodman Foundation to further human rights, organized an anniversary Freedom Summer, produced documentary films celebrating young activists, and was even arrested—at age eighty-three—while protesting the NYPD's killing of unarmed immigrant Amadou Diallo.

When Carolyn passed away at ninety-one in 2007, the manuscript of her life story was still unfinished. But her youngest son, David, urged me to complete it. Purposely and profoundly, *My Mantelpiece* is being released just before the fiftieth anniversary of the events that played a role in transforming the civil rights movement. As Maya Angelou writes in the book's foreword: "I was used to white men killing black men. But I was not used to white men killing white men because of black men."

Carolyn's legacy will forever be tied to her son's death in Mississippi, but it is also evident in the activist passion and courage she instilled in her son, the qualities that spurred him to volunteer in the first place. As she explained: "I allowed him to go there, and I was both guilt-ridden and proud, and I devoted the rest of my life to making sure he did not die in vain. I permitted him to go to Mississippi because that is who he was. And it is who I was, too."

— Brad Herzog '90



\$30,000 in reward money to reveal where the bodies were buried—the bodies were finally unearthed. Andy's left hand was clutching soil that could have come only from the dam site, meaning he may still have been alive when buried.

That is how my son died.

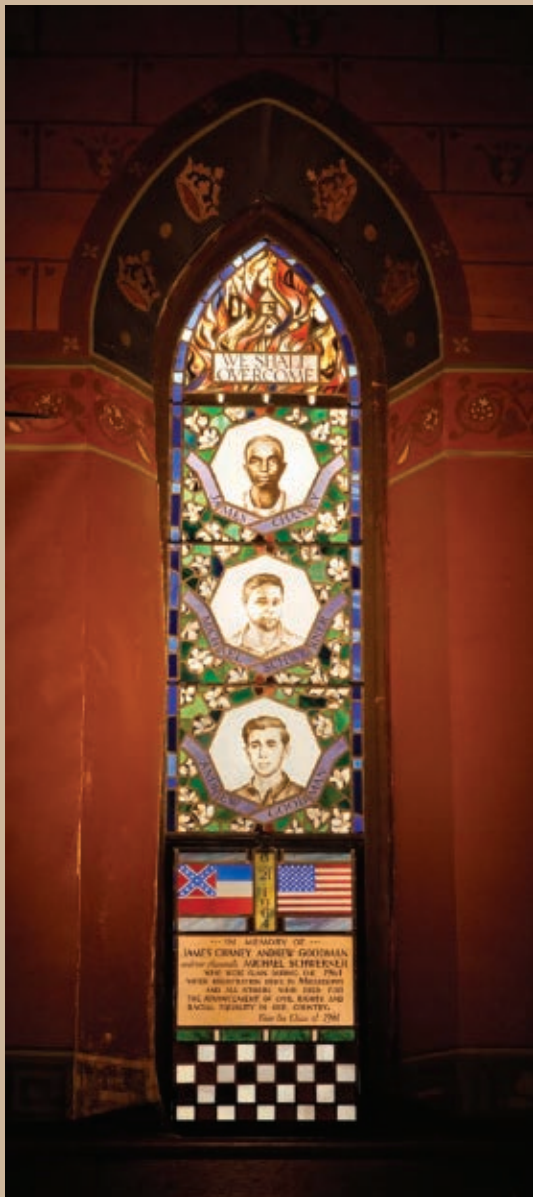
I gave one last press conference in the apartment, rather numbly thanking the people from all over the nation for the many supportive letters we had received. Then the lights turned off, and one by one, the reporters and cameramen and technicians shuffled up to me at the front of the living room and offered their condolences. Many years later, longtime WNBC correspondent Gabe Pressman remarked that in his more than sixty-year career he had

never seen that before or after.

The Schwerners wanted to bury their son next to his friend, James, in Meridian. But the state would not permit it. Even death, it seems, was segregated in Mississippi. We wanted Andy to be buried in New York, next to his grandfather, Charles, who had died only the previous year. When the body was shipped north, we had a simple funeral. The mourners filled the funeral parlor, but it wasn't like the memorial service we had later, where the crowds spilled out into the streets of Manhattan.

I walked in, and there was the casket. And something happened.

When the boys were young, we used to take them on long car trips, often up to Tupper Lake. Andy had loved play-acting from the time he was a little boy, long before he became involved with the theater. We would be in the car, and Andy



NEVER FORGET

Alumnus leads the call for a civil rights memorial on campus

In 1991, on the occasion of its 30th Reunion, the Class of 1961 dedicated a modest but striking memorial to a fallen classmate. In the hushed confines of Sage Chapel, a stained glass window depicts civil rights worker Mickey Schwerner '61 and the two colleagues who were murdered with him, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman. Above them is an image of a burning church and the words "WE SHALL OVERCOME."

Former campus activist Bill Schechter '68 casts no aspersions on that memorial—but he wishes that Cornell had a more visible remembrance of the martyrs and their cause. "It's a beautiful, personal tribute from the Class of 1961," says Schechter. "But because of where it is, it can't have a significant cultural impact on the campus. Very few students see it. Those who do are moved, but it's a once-in-four-years experience."

Last fall, Schechter launched an effort to build a prominent, outdoor civil rights memorial on campus. For the former high school history teacher, the issue strikes close to home: his older brother, Danny Schechter '64, BS ILR '65, went to Mississippi just months after the murders shook the nation.

Still in its early stages, the Schwerner-Chaney-Goodman Memorial Project has found support from members of the Class of '61, the victims' families, and nearly two dozen campus organizations, Schechter says. University officials have met with the planners, and are generally supportive of the effort—but before the project can proceed, significant fundraising is needed. "Everybody sees this as something positive to do," Schechter says. "It not only celebrates the past but encourages us to consider issues like interracial unity, democracy, equal rights. It's a unifying message." With this summer marking the fiftieth anniversary of the murders—and Cornell celebrating its 150th birthday next year—he thinks the time is right. "The civil rights movement not only changed the country, it changed the campus," he says. "A sesquicentennial is a time when an institution looks back and takes stock of its history. If this is ever going to happen, it would be now."

would reach back, grab whatever clothes were strewn about the car, and try them on. I recall one time in particular when he dressed up in an oversized sweater, a colorful scarf, and the funniest little hat. He was probably four or five years old, and he looked so darling, so funny, so alive.

I had never had a hallucination before and haven't since, but when I walked into the funeral parlor that day I swear I saw Andy sitting on top of that coffin, cross-legged, dressed up as I had remembered him so many years earlier. I don't know why, at that moment in my grieving, I remembered Andy as a five-year-old. I know I wanted him to be alive and that I wanted him to be with me, not in that . . . box.

Whatever the mind does in such situations, when I saw the coffin of my son, my dead twenty-year-old son, I suddenly saw the loving smile of a little boy.

Andy and his companions became symbols of the intransigence of the South and the righteousness of the cause.

Andy didn't go to Mississippi expecting to die. He simply went there to try to make it possible for people to go into a booth and vote. A hero? No. He was a beautiful, strong, determined person—and a great loss to his mother and father. He never aspired to martyrdom. But a martyr is what he became. Some of the seminal moments of the civil rights movement happened the year following his death, in 1965, including the historic march from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama and passage of the Voting Rights Act. They were inspired in no small part by the fate of three young men.

Two years after Andy's death, Bobby and I were inspired to carry on our son's goals and dreams. We started the Andrew Goodman Foundation, which supports projects that work to advance human rights, civil liberties, economic justice, and youth activism. The Foundation serves as a growing legacy to Andy Goodman, but he has been immortalized in many other ways. At Cornell, a stained glass window in Sage Chapel was designed and dedicated to honor Andy, Mickey, and James. At Queens College, the library is the site of the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Clock Tower. In front of the rebuilt Mount Zion Methodist Church in Mississippi stands a memorial to the three men "who gave their lives in the struggle to obtain human rights for all people." A four-block stretch of Manhattan's Upper West Side is named "Freedom Place" in

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their honor. Trevor Day School, at the location of the Walden School where all three of my sons attended, has named a building after Andy. Songs have been written about Andy, Mickey, and James by the likes of Pete Seeger and Simon and Garfunkel. There is even a 2,176-foot mountain overlooking Tupper Lake that has been christened Goodman Mountain.

But my favorite tribute to Andy came from a little girl. In the weeks following his death, I was so devastated that I could hardly get myself to read the hundreds upon hundreds of letters from well-wishers. But when I noticed that one letter had S.W.A.K. (Sealed With A Kiss) scrawled across the back of the envelope, I recognized it as the writing of a child. So I opened it.

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goodman," it began. "My name is Robin Goodman. I am ten years old, and I have a cat. Would you mind very much if I called him Andy?"

It was that kind of encounter—unexpected compassion and youthful innocence—that would remind me so much of my middle son, sending tears streaming down my cheeks.

Apparently, Robin had first seen Andy's picture in the *New York Times*, a black-and-white headshot that appeared endlessly (alongside those of Mickey and James) in newspapers across the nation. Robin noticed that she and Andy, though unrelated, shared a last name. Like Andy, she also had a father named Robert Goodman. And like Andy, her father had traveled south, from his home in New Jersey, to assist voter registration in Mississippi. More important (to a preteen girl), she thought Andy was just about the most handsome young man she had ever seen. She daydreamed about him constantly.

Robin went to camp that summer in Upstate New York, where she and her friends watched the tragic story unfold over the next six weeks. Before the summer ended, the camp's cat delivered a litter of kittens, and a name-the-kitten contest was held. Robin noticed a tiny ball of

black-and-white fur and instantly realized that it should be named Andy. His last name, she figured, should be Goodman, just like hers. And so it became.

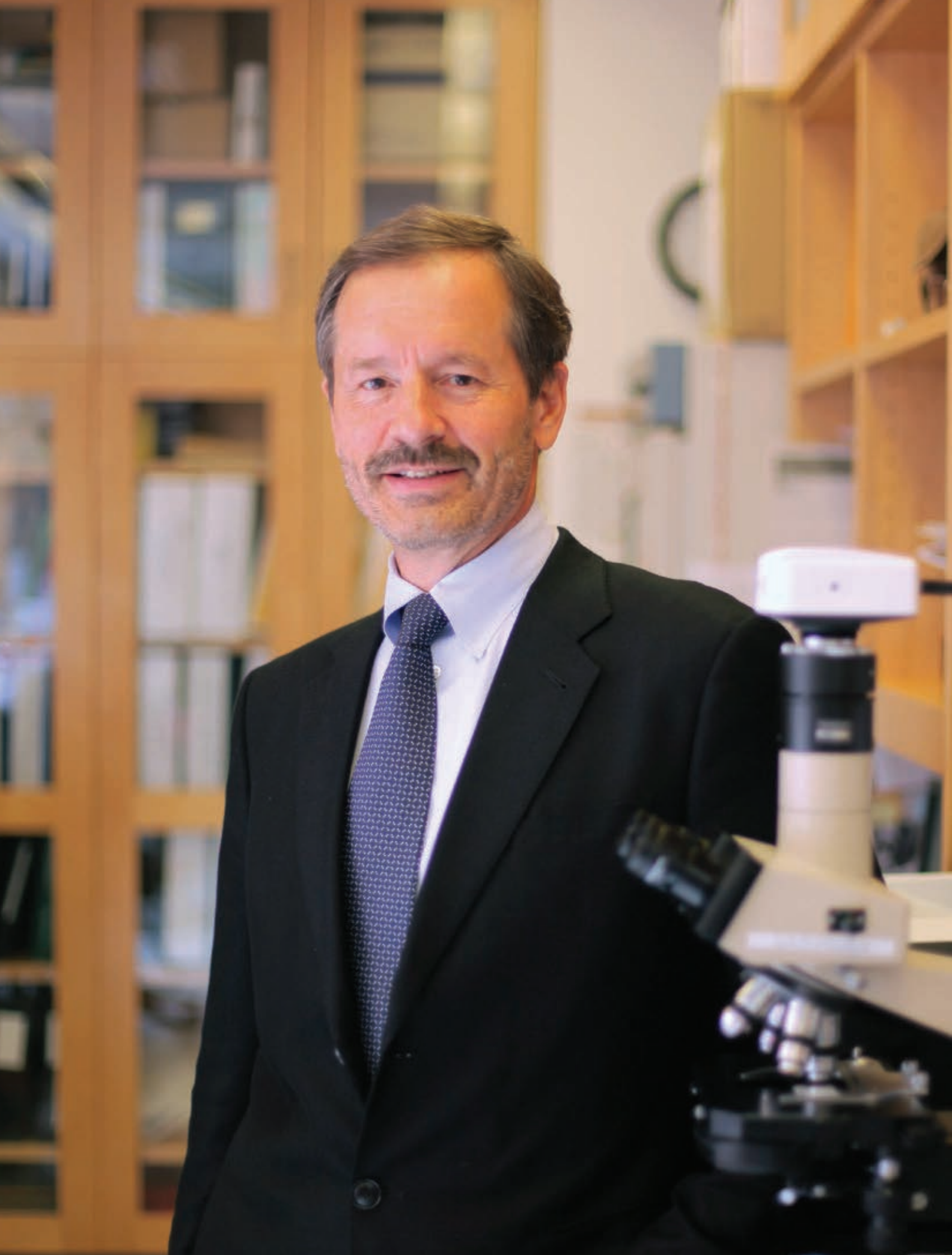
When Robin returned to school, she took up a collection to purchase two-way radios for civil rights workers, telling her classmates that this might have saved Andy and his friends. We continued to correspond occasionally. We invited her to Thanksgiving dinner, though she was unable to join us. As time passed and Robin became a teenager, we slowly fell out of touch.

The connections continued, however. Like Andy the thespian—and like my oldest son, Jonathan the musician—Robin pursued her dreams of becoming an artist. Like my youngest son, David, she attended Antioch College in Ohio. And like me, she eventually found herself married with two sons. Years later, in 1995, when her paintings were to appear at a gallery in the East Village, she sat down to make a list of people to invite. Her thoughts turned to me, whom she viewed as a woman who had reached out to a little girl despite my devastation. Of course, I interpreted it in much the opposite manner.

My friend Alie Fox joined me at the crowded gallery, and I told her that we should just stay for a moment. And after all, Robin had now reached middle age. I had no idea what she looked like. We took a look at Robin's wonderful art and prepared to leave. Then I heard a woman's voice. "Carolyn Goodman!"

I turned to see a curly-haired brunette. "I'm Robin Goodman."

And for the first time, we embraced—two women, neither of whom had been graced with a daughter, weeping in each other's arms, bonding over the memory of my son. Robin Goodman went on to become Robin Dash, an acclaimed artist and a member of the faculty at both Brandeis University and the New England Conservatory. The cat, she later told me, lived for fifteen years with her family. They loved Andy Goodman, too. ■



Weill Cornell's Lewis Cantley,
PhD '75, is leading a revolution
in cancer biology

Bench to Bedside

By Beth Saulnier

Photographs by John Abbott

When Lewis Cantley was a boy growing up in West Virginia, he once asked his father if they could buy some fireworks for the Fourth of July. “Why do you want to *buy* fire-crackers?” his father responded. “Go make your own.” The senior Cantley gave his son the recipe for gunpowder, and young Lew went to work; before long, he’d graduated to building rockets. Similarly, Cantley’s go-kart was a custom design, powered by a souped-up lawnmower engine—which the boy optimized after studying the vagaries of internal combustion. “From my earliest memories,” says Cantley, PhD ’75, “I was always extremely curious about how everything worked.”

\$3 million man: Lewis Cantley, PhD '75, won the world's most lucrative research prize in the life sciences.

Cantley's father was largely self-educated. He didn't go to college, but he soaked up knowledge on a wide variety of topics, even reading the encyclopedia from A to Z. "He was in the Coast Guard during World War II, so he learned Morse code, which he taught me when I was quite young," recalls Cantley, now a professor of cancer biology at the Medical College. "He also learned a lot about navigation, the tides, what controlled the weather. So when I would ask a question like 'Why does it rain?' instead of saying, 'Because God makes it rain,' he would say, 'Well, the moisture collects, it rises, gets to a high temperature, cools in the high atmosphere, causes drops of a certain size, and at some point the drops become so large that they begin to fall.' "

The family never bought toys. If Cantley admired a plaything that a kid down the street had, his father would show him how to build it—and the boy would pass the knowledge on to his friends. "By the time I was sixteen I could take a car engine completely apart and put it back together, and it would run," he says. "So that curiosity, and the confidence that I could figure out how anything worked, was what drove me. It also made me totally unafraid to ask questions about anything, because I figured I could understand it at some level."

That mindset has served Cantley well over the past four decades. He's now one of the world's leading cancer researchers: the discoverer of a key pathway in cancer biology; leader of a \$15 million Stand Up To Cancer "dream team"; winner of the most lucrative prize in biology and medicine. His recruitment from Harvard in fall 2012 was both a coup for Cornell and a vital step in the buildup of its bench-to-bedside research enterprise. "It was a huge splash around the country," Medical College Dean Laurie Glimcher says of Cantley's hiring. "I knew it was a great recruit, but I did not anticipate what a buzz would be created. It immediately raised the image of both Weill Cornell and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital." John Leonard, associate dean for clinical research, lauds Cantley as not only a world-class scientist, but one who is intensely committed to bringing discoveries to the bedside. "It's remarkable how patient-focused he is," says Leonard, a professor of hematology and medical oncology. "Many people would be content to continue to write papers, win grants, and get acclaim, but he is focused on taking it to the next level—and always with an eye toward, 'How are we ultimately going to use this to help patients?'"

For Cantley, the move offered not only the chance to get in on the ground floor of Weill Cornell's institutional revolution—a shift symbolized by the \$650 million Belfer Research Building, which opened in January with his lab as its first occupant—but the opportunity to work in an intensely collaborative environment at a propitious moment: the dawn of truly personalized medicine. "Over the years, there has been a very fragmented approach to cancer," Cantley observes. "You have the basic scientists who know the pathways and understand the biology, the clinicians who treat the patients, and the pharma companies who make the drugs—and they're three completely isolated groups of people. We have to bring them all together as a team. So when you design a clinical trial, you have the basic scientists suggesting the biomarkers; you have a mechanism teasing out the mutations in each individual patient; and then, based on that, you put the patient on the right trial. This needs to be done in a seamless manner. And it's not done in a seamless manner anywhere—but



the opportunity to do that here is better than at any other institution I know of."

Cantley's arrival roughly coincided with the founding of the Institute for Precision Medicine, a translational research hub the Medical College launched in early 2013 to offer targeted treatments based on a patient's genetic profile—including those whose disease is advanced or has become drug resistant. Among the key targets in personalized cancer medicine is an enzyme whose discovery established Cantley's scientific reputation two decades ago. Known as phosphoinositide 3-kinase (shortened as PI3-kinase or PI3K), it's a signaling pathway that plays an essential role in as many as 80 percent of cancers, including those of the breast, ovaries, and endometrium. "In addition to discovering the enzyme and its function, Dr. Cantley has been involved in figuring out which types of tumors commonly contain mutations of the gene that encodes PI3-kinase, and he is now developing clinical trials whereby individuals that have this type of mutation can be treated with PI3-kinase inhibitors," notes medicine professor Andrew Dannenberg, who has done extensive research on the connection between cancer and inflammation. "That's a remarkable odyssey and body of work—from discovering the gene to understanding its function to figuring out how it's regulated and what it controls downstream, all the way to determining its role in cancer and how often it's mutated, and providing the basis for personalized cancer investigation."

The PI3K pathway was the focus of the Stand Up To Cancer team that Cantley led, a sixty-researcher effort that wrapped up last October after four years. The work was also cited in the awarding of the first Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences in February 2013. Cantley was one of eleven recipients of the prize, whose sponsors include founders of Google and Facebook—and which carries a \$3 million award for each winner. That eye-popping amount (more than double that of the Nobel) ini-



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Spreading the word: Cantley describes the role of PI3K during a 2012 breast cancer symposium in San Antonio, Texas.

Sickeningly Sweet?

Cantley sees sugar as a dietary demon



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Although Lewis Cantley is best known as a cancer researcher, he's done well-respected work in other fields. (Perhaps the most exotic: analysis of tissue from a 68-million-year-old *Tyrannosaurus rex*, which confirmed that birds are the dinosaur's closest living relatives.) A particular area of interest is the link between the PI3K pathway and insulin resistance, which can lead to type 2 diabetes. "One of the many normal functions of PI3-kinase is to mediate insulin responses," he explains. "Almost everything insulin does to control glucose homeostasis in the body, it does through PI3-kinase."

And these days, he notes, Americans are getting a whole lot of glucose—in the form of sugary sodas, desserts, even seemingly savory foods like bread and crackers. Cantley says that when he was growing up, none of his classmates were overweight—but when he went home to West Virginia during graduate school, he found that obesity had hit epidemic levels. "What changed so fast?" Cantley muses. "Two or three things happened in the mid- to late Sixties. Everybody says that people quit exercising, but that's bull; in the Seventies, running was the most popular thing to do. My relatives never changed their exercise. So what did they change? Well, Coca-Cola."

Cantley recalls that as kids, he and his siblings relished the small glass bottles of Coke that their mother would allow them on their weekly outings to the grocery store—a treat that came in six-ounce servings. "That was our allotment of Coca-Cola for the week," he notes. "In the Sixties it went up to twelve ounces, then to sixteen—and it was now cheap, sweetened with corn syrup instead of sucrose." Today, sodas commonly come in two-liter bottles or giant fast-food cups. And while some decried then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg's 2012 effort to ban the sale of large portions of sweetened drinks in New York City as overly paternalistic, Cantley supported it, considering it a public health issue. As he once told the *New York Times*: "Sugar scares me."

He never eats dessert; in his office, where boxes of Chinese green tea are stacked up on a shelf, the sugar packets are there only as a courtesy for guests. And as Cantley noted in a 2012 episode of "60 Minutes," in addition to its obvious role in obesity and diabetes, sugar is increasingly implicated in certain types of cancer. "What we're finding now is that a lot of cancer cells have insulin receptors," he says. "Imagine that you drink a Coca-Cola, and you're insulin resistant—which means that your insulin levels have to go up really high to get your liver, muscle, and fat to respond. The cancer cell is sitting there on the side, insulin's going up; it hits the cancer cell and tells it to take up the glucose. While the other tissues are at a disadvantage, the cancer cell wins." That scenario, he explains, lets insulin drive cancer growth. Furthermore, researchers have found that a subset of cancers—including those of the endometrium, breast, prostate, and colon—are particularly glucose-sensitive. "And those are the cancers that often correlate with diabetes and obesity," Cantley says. "So that cannot be coincidental."

tially prompted Cantley's wife to ask, "Are you sure this isn't a joke?" But no: the \$3 million was indeed received—on his sixty-fourth birthday, no less.

Cantley was the second in a family of four children—Linda, Lew, Larry, and Lloyd—and the eldest boy. Their father worked for Union Carbide; their mother started college when Cantley was eleven and his youngest brother just three. The kids, who would all become straight-A students, helped her study. Surprisingly, the future cancer researcher never took a biology course after high school. "I was really interested in chemistry, physics, and math," he says with a laugh, "probably from working with gunpowder and trying to figure out how to make my rocket get off the ground."

He majored in chemistry at West Virginia Wesleyan College, graduating *summa cum laude*; on the Hill, he earned a PhD in physical biochemistry with a minor in theoretical physics. Eventually, his work led to investigations in metabolism and cell regulation. "I was interested in photosynthesis, how to capture light and convert that into fixing carbon or making ATP [a cellular fuel supplier], generating energy," he recalls. "Asking those simple questions—which turned out not to be that simple—got me deeper and deeper into biology. And as I got interested in how cells regulate metabolism, that got me interested in cancer, because cancer cells are professionals at doing this. In fact it's the ability to do this that makes them cancer cells."

like finding a quark no one had ever seen before." But at the time, Cantley was something of a voice in the wilderness. Other researchers didn't find his results credible, and he couldn't get funding to pursue the findings. His reaction to the naysayers—including one luminary who pledged to eat his hat if it were true? "I ignored them," he says. "I knew it was right. In some ways it doesn't matter what other people believe, as long as you know it's right. And I had other sources of money; it was only one of ten things I was doing in the lab. But I could not get a grant to fund this. So I siphoned off money from other things, because I knew this was far more important, and that people would eventually understand it."

The story exemplifies one of Cantley's firmly held beliefs: don't assume that the received wisdom is complete, or even necessarily correct. "What we know about biology is about 5 percent of what actually goes on in biology," he observes. "People read huge volumes of medical textbooks and so forth and say, 'Everything is already understood; my job is just to memorize it, to dot the I's and cross the T's on what other people have done.' That's not at all the case. We're at this time in biology where, in five or ten years, we're going to be shocked at the complexity of things we never appreciated."

A prime example: Once upon a time, physicians and scientists assumed that all cancers were more or less the same. These days, they know that nothing could be further from the truth; breast cancer alone has multiple subtypes, each requiring a different therapy. "We'll be breaking cancers into smaller and smaller subgroups," Cantley says. "Maybe only 5 percent of breast cancer patients will have a particular type—but if we have

a drug that works for those 5 percent, and the next year we get another 5 percent, and the next year another 5 percent, in twenty years that adds up to a lot of people. That's how we're going to make progress. The problem we had in the past was that pharmaceutical companies weren't interested in making a drug that didn't work for everybody; at least it had to work for all breast cancer patients, all lung cancer patients, or all colorectal cancer patients. With that attitude, they failed over and over and over."

It's increasingly accepted that close collaboration across disciplines—breaking down the traditional silo approach to research—is essential to tackling any complex scientific problem in today's hyper-specialized, tech-driven world. And indeed, when Cantley is asked what kind of atmosphere he aims to foster in his lab, a spirit of collaboration is at the top of the list. "Biology is complicated," he says. "Diseases are complicated. And the technologies you have to use to solve important questions are complicated."

For example, a single journal article could entail expertise from a variety of fields—describing the structure of a molecule, offering proof that a gene that encodes it is implicated in a particular disease, chronicling the effects of a mutation, and more. "No one person can do all that," he says. "In fact, it's hard for any one lab to do all that. It's typically three, four, five, even ten collaborators from multiple labs, all getting together to solve a prob-



Science central: Cantley's lab was the first to move into the Belfer Research Building.

When Cantley first identified PI3K in 1984, he didn't realize he'd discovered something revolutionary—that it was a key player in transforming normal cells into cancerous ones. His "eureka" moment didn't come until 1988, when an experiment revealed that PI3K was pointing the way to a whole new field. "I went home that night and said, 'This is going to completely revolutionize cancer,'" he recalls. "To physicists, this would be



lem. And if you want to take it all the way to a clinical trial, you've got to get surgeons, oncologists, and anesthesiologists involved and develop the biomarkers for it. So all of this requires teams. In the past, everybody just did it on their own, completely isolated, and that made things incredibly slow."

In January, the Medical College announced that Cantley will serve as director of a new cancer center designed to fuel breakthroughs via that very sort of collaboration. Established with a \$75 million gift from Sandra and Edward Meyer '48 and their foundation, and named in their honor, the center will bring together researchers in various fields—basic scientists, pathologists, surgeons, radiologists, and more. It will be headquartered in the Belfer Building—as will another key player in Weill Cornell's burgeoning research enterprise, the Tri-Institutional Therapeutics Discovery Institute. A joint effort with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the Rockefeller University, and the Takeda Pharmaceutical Company, the institute will facilitate translation of early-stage drug discovery into treatments. "We can go to their team and say, 'We have a validated target; can this be made into something that can be used in the clinic?'" says Cantley. "That step is rarely taken in academia, but here we'll be set up to allow that to happen."

For the most part, Cantley doesn't talk about curing cancer—he talks about treating it, shrinking tumors, extending longevity, improving quality of life. He describes today's efforts to understand the disease as "almost an engineering problem." By way of analogy, he cites the space race of the mid-twentieth century. "If the U.S. government had said in 1920, 'Let's go to the moon,' nobody would have been convinced it was possible. How could

Next generation: Cantley with members of his lab

you build a rocket with sufficient thrust? Was it possible to escape the atmosphere? There was no pure, clear, scientific understanding of what would be required to do it. We didn't have computers. So you could spend \$1 trillion toward going to the moon in 1920, but it would have been a waste. But in 1960, when we decided to go to the moon, any theoretical physicist would have said, 'Yes, of course we can. We need rockets that have this thrust, and we know how to make them. We need to calculate the trajectory, and we know how to do that.' Computers were getting started. So it wasn't a matter of, 'Is it possible to get to the moon?' It was, 'Let's fine-tune the engineering.'"

When President Richard Nixon declared war on cancer in 1971, Cantley says, it was akin to attempting a flapper-era moon shot. "It was thought that one silver bullet would cure everybody," he says. "And so they were looking for a magic potion, without any knowledge of what was going on." But Cantley is confident that today we're closer to the Sixties-era pledge that led to man walking on the lunar surface. If one of his loved ones had cancer, he says, he'd be "extremely hopeful" that the current bench-to-bedside work will lead to effective therapies. "We're talking about having a foot in the door—and we're also talking about a scientific approach to get to the end," he says. "In the past, even with chemotherapy and radiation, we didn't know why some people responded and some didn't; now, with these targeted therapies, we do know. It's not, 'Let's randomly try another set of poisons and see what happens.' Because that's what we've been doing for thirty years." ■

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Alumni Association Awards Second Annual CAA Cup

Entries Show Volunteers' Hard Work and Creativity

In 2012, the Cornell Alumni Association announced a new award to recognize achievement by volunteer groups in creating programs that engage alumni and support the University. The following year, the CAA Cup was awarded for the first time, to the Class of 2002. At the most recent Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), the award was presented to the Young Alumni Duff Ball Committee, which successfully launched a new tradition for recent graduates. (CALC attendees voted for the winner, choosing from among four finalists; the others were the Cornell clubs of Los Angeles and of Washington, D.C., and the Class of 1963.) CAA received many other strong entries, which reflect the hard work and leadership of alumni volunteers.

Duff Ball Dances to Success

In 2008, Jonathan Feldman '08 had the idea for a prom-like event on campus during Senior Week. It was held in the Engineering College's Duffield Hall, a fairly new building at the time. To add a community component, proceeds supported the United Way of Tompkins County. Now an annual tradition, the "Duff Ball" brings together seniors for a formal soiree as their Cornell days draw to a close. A couple of years ago, Feldman approached Alumni Affairs' Student and Young Alumni Programs and suggested creating a Duff Ball for recent graduates. "It would be a nostalgia-building event for young

alumni, taking them back to their undergrad years," says Feldman, who now lives in Chicago. "So I knew it could be successful."

After two years of planning, the first Young Alumni Duff Ball took place in March 2013 at the Bowery Hotel in Manhattan, with more than 400 grads in attendance. The tradition continued this year, with the 2014 ball held on March 1. The event also featured a silent auction, whose items included a tour of the U.S. Supreme Court and a signed Big Red hockey jersey. Proceeds of both soirees benefitted the Annual Fund for Student and Academic Services.

L.A. Dinners Fund Scholarships

Come autumn, alumni in Southern California know it's time for the Cornell Club of Los Angeles's annual scholarship dinner program. Instead of one large gathering, the club has developed a novel idea: a series of dinners at alumni homes and restaurants. "The host subsidizes the entire event," explains CCLA board member Kim Bixler '91. "That means 100 percent of the proceeds can go to fund scholarships for local-area Cornell students." Each host also recruits some type of entertainment—



Duff life: Elegantly clad ball-goers strike a pose.

whether it be a belly dancer, a violinist, a talk by a celebrated attorney, cooking classes, or wine tastings. Local alumni are encouraged to sign up online for the dinners, which sell out quickly. Depending on the venue, the events can be as intimate as a meal for ten or as large as a gathering of 200; prices range from \$25 to \$160. "It becomes a competition among the hosts to create an appealing event to bring out Cornellians," says Bixler. "The sky's the limit." She reports that last year, the dinners drew some 400 attendees and raised more than \$42,000 for the scholarship fund's endowment.

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Let freedom ring: CU Winds perform at the Jefferson Memorial during cherry blossom season.

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Beautiful Music at the CC of D.C.

Last academic year, the Cornell Club of Washington, D.C., collaborated with the University's student wind ensemble (CU Winds) to plan an inaugural performance trip to the nation's capital. But the group, overseen by Professor Cynthia Johnston-Turner, wouldn't just do a concert; the musicians wanted to interact with local students. That's when club member Bob Day '56 got involved. He chose two high schools because they'd been recently renovated and were rebuilding their music programs. CU Winds members worked with the students, demonstrating playing techniques and offering an example of what a full wind ensemble can accomplish. The Cornellians also donated reconditioned instruments to the schools.

The visit coincided with D.C.'s annual Cherry Blossom Festival in spring 2013, so Day coordinated a concert on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial. "It's a great project for the club, it's a great project for the University, and it's great to reach out to local schools," says Day. Like many of the CAA Cup entries, the program can be copied and adapted by other alumni groups. "The key to running a similar event is to figure out how current Cornell students might benefit from an organization's local area," says Grace Jean '00, first vice president of the D.C. club. "Perhaps it's the history of the city, or the industries that thrive within that community. You need to connect some key players from both sides and watch what unfolds."

Class of '63 Gives Back

At their 50th Reunion, the Class of 1963 enhanced their commitment to

first-year students by raising additional funds to support the Carol Tatkon Center. Located in Balch Hall, the center bridges academic and student life for first-year students, increases faculty-student interactions, and provides mentoring opportunities with upperclassmen.

The gift was part of a wider initiative. Prior to their 45th Reunion, the '63 grads were looking for ways to increase their class gift to the University. In previous years, their gifts had been in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range, mostly coming from the class treasury. Leaders sought a cause that would motivate classmates to participate: it had to have broad appeal, be a University priority, resonate with their classmates' Cornell experiences, and be enduring. The Tatkon Center appealed because it targeted first-year students and was a resource the classmates didn't have when they were students. To get members excited about the effort—dubbed the Class of 1963 Endowment for Programs at Carol Tatkon Center—leaders featured the center's projects in class communications. They also made



Those were the days: A collection of Class of '63 memorabilia is on display in the Tatkon Center.

it easy to give through a standard Cornell Annual Fund pledge card.

Since their 45th Reunion, more than 100 classmates have donated to the endowment, with five lead gifts between \$20,000 and \$25,000. (Most donations have been considerably more modest.) Between their 45th and 50th reunions, the class raised \$237,000 for the endowment. In gratitude, the University named a seminar room at the Tatkon Center and a coffeehouse series after the class.

A 'Non-Reunion Reunion'

In 2013, the Class of 2002 won the inaugural CAA Cup for its "Non-Reunion Reunion" initiative. The program was part of an effort to keep classmates engaged and reinvest dues by holding gatherings around the country during Reunion weekend. Last year—taking advantage of the fact that some class council members live abroad—the gatherings went international.

The concept is fairly easy to execute: Volunteers in various cities create events—picnics, happy hours, and



Reunion abroad: A gathering in Amsterdam drew alumni expats (and a few future Cornellians).

more—and encourage classmates to attend. Dues help underwrite the activities, based on the number of classmates in each city. Since the Class of 2002 launched the effort, the events have become more and more popular, says president Doug Mitarotonda '02, PhD '09. "Hosts who've developed a successful model continue to use it," he says, "reducing work and increasing efficiency." The class plans to expand the program to include alumni from 2000 to 2010. Says Mitarotonda: "The goal is to continue to grow the Non-Reunion Reunions, drawing in more classmates—and alumni from the decade—year after year, creating bigger and better events."

Miami, by the Book

Last year, the Cornell Club of Miami asked members to contribute ideas for events via its Facebook page. One that the club thought would attract a diverse group of Cornellians was an alumni

book signing. "It was a great way to engage Cornellians on a practical level while highlighting our talented South Florida alumni," says vice president Belia Peña '96. The club negotiated with a local bookstore to host the signing, which attracted some fifty alumni ranging in age from their thirties to their fifties—many of whom had never before attended a club event. Grads of other Ivies were also welcome. Peña notes that the success could easily be replicated by other clubs because of the many alumni authors seeking to promote their books, and the appeal of such events for locally owned bookstores.

The (Big) Easy Way

Last year, the Class of 1979 looked for a way to bring classmates together in advance of their 35th Reunion. They decided they wanted to have as many people as possible convene at an appealing, easily accessible destination. They settled on an educational and recreational four-day trip to New Orleans. "We liked the idea of class members traveling as a distinct group to further build community," says Janet Goldin Rubin '79, who oversaw the project.

Rubin worked closely with Cornell's Adult University to develop a program, hosted by ILR professor Nick Salvatore, that included lectures, tours, visits to



Walking tour: The Class of '79 trip to New Orleans included forays to the Garden District and French Quarter.

great restaurants, and other events. (It was the first time that CAU had created a trip for a specific class.) Leaders worked tirelessly to get classmates to sign up—promoting the trip through direct mail, Facebook, LinkedIn, e-mail, and personal contacts. Unfortunately, due to many factors—demanding schedules, having children still at home, the

costs involved—many could not participate. However, Rubin says, the class council's initiative in planning the foray was much appreciated. Twenty people went to New Orleans, she says, and all had a great time. "The trip was a positive experience for the class," says Goldin, "and a great way to begin building enthusiasm for our reunion in June."

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42 In late February, **Gus Vollmer**, BCE '44, wrote a letter to class president **Liz Schlamm** Eddy from his home in Caracas, Venezuela. He thanked Liz for the news about **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, MA '44, in the Jan/Feb '14 issue, and said, "Through you I want to congratulate her for the wonderful work she has done during all these years. I am sorry to hear about her accident, but these things seem to happen more often than we wish, and we have to learn to live with them." He notes the passage of time and the loss of classmates, but hopes that those of us who remain will continue to contact Liz and the *Alumni Magazine* so that we can all keep in touch that way.

Gus adds, "I for one have what I think is a gigantic family—98 members so far, and all living. Luisa and I have been living in Venezuela all of our lives and also go to Montana twice a year to a ranch I have had there for a long time. I go an additional three or four times a year with members of my family, and still very much enjoy country life in a different climate." Gus sends best regards to all.

Arleen Heidgerd Perry also wrote to Liz, with the news that she is still living at Sunnyside Village in Sarasota, FL, and doing fairly well. "No more long-distance traveling, however. My volunteer jobs are down to one, and keeping in touch with my family and friends, plus my exercise classes, are about all I can do. It's good to be in touch and still alive." Liz Eddy herself writes that she had a nice visit in March from her stepdaughter and granddaughter—what she calls her "California Girls"—for four days. They had a great time. Liz hopes classmates will keep sending news for the column, even though we don't have Carolyn writing for us. "We'll all enjoy any little tidbit on what you're doing." **Class of 1942**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

43 When I opened to the class column in the March/April issue of the *Alumni Magazine*, I thought, "OMG [omigod], we are at the head of the classes! King of the Hill?—or the Over-the-Hill Gang!"

I spoke to **Larry Lowenstein**, who was very disappointed he could not attend Reunion. He was recuperating from a knee operation followed by some complications. He says he checks the obituary section daily, and after being reassured that he is still among the living, goes about his daily routine. Larry did a great job as our Alumni Fund rep, raising millions to help keep Cornell afloat. I also received kind notes from **Edy Newman** Weinberger and **Firth Perryman** following my thank-you note to the class for receiving the Vanneman Award. They both attended Reunion and appeared in the video I made for **Miller Harris** and sent out to the dues-paying classmates. If there are any classmates who did not receive one, please let Erin Kennedy in the Alumni Affairs office know. She can be reached at: (607) 255-2254.

Spoke to **Steve Teetor**, who was able to attend Reunion and wear his Junior Blazer. Steve is legally blind, but swims daily in the condo pool in Maui, HI, and is able to play pitch-and-putt once

a week with the help of friends. Steve usually sees **Bill Kelly** when he summers in Vermont. Bill is well and keeps busy walking and reading—and swimming in summer. We also heard from **Kay Rogers** Randall Reid of Honolulu, HI, who says she keeps in touch with **Mary Close** Bean. Kay also enjoys doing puzzles, exercising, and playing bridge. Please send news for our class column and not let it fade away. **Shigeo Kondo**, skkondo@gmail.com. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

44 **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, writes to thank **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten** for all they've done (and still do) for the good of Cornell. He reports, "The '44 room in Bartels Hall is used every day, and its furniture and computers maintained. There is no other room like it on campus given by an alumni class. Like Art, many of us were called to active duty during WWII before graduating—and some never returned." Howard also shared a letter he once sent to the military brass enclosing a large photo of the first Quartermaster Unit formed at Cornell, which he hoped could be included in the archives of Cornell military activity. "We left as a unit to attend Quartermaster School #35 at Camp Lee, VA," he wrote in the letter, "and after graduation as 2nd Lts. we were sent into all kinds of units. I ended up in Texas, where I trained a Truck Company for the invasion of Japan. On our way, the Japanese surrendered and all ships not halfway over were instructed to return to the port of embarkation. My ship, the SS *Sacajawea*, was one of them. The photograph was taken on the Law School steps several weeks before we left."

David Schnall notified us of the death of his father, **Leonard Schnall**, on May 7, 2013. He added that in his later years, Leonard enjoyed fly-fishing, watching football, and reading. He is survived by his three sons, Alan, Laurence, and David. Send news, and we will continue to publish it here in the magazine. **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; **Dorothy Kay Kesten**, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

45 Scribe **Julie Kamerer** Snell reports that her experience as a coed on the snowy streets of Ithaca years ago enabled her to negotiate quite well the south-of-the-Mason-Dixon Line streets (where she now resides) during the 2013-14 year. How are things going for you, **Maralyn Winsor** Fleming? She had just moved to Kendal at Ithaca when she wrote, and was settling in.

Richard Weishaar, BA '49, MD '52 (Machipongo, VA) is wishing that the 2012 election never happened, but he is grateful to be able to enjoy the flowers of spring. He tries to stay active, in spite of a broken neck. He is planning car trips. He and his wife loved traveling west—not including Vegas! **Dorothy Scott** Boyle (Eastport, ME) spends her time doing watercolor and folk art, gardening, and reading. Four hours a week

she tends the Quoddy Crafts and Marine Museum. She is getting used to a cane and walker with a seat when out of the house. She'd love to be playing golf. Asked what she brought when she came to Cornell, she said, "It's what I didn't bring—no typewriter, no radio or electronic equipment. Probably I brought just a wool blanket and clothing, boots, etc."

We are sorry to report that **Gloria Urban** has passed away. We send our sincere condolences to her family members. Do send us your news. We love to hear from you. **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; email, julie.snell@verizon.net; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815-4703; e-mail, betbofb@aol.com.

46 **Priscilla Alden** Clement sent a February newspaper obituary of **Jane Purdy** Cable, who had lived in Naples, FL, since 1986 and been active in many civic organizations there and in her previous home of Canton, OH. Mention was made that Jane had been elected the first woman president of Willard Straight Hall and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She had two children and four grandchildren and was expecting a great-grandchild in March. Priscilla also wrote in her annual news form that she and Bill Rice had celebrated five years of married life. They enjoy their new home at Arbor Trace in Naples. They went north in 2013 to attend his grandson's wedding, to visit Priscilla's family, and to visit friends in their old retirement village. In addition, Bill and 50 other veterans took the Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

Thanks for your many Christmas cards, especially from two of our faithful correspondents. **Pat Kinne** Paoella (Lakewood, NJ) wrote that her husband has more health issues. Her grandson from Mexico is enjoying life at Endicott College near Boston. **Jan Bassette** Summerville (Sackets Harbor, NY) complained about all the pre-Christmas snow (I wonder how she fared during the brutal January and February). When she wrote, she was planning to join her daughter and four grandchildren for the holidays. I also heard from **Sam Miller's** widow, Pat (Lower Gwynedd, PA). She was leaving for Marco Island in the new year.

Several AOPi's from the Class of '47 also sent Christmas notes. Roommate **Peg Christiansen** Drab (Venice, FL), who lost Frank in April 2012, made her first attempt at writing a Christmas letter (one of Frank's duties). Her year has been busy with the birth of her first great-grandchild ("I never expected to live that long"), a daughter's wedding, and a grandchild's graduation and college plans. She enjoys life in Florida, especially the ducks that fly into the pool to join the swimmers.

Jane Mange Morrison (Media, PA) wrote, "We are blessed to have each other." I talk to her on the phone often. Both **Elaine Tompkins** Merkel (Columbus, IN) and **Lucille Holden** Smith (Illion, NY) lost their Cornell spouses this past year, so I didn't hear from them. Now we're all widows. Keep sending your news to: **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Paul Levine (Pleasanton, CA; pblevine@juno.com) told of his and Lois's June adventure. Your correspondent writes: "If cadging free desserts and free drinks for three weeks sounds appealing, certain attributes will up your success rate. Moderate amounts of chutzpah and an appealing story line lead the list. And what could be more appealing than our rolling 60th anniversary motor trip? Also very helpful are a charming wife and kindly restaurateurs, barkeeps, and fellow diners the length of Route I-5 from California through Oregon and Washington to our magic Canadian destinations in Vancouver and Victoria. Those destinations, and our auto travel mode, were driven by our ownership of timeshare points and our dread of airline treatment required to reach any other of Starwood's attractive vacation locations. Our favorite hotels and inns: Ashland Springs Hotel and its Larks restaurant in Ashland, OR, home of the Shakespeare festival; the Nines hotel and its Departure restaurant (where diners at the next table insisted on paying \$20 of the cute [meaning 'old'] couple's tab) in Portland; the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver, where we wanted four nights on our points, but stayed for a free fifth night; and Sylvia Beach Hotel and its homey dining room in Newport on our Oregon coast return. Some other restaurants where we enjoyed great meals were the Crocodile and the Kirin Mandarin in Vancouver and a surprise delicious bargain at the Brooktrails Lodge in Willits, CA."

In last November's Class Notes, I promised to reveal how our move to a CCRC (continuing care retirement community) worked out. Stoneridge is a brand new facility. It opened September 15, 2013 and we moved in October 1. It offers independent living (our classification). We live in a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment on the second floor of a four-story building. We had the choice of one- to three-bedroom apartments, as well as spacious single-story homes. All multi-story units have convenient elevators so that it is not necessary to use stairs. All homes come complete with high ceilings, granite kitchens, baths, modern appliances, smoke and motion detectors, and sprinkler systems. The safety staff is well trained and competent.

In general, our experience has been excellent. The loving care provided by the three-person nursing staff is exemplary. An adjacent health center is under construction and will be ready in November. It will provide assisted living, skilled nursing, and/or memory care to CCRC residents, if needed, for no appreciable extra cost. Its excess capacity will be made available to non-residents at competitive rates. Of course, there are some glitches. Often gourmet-quality food is served properly, but the prohibition of tips makes for an unstable dining room serving staff that sometimes allows food to cool down. This is a work in progress that has been solved at our CCRC's sister establishments and will hopefully be solved soon at Stoneridge. Meanwhile, working together to improve, we residents make many new friends.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news via e-mail or snail mail to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.cornell.alumni.edu>.

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Mr. Rogers, many years ago, used to open his TV show with the song, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Remember when we were all "neighbors" at

Cornell? We surely didn't know everyone, but we all had that neighborly feeling that this was our new home and that we were proud to be there. I am sure that time and circumstances have had their effect on our remembrances, but let us not forget the wonderful times, the great education, and, most important, the good friends we made for life. I am still in touch with friends I made at Cornell and will cherish my college days forever. So let me hear from you as to what you remember about those days and how it made a difference in your life. And what are you up to now? Here is the class news you have submitted. Please keep it coming.

Shirley Buck Rabeler (shirley.rabeler@yahoo.com) remembers having a laundry case at school and sending dirty clothes home to her mother. Her mother would return the clean clothes along with the local paper and some baked goodies. Shirley broke her hip last year and recovered well; her family made her residence on their farm handicap accessible. Granddaughter **Julie Settle '09** is finishing her last year in Cornell's Vet college, Class of 2014. **Joe Leeds** lives in River Vale, NJ, and is an avid gardener. He lives in an assisted-living facility and sent us a great brochure that the home uses for publicity. Surprise! It features a great picture of Joe as he does some garden work. Joe has a small dog at the home, the only pet there, and all the residents love him. He would love to hear from **Ray Fox**, PhD '56. **Theodora Liebman** Marten resides in Great Neck, NY, and is an aspiring songwriter. She is kept busy playing bridge, going to book reviews and lectures, attending the theatre, and socializing with friends. She writes songs—words and music—and some years ago had one of her songs performed before a large audience.

Marjorie Topkins Goodman resides in NYC, plays bridges, and goes to the theatre and ballet. She would love to hear from **Beverly Chazan** Adelman. **Ralph Geiger** writes from Cornwall, PA, that he has lived in a continuing care community for many years and would like to hear from **Donald Buschman**. **Margot Poritsky** Jerrard lives in Urbana, IL, with hubby Richard. That completes our column! I encourage you to write or phone me. I have another column before turning things back to Arlie. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

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Alan Van Poznak, MD '52, Tenafly, NJ: "Much church and school music recording, 13 years after retiring from 52 years at Cornell-New York Hospital Medical Center. Received an award for 25 years of music recording in the Tenafly school system. Our country club/golf course is across the street and everything else we need is within two miles. I see the eye doctor five times a year in NYC and that's the only big city we go to. I go to the gym twice a day for three major exercises, read the paper, watch TV, and talk. Daughter **Catherine Van Poznak**, MD '95, is an oncologist at the U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, specializing in breast cancer that has spread to bone. She has a five-year government grant to study the most effective therapy for various cell types. When St. Francis was asked what he prayed for, he said, 'I pray for a more grateful heart.' I hope to do the same."

Ina Lifshitz Katcher, New York City: "Husband Herb is deceased. I'm a shy, private person and have never sent info about my life. Now that I am older, my years at Cornell have become more important to me." **Barbara Rapp** Hamilton, Port

Saint Lucie, FL: "Busy with Pi Beta Phi, P.E.O., First Presbyterian Church, fellowship, and quilting. Had fun seeing and being with Pi Phi **Suzanne Squire** Graham at our 65th Reunion." **Lillian Soelle** Austin, Chapel Hill, NC: "I stay busy with church, family, local restaurants, the DAR, and reading about Cornell. Oldest son is on a business trip to Taipei, Taiwan. One grandson is a high school senior and another is a college senior. The oldest grandson is 24 in Richmond, VA. Youngest granddaughter is 3-1/2 and lives in Haw River, NC." **Viola Mowry** Storer, Lexington, MA, sent a nice photo of granddaughter **Catherine Mulhern**, ME '12, getting her master's from the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, wearing the hood of her great-grandfather who received his master's from the Arts college 100 years earlier. **Shirley Haas** Storey chimed in from Harlingen, TX, but without any news.

Albert, PhD '51, and **Margaret Smith Brown**, Lincoln, NE: "Margaret goes to book group meetings and is on the board of WTCS, which runs a home for girls. Al falls down occasionally and has spent time in the hospital. In 2013, our flower garden was selected by the Audubon Club in Lincoln as their lead garden on their garden tour. They wrote it up in our local paper with pictures. We had 300 people walking through the garden! We had crocus in February and delphiniums, roses, and others in bloom on Labor Day. Oldest grandson is in business administration school at Iowa U. Wish him well. I'm a great-great-great-uncle of one of my sisters' children studying at Utica College in NYS. I was originally in the Class of '45, but they now have me in the Class of '48. Makes no difference to me. I went on to get my MS and PhD at Cornell. As usual, everyone in Lincoln is supporting our football team, which calls itself the 'Big Red.' U. of Nebraska has a new stadium for 95,000 people and everyone is dressed in red for the game. I've given up traveling, but did visit Kansas City and Omaha in the last two years."

John Van Zandt, Winston Salem, NC: "I walk at the YMCA. Eleventh and youngest great-grandchild was born August 2013 in Fayetteville, NC. Her dad is deployed to Afghanistan. Oldest great-grandchild is 9 and lives in Graham, NC. In our 67 years of marriage, we've been to all the large cities in the US." **Charlie Elbert**, Woodland Park, NJ: "Involved in anti-socialist politics, reading, and family activities. Recently blessed with first great-granddaughter. Grandchildren range from 32 to 12, in Pompton, NJ, and Chatham, NY. Our development is suing the town for false assessment. I find Newt Gingrich a storehouse of political history. Everything we need here is nearby, except the ocean, which is 50 miles. Last big city we visited was NYC, in August '13. No recent excursions. Cruised the Caribbean and Rhine River two and three years ago. Best trip was long ago, to see the belly dancers in Egypt. I'm seriously concerned that the present administration is creating a large 'depending group' looking to government to fund and solve all social problems."

Ruth Werman Weiss, Rochester, NY: "Oldest grandchild, 23, is at Harvard Law School. The youngest, 13, is at Oregon Episcopal School. Last visited NYC in September 2013." **Virginia Keeler** Smith, Ponte Vedra, FL: "Taking pills and one glass of wine per day. Grandchildren are in California. Jacksonville is a redneck southern city and an undiscovered jewel! Low living costs, beautiful river right though the city, outstanding zoo and symphony, good roads and schools, ocean beach part of the city. But don't come—we like

it without crowds. Everyone in my assisted living building is interesting. Haven't been to a big city in a long, long time."

Peter Fraser, La Jolla, CA, made his first-ever gift to Cornell last summer, which provided generous funding for the Cornell University Press. A writer himself, Peter has published two travel memoirs: *More Curious Than Cautious*, which tells the story of his visit to the South Pacific in the 1950s, and *More Curious Than Cautious II*, which traces a later visit to Australia. In his first book, he wrote, "In 1948, I graduated from Cornell with a BA in Anthropology. I hadn't realized it at the time, but the courses I had selected at random became the basis for my lifelong fascination for travel." In his letter to Cornell, accompanying his gift, he said, "I am lucky to be 88, still alive, and still proud for what my years on the Hill meant to me." Peter's books are available through his website, peterfraserbooks.com, and on Amazon/Kindle.

Bart Holm, West Grove, PA: "Do a lot of walking, volunteering. Grandson **Spencer Holm '14** is at Cornell. Granddaughter **Shannon Holm '11** is now in grad school at U. of Pennsylvania. Grandson Justin, 30—our oldest—is a senior at Embury-Riddle College in Dayton Beach, and the youngest, 16, is a sophomore at Radnor (PA) High School. Everything we need is real close. Still go to Lake Champlain in the summertime. Haven't been to a 'big city' in many years. Took a trip to the beautiful coast of Miami last summer. Plan to go to the Caribbean when it gets cold. Sorry to miss 65th Reunion; I was at a granddaughter's wedding. Will try to have family do better scheduling in 2018." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone/fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 Excitement and eager anticipation are building for our most memorable 65th Reunion, June 5-8! Call the Statler today at (800) 541-2501, if you haven't already done so, to book your rooms! The Office of Alumni Affairs, (607) 255-7085, has sent out a list of hotels that are saving blocks of rooms for those who prefer to stay off campus. Reunion chair **Carl Schwarzer** (Ithaca, NY; cschwarzer@twcny.rr.com) urges that you call him at (315) 637-5253 with any questions you may have. Our class will be having lunch at the Cornell Plantations' new Brian C. Nevin Welcome Center with its botanical gardens. President David Skorton will welcome us at a reception, we'll have our class picture taken, and we'll each receive a class gift. We'll be making new friends and enjoying old ones!

Our class sadly notes the passing of **Bette McGrew Waldo** Benedict, who served our class in many capacities for many years. She served as Cornell Annual Fund representative (1992-94), reunion chair (1994-99), historian (1999-2004 and 2009-13), and secretary (1995-2013). Bette's sparkling personality and ideas enlivened the many reunions she attended. We are also sorry to hear of the passing of **Donn Skoog** of Wilmington, DE. His wife, Yuko, writes that he was ill for the past five years. "He was very fond of his memories at Cornell," she said. "The school and his experiences there were a large part of his life."

Henry Bungay (Troy, NY; bungah@rpi.edu) was honored for his career by the American Inst. of Chemical Engineers at their national meeting in San Francisco in November. He says he is "retired, but dabbles professionally." Henry tells us that

State Senator **Katherine Clark, JD '89**, the daughter of **H. C. "Chan" Clark, LLB '56**, is running for Congress as a Democrat from Massachusetts. **Patricia Kendall** Shotwell (Weston, MA; pshotwell@comcast.net) is involved with Wellesley Friends Meeting (Quaker), Weston's Council on Aging, and fundraising, and is also taking courses at Lifelong Learning at Regis College (LLARC). She adds, "Recently I have been volunteering on a committee convened by the Board of Selectmen to improve town meetings (shades of professors Cushman and Rossiter). Those professors taught us well—democracy thrives at this level!" Pat says she'd like to be traveling—and returning to Ithaca more! Pat, whose parents, **Morgan and Harriet Parsons Kendall**, were both Class of 1919, recalls that, married and living off-campus her senior year, her identical twins were born the week after graduation. She would enjoy hearing from **Howard K. Loomis**, MBA '50 (Pratt, KS), whose mother, **Genevieve Krey Loomis '20**, was a close friend of Pat's mother when they were both at Cornell. When Pat first came to Cornell she brought just the bare necessities: "Just my clothes—all else supplied by the university." Pat would enjoy hearing from "friends at Kappa Alpha—what a great bunch."

Nancy Knipe Lemons (Cedar Falls, IA; danale@cfu.net), married to David, is going to medical appointments and keeping in touch with three kids and three grandkids in Honolulu, Austin, and Flagstaff—when they're not climbing and hiking in the West. "We're living in a retirement community and enjoying it, but wish it were closer to the ocean. Iowa is about as far from the ocean as you can get. We had a terrible winter here." She adds that she will probably not make it to reunion, saying, "I'm sorry about that since I always enjoy seeing the three or four friends with whom I keep in touch." Nancy remembers that she brought "clothes, personal care products, and a camera" when she first came to Cornell. **Dorothy Rasinski** Gregory, LLB '51 (Long Beach, CA) is "baking for great-grandchildren," doing needlepoint, and reading. "Also doing online medical-legal education for physicians on topics of medical ethics—it's intellectually challenging." Dorothy says she'd rather be "revisiting the Galápagos and the Antarctic. She recalls that when she first came to Cornell, she brought a typewriter, an alarm clock, clothes, and a camera."

David Westerman (New York, NY; ndwestman@aol.com) is married to Nada and has been active in politics since 1956, "twice having personal contact with Eleanor Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson." A former chairman of the Rye, NY, Democratic Party, he is serving on the executive committee of his local Democratic Club and as a delegate to the judicial convention to nominate candidates for justices of the State Supreme Court. He writes, "I currently attend many NYC cultural institutions and photograph reflections in store windows, mostly in NYC." His award-winning photographs have appeared in an exhibit in Rye. David enjoys composing doggerels and has had several published in the PRID Press in NYC. **John Purdy** (Canandaigua, NY) writes that he would enjoy hearing from **David Nagel**. When he first came to Cornell, John brought a hot plate, a pillow, clothes, and a desk lamp.

Kenneth Gellhaus (New Paltz, NY; tenace49@yahoo.com) writes, "IBM was my fourth and last employer. After 27 years with IBM, I retired in 1990. The mid-Hudson area is an attractive area in which to live and so we remained here. My wife, Mary, and I moved into Woodland Pond, a CCRC,

about five months after we returned from my 60th Reunion in 2009. Woodland Pond is located in the college town of New Paltz, NY, one mile from the NYS Thruway. We have enjoyed the presence here of '49ers **Donald "Pete" Johnston** and **Max Finestone**, along with their wives. Max's death was reported in the *Alumni Magazine* of May/June 2013. We lost Pete here on May 18, 2013."

John McCormick, DVM '49 (Bradenton, FL; jemvet@aol.com), married to Barbara, is working out at the gym three times a week, gardening, and attending theatre—films and stage plays. He writes that his health has limited him to these activities, but he'd rather be playing golf. He would enjoy hearing from **Bill Keaton**, DVM '49. John brought "not much—a few clothes and a little money"—when he first came to Cornell. **John Dirck Ten Hagen** (Pittsford, NY) lost his wife, Cracker, in September, after a long illness. He is living in a senior home and still plays some golf! Looking forward to seeing you all at reunion! **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, P.O. Box 6844, Farmington, NM; phone, (315) 717-6003; (505) 258-4778; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 On Friday evening, January 17, at the time of the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, nine class members met at the elegant Algonquin Club for the traditional mid-winter class dinner. Attending were class president **Pat Carry** Stewart (Gulf Stream, FL), immediate past president **Dick Pogue** (Cleveland, OH), vice president **Stan Rodwin** (Rochester, NY), class co-correspondent **Marion Steinmann** (Philadelphia, PA), Alumni Fund representative **Jim Brandt** (Chicago, IL), secretary **Ruth "Midge" Downey Crone** and husband **Walt** (Longmont, CO), past president **Walt Bruska** (Shelburne, VT), and **David Smith** (Newtonville, MA).

The group met the next morning over breakfast for the annual class meeting. With \$20,132 in the regular Class Fund and \$168,972 in the Class of the Century Fund, the main topic was finances. About half of the Century Fund has been committed for the class book and related DVD. There was some discussion about possible use of some of the funds on hand to defray costs of those attending our 65th Reunion, but no decision was made.

Dean of students **Kent Hubbell '69**, BArch '69, joined the meeting and happily reported that our Willard Straight Fund balance was still over \$270,000; this, after we have invested more than \$800,000 for renovations in the Straight, including a new floor in the Memorial Room, plus a new floor, stage rigging, projection screen, and digital projector in the theater. Given the unexpected balance in the Straight Fund, other possible projects were discussed, but without good information about possibilities, decisions were deferred.

Brenda Teeter, reunion campaign officer, joined the meeting, and with Jim Brandt, urged us to try to beat the 65th attendance record of 57 as well as the record for giving at a 65th Reunion, currently held by the Class of '48 at \$10,646,357 by 214 donors with a participation rate of 49 percent. Discussion followed on how to encourage class members to accept that challenge and beat that record. (For our 60th Reunion we raised a tad over \$7 million.)

Other: Of 2,312 Class of '50 matriculants, we have about 740 with current contact addresses. Of these about half pay class dues and about a third

contribute to the Cornell Annual Fund. Ninety classmates have life annuities held by the university. Under author/editor **Brad Edmondson '81**, our commissioned book with its several themes (history of our class; life on college campuses immediately after WWII, Cornell in particular; effects WWII veterans had on campus academic and social life) is progressing nicely. Thanks are due to all those who have responded to our queries—especially the vets for reporting on their wartime experiences. If you have not yet replied to the questionnaires sent out by **John Marcham** (about your WWII experiences and post-Cornell careers) and **Paul Joslin** (for campus experiences), please do so. We need your input. Please muster up other miscellaneous recollections of campus life and e-mail or snail mail them to Marion Steinmann (address below).

James Towart Jr. (St. Johns, FL; bluebird2345@gmail.com) served as a 1st Lt. Adjutant in the Air Force in the Korean conflict. He is retired from a career in engineering specializing in pipeline installation and maintenance in the US, Venezuela, Libya, and other places in the Mideast. James is a member of the Cornell Club of Greater Jacksonville and co-founder and past-president of the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society. He reports on a fascinating project of discovering and recovering artifacts from the Union Army transport steamer, *Maple Leaf*, which sank in the St. John's River in 1864. He co-edited *Maple Leaf*, a book about the archaeological discovery and artifact recovery of the steamer. **Nancy deGroff** (Montpelier, VT) went on to an MS at Indiana U. and had a long career as an interpretive naturalist and teacher specializing in endangered species. She volunteers at the North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier and plays French horn in the Capital City Band. Nancy is currently studying "philosophic inter-activities on Indian Tribes of the Finger Lakes region."

Robert Landsman (Vero Beach, FL; rlands6213@aol.com) had a law career in various capacities with Air Express Int'l and Xerox, and then came to the ILR school at Cornell, where he served as adjunct professor and executive director of the Inst. of Collective Bargaining. From 1994 to 2006 he was an arbitrator for the State of Connecticut. **Robert Cowley Jr.** (Silver Spring, MD) had a career in mechanical engineering with Western Electric. In WWII he served in combat in Burma and later in Southeast Asia in search and recovery of lost military pilots. After Cornell he went to Stanford for an MBA with a fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. His wife, Anna Marie, is deceased, but he has a close, sustaining family of five sons and three daughters.

Chloe Gray Alexson (Rochester, NY; drcga md@aol.com) reports that her husband, William "Vin," died in March 2012, and that she is now happily and peacefully retired after 51 years as a clinical pediatric cardiologist. **Rodger Gibson** (Louisville, KY; rodggib@gmail.com) is looking forward to next year's 65th Reunion. During the Korean conflict, Rodg served in the Air Force at Mitchell AFB and attended Intelligence School at Lowery AFB. As a retiree, Rodg enjoys his latest residence in Louisville, where he is near to his three kids, six grandkids, and seven great-grandkids. He is actively involved in Rotary and other community organizations and helps raise funds for local service organizations and college scholarships for needy students. **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel. (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia,

PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

51 James Bowers (Warminster, PA) writes that he is on the finance committee at Ann's Choice [Retirement Community], and a scholarship committee for waiters and waitresses. "I am completely relearning bridge after about 25 years (by excellent instructors), reading, attending beautiful musical events (e.g., four organ concerts, Sousa band concert, New York and Philadelphia Pops, local choruses), and doing Bible study. I do believe in God!" James says he'd prefer to be playing golf, but can't

‘Taking pills and one glass of wine per day.’

Virginia Keeler Smith '48

because of herniated discs in his back. He'd like to hear from Delta Phi brothers and Kappa Alpha Theta friends. **Jackie Goldberg** Eisenberg lists "reading, watching some TV, trying to keep up with the mail, shopping with friends, and still driving (so I become transport for a few friends who no longer can). I'm planning a trip with my daughter Ethel to Parry Sound in Ontario, Canada, for a week at the Festival of the Sound, a day at Stratford for the Shakespeare Festival, and a day at Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Shaw Festival." She'd like to hear from her roommate **Joan Cohen** Halpern.

Jim Ballew (Fort Myers, FL) writes, "I am still enjoying skiing, tennis, and (not always enjoyably) golf, plus settling in with our Florida home for six and a half months a year, and in New Jersey for five and a half. I have stated earlier that I lost my love of 55 years five years ago. Through efforts of my daughter, Sally, I had dinner with Florence Bennett, probably Betty's best friend. I had known her for 72 years as a friend and the wife of a great friend of mine who had passed away nine years ago. The rest is history, and I have been blessed twice. This was the first year in 52 that I have not skied, primarily because of settling in at our new home in Florida. I admit to loving skiing, and the good Lord willing I will be back on skis next year with Sally in Vail." Jim would like to hear from **John Allen**, "affectionately known by his nickname, 'Swede.' He was at Cornell only his freshman year, and was a roommate and a fellow Delta Phi, last known address somewhere in Florida." Jim brought a bicycle to Cornell, rode it once, and four years later took it out of mothballs and back to New Jersey.

Joseph Bertino (Branford, CT) still works as chief scientific officer at Rutgers Cancer Inst. of New Jersey, and also plays golf. **Sabra "Piper" Baker** Staley (Arlington, VA) is "messing with kids (this job description got me in trouble with my local church's board a few years back; board has an active child protection policy): 1) high school kids from all over the world on week-long government studies programs; 2) campers at summer camp; and 3) grandchildren (nine) and great-grandkids (a dozen or so). Recently I've been sitting in my Morris chair and reading, because it's about time." Piper says she'd rather be "walking freely through the US Capitol without a tour guide,

without checking any gear, without restraint and limited access, and sitting in the House and Senate galleries and committee hearings—like it was a few years back." Friends she'd like to hear from: "**Leslie Warfield** Wright (always optimistic and upbeat) and **Arnie Brauer** (we shared a plane accident and drafting table)." Piper arrived at Cornell with "a WII GI backpack used as a suitcase (it did many miles on the Appalachian Trail, too) and a broken Piper Cub propeller—five feet long!"

Jack Vinson writes, "I'm still teaching all four of my graduate courses at the U. of Delaware through Long Distance Learning, and am still editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Sandwich Structures and Materials*. I also continue to do consulting

through my firm, Structural Mechanics Assocs." Jack would like to hear from **Stu Campbell**, **Charlie Moore**, **Sandy Black**, and **Moose Miller**. As to what he brought to Cornell: "Probably hay for my horse." **William O'Hara** (Webster, NY) still runs Orbacker's Restaurant in Williamson, NY. "My wife passed away last summer, and I am lucky to have something to keep me busy. Last year, I was elected to the Ensign Class (Sailing) Hall of Fame and awarded the Sea III Trophy for outstanding service to the Class. I wish I could still race sailboats, but my knees are too bad to still be competitive." **Paul Pendell Mok** (Reno, NV) is "writing because I enjoy it, hiking, boating, traveling, and reading." He'd like to hear from **James Bostwick '52**.

Shelly Epstein Akabas (NYC) writes, "As of June 30, 2013, I became a professor emeritus at Columbia U. after more than 44 years of employment. We are lucky enough to spend winters in Grand Cayman. My husband and I also spent a week in Havana—must have been a beautiful city at one time, but is now badly deteriorated (otherwise known as falling apart)." Shelly brought "hats, gloves, and pocketbooks to go to teas and other receptions" when she first came to Cornell. "How life has changed!" Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel. (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 You may read this in May, but today is Valentine's Day and there is snow on the ground. Not as much as in some other places, but you Floridians and Arizonans should feel good. As it is Valentine's Day, I pass on a suitable item recently received from **Daniel Luzer '03**: his great-aunt **Arleen Hague** Hilgenhurst Panarelli '53, BA '52, was married Dec. 28, 2013 to John Gregg in Brentwood, TN. Arleen's first husband, **Charles Hilgenhurst**, received his BME in 1953. Best wishes to Arleen and John. At the end of 2010, John and **Barbara Gale** Wood (Portland, OR; bww42@cornell.edu) moved into an "old folks home," and, as of this past December, were still unpacking from a house with four attics and a full basement. In addition to exercise, gardening, and "procrastinating," Barbara would like to be crossing the Atlantic on a

four- or five-master with good food and good books. She feels today's campus culture is not so innocent, "but I hope as much fun."

Alfred Pagano (Newark, DE; paganoah@verizon.net) has recently been an environmental consultant for DuPont and belongs to several non-profit community organizations. Right now he writes that he would also like to be on a warm-weather cruise or making a visit back to Italy. Today's campus culture, he says, is "too busy for us gray-haired old guys." At Cornell he says he learned how to get along with people and was "exposed to some great literature and, of course, chemistry." **Lewis Ward-Baker** (Rochester, NY; patnlew@rochester.rr.com) has recently been working on producing a musical: *Death Takes a Holiday* (shades of the Octagon Club's 'Joan of

Henry Lyon (Waikoloa, HI) has been visiting doctors (arthritis), painting, drawing, planning one more long trip by sea, cooking, cleaning, and fighting Alzheimer's. He has been visiting with researchers about Alzheimer's disease. He would also like to continue "to enjoy what I am doing—art, writing, glorying in a perfect view, treasuring friends, and, oh my, what memories." Today's campus culture? "About the same—mixed-up, confused, and eager!" At Cornell, he learned "how to be a convincing soldier—clipboard and pen with a serious expression—and how to duck: always wear glasses." **Marshall Lindheimer** (Chicago, IL) merged what he would like to be doing with what he has been doing—"Just about what I have been doing for a decade, a little committee work, editing, an occasional editorial or editorial review (if

53 Far above Boston's Back Bay and somewhere between New Year's and Mardi Gras, with views of Boston Harbor and the Charles River, Alma Mater began to taper on to her sesquicentennial year with an indoor tailgate. Hundreds of Big Redders, some of them settled into indoor bleachers, savored the action at Lynah East (in the Marriott Copley Place) right up to a highly satisfactory 3-2 icing of Harvard hockey on the giant-tube screen at the annual midwinter confluence of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). "It's always great to hammer Harvard at anything," a CU officer observed, approximately, the next day. Active alums of many vintages, plus a large entourage of '14 grads-to-be, found instruction in many subjects: on how to build a better class, how current students are taking active roles in helping contemporaries deal with mental health questions and self-damaging quaffing, what's with Cornell on New York's East River, cabbages, kings, and previews of coming sesquicentennial attractions. April 27, 2015 will be Mater's official 150th birthday. Along the way, there will be celebrations all over the Big Red world: NYC, Sept. 13; Ithaca, Oct. 17-18 (Trustee-Council Weekend/Homecoming); Washington, DC, Nov. 14; Hong Kong, Dec. 15; Boston, Jan. 17 (CALC); Florida's East Coast, Feb. 14; San Francisco, March 4; Los Angeles, March 6; Ithaca, April 24-27; and London, May 14, 2015.

Your class leadership, in its acknowledged wisdom, unanimously agreed in Boston to hold the line on yearly class dues. Besides the muchness of Mater's plans for sesquicentennial-related activities over Trustee-Council and Homecoming Weekend, the traditional annual breaking of bread at the Country Club of Ithaca is planned for after the football game with Lehigh, Cornell's second-most senior opponent, met irregularly since 1887.

Firmly favoring the all-star team of pol watchers that packed lecture halls in our day, career diplomat **Will Marsh** (Bowie, MD) lived in interesting times, doing foreign service in Saigon, at the Vietnam peace talks in Paris, and in many worldwide elsewhere. His last working day, some New Year's Eves back, was spent, in his honor, in the chair of the leader of the US delegation to the UN. He cast an impressive number of nays that one day, he says. He remains active in the affairs of his senior residence. Back in Ithaca for our 60th Reunion, he was mightily impressed with buildings that have been "created since my last visit to Ithaca," and quite likely even more with Pulitzer Prize recipient Fredrik Logevall's Olin Lecture on the Vietnam War ("Absolutely superb"). And what would he rather be doing now? "Working, to start with, and traveling to the eight countries in which I lived. And paying less heed, alas, to my own health."

Engineering physicist **David Rossin**, who, you'll recollect, was Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy) in the Reagan Administration, knew whereof he spoke as program chairman for the Sarasota Cornell Club on the Fukushima, Japan, catastrophe at the Longboat Key Physics Club, the local Cornell and MIT Clubs, and Ivy League economic breakfasts. Besides small matter like atoms, Dave, a former Big Red baseball player, keeps close eyes year-round on major league baseball trivia. He's been known to have a pitcher ready when base runners reach third, where he's often coaching while suited up for the annual Ted Thoren Alumni Game at Reunion. (In Sarasota, he notes, you can catch spring training in season and the circus in winter training.) Retired from the U.

‘The 1948 fraternity initiation at PSK was a handshake.’

David Murray '52

Arkansas'). "I am also working out, swimming, singing, traveling, and trying to dispense wisdom to anyone who will listen!" At Cornell, he writes, "I learned the beginnings of how to be a 'mensch' from the veterans in the fraternity, who were at least five years older than I. At that time, Tau Epsilon Phi, now banned, had the highest academic average at the university because those veterans were studying in earnest."

Harold Oaklander (Tivoli, NY) writes, "I have been enlisting Cornell students to take summer internships to do battle against unemployment." He suggests you Google "Cornell U., Harold Oaklander" to learn more. He also spends time mentoring Cornell students during their internships. **Suressa Holtzman Forbes** (Rochester, NY; sforbes1@rochester.rr.com) reports that she has not been doing too much due to back problems, but is still active at the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery as a docent and member of the gallery council. She waterwalks, and husband **Dick** plays tennis three times a week. Now she would also like to be "traveling—to Berlin—and birding." At Cornell, she says, "I learned how to think critically!"

Paul Kennard (Long Beach, CA; pk@belairmail.net) sent an obituary from the *Seattle Times* of **John Werner**, "my Kappa Sigma roommate, ME classmate, longtime friend, and generous supporter of Cornell." John died June 5, 2013. **David Murray** (Syracuse, NY; dgmurray@twcny.rr.com) partners with his middle son, Bruce, in their Boundary Breaks Vineyard on Seneca Lake. Their vintage 2011 Boundary Breaks Riesling rated 8th in the top ten Finger Lakes Rieslings. David spends his time in the vineyard, "mostly driving John Deere tractors." About today's Cornell culture, he comments, "The 1948 fraternity initiation at PSK was a handshake—no childish stuff. Half the brothers had been in WWII." At Cornell he never graduated, but went to med school. **Robert Ostrander** (Romulus, NY; reomag@rochester.rr.com) has recently been "trying to grow old with grace." He would also like to be filling his bucket list. At Cornell he learned that "nothing is automatic or easy. Everything takes effort and dedication. Character means a lot. Honesty is the best policy, even if it gets you fired."

they can't find someone younger and more 'au courant'), and above all, traveling." He has a daily Scrabble game with his wife to keep their minds keen. About the campus culture comparison: "We were a less polarized but more snobbish generation." What he learned at Cornell: "A great liberal arts education that, to be honest, at my age has largely been forgotten."

Raymond Farrish (Oro Valley, AZ; asfaraz@comcast.net.) also merged answers. He writes, "I'm blessed in being able to do everything I want to do at this stage of my life—travel, write (memoirs and political commentary), stay in touch with former graduate students, and exercise. I can't think of anything else, except perhaps indulging in more ale and crawfish." Raymond had a mini-reunion in November with **Al Kayloe**, **Gerry Welsh**, and **Dave Wagner '53**. He spends time "proudly looking at and showing pictures of his granddaughter, **Alison O'Connor Farrish '16**, playing on Cornell's rugby team." Campus culture: "In looking at old photos, I find there was something very appealing to see all the men wearing jackets and ties, and the women wearing skirts and blouses." Learned at Cornell: "Besides the content of courses, it's hard to pin down. An outlook on life? A way of life? An attitude toward oneself and others? An appreciation of the beauty that surrounds us? Whatever it is, we emerged different and, I think, better after our four years on the Hill." **Joan Jago** Townsend (Arlington, TX; d-jtownsend@sbcglobal.net) has been relaxing after serving on session for her church and on the pastoral search committee. She and husband Richard spent a week with family in Santa Fe. "Love that town." The Townsends are very involved with Meals on Wheels, play and sing with Chordbuster—a senior band—and enjoy their grandchildren, 11 of whom live in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

If you have read this column, you know that it is you who write it. I like hearing about where you are and what you are doing. I particularly enjoy the variety of thoughts on campus culture (then and now) and what you learned at Cornell. If you haven't written recently, or ever, think about sending me an e-mail at the slightly different address below. I'd like to hear from you. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

of Michigan School of Medicine (cardiology), **Bertram Pitt** (Ann Arbor, MI) still plans and runs clinical trials for “drugs in patients with heart failure.” His son is likewise a cardiologist at Duke.

‘53’s answer to Ethel Merman (according to *Daily Sun* reviewer **William West ‘52**), **Ann Gleason** Sequerth (Lavonia, GA)—who made beautiful music in Octagon shows like “Joan of Arkansas” on Spring Day, May 11, 1951, and sparkling solo reprises of superstandards like “Bill” and “Over the Rainbow” at reunions past—missed our 60th last year and was missed in turn. She says she’s “mostly keeping up with grandchildren” these days. The eldest, Molly, a summa U. of Georgia grad, was pursuing a master’s while working in research last year. Katie, second in line, finished Georgia Tech with honors in industrial engineering. Robert, taking mechanical engineering at the U. of South Carolina, was a college mentor. Four more were on their way through high school. The youngest, Jack, looking ahead to high school, was playing varsity-level tennis.

Hilary Levin Mindlin (Pembroke Pines, FL) came to Cornell in the fall of ‘49 with “delighted expectations and not enough warm clothes.” In the spring of ‘53 she went home with Arts college Dean’s List credentials. Nowadays she’s “writing, reading, weaving, and playing with grandchildren, who live two doors away.” And what else? “Looking for that list of what I should be doing. I know I put it somewhere.” And what would she rather be doing? “Whatever was on that list.” She’d like to hear from **Sybil Langbaum** Stokes. Eucharistic minister **Roslyn Miserento** Kerr (Farmington, ME) is “blessed to be able to do what I enjoy”—local food pantry volunteering. She frequently visits nursing homes and enjoys Gold Leaf Senior College programs in which she gives classes in cooking healthy food for one. **Edith Wilson** Kutscher (NYC) and partner **Jay Ostrow** represented the senior of three Cornell generations gathered for the graduation of Edith’s granddaughter **Lindsay Ann Rosenstein ‘13** in Ithaca last spring. Lindsay’s mom, **Liz Kutscher** Rosenstein ‘79, is also Lindsay’s sister (in Delta Gamma), besides being Edith’s daughter. Jay’s a legacy, too. Dad was **Emanuel Ostrow**, Class of 1915. Got it?

There’s a hard ‘53 core of CAU (Cornell’s Adult University) fans, and in 2013 **Bill Gratz** and Jay Bruno showed up early in Ithaca for a pre-reunion session on Social Media: What We Don’t Know But Should. **John** and **Carolyn Anderson** Twiname ‘54 took in a Spring New York Theatre Weekend with longtime alum favorite Prof. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD ‘76. **Jane Little** Hardy and **Dick Halberstadt** made an ornithological voyage between Africa and Patagonia. ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 As I sit down to write, a 16th-century nursery rhyme keeps circulating through the gray cells: “If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride,” translated perhaps to mean that wishful thinking does not always produce results. ‘Tis better to apply elbow grease and industry to the job at hand. Many of us were raised with such proverbs and they remain lifelong incentives.

Your reunion committee perhaps had that in mind when they started early, worked hard, and planned a great couple of days in Ithaca to celebrate our 60th Reunion. We have a fabulous schedule planned by Mary and Dave, a special ice cream concocted for the Class of ‘54, a bus tour to show

off a spectacular campus, and a brand new logo created for us by my good friend and theatre buddy Myke Taister. Myke has been a forensic artist with the FBI for years, and when he heard me noodling re: our 60th, he said he would like to help, as he had wished to go to Cornell but life took him down another path. The bears you will see at Reunion HQ are the result of our collaborative effort. We hope you like them, as they (she and he) will greet you at Mews, wine in hand and dressed in their reunion outfits. My wish, that I have little control over, is being able to greet each one of you as you return. We have become good friends over the years, and I would love to say “Howdy” in person. So gather up your buddies, hop on that painted pony, jump in the hybrid, battle the lines at the airports, but come. Please.

There is already a long list of those planning on returning, and many are still deciding. If you haven’t already mailed in your reservation, do so with alacrity. I am sure **Joan Stewart** Ruvane has, as she is planning on making the trip, and if we have a golf tournament planned, Joan will be right at home. Her lifetime of golf involvements is much too extensive to list here, so I suggest you chat over a tad of wine at reunion. Perhaps Joan can help me locate the person whose news form contained only the words “golf, golf, golf.” Having lived in California for the amount of time I did, I assume that is a mantra of some sort that needs repeating over and over again. **Henry Rothschild** is returning, this time from Dallas, where his wife is with Omni Hotels. Henry considers Dallas to be pure vanilla compared to New Orleans, where he had lived and taught at LSU med school. Talk to him about how he is raising two teenagers when you are in your eighth decade. That is, if you have the energy to do so.

Vincent Rospond, LLB ‘58, will be coming up from West Orange, NJ, where he is still practicing law on a part-time basis. If he were to complete his “Bucket List,” which is to help educate 16 grands, I would think retirement is out of the question. We could not have a reunion without **Bert Rosen**, so don’t worry, Bert is coming. **Robert Rodler** also plays a lot of golf. He and wife Carol divide their time between Long Island and Naples golf courses. They also volunteer at the Naples Botanical Gardens and do Eucharistic work in hospitals. They are looking forward to great-grandchildren. I know **Peter** and **Lorrie Pietryka Plamondon ‘55** will be on the greens at some point at reunion, as they are part of the Fun Bunch that gathers on the east coast of Florida to bat that wee white ball about when the snow flies up north. Peter would like to see a tad of baseball in the mix for reunion, as I’m sure would **Don** and **Eloise Mix Unbekant**. **Paul Nemiroff** will wing his way in from Arizona, where he moved several years ago for the weather. He still paints and has his work shown in a couple of galleries in Scottsdale. Paul’s talent for theatre involves him in teaching film production and taking part in community theatre and local festivals.

Robert Morrison will join us from Largo, FL, where his interest in fish has expanded with his change in climate and location, but I am still going to question him re: the highly endangered Florida panther. He is doing more teaching on wildlife conservation to both adults and school groups, plus writing a newsletter for fly-fishers. Wild critters have a great friend in Bob even if he does consume some of them from time to time. I am delighted **Linda Stagg** Long is returning in June, as she lived for years in Big Sur, CA,

and recently moved to Dublin, OH, to be close to her daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter, and also work for Pilot Dogs. Just had an e-mail news form pop up on my screen from **Allan Griff**, but more from Allan in my next column. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

55 I’m writing this column just before Valentine’s Day (with yet another big storm approaching) and everyone is fed up with winter and ready for spring! I passed a sign outside a church yesterday that sums up people’s feelings about this winter: “Don’t Pray for Snow!” Out here on the East End of Long Island, we have had more than our fair share of snow, cold, wind, and ice. But by the time this column reaches you, things should look better.

Karl Wendt, BArch ‘61 (Cortland, NY) has been licensed for 50 years in NYS architecture and writes that he is still working in his practice. He vacationed in Costa Rica for the 13th time last February, and visited **Jorge Borbon** at his ranch. **Gordon White** says he’s writing, sailing, driving his race car, and preparing for these activities. He’s also dating a new lady, since Angela died in 2009. Gordie’s memory of coming to Cornell is arriving on the Lehigh Valley Railroad with a trunk of clothes. “Sadly,” he notes, “all my close Cornell friends are dead.” **Bob ‘54**, MD ‘58, and **Barbara Brenner Levine** moved from Syracuse, where they lived for 38 years, to the Boston area. They’re closer to family, which they love, but still miss their Syracuse friends. Barbara adds, “We are doing what we want to be doing, and feel fortunate to be able to.” As for old Cornell friends, she misses “a friendship with **Nancy Budlong** Lent that lasted until the day she died.”

What a great gift I received from **Bill Moyer**! He’d found a picture of himself and his wife, **Sue (Sutton) ‘57**, at the Candlelight Room in the Straight in 1955. They were double dating with **Keith Rowan ‘56** and my sister, **Mary Savage** Webber ‘58. Mary died ten years ago, so the picture was particularly meaningful to me because I’d never seen it before. Bill comments that it was nice to see in the *Alumni News* that **Phyllis Birnholtz** Melnick is doing well. “My memory of Phyllis at Cornell is that she was one of the happier people on campus,” Bill explains. “Whenever she came into the big English 101 lecture hall, she was talking with friends and laughing.” Another aspect of campus life Bill remembers is the “Upstairs, Downstairs” relationship between those who took care of things, such as the staffs of fraternities and sororities, versus the students who lived upstairs. “At the DTD house, for example, a black couple named Bunny and Max Dorsey served as cook and janitor. They were lovely people—Bunny a great cook and Max a hard worker, shoveling coal into our steam furnace on cold winter mornings. Max’s brother Charles was janitor for the Chi Phi house on Cascadilla Gorge, across Edgemoor Lane from the Delt House.” Bill looked the Dorseys up on Ancestry.com and found Max was the son of a Philadelphia minister and Bunny was from Virginia. “Wish I’d thought to ask them more about themselves when I had the chance!”

Irene Adler Hirsch deserves kudos for staying connected to so many old Cornell friends: **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff, **Ginny Wallace** Panzer, **Elliot Tahl**, **Dan Sachs**, **Doris Wunsch** Neilson, **Pat** and **Connie**

Salm Conlon, Elaine Frankel Dolgoff, Marlene Medjuck Green, and Gerry Sobel Katz. Rennie established the Israel Cornell Club eight years ago and hopes to increase participation of younger members. **Catherine Welch** Wieschhoff traveled from Midway, KY, to Fresno, CA, to celebrate a granddaughter's graduation and a grandson's engagement. With family obligations and volunteer work, Catherine says she's "too busy to write letters now—but ask me again in about five years." **Ken Sanderson** reports, "Health problems have ended my world traveling." On the positive side, though, he adds, "I've been almost everywhere I'd like to visit except Japan and Australia." If possible, Ken would like to go back to some of his favorite places; for example, London and Paris, "just to finish going across the channel by Chunnel (I've already done it by air, boat, and hovercraft)." Another goal would be to return to the Louvre, eat real French food, and go to the Moulin Rouge gardens.

Gerald Gordon is happy to say, "I love all I'm doing." That would include completing the editing of a short film, which he wrote, directed, and produced. It's a satire of the old Tarzan films, and you can Google "Shazam and the Lost Path" to see a trailer. **Carol Rittershausen** Byron says she's "very contented with life" in Seattle, and lucky to have family close by. Ritt's looking forward to "more frequent contact with classmates in preparation for Reunion 2015." **Ron Nordheimer** is doing part-time work as a field interviewer for the US Public Health Service. He and his wife, Carol Ann, live in Wilmington, DE. **Sue Spooner Olsen** is still operating her fern nursery and is busy writing another fern book. She writes, "Yet another year has flown by, and turning 80 has clearly been the dominant theme for many of us. Remember when we thought 50 was old?" You know what makes me feel old, Sue? Knowing that my oldest daughter will be celebrating her 30th Reunion at Cornell this June! Stay well and stay warm. **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net.

56 Our esteemed president emeritus **Curtis Reis** passed away this past February. Curt's contributions to Cornell include serving as a member of the university's Board of Trustees and being a founder with his family of the Reis Tennis Center—which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Together with **Ernie Stern**, Curt also established CAU—Cornell's Adult University. We will miss Curt. Please send your tributes for publication in a future edition of this column.

Living in the Land of Limbo (April 2014, Vanderbilt Press) is an anthology of short stories and poems about family caregivers edited by classmate **Carol Solomon** Levine. Her inspiration, she says, came from the short stories and poems themselves. "In the beginning I did not go looking for them; they came to me. As I spent long evenings and even longer sleepless nights taking care of my late husband, who was quadriplegic as a result of an automobile accident, I read voraciously. I found, somewhat to my surprise, that much of what I read involved family caregivers, even though each of the pieces was published separately and none were identified as being 'about caregiving.' These stories and poems had not been published as a collection and I wanted to share the authors' wit, wisdom, and diverse perspectives with other readers." Carol directs the United Hospital Fund's Families and Health Care Project. In 1993 she was awarded a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for

her work in AIDS policy and ethics. A second book just published by Carol is *Planning for Long Term Care for Dummies* (published by Wiley and part of the *Dummies* series.) Among the many issues we are facing these days, this book covers aging, multigenerational living, assisted living, medical care, and legal and financial issues.

David Pyle (Sarasota, FL) is the VP of the Resident Council in his retirement facility, Bay Village. When he wrote, David and his wife, **Jane (Wedell) '57**, had just returned from Trustee-Council Weekend in Ithaca. "As always, great to renew friendships, visit with students, and see the new buildings. Fun to visit Taughannock Falls again—it's been 60 years, nearly every year." **Vera Johnson** Winter Lee (San Francisco, CA) spends her time singing in her Unitarian-Universalist church choir, ushering for the San Francisco Opera and the San Francisco Choral Society, running an investment club, and doing Tai Chi and yoga classes with her husband. Vera writes, "After our trip to Cuba in 2012, most of the same group went to Transylvania in summer 2013, where Unitarianism began in 1568. Along the way, we sang in five huge, beautiful, ancient churches. Transylvania is beautiful and only tourism will save it from industrialization."

Bonnie Smith Whyte (Reston, VA) helped establish the Reston For a Lifetime initiative that enables people to age in place in their current homes. "Transportation, in-home services, a 'useful services exchange,' social networking for older residents, lobbying for public transportation, and more are all part of the mix. We promote inter-generational neighborhoods and activities as well." Bonnie adds that she and her husband were given a spectacular 50th anniversary party in the Reston Town Center, with 100-plus guests. "Best party we have ever attended!" **Paul Gorenstein** (Watertown, MA) writes, "I will retire soon, but hang around at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in an emeritus position." He adds that his daughter, Caroline, graduated from USC with honors and is job-hunting. "Any suggestions or offers?"

Betty Silverman Stark moved from Connecticut to NYC. She reports that she is enjoying the city and getting used to the noise and excitement. **Lewis Klotz** (Teaneck, NJ) is doing well after successfully making it through cataract surgery in both eyes and two stents after angioplasty. "Now I'm 39-plus," he writes. His grandson **David Grossman '15** is a junior in Engineering. Lewis anticipates downsizing soon from the house he's lived in for 47 years to an apartment in Fort Lee, NJ, but will still winter in Florida.

Still working full-time, **Vaughan Larrison** (Arlington Heights, IL) manufactures sandwiches and sandwich ingredients for convenience stores and military posts. He spends summers at a lake in Michigan sailing and boating. **Bill Eisen** (Philadelphia, PA) writes, "Took my usual summer sabbatical from Community College of Philadelphia, where I have been teaching since 2007. Eight days in Paris and a week enjoying rafting on the Colorado River, along with Arches and Canyonlands national parks and Monument Valley, were not enough." **James Yates** (Lemoyne, PA) is still actively practicing plastic surgery after 46 years. His wife is very active in the office as manager and esthetician.

Gail Gifford Rudin (Manhasset, NY) and husband Steve are supporting the Rudin Lecture on the Gettysburg Address. Last Christmas, for their 55th anniversary—as well as their daughter's 20th and their son's 15th—they all went to South Africa, including the five grandchildren. **Roy Curtiss III** (Paradise Valley, AZ) was awarded the

Rubbo Medallion last July, the highest honor of the Australian Society for Microbiology. He also gave a seminar in November in Cornell's Dept. of Food Science. "Then I was off to Chile, where I had taught for one month during the first attempted coup 40 years ago. Much more peaceful this time and I was not tear-gassed!"

Norma Redstone Shakun (Brattleboro, VT) tutors French. She is also active in LaRonde, a French speaking group, as well as the AAUW and the Brattleboro Area Jewish Community. Norma reconnected with fellow Francophile **Barbara Rapoport** at our last reunion. **Howard Schneider**, JD '59, reports on a mini-class reunion last year at his home on Lake Waccabuc, NY. Attending were **Steve Alexander**, **Jim Biben**, JD '58, **Harvey Hammer**, **Burt Siegel**, and Howard, along with their wives. "It was great to get together and think about 'the good old days on the Hill.'"

Diane Newman Fried, MEd '58 (Stratford, CT) serves on the Oronoque Village Tax District governing board and also volunteers in local schools with a project called Read Aloud. Travels in the last couple of years have included the Lake District and Hadrian's Wall in England, as well as Patagonia in Chile and Argentina. **Carol Blicher** Gartner (Valley Center, CA) is VP of the local Friends of the Library and a board member of the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library in La Jolla. She writes, "My last vacation was to France with my daughter and family—the Paris and Bordeaux areas. The highlight was a tour of the castle in Cognac, France, where excellent cognac is made." Carol's son **Alex Gartner '81** and his wife, **Judith (Dewey)**, MFA '81, live nearby in Los Angeles. My co-correspondent, **Steve Kit-tenplan**, and his wife, Gail, are in Hawaii as I write this column. **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman and husband Paul return to India, where Paul served as Peace Corps director in the 1970s. Kidney dialysis hasn't kept classmate **Ernest Abeles** (New York, NY) from traveling—to Buffalo and Cincinnati to visit the grandkids, as well as a week in Paris, where his wife gave a talk at the Sorbonne.

60th Reunion: **Cidney Brandon** Spillman (Bethlehem, PA; cbspillman@hotmail.com) invites fellow classmates to let her and/or co-chair **Carole Rapp** Thompson (carolerapp@earthlink.net) know what you'd like to do while back on campus in June 2016! **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Two lifelong goals were met last year by **Elizabeth Hollister** Zimmerman: a trip to the Galápagos, and another to the Coral Sea to experience a total solar eclipse. London was also on her trip list, along with Scotland and several national parks in the US. Elizabeth is an honorary fellow in the botany department at the U. of Wisconsin, where she studies sedges. Besides traveling, she also enjoys painting and is trying to catch up on reading. Elizabeth would like to hear from **Nancy McIlroy** Neupert, MS '60. During the spring of 2013, the legal newspaper in Rochester, NY, gave an award to **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, at its first Excellence in Law dinner. She was honored as an "unsung hero" for having extracurricular activities that benefited the Rochester community as a whole, especially the legal community. Her nomination was proffered by a judge, the facility director of the State School at Industry (for incarcerated youth), a former caseworker and client, and her paralegal. It was a prestigious honor, and the ceremony was attended by Marcia's family and friends living in South Carolina and elsewhere. "This was

a high point in my 50-plus years in the practice of law," writes Marcia.

Olga Duntuch Krell, BArch '58, is still at work editing and publishing three decorating and architecture magazines in São Paulo, Brazil. And she is the proud grandmother of a third-generation Cornellian in the family. Her son, **Charlie Krell '82**, VP of a shopping mall chain in Brazil, has a daughter now at Cornell, **Isabella Krell '15**, and a son bound for there next year. "We do seem to admire our school," writes Olga. **Barbara Flynn** Shively sent an update with news that she moved last June to a resident senior complex, Cedar Crest, in Pompton Plains, NJ. Also in June, Barbara sang for her 40th year in the Morris Choral Society summer concert. She was the speaker at the special anniversary party for the group and presented the director with a typewritten list of the details of every concert that the Society had performed in those 40 years. In the late fall she organized a trip for a busload of Cedar Crest residents to attend the Society's annual Christmas concert. Barbara has had a lifelong interest in geology, thanks to her courses at Cornell followed by her years as an editor at the Geological Society of America. Now, in retirement, she has become very interested in the geology of the New Jersey Highlands and has a slide presentation on continental drift, plate tectonics, etc., ready for her fellow seniors at her new residence.

The annual class meeting was held in Boston in January at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference. **Phil McIndoo** presided, and among reports discussed by Marcia Wishengrad Metzger, **Jan Charles Lutz**, **Adele Petrillo Smart**, **Patricia Farrell** Marinelli, **Connie Sant'Agato** Hosterman, and **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, were class projects supporting the Kinkeldy Room, the Glee Club Memorial Fund, and scholarships. **Bill Lutz**, **Ed Vant**, **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, **Charlie Parker**, and **Ray Sears** also attended. The class officers endorsed the idea of a mini-reunion to be held in October 2015. After the meeting, the group adjourned for a dinner arranged by **Sue Westin** Pew and **Charlie Parker** at Legal Seafood. Joining them for the evening were **Art Boland**, MD '61, and **Harold Swinson** and their wives, along with **Paul '55**, MD '59, and **Joanne Field Bleakley**, as well as **Dwight '56**, BArch '56, and **Julie Rate Perkins**, a retired lawyer who worked in the field of immigration law. ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

We must have brought precious little to Ithaca in the fall of 1953. The answer to, "What did you bring to Cornell when you first came?" usually brings an answer of, "Whatever could fit into my old suitcase." **Barry Malin**, MD '61, who brought clothes and a radio, has retired from his Buffalo, NY, urology practice, and spends time cleaning out old files and working out three times a week. He and Joan are proud of their two sons, a surgeon and a lawyer. **George Rocklein**, MBA '59, is accumulating "stuff" at garage sales. He recently installed a generator, and helps family and friends with Mr. Fix-it projects. He enjoys bridge on the Internet.

Joseph Leinbach ("two large suitcases to South Baker") and wife Wilida have traveled to Chile and Argentina, crossing the Andes and learning quite a bit about the history and politics of the region. When at home, Joe enjoys tennis and various community activities. **Dwight Emanuelson** (who arrived at Cornell "with very little money and lots of luck"), having spent 57 years in the Wall

Street environment, has moved into a new condo in the Hilton Head area that includes an office. He likes the commute almost as much as he enjoys scuba diving. **Sheldon Lawrence**, having retired, tutors and mentors students in Fairfield and Bridgeport, CT. He is chairman of his synagogue and director of the local School Volunteer Association. He reads and studies languages extensively and (Barry Malin: take notice) works out six days a week. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 I start this column off on a sad note—the death of one of our most prominent classmates. **Alison Bishop Jolly** died on February 6. The daughter of Prof. **Morris Bishop 1914**, PhD '26, she was significant to the Cornell community both professionally, as an acclaimed primatologist, and as a native of Ithaca. Alison's most significant work was centered in Madagascar, where she studied lemurs for years. At the time of her death, she and her husband, Sir Richard Jolly, who is affiliated with UNICEF, were both teaching at the U. of Sussex. She published several books, and her final book, *Saving Madagascar: Conservation Diaries of Alison Jolly*, will be published posthumously.

Roberta Arvine Fishman is still traveling around the world while recovering from hand surgery and a new hip with problems. She is still active in the League of Women Voters and loves going to plays and concerts in NYC. **Robert Mayer** is doing lots of traveling also. He took his grandchildren on a Disney Cruise and as of this writing, had plans to visit Cuba, Berlin, Amsterdam, and Brussels. He still enjoys playing golf and recently bettered his age by scoring a 75 and 77! **Gerald Freedman** spends his time dockside at Branford, CT, and in winter seaside near Boca Raton, FL, with multiple properties at both ends and important medical support year-round. Sculpture has been a lifelong hobby, and he has multiple bronzes at important places. He has three married children and three grandchildren who prioritize his calendar.

Carol Boeckle Welch traveled to Ladakh in northern India, traversing one pass of 18,500 feet. "Extraordinary scenery! Monasteries galore—Buddhism is alive and thriving in this part of the world, sometimes called 'Little Tibet.' It is a heartening contrast to the real Tibet, which on a previous trip seemed smothered by the Chinese and a very sad place." **Barbara Avery**, MA '59, keeps busy attending classes at Ohio State U. in Program 60 (free to over-60s), including Portuguese, workouts, and a memoir group with five women from the First Unitarian Universalist Church. She and her husband are host parents for a Rotary Exchange student. They enjoy introducing these students to our American culture and helping them with English. Also, it's a good way to make lifelong friends. **Martin Steinberg** spends his time working, traveling for work and pleasure, reading, and walking. He is studying PSCs and genomes in sickle cell disease. **Mary Lou Wyant** Cardillo spends her time traveling around the US—Connecticut, Philadelphia, and Colorado—to visit her three children and eight grandchildren, three of whom are now in college.

My husband and I are planning a trip soon to visit **Glenn** and **Maddi McAdams Dallas** in Sarasota, FL. Maddi mentioned that **Carolyn Funnell** McGarvey and her husband are volunteers at the Ringling Museum and have restored the Ringling's railway car! The museum is a wonderful art museum, and the Circus Museum is great: a miniature

mock-up of the circus with thousands of people, animals, etc., plus the house where Mabel and John Ringling lived—which is right on the bay in Sarasota. ☐ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

59 Spotted in a restaurant at NYC's Metropolitan Museum of Art: **Bob Weinman**, visiting from Santa Barbara, CA. Bob is perhaps best remembered among reunion attendees for twice winning—in 1994 and 1999—the Reunion Run in our age category; his running "career" also included some 40 marathons and morning runs along varying routes that eventually included practically every street in L.A. After years of summering in Santa Barbara, mainly to attend events at the Music Academy of the West, Bob moved to the city after retiring from the aerospace industry some 16 years ago. He then became heavily involved in the Academy—serving on its board, videographing its master classes and concerts, writing its alumni newsletter, etc. Bob was in NYC mainly to participate in week-long celebrations of Marilyn Horne's 80th birthday (the celebrated mezzo-soprano is a close friend and heads the Academy's voice program).

Bill and **Sue Phelps Day '60**, MEd '62, have lived in California since 2010. "I was really happy to sell our snow blower before we left Connecticut," recalls Bill. He writes, "The Cornell connections in the San Francisco area have helped us adjust to the culture shock of moving from New England to California; we've met several times with **Don '58** and **Dale Rogers Marshall** and with my Engineering lab partner **Bill Bynum '58** and his wife. And we're near our daughter, **Carolyn Day**



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Flowers '89, her husband, and their 9-year-old twins. It is also convenient that our son, **Andy Day '87**, and his wife, **Susan (Dowben) '86**, and their daughters live near Philadelphia, which is not far from our condo in Cape May, NJ. Sue and

Marty Lehman, Celinda Cass Scott, Alan Schechter, Fred Brustman, Diane Davis Willey, Lee Anderson Tregurtha, Jack, PhD '68, and Phyllis "Pat" Johnson Evans, Saul '58 and Helen Sugarman Presberg, Bill and Sue Mattison Fraser, and Dick

“We have mastered the art of getting a small dog through airport security.”

Alison Kyle Kerr '62

I are looking forward to reunion in June, and remembering that it wasn't all that long ago when the 50th Reunion classes got to stay in the Statler because they were so feeble! Now we have to wait until our 65th Reunion to get there (I'm putting it on my calendar)."

"Steve and I just got back from a Barcelona-Rio de Janeiro cruise that was 18 days of luxury," writes **Lissa Rogall Weseley** from Breckenridge, CO, where the couple has lived for 17 years. "We sailed on Oceania's *Marina*, stopping in seven ports before reaching Rio. In Salvador, Brazil, we visited with a man who was an 18-year-old exchange student when he stayed with us in Pleasantville, NY, in 1972. We have all aged! Our son has relocated his family from Buenos Aires to Sag Harbor, NY, about 15 minutes away from our daughter and her family in Bridgehampton. Family visits are much easier now. We're looking forward to seeing classmates at reunion in June; as usual, we are planning to arrive in Ithaca Thursday afternoon."

Reunion co-chairs **Gwen Woodson Frazee** and **Nancy Sterling Brown** have been doing a fabulous job lining up an array of reunion events for our class. (And of course there are all the wonderful university events too—lectures, open houses, concerts, athletic competitions, etc. etc. etc.) Gwen and Nancy attended the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) meeting in Boston in January, as did **Al** and **Dee Rosenthal, Ron Demer**, and **Bill Day**. "We spent significant time discussing reunion, but we had fun, too," reports Gwen. "One of the CALC highlights was the Friday night tailgate party, during which we watched the Cornell-Harvard hockey game on huge screens, cheering as Cornell won 3-2."

"Class reunion events will begin on the evening of June 5 with a made-to-order pizza dinner in Alice Cook House, our residence during reunion," says Gwen. On Friday morning, **Corey Earle '07**, a fifth-generation Cornellian, will give an entertaining presentation chock full of little-known facts about Cornell and Cornellians. There will be bus tours, focusing on recent campus developments, a docent-led tour of the Johnson Art Museum, and a dinner at the country club. We'll have a Beebe Lake Walk/Run on the course that was a gift from our class. Saturday's happy hour and dinner will be in Kennedy Hall. After Cornelliana Night on Saturday, there will be a Sock Hop with '50s music. And the Sherwoods will sing us a send-off at Sunday brunch.

Read all about returning '59ers beginning with our column in the September issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. "I don't think we ever missed a reunion, and we are looking forward to this 55th one!" says **Maxine Hollander Bittker**, who'll be attending with her husband, **Morton, JD '60**. Also planning to register: **Bob and Sandy Tower Kelley '60, John Webster, Marian Montgomery Randall,**

Vincent. Dick was in the Far East last summer visiting Singapore, Manila, and Bangkok; in the latter city he helped his son, **Boyd '94**, start up IT Track, a company that provides technical consulting and training for IT professionals who aspire to achieve CCNA, CCNP, and some 30 other certifications. ■ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Planning for our 55th Reunion proceeds apace! Please put the dates June 4-7, 2015 on your calendars. At January's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, your class officers gathered to begin firming up details of the event, which happens to coincide with the gala celebration of Cornell's 150th anniversary. Present at the meeting were **Sue Phelps Day, MEd '62, Linda Jarshauer Johnson, MS '63, Bill Flanagan, Carrie Warnow Makover, Alan and Ellie Ross Garfinkel, and Judy Bryant Wittenberg**; participating by telephone were **Gale Jackson, Ginnie Seipt, Jim Carter, MST '65, Jack Keefe, and Jan Van Heinigen**. Joining us as a guest was **Jeannie Lahey Johnson**, visiting from Southampton after a ski trip to Park City, UT, and a golf outing in California. Such matters as reunion housing, programs, and catering were discussed. More details will be forthcoming after the planning weekend to be held in Ithaca in late September.

Warm thanks to **David and Patricia Atkinson**, who continued their wonderful generosity to Cornell with the recent gift of an additional \$12 million to the university's Center for a Sustainable Future, which was established with their splendid gift in 2010. The current monies will support the directorship of the Center, as well as faculty positions in energy, the environment, and economic development. In the words of President David Skorton, "We are grateful for everything the Atkinsons have done to put sustainability at the forefront at Cornell."

Writing from Hillsborough, CA, in mid-December, **Janet Feuerstein** Grove sent along the happy news that her granddaughter, Kate Gulbrandsen, received early admission to Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences, where she will join the Class of 2018—and also her brother, **Alexander '15**. The siblings represent the fifth generation of family members at Cornell. Their proud parents are Janet's daughter, **Allison Grove Gulbrandsen '84**, and her husband, **Donald '83**. Because of Kate's good news, says Janet, "we will all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year together in Palm Beach. She will be the seventh Cornellian in our family!"

Sighted on the beach of Sanibel, FL, in early February were Lynn and **Tom Dandridge**, MBA '62,

escapes from snowy Michigan visiting to participate in an educational program and to check out the much-vaunted charms of the environmentally protected island. During January, Tom made a trip to the Washington, DC, area, where he caught up with **Dick Ewing** for a day of museum-going before heading to Fredericksburg, VA, to visit Betsy and **Jim Van Fleet**. Tom reports that Jim is busy consulting for the US Dept. of Energy, playing tournament-level bridge, and working on the renovation of their house, which is in the historic area of town, while Betsy is deeply involved in her work as a painter of landscapes and still lifes. Tom says that while he is at home in the Grand Rapids area volunteering at the Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park, teaching classes on maple syrup-making, and brushing up on his tennis and golf skills, he spends time with **Dan Bidwell, MBA '61**. He also keeps in touch with **John Burget**, who works as an investment advisor in Dallas, and **Bob Williams, MBA '62**, who now divides his time between Cape Cod and the Fort Myers, FL, area, and visits regularly with **Willis and Ginny Buchanan Clark '61**.

Alan Fishman, BArch '61, reports from Palm Beach, FL, that he has now been fully retired from his long career as an architect for close to three years. "I don't miss work at all and have kept very busy with wonderful adult education classes, biking, swimming, and golf, which I've been trying to play well for at least 60 years now." Alan adds that he and wife Libby "love South Florida. The climate is great, especially if you like heat and humidity. We go north in the summer to our timeshare in Manhattan, where we see our Cornell friends **Bob '59, BArch '61, and Florence Cassen Mayers '61**. Another well-established Florida resident is **Joy Wells Coombs**, who has now lived in the state for more than 20 years. Joy stays active in the local Newcomers Club and participates in activities at the Orlando Cornell Club, where she occasionally sees former president Frank Rhodes, also now a Florida resident. Joy's daughter **Wendy Ford Sussems '83** visits occasionally from Australia, as does son **Drew Ford '92**, who lives in Duxbury, MA, and manages the Old Sandwich Golf Club in nearby Plymouth. Her daughter Heidi, adds Joy, and her 11-year-old grandson "are only 20 miles away from me, thank goodness. I wish there were more alums nearby, and I would love to hear from Orlando visitors!"

Since retiring as editor of the *Cleveland Jewish News* three years ago, reports **Cynthia Golomb Dettelbach** of Pepper Pike, OH, "I've been trying my hand at playwriting. My latest play will be performed in March at our local Ensemble Theatre as part of its Columbi New Plays Festival. Lots of rewrites and great fun!" In the meantime, **Bob Cohen** is busy performing in the Bethlehem, PA, area, saying, "I've been singing, acting, and saxophonizing, and have been in local productions of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, *Finnegan's Farewell* (I was Finnegan), and *A Resting Place* (I was a Civil War doctor). Up to Ithaca annually for Cayuga's Waiters gigs." In late summer, Bob also hosted a send-off party for Lehigh Valley Cornell freshmen.

The sad news just arrived of the death of **Steve Conn** in July 2012, after a long career spent as a journalist, head of a media relations company, host of a radio talk show, and a magazine editor. I well remember the time he generously hosted a large group of classmates at his home in New York during a Cornell alumni conference in the city. A lifelong resident of New York, Steve has been fittingly memorialized by a bench placed near the tennis courts in Central Park. Send your

news to:  **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Eight of your classmates met in Boston for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) this past January. Fortunately, the weather was a bit milder than a year ago, and the program and enthusiasm were, again, outstanding. Several of the sessions, including a luncheon presentation by several deans and department heads, emphasized the health and well-being of the students. I found this message refreshing after the experiences long ago living at austere U-Halls, and our warm arrival at the College of Engineering ("Look to the right, look to the left, one of you won't be there at graduation . . . but welcome!"). On a lighter note, led by class president **Peter Greenberg**, we enjoyed an afternoon visit to the Gardner Museum followed by a fine dinner at Lucca Back Bay. Our meeting the following morning focused on our upcoming 55th Reunion. **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder and **Jay Treadwell**, reunion co-chairs, led the discussion along with Katie Freyer from the Alumni Office. Many innovative events and activities are filling the program. Save the date: June 2-5, 2016.

Donald Rubell (Miami, FL; donrubell@rubellhotels.com) is still active in development, including renovating the Lord Baltimore Hotel and developing a residential site in Washington, DC. Those with sharp memories will remember Don as being the mainstay of the Varsity tennis team, and he lists this as a major activity. Many of us are envious, having moved to less rigorous sports. In addition, he is running the Rubell Family Collection museum in Miami. **Ernie Feleppa** (feleppa@optonline.net) writes that he is serving as research director doing ultrasound studies at Riverside Research in NYC. He also is editor-in-chief of the journal *Ultrasonic Imaging*. Scuba diving and the Caribbean are high on his list of activities, as well as exploring B&Bs in New England with his wife.

From **Deanna Spitzer** Nass (dnass@nyc.rr.com): "I'm currently retired from a lifelong position as professor in the City U. of New York and am using much of my time to explore some wonderful programs in the arts. Observing the contributions of others to the arts, I plan to enroll in courses that provide a more formal understanding of my interests, hopefully to release my own voice." A reflection on her freshman year: "A bit of provincialism thinking NYC represented the American Experience in its entirety. Boy was I wrong." **Gail Gruskin** Lehman (Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA; gail.lehman18@gmail.com) writes, "After a successful 30-year career as a space planner and designer for commercial buildings and hospitals, I returned to school to pursue my true passion of painting. I have loved every minute of it, and last fall I was asked to show at Art Basel Miami Beach 2013. This is indeed a big step forward for me. I have had several solo shows and tons of group shows, but nothing on the magnitude that is generated by Art Basel."

I received a lengthy e-mail update from **Jon Greenleaf**, who created the logo (visit our website) for our upcoming 55th. "We're fortunate that Barbara and I are both healthy, living in Santa Barbara, CA. I keep busy managing our small real estate investment company, with properties in Charlotte, NC. It keeps me hopping and my brain active. I also counsel small businesses and start-ups here in Santa Barbara and serve on the board of the Santa Barbara Symphony Orchestra. Barbara

(Vassar '63) runs a PR company that serves the nonprofit community. As a result, she has taken me on some great trips, the most recent a three-week cruise down the eastern coast of South America. Recently, we had dinner with my fraternity brother/roommate **Dave Klein** and his wife **Gayle (Levinson)** '62 when they were visiting their grandkids in Ventura. I speak to **Ed Furtick** often, another brother/roommate and our freshman class president. Ed's now living in North Carolina and doing great."

Lee Forker (Hingham, MA) is engaged in pro bono investment advising, interspersed with golf, skiing, travel, and spoiling the grandkids . . . an honest pursuit. He recently returned from ten days in Normandy sponsored by a UVA group, followed by a vacation and wedding trip to Park City, UT. **Adelle Case Picking** (adellep@earthlink.net) and husband **Howard** '60, MBA '62, still reside in Johnstown, PA. "My time is taken up with gardening, musical events, and dancing, while 'giving back' to the community through nonprofits and the Presbyterian Church. We are engaged in fundraising for the Westmont Family Counseling Ministries, which provide counseling for people with emotional and relational problems, giving them hope and help for a better life. As a diversion, we still take a three-month skiing break in Vail, CO." An interesting note from **Gordon Seward**: "I still own the large farm and rent it out to make believe I still farm! I make dry hay and firewood and work with my sons-in-law rebuilding old homes. I live in the house I was born in here in Bergen, NY. Recently we traveled to Saguenay, Quebec, by train and bus to celebrate our 57th anniversary."

Finally, on a somber note, our former class president **Diane Baillet Meakem** sent the news of the passing of her husband, **Jack**, BS '58, MBA '61, after a long battle with cancer. Both Diane and Jack have served Cornell tirelessly over many years in many capacities including the endowment of both the directorship of the Cornell Early Childhood Center and, with **Scott M. Smith** '79, MBA '80, Cornell's Director of Athletics position. As a team, they established a standard of support for Cornell that we may all strive to achieve.

We are encouraged by the recent influx of class news forms, e-mails, and Facebook postings that will keep our column lively for several issues. Please continue to update us with your activities, though—we are always looking for content. Drop us a note.  **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 Save the date! Our 55th Reunion is June 8-11, 2017. Your class council met in Boston in February for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Highlights from that meeting include the decision to continue to offer the annual New Student Reading Project book to all duespayers. Look for a new, improved class website soon. The next class newsletter should be in your mailbox soon after you read this, if not before. Class gifts for 2014 were approved: \$10,000 to the Class of 1962 Photography Fund at the Johnson Museum of Art, and \$5,000 to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. There are 379 class duespayers out of 1,479 mailable addresses, and 42 percent of the class members have a valid e-mail address. Plans are already under way for our 55th Reunion, coming up in just three short years. Class authors and artists will be featured, in addition to receptions, a symposium, and other class events.

Judith London (judithlondon@sbcglobal.net), psychologist and author, and Bob Davis have moved to a "beautiful 55-plus community in San Jose, CA. We can't keep up with all the activities here, but the sunny weather keeps us swimming in the middle of January! I just published my second book, *Support for Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers: The Unsung Heroes*, and it is available on Amazon.com. I'm still involved in consulting with memory care residences, training, and speaking engagements—this is supposed to be retirement?" Her first book is *Connecting the Dots: Breakthroughs in Communication as Alzheimer's Advances*. Judy celebrated the bar mitzvah of her oldest grandson in March. "It seems unbelievable that the last 13 years since I moved to the Bay Area have flown by so quickly. On the East Coast, my grand-nephew is following in his parents' footsteps and will be going to Cornell next September."

Jean Kitts Cadwallader (jeankc@twcny.rr.com) reports that **William**, DVM '62, her husband of 52 years, died July 5, 2013 of a glioblastoma grade four brain tumor. He was very active in Rotary Int'l and was working on projects (Zero Adolescent Pregnancies with HIV/AIDS testing) in Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela. Since they were long-term projects, Jean made a trip to Mexico in October and will be going to Colombia and Venezuela to review those projects. She will also be going to India for their Rotary celebration of being polio-free for three years, and then to Sydney, Australia, with her granddaughter Janet for the Rotary Int'l Convention. "Our grandson **W.B.P. 'Parry'** **Cadwallader IV** '13 graduated from Cornell last May. Janet is looking at Cornell as a possibility for her master's. She had a great internship at Cornell last summer."

Skip '61 and **Alison Kyle Kerr** (alisonk1326@gmail.com) live in McLean, VA. Since Skip retired from government five years ago they have been spending about 20-25 percent of their time in Denver, where their daughter and her family live. "We tend to go for several weeks at a time, taking our small dog with us. All three of us have now mastered the art of getting a small dog through airport security efficiently. We have had time for other travels, too. A European river cruise last summer was so enjoyable that we have booked another." Alison has enjoyed annual mini-reunions of her Kappa sisters, with the fourth one taking place this month.

When **Larry** '60 and **Nancy Lawrence Fuller** attended a meeting at Cornell's Lab of Ornithology, their family timed a visit from Boston to Ithaca to help Larry celebrate his birthday. A surprise guest was the Big Red Bear, memorialized in a great photo. The Fullers live in the Carolinas. Jack and **DeeDee McCoy** Stovel (ddstovel@sbcglobal.net) love living in California, where they are hiking docents and DeeDee oversees a tutoring program in Redwood City. Their daughter Meg and family live nearby, and it's an easy hop to Seattle for a visit with daughter Kate and her family. Bob and **Karin Nielsen** McNamara (kmcnama3@rochester.rr.com) and **Fred** '59 and **Carol Shaw Andresen** spent a very warm July weekend together at Chautauqua Inst. The McNamaras have five grandchildren under the age of 5 to keep them entertained. Carol (fhacsa@triad.rr.com) has recently taken up handbells. The McNamaras live in Pittsford, NY, and the Andresens in Greensboro, NC.

Beautiful family photos came with holiday greetings from **Warren** '61 and **Beth Newell Spicka** (wdspicka@gmail.com; enspicka@gmail.com). They have three sons with families: Jeff and David

in Morris County, NJ, and Mark in Pennsylvania, where he is a professor of European history at Shippensburg U. The Spickas divide their time between Naples, FL, and Cape Cod, and the families visit them in both places. **Myra Maloney Hart and Kent Hewitt '59** "spent the summer happily ensconced in our Rhode Island beach home with visits from every single child and all eight grandchildren." The newest granddaughter arrived in late August. The Hart-Hewitt winter household is a Belmont, MA, condo. **Dale Benedict** (dbenedic@comcast.net) has been an active member of the American Ski Patrol for 50 years. He and **Marion (Krause) '66** live in Commerce Township, MI, where Dale continues to work part-time at American Axle & Manufacturing. They visited Highclere Castle in Yorkshire after a Seine River cruise last summer. Send news today! ■ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

63 The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) was held in January in Boston, MA. Many of our class officers were there, and the Class of 1963 was one of four finalists for the CAA Cup competition. According to **Retta Presby Weaver**, "Our Power Point (Tatkon Center) entry was effectively narrated by **Ed Butler**, MS '65." The Tatkon Center is unique because of the amount of money raised and the breadth of support from class members. We were not the winners, but it is an honor just to be selected.

From the minutes of our class meeting: "Our year of graduation—1963—is considered a key year, pivotal by sparking the revolutionary 'youthquake' that followed. A book entitled '*63 Revolution*' by Robin Morgan and Ariel Leve, along with **Dick Lynham's** *Once Over (Not So) Lightly with the Class of 1963*, are being considered for distribution." Also: Classmates who auto-renewed their dues through 2012 and did not realize they needed to reapply (as Cornell changed their system) were dropped from the auto-renewal process and need to reapply. Please check if this applies to you.

We were babysitting in Boston in January and had lunch with **Ransom '62** and **Carlotta Fink Shaw**. It is always fun catching up with them. Ran had been in touch with **Mike Sen**, who lives with his wife, Frieda, in Honolulu. Mike, the former CEO of Senetics, Hawaii's largest security safe and bank equipment company, had been retired for a couple of months when the Bank of China came calling for help. "The country's third-largest bank had a problem. Its main vault door at a repository in an unmarked building in Shanghai could barely budge, and it was taking three people to open it instead of one. The vault is where all the cash for Bank of China branches in Shanghai is stored, and the government-owned bank couldn't find anyone in China with the expertise to fix the door. The 15-ton, American-made door had been installed in the 1930s, and its measurements were based on a fractional decimal system rather than the metric system used in China." The job was accomplished. Senetics, which was founded and is owned by Frieda, started operations in 1977 and has 23 employees for its two divisions. One division sells, installs, and services office furniture, and the other division sells, installs, and services high-security safes and bank equipment. Senetics services about 80 percent of the financial institutions in Hawaii. A fascinating story, which can be found by searching Senetics online.

Virginia "Ginny" Hoffman Morthland met up with two Delta Delta Delta sisters last fall on the journey from Portland, OR, to Tucson, AZ. She and **Dave '62** saw **Bill '62** and **Karen Kraengel Evenden** in Ojai, CA. The Evendens, says Ginny, "recently sold their ranch (lavender, olive oil, pixie oranges) and plan to get back into boating next summer." Karen just had her second cookbook come out in November. The Morthlands also saw **Fran, PhD '66**, and **Heidi Gantner Kallfelz** in Portland before they left. "We literally ran into her at the Evergreen Air Museum in McMinnville, OR—truly a small-world experience."

Keith and **Penny Harris** Block live in Evanston, IL. Penny writes, "I am director of a fully integrative cancer center, in research and with individual patients—and loving what I have the good fortune of doing." Penny also likes to hike beautiful mountain paths and does some rock climbing. **Wayne Attoe** and spouse Peter Frith live in Cambria, CA. Wayne is president of Greenspace: The Cambria Land Trust and has written a book, *Greenspace . . . So Far: Greenspace—The Cambria Land Trust at 25 Years*. The website is: www.greenspacecambria.org. **David, PhD '65**, and **Leslie Verdier Armentrout** recently moved to Portland, OR. They like to run and bike and are trying to meet people. They spend their summers in Grand Haven, MI. Last year they took a bike/barge trip in Burgundy, France, and enjoyed exploring the Brittany coast.

Judy Mohny Dennis, MEd '64 (Endicott, NY) had a great time at Reunion in June. "Went with Lee and **Ellen Sullivan** Strader, MEd '65, and **Dick**, MBA '65, ME '66, and **Peggy Crowe Taylor**, MEd '65." At Reunion she met up with **Pat Kelly** Poggi and **Sharon Reed** Vanderham. "All of the above had lunch at **Nancy Felthouser** Ridenour, MAT '73's house, along with Prof. **Chris Wien**, PhD '71. Later in the summer, I traveled to Raleigh to the Straders and was joined by the Taylors for a mini-Cornell reunion. Also went over to Holden Beach, NC, with my kids and grandkids. I'm heading for Montana after that." Judy also pointed out that as an entering freshman, no one had a phone (phone was in the hall), and there were no computers and no microwaves. "I used an immersion coil for boiling water." That's it for now. I do see that my news pile is running low, so please e-mail me with your news so I have something for my upcoming columns! Thanks. ■ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 Okay! This is it! Our last column before our big 50th Reunion, now just weeks away. We sincerely hope you're registered and rarin' to go. If not, it's not too late to join our celebration on campus. You even have until May 10 to sign up for the early-bird reduced price for the weekend package. Registration materials for reunion, including dorm housing, were mailed last month. Please register before May 10 and online if at all possible. On time, online registration will make the registration process and reunion planning much more efficient for everyone. **Nancy Taylor** Butler, affinity chair, thanks all the classmates who've been contacting members of their sororities, fraternities, sports teams, and other activities about attending reunion. We're expecting an excellent turnout!

Reunion committee co-chair **Joan Melville** writes, "Hope you are enjoying the DVD that was mailed to you, full of nostalgic photos and music.

If you have trouble playing it or it arrived damaged, please let us know. Our reunion yearbook has gone to press with over 400 submissions from classmates in it." (Reunion attendees will be given a yearbook, plus a smaller book profiling our JFK Award winners.) Joan goes on to say that if you submitted a bio for the yearbook, but for some reason cannot attend reunion, you can request a copy and have it sent to you for just the mailing charge. A highlight of Reunion Weekend will be our class forum, featuring a talk on our college years by **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and Isaac Kramnick, authors of a soon-to-be-published book about Cornell from the end of WWII to the present. There will also be a panel of JFK awardees discussing their experiences.

Here now is some regular classmate news. **Susan Margolin** Lory, MAT '67, who lives in Waymart, PA, with husband Earl, keeps active leading a memoir writing group and doing her own writing, reading, attending book group, gardening, and watching over eight dogs and two cats! She's also into traveling, last year to Nova Scotia and Italy. Psychiatrist **Gerald Lazar** (Salt Lake City) writes that he still works at his private practice three days a week. Jerry otherwise works on art with wife Elise, and the two have season tickets to the ballet, symphony, and opera. Jerry's been active in the same men's group and book club for 25 and 20 years, respectively. He's also getting more active with the Sierra Club and is working with a group to keep nuclear power out of Utah. Physician **Peter Mansky** still has his longtime family practice, only now he's active just part-time. Peter's answer to the What-I'd-rather-be-doing-now query is to write, "I'm doing it," punctuated with a smiley face. Peter also does consulting in the southwest US; he and wife Susan live in Las Vegas, NV. Peter says he'd like most to hear from classmate **Edward Woll**, ME '66 (who cajoled me into attending a rugby game he was playing in when he visited Washington, DC, many years ago).

Gary Rushmer, MBA '65, JD '68, a partner in his Orlando, FL, law firm, has been named by Best Lawyers in America as, indeed, one of the best lawyers in America. Gary shared the honor with seven co-lawyers of his firm. The honor is bestowed based on the recipient's performance in his/her practice area, Gary's four being: personal injury litigation (defendants and plaintiffs); and professional malpractice law (defendants and plaintiffs). Gary stayed at Cornell after most of us left to get his MBA and his JD—and to woo wife **Vera (Ames) '65**. Jack, MS '69, and **Lois Beach Conrad**, MEd '65, both retired late last year, fulfilling their vow in last September's column to be retired by the time of our 50th Reunion. Lois was a teacher for 49 years, while Jack was an electrical engineer. The Conrads, who still live in Thousand Oaks, CA, have done a lot of traveling since retiring. Lois's e-mail, sent in February, notes they recently returned from a 16-day trip to China with 14 college students. They also did a mission trip to Ukraine with the Christian Broadcasting Network, during which they visited two orphanages and two gypsy camps, then attended a wedding in Dijon, France, and finally transited the Panama Canal.

Finally, as I'll be seeing so many of you next month, I thought I'd tell you of our own travel adventures. Over the years, husband Jim and I have been to some 40 countries on every continent except Australia and Antarctica (and Jim spent four months there with the Navy 47 years ago). Highlights include witnessing thousands of wildebeest cross the Mara River in Tanzania,

watching the sunrise over Machu Picchu, having a lovesick sea lion “hit on” me repeatedly while snorkeling in the Galápagos on a day when we also crossed the Equator four times, spending two nights behind the walls of a 12th-century Saxon town in Romania, seeing deer and antelope play from aboard a train in Montana, exploring where Jim lived as a child in Yokohama during the post-WWII occupation, surviving a free-for-all breakfast in a St. Petersburg Intourist hotel when Russia was still the USSR, visiting my cousins in Sweden, fishing in the Northwest Territories, watching humpback whales feed in Alaska . . . the list goes on. We’ve flown, driven, ridden buses, bumped along in jitneys, and flipped coins to see who got the lower berth in sleeping cars and overnight ferries. We’ve taken one large-ship Caribbean cruise, which was okay, and several small-boat cruises, which were terrific. We still spend two weeks each season skiing in Aspen. Each October we go to NYC to enjoy Broadway shows and just soak up the energy, then take the train to a Redskins game in Washington, DC, where we met. And we still find time for a marvelous vegetable garden each and every summer!

See you next month! In the meantime, keep the news coming, either via e-mail (blamont64@comcast.net) or regular mail (720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015) or our class website (www.cornell1964.org), where you can also catch up on reunion plans. Plus you can visit and post at our class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>. ■ **Bev Johns** Lamont, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 Applause and ta-dah! We have a member of the Order of the British Empire in our class! Congratulations to **Natalie Teich**, who lives in London and was named in the queen’s New Year’s Honours List with an MBE for services to Public Health. Prince Charles presented the designation to her. Congratulations, Natalie, and thanks to **Susan Blair Jenny** and **Liz Fowler** who sent in this wonderful news. Susan (susanandhermann@gmail.com) writes, “My husband, **Hermann ‘66**, and I had a great road trip from D.C. to L.A. in September/October 2013 and saw lots of family and friends: son **Robert ‘95**, **Ron Cima ‘66**, **Jeanne Brown Sander ‘66**, **Judy Benedict Steffens** and husband **Hank ‘62**, PhD ‘68, and **Sally Fry** Morgens. It always feels like we left each other just days ago instead of years! Another trip this year will be to Turkey and the Cappadocia area. Hermann will enjoy the Turkish coffee, and I’ll eat the baklava.” She continues, “I’m so looking forward to our 50th in 2015 and am urging friends to attend. I’m especially eager to see all my musical friends from the Cornell Chorus and Savoyards because there is sure to be some singing during reunion.” Susan and Hermann live in the south of France.

We also heard from **Steve Gross** (Auckland, New Zealand) that he and wife Pat are definitely planning to make the journey to reunion. Can we count on all of you reading this column to be there too? It promises to be a fabulous time with vibrant class activities as well as the culminating celebration of Cornell’s Sesquicentennial.

Steve Leventhal (Ashton, MD) spends his time working in the immigration services office of the Dept. of Homeland Security. He says he brought the “kitchen sink” to Cornell when he arrived. **Susan Lehrer** Jones has developed a new mobile app—called Quad2Quad—for on-campus,

multiple college visits for the college-bound family, available on iPhone and iPad. It launched in Sept. 2012 and was voted number 1 in the New and Noteworthy Education section of the iTunes Store this summer. “Cornell was one of our founding schools,” says Susan. When she is not working on her new technology, Susan is playing with her 3-year-old grandson in San Francisco, with another expected soon.

A friend of **Ron Grais** has shared some exciting news: as of January 2014, Ron has accepted a fellowship with the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative. Thirty-eight professionals from around the world have been selected for the 2014 class, which includes senior executives from government, higher education, high tech, banking and finance, law, media, and healthcare. The program brings together leaders with records of innovation and achievement in their primary careers who seek to apply their talents to solve significant social problems. Ron is a transactional lawyer who will focus on the development of housing laws, including issues relating to HUD rules and disability-neutral

‘It always feels like we left each other just days ago instead of years!’

Susan Blair Jenny ‘65

terms, as well as general mental health. More information about the fellowship can be found at <http://advancedleadershipharvard.edu>. **Michael Schwarting**, MArch ‘68 (jms@casarchitects.net) and his wife, Frances Campani, live in Port Jefferson, NY, and are still working in their architectural practice, Campani and Schwarting. Michael is also a professor of architecture at NYIT and is finishing a book on Rome.

Many parts of the country endured a terrible winter, but there are folks who were able to stay warm in Florida. While I was there, I was happy to see **Chip**, ME ‘66, and **Patty Gros Bettie**, **George**, MD ‘69, and **Judy Arangio**, **Tom** and **Wendy Ensinger Carley**, **Joe** and **Eileen Ryan**, and **Sharon Hegarty** Williams. Joe and Eileen live in Venice, FL, for part of the year, as does Sharon Williams. Patty and Chip are in Sarasota and are active in the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee as well as the Ivy Club. Many of us enjoy traveling to Fort Myers for the annual Class of ‘65 luncheon organized by **Judy Kellner** Rushmore in March.

You have received news of the class gift from the reunion gift committee, and a request that all of us make a contribution to support the establishment of the Class of ‘65 Gateway Arch to the A. D. White Gardens. This specially designed arch will have our class year incorporated into the design. The rendering is lovely, and everyone will be recognized who contributes. Thanks to those classmates who have already made contributions—how wonderful it will be to have the majority of our class be part of this effort! We are also approaching the kick-off of sesquicentennial events that will happen around the world and at Cornell. You’ll enjoy reading about them by going to the Cornell website! Searching for ways to spark memories of your days on the Hill? Please look through your old photos and memorabilia and scan or make copies to send to **Steve Appell**, our class historian. We are marching toward an important milestone!

Do send current news to either of your correspondents. Ron and I are happy to accept e-mails or class news forms. And if you are on Facebook, remember that our Joe Ryan, along with Keith Hanon from Alumni Affairs, has established a private group Facebook page, Cornell Class of 1965 Reunion Group. Happy spring! ■ **Joan Johnson**, joanhjpj@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 Painting has become much more than a hobby for **Margaret Esmé Simon** (esme103@gmail.com).

In November she had work in three shows and won third prize in oil at the Beaux Arts Exhibition in Rye, NY. She also won third prize in pastels at the Rowayton Arts Center in Connecticut. Margaret has a drawing in the book *Women’s Voices of the 21st Century: Experiences That Shape Women*, recently published by Greenwich Pen Women. Margaret and husband **David Weisbrod ‘68** live in Greenwich, CT. **Robert Eberly** (prinzarnulf@hargray.com) was elected president of the Eberly Foundation in 2011.

In October 2013, there was a celebration of 50 years of family philanthropy. Robert and wife Katherine live in Hilton Head Island, SC.

Cesar Carrero Jr., ME ‘67, reports from San Juan, PR, that he is semi-retired from the administration of real estate buildings doing rentals. He and wife Mayra now spend time traveling to northeastern Canada, Boston, Bar Harbor, NYC, and Florida. He always hopes to be planning the next trip. At Cornell he enjoyed the diversity and differing points of view. **William Rogers** (wmdrogers@yahoo.com) spends his time playing banjo, doing photography, teaching, reading, and caring for the family cats. Bill is an adjunct professor at the Laurence Drivon School of Law of Humphreys College and teaches Constitutional law. He and his wife, Jean, live in Lodi, CA.

Jeff and **Sara McNealey** live in Columbus, OH, where Jeff is a lawyer and also actively engaged in community programs. Jeff is chair of Metro Parks, vice-chair of Columbus Parks, and on the management committee of the Urban Land Inst. Columbus, as well as other organizations. His goal is to make central Ohio a better place to live. He would like to spend time cruising the Great Lakes, walking the parks, and helping a neighborhood succeed. Jeff says he came to Cornell with very little, but within a few months his MG TD was parked downtown!

John, BS ‘73, MS ‘76, and **Linda Blair Coulter**, MA ‘67 (Scarsdale, NY) are enjoying retirement together. Linda retired from the Veterans Affairs system in 2008, where she developed a veterans’ homeless outreach program in the Hudson Valley and saw the awarding of the first housing grants. John retired Sept. 1, 2013 from the Long Island Railroad as their vice president for the East Side Access and West Side Rail Yard projects in NYC. He says he developed the projects to a point of “shovel ready” before he left. John and Linda plan to go exploring, starting with a trip to Panama and Costa Rica this year.

Marty Schwartz, ME '67 (Mandsr@comcast.net) is now a volunteer with SCORE (Service Corps for Retired Executives). He enjoys working out at the gym and playing with his granddaughter. Marty and wife **Roberta (Bernstein)** '68 traveled a lot last year, including Greece, Turkey, and the Greek Isles last spring. In October, they visited Jordan and Israel and met up with **Bob Olinsky** '64 and his wife, Fay, in Israel. Marty had not seen Bob in 50 years. Bob is a retired meteorologist and Israeli radio personality. Looking back at his Cornell arrival, Marty said he had a slide rule, but no computer and no calculator.

Jeffrey Collins (jcollins@pappasventures.com) works part-time with Pappas Ventures, the life sciences-focused venture capital firm where he has been for 11 years. Jeff continues to stay active in the Research Triangle Life Sciences community. He is on the board of NCBio, the umbrella organization for the life sciences in North Carolina. He is also on the board of Agile Sciences, a local startup biotech company. Working part-time has allowed Jeff and wife Rose Mills to enjoy their love of travel. In 2012 and 2013 they went to London, Corsica, and Norway. The latter two offered spectacular scenery, wonderful food, and lovely people. This year they hope to visit Italy's Lake District. Jeff would like to hear from **Paul Mlotok** and adds that he arrived at Cornell with clothes, a record player, a radio, and a typewriter, two of which are totally irrelevant these days.

Currently based in Dublin, Ireland, **Bill** '65 and **Dorothy Hoffman Fine**, BS Nurs '69 (dottyochbill@yahoo.com) have also been traveling this past year. They spent four weeks in the US, including Boston, D.C., and Philadelphia. Then they headed for Spain, where they and an Irish friend spent two weeks walking on the Camino de Santiago. They continued their adventure in September when they hiked Purgatory Chasm in Sutton, MA, with Cornellians **Bill**, DVM '68, and **Naomi Kaplan Pomper** '68 and **Steve Krich**, PhD '72. In June, they were visited in Dublin by **Al** and **Jackie Tedesco**. Dotty recalls arriving on campus with a typewriter and a footlocker full of clothes. She would like to hear from freshman roommate **Karin Teksal Deeks**.

In January I attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston with classmates **Alice Katz Berglas**, **Mary Jansen Everett**, **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, **Dick Lockwood**, MNS '68, and **Jeanne Brown Sander**. Besides honing our volunteer skills, we had the opportunity to hear from current students and learn about the volunteer programs they are developing on campus to engage, teach, and provide assistance of many types to students to keep them focused while knowing they have peers to help them with life problems. I was impressed with their caring attitudes and with the support and encouragement they get from the university to get involved. We all are a part of this community. ☐ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, deannegitner@gmail.com.

67 Laurence Reich (Auburn, MA; larreich@aol.com) writes, "I'm still in active dental practice in Auburn, MA, after 42 years. I have no plans to retire anytime soon. Since my wife of 41 years passed away two years ago, I have still been living in my big colonial house with one of my sons, a tenor who plans to go back for a master's in music education. My daughter, **Sarah** '11, is in her third year of veterinary school in Illinois and will be starting her clinical program soon. I'm really looking forward to our 50th Reunion in 2017!" Larry adds, "When spring breaks out, I will be busy helping set up net lanes for our bird-banding program in our town, and I invite the public to join us week-ends until our nets come down in early June. Our website is: www.auburnbirdbanding.org." **James Peterson** (Valdosta, GA; jpetersn@valdosta.edu), professor and head of the Dept. of Political Science at Valdosta State U., published *Building a Framework for Security in Southeast Europe and the Black Sea Region: A Challenge Facing NATO* (Mellen Press, 2013), which he describes as a follow-up to *NATO and Terrorism: Organizational Expansion and Mission Transformation* (Continuum Press, 2011).

Judith Edelstein Kelman (New York, NY; judith.kelman@gmail.com) has been a writer for 30-plus years: "fiction, non-fiction, and journalism. I have also been traveling extensively around the world, mostly for husband Peter's work (cancer surgeon, chair of surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering). I've been immersed for the past five years as founder of Visible Ink, a free one-on-one writing program for cancer patients. Patients can write about anything in any

form. To date, 700 participants have been enrolled. Fifty writers, editors, and teachers have signed on to coach them. This has been an extraordinary opportunity to meet fascinating people—all ages and backgrounds, many confronting extraordinary challenges—and affirm the power of narrative to connect and define us." Judith's son Josh, 39, lives in White Plains, NY, and son Matt, 43, in Merrick, NY, with wife Karen, daughter Caroline, 11, and son Ryan, 8. "Both are brilliant and adorable, of course."

G. Luke Ashley (Dallas, TX; luke.ashley@tklaw.com) is senior partner and general counsel in the firm of Thompson & Knight, specializing in appellate practice and representing defendants in personal injury litigation. He was recognized in the *Best Lawyers in America 2014*. **Carol Farber Wolf** (Sarasota, FL; carolwolf@gmail.com) "started a new career after 30-plus years in executive roles at educational publishers; I now do national executive recruiting for ed-tech and new media executives." Carol is a volunteer and committee member for Community Youth Development and West Coast Black Theatre. "There's nothing better than being active and productive and enjoying Sarasota weather and culture," she observes, "but always my top choice is seeing my kids and family and playing with my grandson in Nashville." **John Matchulat** (jmatchulat@gmail.com) checks in from Brentwood, TN.

Your class officers journeyed to Boston in January for the annual meeting at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference. On hand were class

president **Margie Greenberg** Smith, vice president **Judy Silverman** Kaufman, secretary **Penny Bamberger** Fishman, and class council members **Sher-ry Carr**, MILR '70, **Leslie Glick**, JD '70, **Ellen Stromberg** Lautz, **Don Rosenbaum**, Reeve "Ting" **Vanneman**, **Ralph Wilhelm**, and your correspondent. It wasn't too early to start planning for the great 50th Reunion, now just three years ahead. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 In past columns we have reported on the volunteerism of our classmates as they cut back on their career responsibilities and daily family activities. Some of our classmates must have had significantly less sleep since graduation, as they have established exemplary careers and families as well as giving considerable time and resources to institutions and organizations of interest.

It is Cornell's and our class's good fortune that our classmate **Jay Waks**, JD '71, is one of those individuals. Jay is currently serving as president of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), an organization of some 1,700 class officers representing 145,000 living alumni. In past years he has served as chair of the Cornell University Council and the Cornell Law School Advisory Council. He has also been on the Advisory Council of the ILR school and on the board of Cornell's Sheinman Inst. on Conflict Resolution, along with chairing the Annual Fund's Metro New York campaign and serving several terms as our class representative to the Annual Fund. Jay's leadership-by-example includes the endowment of the Harriet S. and Jay W. Waks Scholarship at the Law School and the Waks Family Fund for Int'l Education and Research in the ILR school.

Jay has been the recipient of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award and the Judge William B. Groat Award given by the ILR school for exceptional professional accomplishments. He also received only the second of the Law School's Freedom Tower Awards, in addition to the school's Exemplary Public Service Award, no doubt for activities such as serving on the board of directors and pro bono general counsel of Legal Momentum: The Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund, the nation's oldest organization protecting the legal rights of women and girls. All this while practicing law for the past 41 years at Kay Scholer LLP in Manhattan, where he is a partner and is listed annually among the top tier of employment lawyers nationwide.

Jay shared with me that he has remained so engaged with Cornell because he feels he can never quite give back enough for the many kindnesses and advantages Cornell extended him as a student, and he attributes his enjoyment of life, in no small part, to his Cornell experiences and Cornell friends. Jay's first love, of course, is for his family: Harriet, his wife of 45 years; daughter **Allison** '08, also a lawyer practicing in Manhattan; son Jonathan, a cardiologist and Fellow in electrophysiology in Boston; and Jonathan's wife, Ada, a Fellow in oncology. Jay, thank you for your many selfless acts and contributions to Cornell and our class, and we look forward to seeing you at our 50th in June 2018.

After returning from the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, class president **Jane Frommer** Gertler reports that Jay "did our class proud" in his role as president of CACO. **Nancy Nystrom Frantz** and husband **Rolf** '66, ME '67, also attended, and **Bob** and **Bette Nelson**

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Tina Economaki Riedl '69

Zippin were there and already formulating a list of great events for our 50th. You may have read that on April 27, 2015, Cornell will celebrate Charter Day and its 150th birthday on campus and around the world. In the *Alumni Magazine* and in e-mail correspondence, you'll be reading about special events in major cities around the globe during the year leading up to Cornell's Sesquicentennial. You may also remember that our class was the 100th graduating class, so our 50th Reunion coincides with the celebration of the 150th graduating class. Be there!

Mark and Barbara Kipp Schmidt report that they "don't miss the bustle of the East Coast at all," as they've been settling in on their 40 acres in Corona, NM. It seems rural life hasn't meant slowing down for the Schmidts, as they are busy building a barn, fencing their property for their horses, and learning about ranch life. It also hasn't meant a secluded life on the prairie, as they volunteer in the local school helping prepare kids for the Knowledge Bowl. They also work in the library, and Barbara teaches ESL and Spanish. At the end of the day they love looking out on their mountain view from their Pueblo-style house. **Jerry Kreider**, MArch '71, is on the board and several committees of Habitat For Humanity in Philadelphia. He's still keeping in shape, actively participating in sports, and in a car club. In November he spent two weeks in Peru, which included hiking at Machu Picchu, and he plans on doing a lot more traveling.

Jerry Blackman had lunch with **Rick Shaper** in snowy and frigid NYC in January while Jerry attended a board meeting of the American College of Psychoanalysts. Rick is retired from his business and is now deputy mayor of Old Brookville, Long Island. Jerry is still actively practicing in Virginia Beach, VA, and tells us that the first of his three books, *101 Defenses*, which had already been translated and published in China and Romania, can now be purchased in better bookstores in Istanbul, Turkey. Jerry is also the first to use e-mail to send me his news and assures me it's fun and easy to do. He recommends everybody try this newfangled way of communicating. **Paul Goldberg**, ME '69, and wife Donna report Paul's retirement after 42 years with Exxon, where he frequently traveled to South America. They got together with **Mark** and **Suzy Taylor** and your correspondent at our house in Delray Beach.

Please continue to send me your news in whatever way is most convenient. If you hear news of interest about any of our classmates just drop me an e-mail and I'll follow up. ☐ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Whew—nice to welcome spring after that brutal winter! Many of our "medical" classmates are still hard at work. **Gail Papermaster Bender** (Minneapolis, MN) works four days a week as a medical oncologist and still finds time to enjoy her six grandchildren. She and husband Mark love to spend time at their home in northern Minnesota on Trout Lake. Sounds beautiful! **John Mitas II** (West Chester, PA) writes, "Still doing volunteer work on behalf of the American College of Physicians regarding disaster preparedness with DHS and HHS." He is doing more volunteer work with Orphan Grain Train to provide clothing and needed goods to Haiti, the Philippines, Appalachia, and other needy populations. He still finds time to do some medical teaching on disasters and PTSD, spend time

with his new best buddy (his 1-year-old grandson), and appreciate the nuances of bourbon after many years as an oenophile. **Jonathan Kaplan**, MD '74, is in Atlanta and has had "the honor of having spent the last few years leading the HIV Care and Treatment Branch, Global AIDS Division, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." The Branch works in more than 40 countries in Africa and Asia and has made "remarkable progress in treating HIV-infected persons and decreasing transmission of HIV. Exciting work with great people. No plans to stop yet!"

Marsha Gold (Washington, DC) says, "I formally retired from Mathematica Policy Research at the end of 2014 to allow me more flexibility to travel and pursue my interest in contemporary American craft. I will continue as a senior fellow emeritus and consultant, maintaining some projects at Mathematica and potentially doing some independent work. To mark the occasion, I traveled to India for five weeks in early 2014, enjoying the colors, sights, and diversity of that big nation." **David Zimet** splits his time between New Orleans and Boca Raton and will soon start volunteering in NOLA for a youth organization involved with community development. Now that he has the time and money, he is traveling a great deal and has been to Italy, Quebec, Hong Kong, and Bangkok in the last year. He still wishes he had more time to go fishing. **Steve Marx** is in Tampa, FL, "loving grandparenthood" with his two young grandsons, feeling "blessed and grateful." He gets back to Ithaca at least once a year for WVBR board of directors responsibilities. **Leslie DeGross**, DVM '69, and wife Elizabeth are in Perry, NY, "working (large animal medicine), farming, traveling, enjoying the grandkids, and raising sweet corn for our roadside stands."

REUNION: JUNE 5-8, 2014! By now you should have received your registration material for our 45th Reunion! If not, log on to our website, www.cornell69.org, for more info. Reunion chairs **Charlotte Bruska Gardner**, **Lee Moseley Kleinman**, and **Linda Schwartz Negrin**, BFA '69, have put together a fun and informative weekend for our class. It's never too late to sign up. Class VP **Alan Cody** makes the following appeal: "In tribute to our Cornell experience, we hope that every classmate will join us in making a special gift in honor of our reunion. Our class has set a goal to raise \$6.25 million and to have 70 classmates make a gift at the Tower Club level (\$5,000 and above). As of mid-February, we were 86 percent of the way toward our total goal, and every classmate who makes a gift, however designated (any program, college, fund, etc.), counts toward our gift. Since our class has a history of strong participation, it is no surprise we are well positioned to break the record for the most donors in a 45th Reunion. Every classmate who makes a gift, regardless of the amount, will help us to break this record—every one counts! Please go to www.giving.cornell.edu to securely make your gift, or call the Annual Fund at (800) 279-3099." Hope to see you in June! ☐ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Soon, our core 45th Reunion committee members will converge on Ithaca to spend a weekend "shadowing" our sister class, the Class of 1969, during their 45th. I will give you an update on ideas and plans for our very own 45th Reunion, June 4-7 (Thursday through Sunday), in my next column. Stay tuned!

In the spring of 2012, **Sharon Hoopes Piers** (sepiers@hotmail.com) retired after 26 years of teaching high school chemistry. She has been an adjunct professor of chemistry at Calvin College. She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Grand Rapids, MI. She assures us that she is not all work and no play. In 2013, Sharon and Kenneth walked 12.5 miles of the Camino de Santiago in Spain and also spent a week at Canyon Ranch in Tucson, AZ. Sharon says she came to Cornell in 1966 with one trunk filled with clothing and supplies, plus two suitcases. **John Nees**, MD '74 (joneesmd@gmail.com) has moved with his wife, Mariela, to a new home in Boca Raton, FL. He is a cosmetic surgeon at Aesthetic Plastic Surgery in Boca Raton and Ft. Lauderdale. John also gave a classical piano performance at the TCU PianoTexas Int'l Academy and Festival. John says, "I would like to be retired, comfortable, or working less in the northwest of Florida."

Richard, JD '71, and **Kathy Law Orloski** (Allentown, PA) are very pleased to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, **Ezri Marie Watt**, born on November 13, 2013 in Elkins Park, PA. Her proud parents are **Nigel Watt '10** and **Kate Marie Orloski '10**. Richard muses, "Where did Mom and Dad ever come up with the name 'Ezri' for their daughter?" **Beth Galston** (bethgalston@gmail.com) had a busy year in 2013 with her various sculpture projects. Last April, her work "Sound Wave," a new computer-controlled light sculpture, was permanently installed at Music City Center in Nashville, TN. Woo hoo! "Prairie Grass," which was in fabrication when Beth wrote, was to be permanently installed in San Antonio, TX, in early 2014. "Fireflies," a site-specific light piece, was on view in the exhibit "Animals: Dreamed and Dreaming" in Boston at the Concord Art Association from November 7-24, 2013 (www.concordart.org).

Donald Shanis, MRP '72, joined Pennoni Assocs. in Philadelphia, PA, as a principal in September 2013. Previously, Donald had been the deputy executive director for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). For four decades, he helped to shape the transportation and regional planning process for the Greater Philadelphia-Camden-Trenton region. While with DVRPC, Donald developed a dynamic work environment that broke down unnecessary barriers and blended transportation and land use, as well as environmental and economic considerations, while using top-notch technologies and methodologies. He was successful in helping to establish a long-range plan for a diverse and complex region of more than 5 million residents. In addition to studying Planning and Engineering at Cornell, he went to the U. of Pennsylvania, where he has been an instructor for transportation courses.

This past year was a major milestone for **Bob Keller** (Columbia, MD; rek35@cornell.edu). Bob and his wife, Liz, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, and their youngest daughter graduated from Georgetown U. and joined JP Morgan's investment banking division. Still enjoying his career in global human resources and law, Bob joined WR Grace and Co. last year and also gives back by teaching a graduate level HR seminar at Penn State U. ☐ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Classmate **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu), co-chairman of planning our 45th Reunion with **Barbara Brem Noveau**, sent news of his children. Daughter **Elana '08** graduated with honors from the U. of

Michigan Law School this year. After graduating from Cornell, Elana worked for the Corporate Executive Board in Washington, DC. She recently passed the NYS Bar Exam and works for Paul Weiss Rifkin Wharton and Garrison in the litigation department. David's son, Joshua, graduated this year from Florida Atlantic U. During his college years he took a leave of absence from school and traveled to Israel, where he worked for the United Reform Jewish Eisenrath Inst. of Education before serving in the Israel Defense Forces. Josh worked during the day and attended classes at night for five years to earn his degree. David and wife Tina are very proud of their children's accomplishments.

If you'll be in Ithaca between May 5 and June 30, check out "Plant Portraits Through the Season," a solo art show by artist **Margaret Corbit** at the Cornell Plantations' Nevin Welcome Center. Margaret, who specializes in plants and landscapes, began printmaking as an undergraduate. This show presents a series of digital screen prints based on sketches from life that capture vignettes in the gardens and arboretum of Cornell Plantations.

Gilda Klein Linden (gkl4@cornell.edu) lives in New Jersey and is retired from her 30-year nursing career. She is so busy volunteering and babysitting for her beautiful grandchildren, that she hardly knows how she was able to find the time to work prior to her retirement. She has been a volunteer EMT since 1991; she has been riding with the Fair Lawn Volunteer Ambulance Corps since 2007 and is on the board of trustees. The Corps has four ambulances and responds to about 2,600 calls a year. Gilda has three sons: Jeffrey, general manager of the Residence Inn, a Marriott property in New Orleans; Brian, a patrol officer in the Paramus Police Dept. and motorcycle instructor at the Bergen County Police Academy; and **Eric '02**, who lives in London. Eric and his partner are planning a wedding in Sage Chapel. Gilda loves her babysitting responsibilities for grandson Shane (born June 2013) and her big-boy grandson, Jack, 7, who is named for Gilda's late husband, **David '70**.

Ken Werker (kwerker@boyden.com) is happily ensconced in his executive search practice in Vancouver, BC, and just engineered a company realignment to join the New York-based Boyden World Corp. His wife, **Janet (Feldman) '74**, who started out at Cornell but transferred to Harvard, is a Canada research chair in developmental psychology at U. of British Columbia with a thriving research program in language acquisition and infant speech perception. "Our son **Greg '98**, ME '99, recently got his PhD from the U. of British Columbia in management science and is now doing a post-doc in healthcare research in Vancouver, focusing on enabling improved access to healthcare for disadvantaged populations. He and wife Kim, a freelance writer and editor in the crafts and crochet world, have a son, Owen, who just turned 3. Son Eric (we won't blame him for going to Harvard) is an associate professor at Harvard Business School. He is a development economist and also serves as the economics advisor to the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Eric and wife Alana have a son, Jonathan, 2, and a daughter, Dalia, 6 months. Alana practices emergency medicine in Boston." This makes Ken and Janet "bi-coastal" grandparents, but in between their work and visits to Boston, they manage to travel (40th anniversary trip to Africa last year) and ski and summer at their cabin in Whistler.

In our news forms, we asked what you brought to Cornell as a freshman. **Eileen Nuhn Petrillo** (epetrill@aol.com) brought a manual

typewriter, transistor radio, stationery to write letters home, and rollers for her hair. **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas** (ekb7@cornell.edu) brought a stereo record player with detachable speakers, six albums, a pumpkin-colored rabbit mini-coat (!), a leather-bound dictionary, a desk-mounted pencil sharpener, pencils, Parker T-balls pens, fountain pens with turquoise ink, Weejuns, and a hot pink, hard-sided Ventura luggage set with a combination lock. Elisabeth recently had the pleasure of attending a poetry reading at Politics and Prose, which she describes as northwest Washington, DC's terrific independent bookstore, where **Jody Bolz**, MFA '73, read from her new "novella in verse," *Shadow Play*. Classmates who attended with Elisabeth included **Joan Tabor** Marionni, Barbara Brem Noveau, **Kathy Menton** Flaxman, **Judy Roehner**-Newman, and **John Henrehan**, BS Ag '76.

Here are two updates from our class president, **Jan Rothman**. Please be on the lookout for Sesquicentennial events in your area—these should be starting in September and continue into the spring of 2015. In addition, Jan requests that all classmates remember to "Like" our class Facebook page (Cornell Class of 1971). We thank you for sending us news for our column. If you have not sent in any in a while, please dash off a quick e-mail and we will write about you! **Linda Germaine**-Miller, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu.

72 Zachary Carter was named by Mayor Bill de Blasio to serve as corporation counsel of the City of New York (chief legal officer for the city). The appointment is the latest chapter in Zach's distinguished legal career, including important stints in private practice and as US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. "It became very clear to me that there was no one more qualified in all of NYC to play this role than Zach Carter," the Mayor said. Zach added, "Both of us believe that prosperity and access to opportunity should be broadly shared, and that we have failed as a society when we do not meet the needs of the least advantaged among us." Cornellians may recall that Zach was a key participant in the April 1969 Straight takeover, as he acknowledged publicly during a 40th anniversary panel discussion held on campus in April 2009.

Class president **Nancy Roistacher** is planning a "new 1972 Internet record of our years at Cornell where you can send pictures, video, or commentary. The site should be ready in the next few months. The overall theme will be the social and political change at Cornell from the time we entered in 1968 to graduation in 1972." Watch for mailings from Nancy providing details about the new website. As part of the celebration of Cornell's Sesquicentennial, the Class of '72 is also partnering with the Plantations to sponsor a Mini-Alumni University Weekend to be held in Ithaca on July 18-20, 2014. It will be a weekend of garden tours, guided hikes of the newly renovated Cascadilla Gorge walk, cooking classes, drawing and photography classes, a Shakespeare in the Plantations performance, and food. Since enrollment for the July 2014 weekend will be limited to 30 people, interested classmates should sign up promptly.

Irwin Rosenfeld (oneheadmd@cox.net) writes: "2013 was a good year, as I became a 'Lifer' twice. (No, I am not in prison.) In May, I was installed as a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. I had been a Distinguished

Fellow for many years based on my accomplishments, and when my age and number of years as an APA member totaled 95, I became a Lifer. Then, in December, I reached a major milestone by achieving Life Master status with the American Contract Bridge League. I had learned to play 'party bridge' at Cornell, and enjoyed the game, but rarely had the opportunity to play after graduating. Five years ago, I decided to pursue it, joined a duplicate (competitive) bridge club, and took the lessons they offered. Sandwiched within a busy psychiatric private practice in Laguna Hills, CA, of about 80 hours per week, I played bridge and took every-other-month visits to see my two children and three grandchildren in Washington State, and vacations to Australia and the British Isles, as well as to Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, and the Caribbean."

Eric Norman (ericnorman@sbcglobal.net) and wife Angela took a trip to Sicily last May to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They also recently traveled to Uganda and Rwanda and hiked to visit chimpanzees and mountain gorillas. Rick and Angela became grandparents last year when their son **Michael '03** and daughter-in-law **Katie D'Harlingue '03** had a baby girl, Lily. Rick, Angela, Michael, Katie, and Lily all live in Oakland, CA. Says Rick, "We get to babysit every Thursday and are really enjoying our new roles as grandparents." **Gary L. Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net.

73 We survived the winter of the polar vortexes! Wonder what's happening between columns? Keep up with photos, the latest news from classmates, and how your officers are working for you. "Like" Cornell Class of 1973 on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/87659675088/?ref=br_tf)!

Class president **Paul Cashman** (North Reading, MA; pcashman21@verizon.net) writes with much Cornell-related news: "After **Larry Taylor** and I devised the affinity networking program back in 2007-08, I taught it to over a dozen classes between 2009 and 2011. In 2010, I was elected to the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) board as a director-at-large. There, I created a seminar based on our program, and in 2012 taught it to more than 150 class officers at CALC and via webinars. I wrote an article about the affinity networking program that appeared in last summer's issue of *CASE Currents*, the premier professional journal for college and university development and alumni officers. Last July I became co-VP of communications for CACO. I devised a program to crowd-source hardcopy photos that alumni have of their lives at Cornell, and then digitize and upload them to the university archives, where they will be a resource not only for the Sesquicentennial in 2015, but for future studies of Cornell life. We piloted it in Boston last December, and Alumni Affairs is making it one of their top two Sesquicentennial programs this year.

"At Reunion I had a chance to talk with Prof. Richard Polenberg, a panelist at our class forum (and husband of **Joan Spielholz**, BS Ag '81). I described to him a history-based mobile app I'd been thinking about for years, and he strongly encouraged me to do it. Since I retired in June, I had the time to teach myself a number of Web technologies (a very long way from when we learned CUPL in 1969!) and built History in Motion, a Web-based app that history enthusiasts can use to create and share interactive, Google Maps-based scenarios of people and things moving

through historical space and time. I've had expressions of interest from history teachers from elementary school up through college and look forward to some interesting pilots this year."

John Coles (Columbia, MD; carpoco@verizon.net) writes that he is "pretty happy with retirement. I am playing chess, reading chess books, visiting with family and friends, and dining out." **Janet Gayler Fallon** (Elkton, MD; fallonrd@verizon.net) spends her time working, sailing, and "working on the boat." Recently she visited **Anne Cadel** in New York to see a play. When she first came to Cornell, Janet says she brought an electric typewriter, a record player, a little black dress—and, unlike most others, her saddle! **James Hilderbrant** (Whitney Point, NY) recently retired as a relief inspector from the US Dept. of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Services. He is "cleaning up and fixing up around the house because now I have time." James came to Cornell with a 1968 Firebird!

Robert Kellman (kellmanr@upstate.edu) writes, "Still working more than full-time as chair of otolaryngology at SUNY Upstate. I just finished a year as president of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery." **Andrew Schreiner** (Wheat Ridge, CO; pschreiner0712@gmail.com) has sold his New York home and moved to Denver to be near family. He plans to learn how to drown a few worms, trim his middle, and walk "in the sunny mountain mile-high outskirts of Denver with grandson Carter." He helps son Ben on Storm Mountain Ranch and Round Mountain Ranch in Steamboat Springs, CO. He writes, "This is spectacular mountain country, with Red Angus cattle and a live young culture that works and plays hard." He would love to hear from Prof. **George Conne-**

man '52, MS '56.
Jeff Schwartz (Katonah, NY) writes that for his 60th birthday he decided to treat the other lawyers in his department at his NYC law firm to Sui's from the Hot Truck in Ithaca! "I called and ordered 20 Sui's, PMPs, etc., which the owner agreed to deliver uncooked to the 6 a.m. bus that goes from campus to the Cornell Club on 44th St. I arranged with the Club to cook them after they arrived and hired a car service to get them to the office. Like clockwork! A wonderful treat—and they even threw in a Hot Truck hat!"

Frank Scruggs (fscruggs@bergersingerman.com), who litigates employment and commercial disputes for Miami law firm Berger Singerman LLP, was elected by the shareholders of SunTrust Banks Inc. to its board of directors in 2013. He also is a member of the board of directors of Florida's Blue Cross and Blue Shield Co. and trustee emeritus of the U. of Miami. **Norman Solomon** (Shelton, CT; nasolomon7@aol.com) is a professor of management and former dean at the Charles F. Dolan School of Business at Fairfield U., teaching human resources and negotiation. He ran in the 2013 NYC Marathon, his 14th marathon overall, for a charity team for kids.

Fred Yosca (Lynbrook, NY; fyosca@bloomberg.net) writes, "I am still running fixed income trading at VNY Mellon Capital Markets in NYC, riding my bike, tending my garden, and visiting with my two grandsons. I am also contemplating what my second career will be once I retire, then realizing

I don't want to retire." Fred says he would rather be finishing the Adirondack 46 (34 down, 12 to go) or taking another trip to Italy. He would like to hear from **George Foot** and **Gary Clason**. Send your news to: **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Class Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/groups/87659675088/?ref=br_tf.

74 **Mitchell Rubin** reports that he has recently started a new position as medical director at Emblem Health. He lives in the Washington Square area of Manhattan with his wife, Beth Weitzman. Scaling back a bit, **Stephen Coulombe**, ME '75, still works half- to 3/4-time as a senior engineer with MTSI and is enjoying a new home on Douglas Lake, TN, where he lives with his wife, Karen. **Marty Ettinger** proudly announces the arrival of his first grandchild, Ezra Parker Ettinger, born in September 2013 to son and daughter-in-law **Benjamin '01** and **Yoon Hwang Ettinger '01**. **Susan Hardesty** reports becoming a step-grandmother recently. **Jim Irish** and wife **Andrea Glanz** hail from Hartsdale, NY. Jim notes, "Undeterred by advancing age and chilly weather, **Jamie Shiffner** and I ran the New York City Marathon and raised several thousand dollars for charity." It was their fourth time running a marathon together.

Randee Mia Berman hails from NYC, hosts a weekly show on City World Radio Network, and writes commentaries for the Huffington Post. She's working on a play about the Sisterhood, entitled "Malice in Wonderland," and is working on a "young adult fantasy novel about an 11-2/3-year-old misfit," based on a dream she had. She would like to hear from **Gretchen Haas**. Unlike today's students who bring Kindles, Netbooks, and laptops, Randee remembers lugging books, a hot plate, pillows, blankets, a typewriter, and typewriter ribbons to campus as a freshman. (This suddenly reminds me of composing late-night papers on Eaton's

Corrasable Bond typing paper and correcting typos using a round typewriter eraser with mini-attached brush for the eraser crumbs.)

Upstate New York news includes a note from **Kenneth Hohwald** of Lodi, NY, where he lives with his wife, Debbie. He continues to work at the Glenwood Pines restaurant, where he has been an owner for the past 35 years. He enjoys working, playing golf, reading, and attending Cornell football games. **Florence Higgins**, DVM '81 (Rush, NY) continues to work as a small animal vet and offers obedience and agility training for dogs. She recently had surgery to address a gastric problem, but reports that it was not successful (sorry). When she wrote, Florence claimed that she "would like to be warm"—it was 8 degrees when she sent in her news. She, too, remembers lugging a portable typewriter to campus as a freshman (current usage: "first-year student").

Barbara Gales writes, "I continue serving those who have served the country protecting our freedom." She works with the Veterans Benefits Administration in accordance with the White House initiative to reduce the backlog of disability claims

for veterans. She would love to visit an exotic country like Thailand and is thinking about traveling to Qatar or Dubai to replace jewelry that went missing when going through TSA security in the DFW airport in Texas. **Fred Palmer** and wife **Shea** recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Fred continues to practice law from an office overlooking "Cannon Park" in Cazenovia, NY.

Last fall, **Mark Schwartz** (Berkeley, CA), a poet, political activist, and member of the homeless population, suffered multiple severe injuries, primarily to one of his legs when he was hit by a local train. Thanks to the heroic assistance of a young couple who applied a tourniquet and later contacted social service agencies, Mark received prompt emergency medical care. BOSS (Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency), a local nonprofit organization that provides assistance to homeless individuals and families across Alameda County, has offered help, and set up Mark's Fund for contributions to Mark's health care and recovery costs.

Cleveland Jones, a geology professor at Rio de Janeiro State U., was quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* recently, comparing situations of gas production from shale deposits between the output from the US and that anticipated from Brazil. "Here we have the shale, but we don't know if we have the gas." According to Cleveland, US drillers faced less geologic risk when they started developing shale deposits, including Marcellus and Haynesville (in New York and Pennsylvania), and Brazil lacks the network of highways and railroads US producers used to transport drilling and production equipment from factories to production zones. "You have a totally unprepared country in terms of infrastructure," Cleveland said.

Also involved with energy resources is **Bill Van Sweringen**, ME '75, project manager at ExxonMobil Chemical Co. Bill has been doing a lot of hiking lately in the Alps because he was transferred to Munich, Germany, after many years in Houston, TX. A large group of Chi Psis, TEKs, and Betas had a pre-reunion last summer when they got together in Washington, DC, to visit **Jeff Ellis**. The attendee list included: Bill, **Dick Doyle**, **Larry Quillian '73**, **Ken Kramer**, **Tim Lynch**, **Mike Olender**, **Jon Harmon**, **Tom Smith**, **Brian Bailey '73**, and **Ron Sosnowski**. Bill is looking forward to our 40th Reunion, June 5-8, 2014, and is apparently acting as either an official or unofficial "affinity chair" charged with encouraging classmates to attend our big event. (My next job is to rally the Kappas.)

So I want to encourage all of you readers of this '74 class column to contact your friends and hall-mates from Balch, U-Halls, and other dorms, *Cornell Daily Sun*, sports teams, theatre productions, Collegetown neighbors, fraternities/sororities, etc., and help us gather a big crowd of classmates. Our class officers have been busily organizing events and venues for the best '74 reunion bash ever. P.S. Practice up on those Cornell song lyrics for the Bailey Hall Glee Club sing-along at Saturday's Cornelliana Night! Lyrics, photos, and lots of other information can be found on our class website, www.cornell74.com. See you in June! **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Wind**, jjw@mhwlawfirm.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net.

75 In January, I attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston. Spending time with wonderful Cornell alums, hearing about campus activities, growth, and plans for the upcoming

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Pamela S. Meyers '73

Sesquicentennial (150th birthday of Cornell in 2015!), and watching the men's hockey team beat Harvard live was a blast. I know it is not until next year, but I would highly recommend you putting June 4-7, 2015, on your calendar to be in Ithaca for our 40th Reunion. If you attended before, you know how much fun it is to see old friends, meet new ones, see how beautiful campus is (how does the university manage to have all the gardens pop at that time?), check out new buildings, listen to lectures by fabulous professors, and get a reminder of how your calves feel after walking up Libe Slope!

Have no fear. We will be staying in air-conditioned dorms, so the only fear is potential rain. If you have a group of friends coming, let us know and you can be set up to room in clusters. If you want to help make this reunion the best ever, we invite your participation. It has been proven that when affiliate groups, such as teams, fraternities, sororities, dorm halls, etc., attend together, the overall experience improves. If you would like to get a group together, please e-mail me (dsgellman@hotmail.com) and I will give you a contact list with e-mail addresses to encourage your favorite people to join the festivities. Any other help with reunion planning is also welcome.

Also in Boston were classmates **Susan Fulton**, **Mike Motes**, and **Marilyn Yodlowski**. Susan (sfulton@teamwash.com) and husband **Alan Burrows '76** are in Columbia, MD, where she is working for a large franchisee of Domino's Pizza stores and is the director of marketing and store development/construction. Alan is retired. They had a fabulous vacation last summer in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana and went to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. They said it was a complete culture shock to see such vast open spaces after living in the D.C. Metro area. They saw **Ed '73** and **Debbie Reading Mace**, **Nick '74**, MBA '75, and **Jeanne Fattori Smith**, **Pete '69**, MS '71, and **Caren Whiteman Kline**, **Pete Rainsford**, PhD '74, **Joe** and **Mary Baumann Pesaresi**, **George** and **Laurie Clemente Milnor**, **Brad** and **Barbara Foote Shingleton**, and **Jutta** and **Mark Bromberg**, MBA '74. Mike (mjnotes@earthlink.net) and wife Linda Rugles live in Chestertown, MD, where they both teach for U. of Maryland University College. Mike is a collegiate associate professor of accounting. He keeps in touch with **Charlie Temel** and **Michael Zak**.

Marilyn Yodlowski (yodlo@comcast.net) came all the way from Oregon City, OR. After Cornell, she received her PhD from Rockefeller U., went to Harvard Med, and did her residency in orthopedic surgery there. She remained in Boston for the next 20 years, getting married to Dr. Bruce Schnapp and having three daughters. One daughter graduated from the U. of Portland, one is a senior at the U. of Washington, and the youngest, **Wesley Schnapp '16**, is a Cornell sophomore. After moving to Portland for her husband's job at the Oregon Health Sciences Medical School, she became active in the Cornell Club of Oregon and Southwest Washington and is now on the board. She also interviews for CAAAN and recently joined the Cornell Alumni Association board.

Steven, PhD '77, and **Martha Oschroin Robertson** (mrob@twcny.rr.com) live in Ithaca, where Martha has been a member of the Tompkins County Legislature since 2002. She was the first woman elected from her district and has been elected chair of the legislature from 2010 to 2013. She is now running for the US Congress for District 23 to represent Tompkins County and surrounding areas in the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, and Western New York. Daughter Jessica is a transportation

planner and son Adam is an emergency physician. Martha would love to hear from **Jan Carr**. **Fredric Knapp** (fredricmknapp@gmail.com) writes that on December 12, 2012, he was appointed acting Morris County prosecutor by Governor Chris Christie. He was previously appointed an assistant attorney general by the New Jersey AG Jeffrey Chiesa. He celebrated his 37th anniversary with wife Ellie and recently visited Israel.

Stephen Gough writes from Oakhurst, NJ, with a remembrance of freshman roommate **Joseph Robinson**, who passed away in December 2011. "We spent 1971-72 in the Sperry Hall dormitory. Joe was a math major and wanted to become an actuary. A high school wrestler from Metuchen, NJ, who liked listening to 'oldies' music, Joe was a genial, easygoing guy. He brought the stereo and the refrigerator, and he put up with me! Joe enjoyed going to Cornell football games with his friends **Guy Costello**, **Dick Miller**, **Mitch Neider**, and **Glenn Corsini**, MPS '80. Other friends included **Jay Holbrook**, **Dave Staskin**, **Steve Shlansky**, **Sally Solomon** Cohen, **Marjorie Ross**, **Ted Wetherill**, **Bob Ferland**, **Tom Turley**, and **Ernie Guenzburger**, BArch '76. Many of his friends ended up in Alpha Sigma Phi. Joe did become an actuary and a teacher. He and his wife raised two sons, and he loved kayaking on the Connecticut River and being with his sons." Joe will be missed by his family members and his Cornell family as well.

Continue to send your news, and please return to Ithaca next June to see an ever-changing campus and old/new friends. ■ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

76 It's a milestone year for most of us as we turn 60. Remember how old that sounded when we were in college? But of course 60 was older then. We're in a lot better shape than our grandparents were at this age—and we look fantastic, don't you agree? The fun and adventure are just beginning.

Case in point: Last August, **Jim Sollecito** traveled with three others for two weeks by helicopter and float plane above the 59th parallel in Labrador, ten flying hours due north of his home in Syracuse. He says he had not fished with polar bears before, "plying the waters of rivers that had never been documented to have been fished." In addition to the four polar bears, he had to "negotiate around 17 black bears, all looking to capitalize on the summer char run in the icy Windex-blue waters, standing in many waves of blue" sweeping around him. On the last days of the adventure, the last fish he caught was a 17-pound, 8-ounce Arctic char caught on his fly rod, setting a new Int'l Game Fish Association record. Wow! The flight home was sobering, though: ten hours in a bush plane through thick fog. Glad to know Jim is safely back at Sollecito Landscaping Nursery in Syracuse.

It's also fun to live in the Golden Age of craft beer brewing, and **George O'Connor** is helping to make that possible. With five partners, he recently started Arkansas Craft Beer Distributing. That's the newcomer to the other beer distributorships he owns and runs, Three Lakes Distributing Co. in Hot Springs, White River Beverage Co. located in Newport, and Three Rivers Distributing in Pine Bluff, all in Arkansas. After Cornell, George got his master's degree from the U. of Wyoming and later attended Harvard Business School's President/Owner Management Program. Before he started the

beer companies, George worked as a ranch manager outside Houston and for the East Camden and Highland Railroad Co. He started his first beer company in 1993 with the purchase of a small Miller distributorship located in Newport, AR. His companies now distribute beer to some 23 counties. If he had a choice, and the timing were right, George says he would rather be out duck hunting. He also has two baby granddaughters who undoubtedly attract a lot of their grandfather's attention.

Congratulations to **Thaddeus Rutkowski**, BFA '76, who writes, "The Kindle e-book version of my novel *Haywire* came out this past summer. *Haywire* was a finalist in the fiction category of the Asian American Literary Awards, and it won the Members' Choice Award this past fall." Thaddeus says, "I write, edit, and teach." He is the fiction editor of the literary journal *Many Mountains Moving*, teaches literature at Medgar Evers College and fiction writing at the Writer's Voice of the West Side YMCA in New York, and has taught at Pace U., the Hudson Valley Writers Center, and the Asian American Writers Workshop. His other novels are *Tetched* (Behler Publications) and *Roughhouse* (Kaya Press). (This info and more can be found at his website, ThaddeusRutkowski.com.) What he'd rather be doing now is "not publicizing my own book. Someone else should do that." He'd most like to hear from his Cornell friend **Regan Quinn** and recalls arriving at Cornell with his component stereo and electric typewriter. Thaddeus lives in New York City with wife Randi Hoffman and their daughter.

It's been perhaps the best year ever for **Bill Hanavan** and me. People did tell us, but who really believed that being grandparents would be so sweet? Between the draw of our new granddaughter and the beautiful city of Halifax, NS, where she lives, we found sufficient excuse to buy a little house there for vacations. Come for a visit! Our younger daughter, Emily, was married last August and is a nurse midwife at University Hospitals in Cleveland—exactly where Bill did his medical residency and fellowship, and where Emily was born. Now plans are in the works for a group birthday celebration with old Cornell chums **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, BFA '79, **Ellen Cord Dember**, and **Karen Polivy**. Here's a toast to you all! Let us know how you're celebrating this year. ■ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 Stay tuned to the next column for news of our classmates. The annual class mailings went out last fall, and an e-mail requesting your latest updates was sent out shortly after this column went to press. Go here, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, and send us your latest activities and philosophies, or write us directly at one of the addresses below. You can read the class column in the hard copy Class Notes or at *Cornell Alumni Magazine's* digital site, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. Stay in touch and stay connected! ■ **Howie Eisen**, howard.eisen@drexlmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

78 With apologies to classmates in Colorado, greetings from the land of the world champion Seattle Seahawks! The news is a little light this issue, but I'm grateful to the classmates who contacted me.

Cindy Kane Trumbore's picture book, *Parrots Over Puerto Rico*, won the 2014 Sibert Medal from the American Library Association for the most distinguished informational book for children published in 2013. She co-wrote the book with Susan L. Roth, who also illustrated it. It tells the joint story of the history of Puerto Rico and of Puerto Rican parrots, which are coming back from the brink of extinction through the work of the Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery Program. Cindy researched the book in Puerto Rico and got to visit one of the PRPRP's aviaries, "where we saw three of the parrots—still among the rarest birds in the world—fly overhead. It was amazing! And by a nice coincidence, my editor, **Louise May Gruber '68** of Lee & Low, is also a Cornellian."

Randall Nixon has taken a position as an adjunct faculty member at the U. of Baltimore Law School, where he lectures on philosophy of law, jurisprudence, and professional ethics. "Frankly, it's the most fun I've had since I left Cornell!" In addition, Randall is chairman of the Cornell Ambassadors in Howard County, MD. "President Skorton lost his mind last summer and appointed me a member of the University Council, which I enjoy tremendously." His son, **Blair '11**, continues to be successful at Emerson Defense Solutions while helping him out in the family business. Daughter **Spencer '16** is in love with the Hotel school. She has taken a part-time job in the Human Resources department and plans on spending the summer in Ithaca.

Pat Reilly writes, "I think I might win the prize for the most stays in Cornell dorms in a two-month period! Besides our 35th Reunion, my husband, Bill Goers, and I stayed in the dorms for the graduation of our daughter, **Erin Goers '13**, and for a fun week exploring the Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes with CAU (Cornell's Adult University) in July." Pat was back at Cornell for Homecoming, which was also Cornell rugby's Alumni Weekend, along with classmates **Eileen Currie Stokley**, **Dolores Lombardi**, BFA '79, MFA '84, **Debbie Downes-Stoj '78**, MD '82, and **Mary Lou Norman '79**. After the day's games, the women's rugby team (CWRFC) hosted the alums at a great party, featuring Alumni vs. CWRFC in Flip Cup. "Amazingly the alums won, in spite of us 'older' alums being new to the game. After re-connecting with the team, I've become the director for CWRFC Alumni Development for Faded Red, Cornell's Rugby Alumni Association. I also attended the Red Hot Hockey game in NYC with **Melinda Dower**, as well as the football game and tailgate at the Cornell vs. Monmouth U. game with **Melinda and Cynthia Kubas**."

Lori Wasserman Karbel and husband **Frank '76** celebrated their 30th anniversary this past summer with a Rhine River cruise through Switzerland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. River cruising is the best way to travel! Lori works for ACM Laboratories as director of application systems. She has two children that are "off the payroll"—one working on each coast. Daughter Sandy works for the Oakland A's in their promotions and special events area. Visits to her have provided an opportunity to catch up with classmate **Danny Miller** (managing director at RODA Group), also living in the Bay Area. Daughter Carolyn is an account manager for a digital media company in Manhattan. Other visits with classmates included the wedding last summer of **Libby Waldman-Strugatch's** daughter in Maryland. Libby is director in the Division of Acquisition Development and Support at the US Dept. of Health

and Human Services. Artist **Jane Sabin Sklar** (Jane Sklar Original Artwork and Photography) was also at the wedding.

While in Maryland, Lori and Frank were able to visit with **Bill** (deputy editorial page editor at *USA TODAY*) and **Ellen Haas Sternberg** (a realtor at Weichert Realtors). In the summer of 2009, Lori joined **Steve Zinn** at the retirement ceremony of Capt. **Chuck Hasbrouck** from the US Navy. Chuck is now in the private sector as senior SSBN training expert at Systems Planning and Analysis. Steve is a professor in the Dept. of Animal Science at U. of Connecticut. And in 2013, Lori met up with **Kurt Erlenbach** and his wife, Susan, in Orlando. Kurt is the General Magistrate, 18th Judicial Circuit in Florida. **Michael Bernardo** (Newberry, SC) is a family doctor. "I have done all kinds of things," he writes. "Delivered babies, done C-sections, removed fish hooks from various bodily locations, and taken care of the usual diabetes/hypertension/heart disease patient so prevalent in the South. Recently I have focused on geriatrics and hospice care, which will hopefully take me through the next 20 years."

On a final, sad note, **Joanne Wallenstein** contacted us about the death of **Janet Jacobson** on January 23, 2014. From the eulogy Joanne wrote on the scarsdale10583 blog: "She began her career as an assistant district attorney in New York under Robert Morgenthau and then moved on to the law firm of Frankfurt, Kurnit, Klein, and Selz, where she specialized in entertainment law. Ultimately she worked for Hallmark Entertainment, structuring film financings and the production of films for television . . . She learned she had a rare form of cancer 12 years ago and through her research and determination outlived all the odds. Selecting her own course of treatment, she called the shots and became the master of her own destiny." That's all the news for this issue. Send your news, and stay well! ■ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends." Do you remember Emerson, Lake & Palmer's classic from the mid-1970s? Reunion chairs **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, want you to join the show by making your way to Ithaca on June 5-8—or any part of the time period you can, since we are offering various registration packages.

Our class events start Thursday at the new Human Ecology Commons with 1979 Trivial Pursuit. They rock on with dinner and dancing Friday at Barton Hall after an outdoor reception far above!

Saturday we gather mid-day at the Memorial Room with a grab-and-go lunch program so you can head off to other fun events. To round out the day, celebrate at Schoellkopf for a tailgate reception and dinner in the stadium. Other special features include learning how '79ers are influencing Cornell, including **Seth Klarman's** support of the new Humanities building, **Marc Keane's** Johnson Art Museum garden, and **Michael Manfredi, MARCH '80's** Sesquicentennial Commemorative Grove.

Our class headquarters and housing will be in the air-conditioned Carl Becker House, one of the new West Campus residences. Reunion registrants can request placement in singles, doubles, or suites. Breakfast and light refreshments will be offered daily in the dining room and lounge with adjacent tent. Becker is quite an upgrade from the U-Halls, and there will be shuttle buses when you don't want to walk up Libe Slope. Registration fees cover food and drink during your stay and our class's share of services such as shuttle buses and tent parties. Let us know if your needs aren't met with the options shown on the registration form.

You can influence making this our very best reunion in many ways. Pay your class dues and your Saturday lunch will be complimentary as a membership benefit. Reach out and connect with your affinity group friends from your major, team, clubs, etc.; there are lists and resources to help, and there will even be prizes for participation levels. Invite your friends from adjacent Cornell classes to register with you. Assist the reunion committee. You can volunteer as an event host, send names of songs to play at Friday's concert, scan and send in photos from college years and/or the past 35 years, donate products for goodie bags from your business, and more! Make a gift to the Cornell Fund in honor of this milestone reunion. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group, and on Twitter @CU1979Reunion. We look forward to seeing you soon in Ithaca!

Marcie Gitlin writes from NYC that she would love to see fellow Cornellians at our 35th Reunion. She recently observed her fourth anniversary at Jewish Home Lifecare's Bronx division, a skilled nursing facility where she practices social work and supervises a social work intern on the long-term floors. In December she took over coverage of the dedicated dementia unit, which is one of only three NYC facilities implementing an innovative new model of person-centered dementia care pioneered in Phoenix, AZ. Marcie is also involved



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in the NYC chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and the alumni association of Yeshiva U's Wurzelweil School of Social Work. In Washington Heights, NY, she loves to get together with her brother **Saul Gitlin '84**, and fellow Cornellians **Judith Sherman**, **Peter Coy**, **Paula Fuchsberg**, **Jane Sklar '78**, **Alan Posklensky '77**, **MBA '79**, **Gail Dow Goldberg**, and **Meredith Levine '00**. Marcie also enjoys traveling to South Asia, where she has visited Nepal, India, China, Vietnam, Burma, and Bhutan. She is looking forward to an upcoming fourth trip in May.

“I am now a walking encyclopedia of restaurants in Shanghai.”

Matt Tager '83

Another update from NYC comes via a press release from Bingham McCutchen LLP, where **Daniel Budofsky** has joined the firm as a derivatives partner in the Investment Management Practice Group. Daniel advises banks, financial institutions, corporations, funds, and asset managers on financial products in domestic and international transactions. Prior to joining Bingham McCutchen LLP, Daniel was employed by Davis Polk. **Margie Wang** (bmw7784@aol.com) took on a new role last year as the COO/CFD at JA Worldwide, an organization whose mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. She has traveled to Qatar, Uruguay, Mauritius, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Korea, Thailand, Singapore, London, and Brussels in the past year. These travels have enabled her to see what is being done around the world to help young people develop financial, business, and entrepreneurial skills. Margie would love to have the time to spend with good friends, and wants to hear from Tri-Delta sisters **Sally Weir** Fundakowski, **Amy Rumsey Clark '80**, and **June Hamilton Paul '80**.

Raphael Gatenio, MS '80, MBA '81 (Thessaloniki, Greece; Raphael@Gatanio.gr) is the executive director for Julia Bergovich, a division of United Fashion Brands S.A. In his spare time he enjoys traveling and reading history and literature. **Libby Bush Bollich** (ButchandLibby@charter.net) and husband Butch are building a camp on the Atchafalaya River in Covington, LA. Libby enjoys playing tennis in the Northlake Women's Tennis League, as well as reading and woods gardening on their 30-acre home property. She would love to hear from **Maureen Stafford**. **Jeff Bloom**, MA '92 (jeffrey.a.bloom.civ@mail.mil) and wife Anne live in Arlington, VA.

Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your news. You can submit news to us at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: **Kathy Zappia Gould**, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

80 It is not too early to start thinking about the boffo nostalgiafest and rollicking goodtime fun machine that is reunion. Our 35th Reunion is June 4-7,

2015, and falls during Cornell's Sesquicentennial, which is an old Iroquois term meaning "pretending to be 19 again." Celebrations are planned for several cities around the world, thereby spreading the Tao of Ezra among the peoples of many lands.

Speaking of Ezra, I'm finally reading **Morris Bishop 1914**, PhD '26's *A History of Cornell*. I've been meaning to read it since 1976, but—sorry for being crass—it's huge and expensive. There aren't a lot of pictures. But it is extraordinarily well written, and it justifies the near-cult status we nurture regarding our association with this noble

experiment. Ezra Cornell was an interesting duck, although somewhat humorless, and Andy White was, despite what you might think from sitting on his shiny-bronzed lap, short. There's a lot more in the book, so if you haven't already done so, read it. As far as I can tell, it's not available electronically or in paperback, so you can get some serious literary cred reading this brick on the subway. It's too bad it doesn't appeal to a general audience, because Morris's mastery of language and history is refreshing in this age of "chummy" biography, the type of writing that would give Prof. **L. Pearce Williams '48**, PhD '52, the fantods.

The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) was held in Boston in January. "Boston" and "January," like "broccoli" and "smoothie," are words that should be kept apart, but I wasn't consulted. The conference was terrific, as usual, and featured a talk by **Shigeo Kondo '43**, 2014 winner of the **William "Bill" Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award. You can hear another talk by Shig here: <http://www.cornell.edu/video/vanneman-award-winner-shigeo-kondo>. I urge you to listen to this man taciturnly chat about his epic 20th-century life, and how he overcame obstacles that would ruin ordinary mortals. Shig is a New Yorker through-and-through, but happened to be born in Japan; as he was being deported in the dark days immediately following Pearl Harbor, his equally taciturn father said, "I guess you should learn Japanese." Immediately upon setting foot in his foreign native land, he was drafted. As bombers lay waste to Tokyo in the waning days, Shig would look up from the hospital where he was stationed as a Medical Corps Private, knowing that some of his classmates from his beloved Cornell were up there. Shig's daughter **Nina Kondo** is Class of '82.

Paul Ney was named shareholder at the intellectual property law firm of Waddey Patterson in Nashville. Earlier Paul served as the director of the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. He has served as acting general counsel for the Dept. of the Navy. **Gary Kaczor** (gkaczor26@gmail.com) writes, "I am general manager of Gorman Enterprises, a specialty vehicle dealer for school and commercial buses, fire trucks, and ambulances." Gary reminisced about his years playing baseball: "I drove in the run to win the Ivy League Championship against Columbia, and held the overall home run

record." His pro team was the Auburn Americans of the New York-Penn League, but an injury ended his career. Gary's daughter Kate is a Doctor of Pharmacy, and his son, Eric, is in medical school. His daughter Kelly is studying to be a physician assistant. His wife, Lori, teaches periodontology at Erie Community College. Gary was inducted into Cornell's Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

As you probably know, the gold medal Canadian women's hockey team at the Sochi Olympics featured four Cornellians and no Harvard players, while the silver medal US team featured four Harvard players and no Cornellians. Tell the truth: if you're an American, how did you root?

Class correspondent **Dana Jerrard** has taken on the role of VP of communications for our class. **Tim O'Connor** is our treasurer now, and succeeds **Lily Chu**, MBA '82, JD '09, who has counted our beans since graduation. Dana will continue his role as correspondent and has promised to remember the little people who propelled him to his august position. Class officer meetings are held by conference call. We tried video conferencing once, but one of our dimmer members never figured out how to make it work, and my new nickname is "Lowest Common Denominator." **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, def24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky@aol.com.

81 All of this past winter's snow made me feel like I was back living in Ithaca. Remember trying down Libe Slope? (Do students do that anymore?) The snow has been beautiful, but temperatures have been frigid. Hot Yoga saved me from frostbite! Meanwhile, **Karen Prescott Dalby**, one of my former roommates, was cavorting throughout Florida and kept leaving me voicemails about how warm it was there. She caught up with another of our former roommates, **Cathy Popkin**, while driving through Weston, FL. **John Walsh** wrote that he sold his house in Portland, OR, and is renting locally until he finds another home. He is thrilled at the success of the Cornell wrestling team.

I had dinner with **Karen Levine** Whitman while in Boston in January. She recently returned from the ALIS conference (the Americas Lodging Investment Summit) in Los Angeles, where Class of '81 Hotelies gathered for dinner at Drago Centro. In L.A. partying with Karen were **Kenny Blatt**, **Mark Lipschutz**, **Erik Nysten**, **Larry Hall**, **Dan Miller**, **Charlie Muller**, **Larry Cantor '80**, **Mike DeNicola '80**, **Russ** and **Cathy Evans Urban '78**, **MPS '81**, and **Richie Katzman**. Karen and I are trying to plan something to celebrate our upcoming double-nickel birthdays. (Wait, didn't we just turn 50?)

Reva Brown (startlightsuperhealing@gmail.com) is thrilled to announce the publication of her first book, *Aroma Remembers: A Magical Tale of Spiritual Awakening*, "which tackles the problem of bullying in a fictional yet spiritual and practical context." Her book was selected for presentation in the Delray Beach Library's 15th Annual Author Showcase, "a most competitive process." The book is written under Reva's spiritual pen name of Cecilia May Brown. **David Boraks** was back in college last fall as the Batten Visiting Professor of Public Policy at Davidson College. David taught a course on community journalism, drawing on his work over the past seven years as publisher and editor of online community news websites, including DavidsonNews.net and CorneliusNews.net. He said, "It has been great to be back in school

and to help a new generation of students understand why we can't live without journalism." David lives in Davidson, NC, with his wife, Shelley Rigger, chair of the political science department at Davidson College, and their two children, Emma, 16, and Tilly, 12. Though a former runner, David's passion now is soccer. He said it has been great to pick up a new game and get better at it despite being 50-something. "Very satisfying," he says, "and it gets me far away from my computer."

For much of his career, veteran Ithaca journalist **Brad Edmondson** has written stories about businesspeople wanting to do good. The January 24, 2014 issue of the *Ithaca Journal* carried a lengthy piece about Brad, highlighting the book he wrote about the sale of Ben & Jerry's called *Ice Cream Social: The Struggle for the Soul of Ben & Jerry's*. The book shows how the iconic brand kept true to its goal of putting the greater good on equal footing with making money within the larger corporate world. **Susan Glenn** Joseph writes from Rye Brook, NY, that she recently became general counsel at Atradius Trade Credit Insurance in Maryland, and also does pro bono work for various theatre and performing arts groups in NYC. Her twin daughters are freshmen at Cornell, one in Ag and the other in Engineering. Last year Susan traveled all over the US and to Canada, Paris, Barcelona, and Amsterdam. She also finds time to run half-marathons and paint watercolors!

Scott Wagner, ME '84 (srw87@cornell.edu) is software lead for Vuzix Corp. in Rochester, NY, and is celebrating the launch of the company's new m100 Smart Glasses wearable Android device. Scott, newly single again, has two sons: Brandon Corbett (McMaster U. '11), who is working on a PhD in chemical engineering (process control), and Derek Corbett (ESF '12), who is working on a master's in chemical engineering (biofuels research). Scott enjoys bicycle touring and has ridden throughout upstate New York and New England. He also hosts cycle tourists passing through Rochester. "This year, I hope to ride across Ontario from Niagara Falls to Windsor, and then around Lake Huron." In addition to Scott's busy professional life, it is not surprising that he remains an all-weather bicycle commuter and cycling advocate. He is also a member of several local singing and performance groups and (along with both his sons) an avid curler. "They are nationally competitive," says Scott, "but I'm not . . . yet!"

Mike Staun, ME '82, MBA '83, and wife Pam recently renovated a 100-year-old house in the historic district of Newport, KY, "just down the street from where **Dave Chalk** grew up. The neighbors still talk about the pride of Newport Central Catholic High School who went east to play football for the Big Red." In Cincinnati, OH, **Mark Elsaesser** (melsaesser@hotmail.com) writes that his daughter, **Catherine '17**, is a freshman in the Hotel school. "She has made many new friends and loves being a Hotelier. She especially enjoys living in Balch Hall, where my mother, **Constance Hoffman Elsaesser '49**, lived her senior year." Mark made so many trips to Ithaca last fall, he feels like a local!

Lisa Kremer Ullmann reported that a small (but big in Red spirit!) Class of 1981 group attended the February 8 Cornell vs. Princeton basketball game in Princeton: Lisa and husband **Michael '80**, **Phil Fine** and wife Julia Yushkevich, **Monique van Perlstein**, and **Rich Lovely**, his wife, Donna, and their daughter Kristen—who is very excited about entering ILR in the fall! After the game, the group had dinner at nearby Metro North Restaurant.

Class president **Steven Ritchey** led the January 18, 2014 Class of 1981 meeting during CALC in Boston, with **Fred Cohen**, **Celia Rodee**, **Laura Dake Roche**, **Monique van Perlstein**, **John Boochever**, **Heidi Fleischman**, **Rhonda Eisner Batt**, and **Lisa Ullman**. Treasurer Fred Cohen indicated that we continue to be financially stable, with no major expenses the past year. The officers agreed to fund the Class of 1981 Tradition Memorial Scholarship every year by \$1,000 (to be reassessed regularly) and that each would donate \$198.10 to Calby Career Services Fund (Fund #0004236) in memory of **Doug Calby**. John Boochever reported that our class raised \$1,933,469 in 2013, with 672 donors (and 87 Tower Club members). John believes we can reach record donor levels for our 35th Reunion.

Our class will need a new social media chair (currently Celia Rodee), corresponding and recording secretaries, and a historian. The Class Council is targeting classmates with bad addresses and will also help in the fall with the follow-up of classmates who haven't renewed their dues. Rhonda Batt and **Pam Bulcroft** Moore are joining the Class Council. If other classmates are interested in volunteering, here's a description of the Class Council job: "The principal responsibility of the class council is to coordinate regional class activities and maintain class enthusiasm during non-reunion years. Because classmates are scattered throughout the world, regionally based class activities are very popular and may even help identify future class leadership. Class council members are crucial gatherers of classmate information including news for the class column and address updates; they can also provide a vital link between classmates and their leaders by relaying ideas for events or suggestions for improvement." Think warm thoughts and please send us your news! ✉ **Barb Amoscatto** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net.

82 This column finds our class short on news, but we expect a new supply after the spring News and Dues mailings go out. We did hear from **Tracy Stone** (Los Angeles, CA), who spends her time "designing buildings and camping. I have been working hard to support the artists and 'makers' of my neighborhood. Tracy A. Stone Architect (www.tracystonearchitect.com) is a full-service architecture firm emphasizing sustainable design in a modernist context." Tracy was featured in a magazine article that celebrated the achievements of powerful women: http://issuu.com/bgandh/docs/mar4_isuu/66?e=1855517/3214029.

As one of your class correspondents and an officer of the class, I (Mark) attended the 2014 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, MA. There I learned that **Shigeo Kondo '43** won the **William "Bill" Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award. Shig is the father of our classmate and former co-correspondent **Nina Kondo** of Wellesley, MA. I participated in our class meeting and learned that our class is in good shape in terms of alumni membership, finances, and planning for our 35th Reunion. Also in attendance were class officers **Greg Busby**, **Jonathan Poe** (Jon was recently re-elected as the global VP of the Engineering Alumni Association as the College of Engineering prepares for the sesquicentennial global celebrations), **John Mennell**, **Jennifer**

Gardiner Liguori, **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom, and **Donna DeSilva**, with **Stu Baron** and several others participating by telephone. We were joined by **Juliet Kolm** Gibbs, who will be helping out with the next reunion. Absent was co-president **Charles Stuppard**, as he continues a tour of duty in the Middle East with the US Navy.

The class officers discussed ways to publicize our ongoing class initiatives in helping to fund and maintain the Wee Stinky Glen near the Cornell Store, in sponsoring an undergrad scholarship, and in making ongoing contributions to the Cornell Libraries. These activities let our class give others the experiences and chances that we had when we were on the Hill to be good stewards of the Cornell campus and to help maintain the libraries as a place for research and team study. When paying your class dues this year, please consider giving an extra amount to these endeavors, especially the Wee Stinky Glen Fund. I fondly remember it as a little oasis of peace, quiet, and beauty among the stresses and activity of my Cornell life. We also plan to do a much-needed update of our class website. While at CALC, I had a great conversation with **John Hand '83**, owner of the Hand Melon Farm in Greenwich, NY, about the challenges and rewards of farming and introducing young people to farming—and about the fabulous Hand melons that were a fond part of my boyhood growing up near Saratoga Springs, NY.

As I manage to do most years, my wife, **Melissa Duncan** Fernau '83, and I, along with daughter Gwen (who is a graduating senior at Ithaca College), attended the Cornell-Harvard hockey game in Cambridge, this time during the CALC weekend, in the company of Lambda Chi Alpha brothers **Steve Keegan '80**, **Brian Rooney '80**, **Mike Lennon '81**, **Bill Stasiuk '80**, and **Cliff Manko '80**, along with their various spouses, children, and in-laws. The pregame warm-up at John Harvard's Brew Pub and a victorious Big Red made for a great evening. I also recently joined the alumni board of the Ithaca chapter of Lambda Chi, after going to a very exciting 100th anniversary party for the house last October. Doug and I look forward to receiving your news for future columns. ✉ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nplmlaw.com.

83 Hello, classmates! I hope you were able to keep warm during the cold and often snowy weather that this winter brought to many of us, no matter where we live. Here's to a beautiful and sunny spring! Fortunately, the cold hasn't stopped our classmates from sending in news of the changes in their lives.

Matt Tager (mlt25@cornell.edu) writes from my neck of the woods: "For the past year I have been living in Shanghai and working on construction of the new Disneyland Park in my role as lead interior designer for one of the lands. Sorry I can't share any more information, but everything is top secret for now. One of the first things I did was hook up with the local Cornell Club for last year's Zinck's Night. I will be here another two years in anticipation of the Park's opening in late 2015. While living in Asia, I have started taking advantage of all there is to see. So far I have taken trips to Tokyo, Osaka, and Xi'an. Korea is up next. Anyone who finds themselves in the area, look me up. I am now a walking encyclopedia of restaurants in Shanghai."

We heard from **John Milne**, ME '84 (rmilne@clarkson.edu), a professor at Clarkson U., that his research on faster methods for boarding airplanes has led to a method that assigns airline passengers to a specific seat based on the number of bags they carry, causing luggage to be evenly distributed through the plane. The *Los Angeles Times* featured a story on this research in its January 5 edition, and NBC's "Today Show" also mentioned it on January 6. Well done, John—all of us frequent travelers thank you for your excellent work! Congratulations also to **Tracy Gruely** Brailey, who was recently promoted to the Pittsburgh Transportation Group's (PTG) director of sales. As such, Tracy will enjoy increased responsibility for PTG's continued growth in a variety of its transportation services, especially in dealing with the hotel community, corporations, universities, seniors, and the general public.

Alvin Lowi III (alowi@ci-dynamics.com) let us know that he has been traveling around the US for baseball and lacrosse tournaments with his two sons, Alex, 17, and Austin, 14. Austin is even considering playing lacrosse for Cornell one day. He adds, "I have been running my forensic engineering consulting practice with my three partners. Growing the business resulted in spinning off three companies." Alvin recently reconnected with **Steve Wilansky** and would love to hear from **Michael Huyghue** '84. **Caroleen Vaughan** (Elmira, NY; culturetreasures@aol.com) is creating heritage craft photos and handmade books and boxes. She was recently juried into her first artist residency at the Ink Shop in Ithaca for book arts. All this is in addition to restoring her 1830 organic hay farm.

As I write this article, my husband **Christopher Deane** (Christopher.deane@fhp-ww.com) and I are packing for a few days of exploring the Florida Keys with our middle daughter, Samantha, before we return to Shanghai on February 17. Chris has a busy schedule this spring, with travel back to Chicago for the Int'l Home & Housewares Show in March, plus business trips to Germany, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Thailand. Our youngest daughter, **Miranda** '17, will be spending Cornell's spring break visiting us in Shanghai and Kuala Lumpur. When our oldest daughter, Elizabeth, visits in April, we plan to travel within China, including a trip to Xi'an to see the terra cotta warriors.

That's all the news I have, so I will wish you a happy spring and summer and a successful Year of the Horse. Please let us know about the changes and happenings in your life—we make it easy to keep up to date with Cornell. Simply e-mail Jon or me or use the online news form located at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. You can access a digital edition of the *Alumni Magazine* at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. We would love to hear from you! ☐ **Barb Warner Deane**, barbdeane@barbdeane.com; **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com.

84 Greetings, classmates! As I write this column there is yet another winter storm warning for the Northeast. By the time we all meet at reunion in Ithaca on June 5-8, these winter storms will be a distant memory of the winter that was! **Joanne Restivo Jensen** and **Ellen Strauss Friedman** have a great weekend planned starting with billiards and beer, ice cream socials, and plenty of unscheduled time to get together at our North Campus headquarters. Our class dorm will be High Rise 1. There

will be food available at headquarters as we all roll into Ithaca on Thursday night. Friday's reception will be in the new Architecture building (Milstein Hall), and then dinner will be outside the Johnson Art Museum. Saturday night will start with cocktails in the newly renovated Stocking Hall, where we can explore the home of the Cornell Dairy Bar. Our Saturday class dinner will be in the heart of the Cornell Plantations.

Ellen and Joanne encourage you to register early for best rates at: <https://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/>. Log on to this site to see who else is attending our 30th Reunion! Reach out to old friends at our "Cornell Class of 1984" Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cornell-Class-Of-1984/636033513084467>) or on LinkedIn at Cornell Class of 1984 and Cornell University Class of 1984 (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Cornell-Class-1984-3812176>).

In non-reunion news, **Nelly Silagy Benedek** is an art museum educator living and working in NYC. As director of education and public programs at the Jewish Museum on 92nd St. and Fifth Ave., she oversees the development of public programming for adults, teachers, students, and families, manages the docent program, and teaches in the museum's galleries. She is currently devoting much of her time to conducting tours of the museum's current "Chagall: Love, War, and Exile" exhibition and to strategic planning for the museum. She credits her Art History classes at Cornell ("Thank you, **Judith Bernstock** '67, Robert Hobbs, and a brilliant TA for Introduction to Modern Art whose name I can't remember") and her internships at the Johnson Museum, the Hinckley Museum, and at a Catholic school in downtown Ithaca for inspiring her to devote her career to art history and museum education. Nelly is married to John Benedek, and they have two teenage sons, Zak and Ethan. She is in touch with **Aviva Weintraub** (who also works at the Jewish Museum), **Alyse Soll**, **Linda Chu Garby**, MRP '90, **Cliff Schoenberg**, **Abe Hughes**, and **Monica Berger** '83, and has, happily, recently found several other Cornell friends on Facebook.

Henry Chung is one of two recipients of the Lewis and Jack Rudin New York Prize for Medicine and Health. This award recognizes his efforts to integrate medical and behavioral healthcare within the ambulatory practices of the Montefiore Health System. Henry is the chief medical officer of Montefiore's Care Management Program and medical director of its Accountable Care Organization. In his acceptance of this award, he said, "I am humbled by this honor, which recognizes the critical importance of systematically integrating behavioral care and medical care for the betterment of health outcomes of patients and their families. The award reflects Montefiore's support and commitment to treating the whole person, especially in this time of health reform." Congratulations, Henry!

Norm ShROUT is owner of the pet health food store Long Leash On Life in Albuquerque, NM. He and partner **Ken Wormser** '71 opened in 2006, and though Norm says it is a full-time commitment, he enjoys spending time with his "elderly dogs." Norm would love to hear from classmate **Carol Bednarczyk Roneker**. He says he arrived at Cornell with the "fear of the unknown." Let us know what you remember bringing to Cornell when you arrived on campus as a freshman.

Here's news of the next generation at Cornell. **Pamela Borthwick Bass** writes that son **Angus** '17 is an Arts and Sciences freshman. He hangs out with the freshman children of our '84 classmates

Joe Giles, **Greg Penske**, and **Tim and Carolyn Hargraves Cassidy** '85. **Bill and Anne Westa Cummins**'s sons, **Jamie** '14 and **Brian** '16, are Cornellians. Jamie has been accepted into the Cornell Master of Engineering program while Brian has been accepted into the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. Bill is still busy with his IT outsourcing company, Kazzlo Int'l. The company's focus is on custom websites and mobile apps. Anne works as an interior designer with her own firm, Anne Cummins Interior Design.

Speaking of the next generation of Cornellians, my husband, **Kevin McCormick**, and I make frequent trips to Ithaca to visit daughters **Meg** '16 and **Kate** '16. They are on the Cornell track team, so we get to watch our tremendously talented Cornell men and women's track teams frequently. Over break we saw the Cornell men's hockey team play the Russian Red Stars. It was a wonderful game with the opposing teams meeting on center ice both before and after the game. The sportsmanship between competitors was inspiring. Then the Cornell men's team went back to hard-hitting hockey with a win against Harvard in Boston! Our son **Nicholas** '13 was on hand for that exciting game. He was in Boston along with many Cornellians for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Our class was well represented by class officers **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, **Joanne Restivo Jensen**, **Terri Port**, **Christine Miller** Whaley, MBA '89, **Oscar Abello**, and **Ruby Saake**.

Lastly, **Janet Insardi** and I look forward to seeing a group Janet and I call the "**Wade Sarkis** Reunion Golf Group." They come to Ithaca on Reunion Weekend to play golf and take in the festive atmosphere (beer) of the tents. Wade writes, "I was in Fiji and our close knit group of eight includes fellow Fijis **Mike Lynch** (Chicago, IL), **Kevin Schneider** (Raleigh, NC), and **Iain Douglas** (L.A.), DU's **Peter Strang** (Cleveland, OH), **Mark Kristoff** (New Caanan, CT), and **Geoff Lands** (L.A.), and Thumpty's **Jeff Kohnstamm** (Portland, OR). We have gathered once or twice a year for the past ten years or so." Wade is a financial advisor and the managing principal of the Canandaigua Financial Group in Canandaigua, NY. These men helped put former reunion chairs Janet and me over the top for attendance records for our 20th and 25th reunions. Let's hope they will do the same for Joanne and Ellen! See you in Ithaca, gentlemen! Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>. ☐ **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com.

85 By the time you all see this, we will have gotten through all the winter storms and are now thawing out with flowers blooming. **Scott Wilson** (Lexington, MA) writes that he is working, taking adventure vacations, doing sprint triathlons, skiing, and paying for his kids' college tuition, including a recent Cornell grad! **Tara Shuman Gonzalez**'s eldest son, **Jesse** '17, is a freshman at Cornell and not so thrilled with the snowfall and below-0 temps. Mom keeps telling him it builds character. Every Cornellian has faced and conquered the snow; it sets us apart. **David Eingorn** is in the news. He has a new book, *To Make Good Again*, out and available on Kindle.

I recently met two women through friends here in Georgia. When I said I'd gone to Cornell, one of them told me she had grown up two doors down from our classmate **Dave Doyno**, who I know. The other knew **Jaan Janes** through her husband's

cousin. Jaan and I went to high school together and kept in touch at Cornell, too. Small world.

In November last year—the year most of us hit the half-century mark—I was lucky enough to enjoy a celebration of 50th birthdays at the annual mini-reunion with great friends **Jill Beckenstein Lerner**, **Leslie Nydick Roseti**, **Maryellen Fisher Magee**, **Cindy Cowan Bowman**, **Karen Magri Dadd**, and **Margaret Vasse**. We spent several days on Kiawah Island, SC, reliving college antics, laughing about old times, and sharing current info. We even got to Skype a bit with **Sharon Tolpin** Topper, who couldn't make the trip. These seven women, plus **Debra Eisenstat** DeRoche and **Elizabeth Mozesky** Langston, try to get together annually, and we all look forward to it. Topics discussed this time: freshman year crushes, friends we'd lost touch with and friends who had passed away, formals we had attended (and how many of us had borrowed the same dress from **Mara Moskowitz**!), parties at 216 Delaware Street, fraternity parties, Johnny's Big Red, the Haunt, pizza at the Nines, and dancing at the Forty! We also browsed the "Pig Book" that one of us still had and decided we were all aging well. Knowledge is beauty, too. It was a get-together we all needed.

Which brings us to the fact that in one year, on June 4-7, 2015, we will all be celebrating our 30th anniversary of graduating from Cornell. Plans are in the making, and I hope you can be there. The Class of 1985 would love a big showing! As always, remember that you can send news to any of your correspondents anytime of year. ☐ **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, risa.mish@cornell.edu; **Roberta Zweibel**, rfahiesq@aol.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>.

86 After a long, hard winter in the Northeast, I am excited to be writing a column that will be read in warmer weather at least somewhere in the world! My New Year's started off by hosting a brunch in early January for 25 Cornell undergraduate women, and we had a terrible blizzard in Philadelphia. Despite the bad roads, I had undergrads from Pittsburgh, Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia, along with alums from the 1960s to the 2000s, for a fabulous day of career advice and reminiscing. While no classmates from '86 came, I had the pleasure of hosting **Heidi Heasley Ford '87** and **Annette Lee '87**. Annette came from the hospital still in surgical scrubs, which was a great introduction to the balancing career and life discussions! **Heidi Tobler Sakanaka '85** came to Philly for the annual flower show recently and looks amazing. **Lisa Hollis Capone '87** joined her.

It's almost time for this year's CAU summer sessions in Ithaca. Last year **Karen Field** Murray took Wines, **Bette Robo** took a course on Birds, and **Karen Colapietro** Seybold took a class on Great Trials. Friends and family—some Cornellians and some not—joined most of the attendees. I highly recommend both the on-campus classes and the off-campus tours. It's also fun to play in the Cornell facilities, and it's a great family vacation. (Okay, you are living in dorms . . .)

Irene Molnar Wrenner was recently re-elected to her *third* three-year term on the Town of Essex Select Board (akin to a town council) in their hometown in Vermont. Husband **Kevin**, ME '88, has been designing microchips for nearly a

dozen years at Linear Technology. Irene adds, "We traveled to Hungary for several days and to western Turkey for several weeks last summer with our children Rylee and David." **Maureen Laffey Bills** was in Amsterdam this March with her family. **Julie Bick Weed** celebrated her 21st wedding anniversary with a fake skydiving excursion where you "dive" over a large fan and are airborne but in an enclosed location. Looked like a lot of fun from the pictures (and about my speed in terms of distance from the ground).

Joan Button Thakor went to the Cornell-BU Thanksgiving weekend hockey game at Madison Square Garden and had a great time. She caught up with **Margot Tohn** and then realized she was sitting next to **Peter Rogers** of New Jersey, who was in U-Hall 2 freshman year with her! **Mike** and **Lisa Hellinger Manaster** and **Todd Baker** also attended the game. Joan's son Eric will be starting at CALS in the fall. She writes, "We were in Africa

host something locally, please let us know as well. I have been involved in a few activities for women alumni locally in Philadelphia, and it's been great fun—and not very time consuming! ☐ **Holly Isdale**, isdale@mac.com; and **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com.

87 Greetings, classmates. I'm writing this column in the middle of the most Ithaca-like winter we've had since we were on the Hill. The groundhog saw his shadow and decided to give us six snowstorms in six weeks. How on earth did we ever survive those long winters? We didn't have the responsibility of shoveling! While I can't blame the weather, I didn't make it to this year's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston. Luckily, we were well represented by many of our class officers, including **Scott Pesner**, **Tom Tseng**, ME '94, **Stacey**

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Whitney Weinstein Goodman '87

last summer: in Zimbabwe for adventure sports, Botswana for a safari, and then an overnight in Johannesburg, where we visited Soweto, saw Nelson Mandela's home, and visited the Hector Pieter-son Museum! A most memorable trip!"

Judith Warden Reichenbach (Pompton Plains, NJ) writes, "I am still (over 25 years) with BD (Becton Dickinson) doing project management. With our daughter **Kristen '16** at Cornell, I find myself back on campus frequently—visiting, dropping off, etc. I sometimes run into **Jeff Silver**, whose son **Jordan '16** is also in the class. Our daughter Dana is in high school and hopes to be a member of the Cornell Class of '19. When in Ithaca, I often see **Suzanne Wapner**, who lives in Ithaca and is working in CALS. I also keep in touch with **Christine Koziol** Watkins, who has joined the handmade industry by starting a jewelry business, selling at craft shows and online (see Down-to-Earth-Jewelry on Facebook, or jewelry bydowntoearth.etsy.com). **Lisa Klass** Davin is trying to get used to the empty nest, with both of her children off to college. She's in the Buffalo area working for ConAgra. **Jill Mullan** is in the Boston suburbs and also getting used to the empty nest with two in college and one more at prep school. Being in northern New Jersey, it's been fun going to MSG to watch Cornell hockey and see so many enthusiastic Big Red hockey fans."

As you may have missed it, since I only mentioned it a few times (!), the Class of '86 buys a block of tickets to the Madison Square Garden hockey game every year. In November 2014, it will be Cornell vs. Penn. Tickets sell out quickly, and we usually do some type of pre-game activity for the classmates attending. Keep an eye out for the news announcements, and if you're interested in tickets for this year, let me know and I'll attempt to put you on the e-mail chain.

Send your updates to Mike or me at the addresses below. And if you're interested in getting involved in Cornell or class activities, or want to

Neuhoefer Silberzweig, **Claudia Regen**, **Brenda Wilkinson** Melvin, **Katherine Stifel**, **Dan Meyer**, and **Bob Forness**. They discussed possible events for the class including how we are going to celebrate our 50th birthdays next year (well, for most of us). Next year is also the Sesquicentennial of Cornell! Big milestone year!

Bob and **Lindsay Liotta Forness '84** report that they really enjoyed CALC. "The energy of so many Cornell faculty, staff, students, and alumni volunteers makes for an inspiring weekend. I must report, however, that I 'cut class' (or at least the class officers meeting) to watch my son Brian's Delbarton hockey team beat New England rival Malden Catholic. Brian was accepted into the Dyson School at CALS (Dad's program), but is deferring, with plans to play junior hockey next year. Clearly hockey is a theme in our household, so a highlight of CALC, of course, was watching Cornell beat Harvard. Daughter **Keri '15** returned from a semester abroad studying Arabic and diplomacy in Amman, Jordan, and is now back on the Hill. She reported to us that the program was excellent, but of course as parents we were most focused on welcoming her home."

Jeff Patton has relocated again—this time to Cleveland, OH, from NYC, as of late 2011. Jeff accepted the position of GM of consumer marketing for GE's lighting division, which has had its global headquarters in Cleveland for more than 100 years. He is an active board member of the Cornell Club of Northeast Ohio and also attended the Leadership Conference in Boston with hundreds of other Cornell Club regional leaders, class officers, and current students planning for the future of the university. NYC is still one of Jeff's loves, and he is a regular visitor, often seeing friends from the Class of '87 and U-Hall 4 in the area, including **Davy Zonerach**, **Joe DeBellis**, and **Michael Gilbert**, MS '90.

We have many stories of Cornell women helping other women. **Liz Brown**, JD '90, **Heidi Heasley Ford**, **Annette Lee**, and several other Philadelphia area alums met at the home of **Holly**

Isdale '86 to participate in a Cornell event designed to help female undergraduates explore their career options. **Amy Siskind** spoke at Cornell in February. She runs the New Agenda, which helps empower girls and women. **Debbie Goldstein** is the founder of the Women's Advancement Compact (WAC), which Debbie describes as a new twist on helping women break the glass ceiling. Several major national law and accounting firms and other companies are following a different roadmap with remarkable success. Women attorneys, accountants, sales executives, and others are participating in a unique forum that includes intense professional development and networking. WAC events integrate career satisfaction, life challenges, and personal development.

Amy Janower Weinstein reports that daughter **Danielle '17** matriculated at Cornell in the fall and loves it. "She has made friends from around the world and is thriving in her new academic and social home!" **Mary Bowman** wrote, "I ran my fifth (and I thought final) Boston Marathon in 2013, except that I finished exactly two minutes before the first bomb went off. I had turned around (it sounded like a cannon firing—everybody literally jumped) and saw the second bomb explode. There was panic, spectators running, and people crying. A cop on the course told us to run, so I kept moving and never turned back. I didn't want that to be my last Boston Marathon. I had a good enough qualifying time to get in again, so I signed up and will be running on April 21. It's kind of like confronting your fears; I have to do it, but I would be lying if I said I wasn't afraid. I know that it is going to be special this year." If you are in Boston, be sure to cheer for Mary!

Share your news! We can be reached through our Facebook page, Cornell University Class of 1987, through our e-mail addresses, or at the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hfh6@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, classmates, and happy spring! It's been a long and frigid winter across much of the US—our years in Ithaca prepared us well! As **Jackie Daniels** Saril posted on Facebook, "I always thought my college degree was the best result of four years of Cornell, but now I realize that the ability to drive well in snow was by far the most useful." Jackie lives in New Rochelle, NY, and would love to hear from her Cornell friends.



On a snowy weekend in January we joined our fellow Class of '88 officers and 500 other class officers and volunteers (from the Class of 1943 through the current Class of 2014) at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston. The Cornell spirit was everywhere as we shared ideas and resources to keep our vibrant network of alumni connected to one another and to Cornell, and cheered the Big Red hockey team as they defeated Harvard just a few miles away. There are exciting plans in the works to celebrate Cornell's Sesquicentennial this fall, including events being planned for New York City, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, and San Francisco. Please watch for more information, and if you have an idea for a Class of '88 gathering around one of these events, let us know. We will do our best to make it happen!

Another highlight of CALC was the announcement of a redesigned volunteer website set to go live on July 1, 2014. Take a sneak peek at what's to come at <https://alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/>. There are dozens of ways to get involved or re-connect with Cornell. The website is backed by the Office of Volunteer Programs and will help match your interests and your schedule to more than 600 alumni organizations.

In other news, we congratulate **Frank Cara**, who recently joined the law firm of Connell Foley in New York as partner in charge of the firm's construction law practice. **Laurence Rosoff** writes that his company, PRG Hospitality, opened its second presidential restaurant concept in Washington, DC, Teddy & The Bully Bar, which pays homage to our 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt. PRG Hospitality is the first-ever restaurant group in the nation's capital to center its concepts around past American presidents. It joins Lincoln Restaurant, which pays tribute to our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. So look up Larry and head to one of these themed restaurants if you are in the D.C. area!

Debbie Kaplan Gershenson and husband **John '89** send news from Kenya, where John, a Fulbright Scholar, is on sabbatical working at Moi U. in El Doret. John has also started a business that makes innovative and reliable bicycle components for people who depend on bicycles in sub-Saharan Africa. Their two sons, Noah and Daniel, are soaking up Kenyan culture, going to a local rural school and learning Swahili rather than attending an international school in Nairobi. "We wanted them to really feel what Kenya is like for the majority of the Kenyans who live here. It has been an amazing experience so far!" writes Debbie. **David Beiser**, co-founder of Qualia Health, shared a link on the Cornell '88 Alumni Facebook page to an article in *Fast Company* magazine announcing that his company had been selected as one of ten tech startups to participate in an intensive connected devices accelerator program. The goal of the program is to build connected products and services while providing entrepreneurs advice in business and brand consulting, product and services innovation, and marketing and communications. David serves as associate professor of medicine at the U. of Chicago, where he has directed an NIH-funded program in cardiovascular science. Qualia Health uses data science to measure changes in overall health and improve lives.

Finally, I would like to congratulate my co-correspondent, **Brad Mehl**, on the launch of his new firm, Boundless Markets, which provides data-driven overhauls and upgrades of marketing and sales functions for B2B companies. Brad and his team provide outsourced chief marketing officer services for clients, including private equity firms

and their portfolio companies, in digital media, technology, and other industries. Brad also recently joined the board of directors of Asentra, one of the fastest growing companies on the Inc. 500 list. Please continue to send your news to either of your correspondents at the addresses below, and join the Cornell '88 Alumni group on Facebook as another way to share information and stay connected. **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com.

89 Hi, everybody! Our class news pile is getting a little low, but the good news is that next month brings a chance for all of us to catch up—25 years after we graduated! Our reunion volunteers have been working hard to plan our 25th Reunion, set for June 5-8! Many thanks to them, especially reunion co-chairs **Erika Ange**, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver, and **Debbie Schaffel**. Classmates who attended our class meeting at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston in mid-January to discuss reunion planning, among other matters, included **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon (via phone), **Vaishali Trivedi** Bhatt (via phone), **Shannon Gallivan** Bol, **Rob Chodock**, **Carolyn Day** Flowers, **Jenny Ritter** Kelly, **Robyn Wesler** Landow, **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan, **Debbie Schaffel**, **Dave Scher** (via phone), **Suki Tepperberg**, and **Jinny VanDeusen**.

Will YOU be back in Ithaca for reunion? We hope so! Registration materials were mailed in March, but if you missed them or have not yet made plans, please visit our class website (<http://classof89.alumni.cornell.edu>) or the Cornell University Class of 1989 Facebook page to find the latest details. Anyone interested in becoming a class officer for the 2014-19 term should contact our nominations chair, Vaishali Trivedi Bhatt, at vab32@cornell.edu. Detailed information about the class officer positions can be found at www.cornell.edu/caco.

Many fun activities are planned, with class-specific activities including a Finger Lakes Distillery spirits tasting, Hot Truck eats, and dancing with the outrageous cover band The Nerds. Class headquarters and housing will be on West Campus in Hans Bethe House, which is described as "the third of five residential colleges built at Cornell in the first decade of the 21st century comprising the university's West Campus House System." Which means (gulp) it must have replaced one of our beloved U-Halls. So, come for the nostalgia—with a modern twist!

I'm personally looking forward, as always, to taking part in the Reunion Run. As I recall there are several different distance options, and it's a lot of fun! Come help represent the Class of 1989! Maybe one of the racers challenging our class runners will be **Liz Des Cognets** Champagne '79. I enjoy seeing Liz, and also fellow alumna **Carlie Cleveland** Krolick '76, at running events here in Vermont. I hope we '89ers will be going as strong as those two when we're celebrating our 35th and heading toward our 40th!

Thanks to the classmates who sent in their news forms. It's always great to hear from you! If you haven't written recently, please take a minute to send in that yellow questionnaire you get in the mail, or just go to the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) to submit an update. I guarantee there are classmates reading this magazine who are wondering what you are up to!

When **Tom Van Tiem** wrote from Mt. Pleasant, SC, back in December, he was keeping busy attending to his young children—ages 6, 4, 3, and almost 2—with his wife, Lynn. He reports, “I recently left JetBlue Airways and returned to Delta Airlines. I’ll be flying out of NYC.” He’d like to get in touch with classmate **Luis Porcelli**. Tax law may not sound like as much fun as flying, but it is to **Melinda Fellner** Brawmit, who writes, “You have to have fun in what you do. I am a tax partner in the law firm of Norris McLaughlin and Marcus, with three great boys and hubbie Mark.” The title of Melinda’s latest article does make it sound fun: “Has the IRS found its mojo just like Austin Powers? A commentary on the trilogy of offshore voluntary disclosure programs” was recently published in the *Journal of Taxation and Regulation of Financial Institutions*.

And here’s some exciting news that I know a lot of us can relate to as our children reach college age. **Jill Kasprowitz** Vizza writes, “Delighted that our son will join the Cornell Engineering Class of 2018 and row lightweight crew!” Congratulations to him, and best wishes to the rest of the families who have graduates this year, like **Marci Braunstein** Arnold. Marci responded to my U-Hall 2 reunion reminder note (in which I admitted I could remember my dorm floor but not my room number), with this e-mail: “I so wish I could be there for the 25th Reunion in June. It’s the same weekend as my daughter’s high school graduation and we live in Houston, so unfortunately I cannot be in Ithaca for even part of the time. I’m sure it will be a great time for all. I do remember my freshman year dorm room number—it was 2220. I think I can still remember my phone number from that year! My roommate was **Lori Duke**, and we remain close friends to this day. In fact, we lead sort of parallel lives: I am from New York and married a guy from Texas; she’s from Texas and married a guy from New York. We both have daughters who are 17, then each have two boys (mine are 15 and 12; hers are 13 and 11.) Lori lives in Austin and I’m in Houston, so we get to see each other several times a year, which is wonderful! Maybe she and I will plan a trip together for Homecoming. We definitely need to get back to Cornell soon. Best of luck with all the planning. I’ll look forward to seeing pictures of everyone and hearing about the weekend.”

Perhaps some of you may have to miss reunion for those other festivities, but do send in your news. See everyone soon! ☐ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 Our news bag is as low as the water supply of my home state of California. When this column was written, farmers were planting drastically reduced annual crops and reserving the available water for trees—which often take six or seven years to establish. Moving on to brighter topics...

From Baltimore, **Lauren Berkow** continues to organize and attend conferences for anesthesiology airway management. She jets between Singapore, Thailand, Chile, and Barcelona in order to present ongoing research. On the home front, daughter Cassie is doing well in middle school. Younger daughter Mia has become a flute prodigy. **John Flores** (Somerville, NJ) readies himself for another riding and writing season after the snow melts. John writes for *Road Runner* magazine, which

is geared toward motorcycle enthusiasts. Additionally, he’s launching the next issue of *New Motor Magazine* covering electric and hybrid vehicles. It’s available on iTunes for the iPad.

Allison Duncan (Portland, OR) was shortly to begin her PhD field research on outdoor public spaces that don’t have clearly defined pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular zones. The question is, How does the public (whether walking, bicycling, or driving) use these areas successfully and safely? In May, she travels to England—specifically to Ashford, Kent, and Manchester—for videotaping, observation, and intercept surveys. In January, **Scott Rodwin**, BArch ’91 (Boulder, CO) wrote, “I just received my first patent and am about to take my invention—an earbud anti-tangling device called the LOOP—to the Consumer Electronics Show in Vegas (www.ipocketloop.com).”

Ryan Wyatt, director of the Morrison Planetarium at the California Academy of Science in San Francisco, authored the most widely seen planetarium show in the world. His close friend **Kelly Roberson** travels to Panama in March to complete the final lighting adjustments for the Panamanian BioMuseo, which opens in the summer of 2014. The building, designed by Frank Gehry, is located at the Panama Canal’s southern end, very close to Panama City. The natural history museum features the flora and fauna of Panama. The country is a natural land bridge between North America and South America, which allows a unique mix of animal and plant species.

And in a last bit of excellent news, **Michael Karangelen** writes, “On Saturday afternoon, January 4, 2014, my wife, **Kerry (Motelson) ’08**, MS ’09, and I welcomed a new baby into our family: Michael James Karangelen III. Mom and MK3 are doing well.” That’s all the news we have to print at the moment. Please keep sending your news to the class correspondents. We are yours truly: ☐ **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson “at” lightswitch.net; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

91 Stay tuned to the next column for news of our classmates. Annual class mailings arrive in the spring, and an e-mail requesting your latest updates was sent out shortly after this column went to press. Go here, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, and send us your latest activities and philosophies, or write us directly at one of the addresses below. Read the class column in the hard copy Class Notes or at *Cornell Alumni Magazine*’s digital site, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. Stay in touch and stay connected! ☐ **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmlkscoburn@me.com; **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu.

92 Happy spring! After the brutal winter we’ve had in our area, spring will be greeted with more enthusiasm than ever! I’ve heard some locals echoing the sentiments of many Cornellians by promising to wear shorts and flip-flops on the first day that breaks 50 degrees!

While still deep in winter, some of your class officers (including my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, and I) attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership

Conference (CALC) in January in Boston. As always, it is a great weekend to learn more about current initiatives and activities on campus, improve our practical skills as class leaders, and make future plans for the Class of 1992. Next year’s conference will be part of the official Sesquicentennial celebration so please plan to join us in Boston to celebrate Cornell’s 150th birthday and start practicing how to say “sesquicentennial!” (I finally mastered the pronunciation, but it took most of CALC to do it!)

The CALC weekend also provided an opportunity for me to fill this column with news! Class president **Allison Bergstrom** was there to ably lead our delegation. Her love of travel continues, and she always has a trip in the works. Boston local **Kathy Liu**, MAT ’93, joined us again. She is on the board of the Cornell Club of Boston and is a teacher. **Jennifer Lynham** Cunningham attended as a staffer with the university. She is a senior director with Alumni Affairs. **Meredith Rosenberg** moderated a program in her role as a Cornell board of trustees member. **Jonathan Simon** serves as a member of Class Council and is a director-at-large for the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) and on the advisory board of Cornell Outdoor Education. He lives in Chevy Chase, MD, with his family and is an attorney.

Mike McMahon ’93 shared some news about our classmate **John Balet**. John lives in Saratoga, NY, with his wife and two children. He teaches environmental science and sustainability at Clean Technologies Early College High School, which is part of the Ballston Spa Central School District. “This special school offers a program that prepares students for college and careers in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and advanced technology, including semi-conductor manufacturing. It also provides students a distinct opportunity to earn an associate’s degree while preparing them to seamlessly transition into key industry sectors.” Impressive! Jon Simon enjoyed reminiscing about his days on the Cornell Concert Commission at the Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM) last fall with classmate **Matt Goldberg**, and taking his son Jeremy to the Third Eye Blind concert at Barton Hall (his first rock concert) over Homecoming. Jon says his son “was the only kid in the place and probably for good reason.” Jon also reports that as part of a Cornell Outdoor Education advisory board event last fall, he enjoyed trekking out to the ruins of the Mount Pleasant Lodge, which served as a year-round retreat for students and faculty from the 1930s until it burned down in 1968.

While in Boston, we had drinks with my sorority sister **Maryann Symanowicz ’94**. Then we went to see Cornell men’s ice hockey defeat Harvard at “Lynah East.” Allison Bergstrom got us the tickets (thank you!) and we sat with her and **Amy Levine**. Amy is a facilities services manager for Starbucks Coffee in Boston. We also ran into **Lisa Camesano** and her family, **Brian Nowicki** and his family, and **Pete Hedlund ’93**, MRP ’00, and his family as we all cheered the Big Red. The next night, Todd and I had dinner with locals Brian Nowicki and **John Voellmicke** in Boston’s North End. Brian is a quality manager at a fuel cells company in the Boston area. John is an engineer with a medical devices company near Boston. During the weekend, we also said hello to one of our 20th Reunion clerks, **Josh Grider ’14**. Josh is now a senior and continues to work for Alumni Affairs on campus. Best of luck as you graduate, Josh!

In other news, **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA ’95, continues to make music. His compositions have aired on KCRW in Los Angeles and are included on

a new compilation, "Bedroom Cassette Masters Volume 5," available on bandcamp.com. My dear friend **Liz Robbins** is in her 14th year with the *New York Times*, where she is a features writer for the Metropolitan section. Liz is also on the advisory board of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Another great friend (and *Daily Sun* alum) **Michael Cimini** recently started Humpday Wines with his business partner. Currently available in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire, Michael calls Humpday "a fun and friendly red wine from California." Congrats, Mike! Finally, Todd and I still enjoy volunteering for CAAAN to meet local high school students who are applying to Cornell. We really like helping in this way and invite you to check it out for yourself at <http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu>.

Please share your news! We love to hear from you. E-mail any of us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy Castellano**, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com.

93 Happy spring, everyone! Please consider celebrating the season—and our 21st year since graduation—by e-mailing us an update for an upcoming issue of the alumni magazine. Your input is key, and will make our Class Notes an interesting read for all of us. In the meantime, here is a letter inviting you to join in honoring our former class officer **Courtney Erickson**.

This is written in great sadness and regret. As many of you have by now heard, Courtney lost his battle with cancer on July 5, 2013. Perhaps some of you saw Court in June at our 20th Reunion, when he appeared vivacious, friendly, and thrilled to be back at Cornell with his friends. We know how strongly he affected those around him in a million small ways, and how he has left a unique and beautiful space in the world that we will always cherish. Most importantly, our hearts and prayers go out to his family.

Here is the link to his obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailygazette/obituary.aspx?pid=165697454>

Those who knew Court knew that he was an avid baseball fan and a supporter of Cornell Athletics. In his honor, the Class of 1993 would like to dedicate a plaque to be placed on a locker in the men's baseball locker room at Cornell. It will read:

In Memory of
Courtney Erickson '93
From his Classmates

If you wish to contribute, please go to <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/give/>. We are trying to raise \$5,000. As of mid-February, when this column was written, we had raised \$1,000 and have until June 30, 2014 to meet the goal. Contributions of any size are welcome. Please designate your contribution to Athletics and Physical Education, Cornell Baseball Endowment Fund (#252629), in memory of Courtney Erickson.

Take care and please share. **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com.

94 Howdy, Big Red alumni! Today I'm writing to you with 15 inches of snow outside my northern New Jersey window—the Snowpocalypse

of 2014 has already cancelled seven days of school and wreaked havoc with my work schedule. But as you read this I'm confident the snow will be gone and we will be enjoying beautiful spring weather!

I've really enjoyed seeing all of the Facebook posts and getting my mailings about our 20th Reunion! If for some reason you haven't heard, it's scheduled for June 5-8, and it should be a super event! The class is invited to stay at Mary Donlon Hall (my home freshman year!), and my sorority sister **Mary Sue Page** Youn has been keeping us posted on Facebook with all of the details. Check out the Cornell University Class of 1994 page for updates and some great flashback pictures posted by another former sorority sister, **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik. There's still time to sign up if you want to attend!

One of the many reasons I'm glad I married a fellow classmate is that I get to keep up with lots of alums! **Michael Marchant** and I spent New Year's Day with **Ted Lynch**, his wife, Michele, and their two girls, Jamie and Cara. We see them every year for New Year's festivities and love watching each other's children grow up! A week later, Michael traveled to Las Vegas for an annual boys' weekend, which included **Sunil Srivastava**, **Marc Gallagher**, **Louis Ramos**, and **Joe Femino '95**. This was the tenth annual excursion to Sin City, but I don't ask what they do when they are there!

I tend to keep up with my far-flung friends via Facebook. My former Donlon buddy **Neil Cohen** and his wife, Amy, welcomed son Ryan Phoenix on October 30, who joined big brother Alex. The family lives in San Francisco and Neil has a great blog going (manonthirdblog.com) that covers a wide range of subjects including parenting, sports, news, and anything fun to write about. Another Donlon friend, **Eileen Drabik** Hans, lives a little closer to me in New Jersey with husband Gary and children Julia and Andrew. She tends to post a lot about their family competing in running races, which always makes me feel quite sedentary!

Understandably, Facebook has become the dominant distribution vehicle for personal updates, but that doesn't mean your broader Class of 1994 network might not benefit from hearing about your latest triumphs and everyday events. The news flowing to us was particularly light this cycle, but I'm sure after reunion we will have much to write about. For now, here are a few updates. **Marcella Velasco** has been the MDS coordinator at the Stone Institute, a residential care and skilled nursing facility in Newton Upper Falls, MA, for three years. MDS coordinators help in the formulation and implementation of individual care plans for facility residents. In 2004, Marcella earned an MSN (Master of Science in Nursing) and became a certified resident assessment coordinator (RAC-CT) in 2010.

Michela Barba writes in from Arlington, VA, where she is the director of product management data and analytics for CoreLogic. Michela enjoys working, exercising, and spending time with her children and family, but most recently has been helping her mother-in-law, who has fallen ill. One of the questions posed to alumni in the news form asks what you brought to Cornell when you first came. Michele wrote: "Stuffed animals. Hard to believe, but I showed up with a cartful!" Also writing in is **Tamar Magnas**, who lives in NYC. Tamar enjoys "scuba, salsa, cooking, and biking." When she's not doing all of those fun things, she says she's a "busy pediatrician." After leaving the tech industry a few years ago, **Michael Banino** went back to school to get a master's in science education from Columbia, then began teaching. In

July, he is headed to China with his wife, Morgan, to teach at the Shanghai American School.

Thanks to everyone who shared their updates with us (and those that I shamefully lifted from Facebook)! Hope that everyone has a great time at reunion, and if you can't make it to Ithaca for that weekend, I encourage you to make a trip when you can. Cornell has truly transformed these past 20 years—you'll barely recognize it! Best wishes for health and happiness! **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu.

95 While the snow has buffeted the rest of the country, uncharacteristic cold has hit Louisiana as I write this column. This means that other Northerners and I have been walking around in T-shirts, jeans, and flip-flops while shaking our heads at locals ensconced in Randy-from-A-Christmas-Story snowsuits. I did get a picture of one snowflake here in New Orleans.

Jennifer Graham-Engeland lives in State College, PA, with husband Christopher. She writes, "I conduct research on how emotional and cognitive responses to stress affect immune function and pain, in an attempt to find ways to break the cycle between stress and chronic pain. In addition to doing research, I teach, read, and spend lots of time with my daughters and husband, cooking, hanging out with friends, and generally trying to find a happy Zen balance in life—because life is too short for anything else." Jennifer would like to hear from Nikki, Garth, and Jason and remembers bringing cassette tapes with her when she arrived at Cornell freshman year.

Todd Greenberg (Austin, TX) has been leading Microsoft's US mobile operator business, including the Windows Phone. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Jennifer, and playing with their two children, Brayden, 4, and Zachary, 1. "Living in Manhattan, but practicing as a trust and estate attorney in White Plains," writes **George Kontogiannis**, who works at Marino Partners LLP. "Yes, I do the reverse commute, but it's great to drive by the traffic heading inbound. In addition to practicing law, two years ago I helped found One Sandwich at a Time, a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to bring the community together to help feed those in need. To date, we have made over 15,000 sandwiches at our monthly sandwich-making events to help feed the less fortunate. Check us out: onesandwichatime.org."

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard is an assistant professor of African American studies at UC Irvine. She traveled to the Critical Ethnic Studies Association conference in Illinois last fall to give "a major talk at the American Political Science Association." Tiffany's sons Salim, who attends a dual-language kindergarten, and Solomon, attended a prayer vigil for Trayvon Martin in Santa Ana. She shares this: "Though they have participated in May Day rallies and the LGBTQ contingent at the Los Angeles Dr. King Day Celebration for most of their lives, this was quite different and gave us the chance to talk about the US Constitution and black people's lives in a whole new way. They and their many other young friends, ranging in age from 3 to 13, were very brave and learned to trust the community in a new embodied way, while city police, Homeland Security police, and others looked on as we marched near federal buildings and state buildings." **PJ Kirner** (pjkirner@acm.org) is in

Palo Alto, CA, and “co-founded Illumio, a venture-backed cloud security startup in Silicon Valley.”

David Beck (Charlotte, NC) writes, “Looking for a new opportunity in sports marketing and business development. I enjoyed my first three years in sports—two with the Chicago Fire in the MLS, and most recently with Charlotte in the NBA—after 16 years in consumer products.” Dave is still involved with youth coaching and local volunteer activities. He traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, for the holidays in 2012 and more recently has been learning golf. “Have played some great courses; now looking for a more consistent game.” Dave adds, “I wish I had taken in more of the guest lectures when I was in school. Cornell does a great job connecting students with current and future leaders. You can never get enough.”

Please continue to share your news with us! We love to hear from classmates. It may not be new to you, but it is news to us! ☐ **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

96 Greetings, '96ers! I hope by the time you read this column, you are gearing up for an exciting summer and the polar vortex is a distant memory! You'll notice that our column has been short of late . . . so please send us an e-mail with your plans for the summer and all of the happenings in your life! On to the news that we do have.

Al Pizzica spent two weeks in the Netherlands at the European Space Agency's technology center testing his company's new electric space propulsion unit. He recalls his freshman year Astronomy professor Yervant Terzian inspiring him to follow this dream of furthering mankind's exploration of space. **Eric Sinoway's** role as president of Axxess Worldwide, a partnership development company, involved significant travel to Asia over the past year, which proved interesting and allowed for the opportunity to connect with Cornellians in that part of the world. Eric and wife Jennifer spend time with many of their dear friends from Cornell, including **Josh Silverman** and **Carin Lustig-Silverman** (yes, me), and Meghan and Al Pizzica. The Sinoways' two boys, Daniel, 6, and Michael, 3, continue to keep their hands and hearts full.

Debbie Lee Goldberg lives with her husband, Ira, in Roslyn, NY. Daughter Talia Eve was born in December 2012, and older siblings Jacob, 7, and Hannah, 6, love playing with their little sister. Another editor's note: My son Jacob plays chess weekly with Jacob Goldberg. **Emily Hart** Reith and husband Thomas are busy dividing and conquering for the kids' activities, which seem to become more involved as they get older. Emily writes, “We have a 6, 9, and 11-year-old and live in Brookline, MA, where we have been for well over a decade, although each year we ask ourselves, ‘Should we live somewhere warmer?’ My classic New England son mentioned on a recent trip to Florida that ‘anything over 32 degrees feels amazing!’ I am lucky enough to see **Jessica Katz** Poscover regularly, as our kids went to preschool together and we still love hanging out with her family, which includes her adorable 6-year-old twins. I would love to hear from old friends at emilyhreith@rcn.com and hope to make it to our next reunion as we were sorry to miss the last one!”

Neil Sirota (nbs11@psu.edu) lives in Bellefonte, PA, and as of September 2013 has been

appointed assistant dean of career services at Penn State Law. Landscape architect **Meredith Byer** was recently hired as the director of planning at the professional services firm of Dewberry, in their Gaithersburg, MD, office. Dewberry provides architecture, engineering, management, and consulting services to public and private sector clients. Among other responsibilities, Meredith will expand the landscape architecture presence in the D.C. metro area. Prior to joining Dewberry, she served as a senior project manager, supervising planners, landscape architects, engineers, and surveyors, and managing projects from initial concept to feasibility to entitlements to construction phases.

Looking forward to hearing from you all soon. Send your news to: ☐ **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com. Class e-mail address, cuclassof96@gmail.com. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

97 Another school year coming to an end . . . Students are enjoying Slope Day, preparing for Senior Week and graduation, and moving on for the summer or forever!

The newsbag is low this round, but we did hear from classmate **Jason Tapia**, BArch '99, who lives in Miami and has his own architecture practice, Building Center No. 3. He is joined in the Sunshine State by his wife, **Sabrina Candelaria '98**. Jason was also recently awarded “Young Architect of the Year—2013” by the Florida AIA Miami Chapter. Congrats on your award, Jason, and glad to know we are still considered young!

That's all for now. Please send your news to Erica or me so we can save you from boring stories about things we found on the Internet or our favorite meal from Jansen's. We want to know what you're doing—travel, work, family, pets, anything works for us. Drop us an e-mail, send a note on a news form, or find us on Facebook (“Cornell Class of 1997”). ☐ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

98 After this snowy and icy winter, with its treacherous conditions that caused even our dear Cornell to have at least one delayed opening, I hope you are all enjoying the spring somewhere sunny and warm. A quick springtime “Hi, hello, how are you?” to **Ingrid Hart** Pels, **Amatullah King**, and **Ken Ho**—a few of the first classmates I met as a freshman 20 years ago. Do you remember your summer before freshman year? Better yet, do you remember your first winter on the Hill?

Congratulations to senior VP and managing director of human resources at First Niagara Financial Group **Kate Mendrykowski** White, who has been named to the company's operating committee. With more than ten years with HSBC in various HR and talent management roles, she joined First Niagara in 2008, rising through the ranks as a high-performing leader. President and CEO Gary Crosby remarked in a press release, “Kate has proven herself to be a strong leader of the HR and organizational development team and an effective advocate for all of our team members across the company.”

Hotelie **Albert Yu** recently returned to the states after living in China for a year. He is now

in Sonoma County, CA, working as a hospitality and business instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College. Prior to developing more hotels for the world, Al ventured all around the hotel industry working for the Four Seasons, Intercontinental, Starwood, Hyatt, and Fairmont hotels. He was also an adjunct instructor in hospitality and hotel and restaurant management at Mission College, Le Cordon Bleu, and the Int'l Culinary Center.

Joshua Walsky, ME '03, CTO and co-founder of Broadway Technology, has been named to the Institutional Investor's prestigious list of trading technology innovators—which recognizes the top leaders in the world of trading technology—for the third year in a row. He and CEO Tyler Moeller started Broadway Technology in 2003 following their first collaboration, CarOrder.com, a critically acclaimed retail automotive sales website. Driving the technological innovations at Broadway Technology, Joshua holds several patents in the trading technology, e-commerce, and distributed computing. The company's core technology, the TOC, is an integrated, event-driven multi-asset ready trading platform, and attracted Goldman Sachs to become a minority company stakeholder in 2012. With the recent recognition from the Institutional Investor, Joshua stated in a press release, “It is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and creativity of the entire team at Broadway.” He adds that he is honored to be part of such a distinguished list of innovators. “We are committed to building the best technology in the world because ultimately we are engineers at heart and we strive to build something lasting, something that is bigger than ourselves.”

Do you have news you'd like to share with us? Please keep your stories coming. ☐ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Toni Stable** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

99 In a few short weeks, hopefully a good group of the class will be back in Ithaca for reunion. If you are still on the fence about attending, please check out the Class of '99 Facebook page, which you can find by searching for “THE OFFICIAL Cornell University Class of 1999.” Please also go to Cornell's reunion site, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion>.

Our reunion chairs are **Rebecca Harris** Mulvaney, **David Sandoval**, and **Sheyna Quell** Horowitz, who recently moved to the New York area. They've promised something for everyone, including classmates with kids, big and small. Like years past, there will also be partying all night for the adults. That's an invitation to rage hard, eat Hot Truck, and then feel absolutely miserable the next day. (There's no word if our reunion organizers will provide headache medicine and antacids, so you should plan to bring double the amount you'd be using anyway. I kid!) David writes, “As we're getting more established in our careers, we'll be hearing from our friends and classmates who have taken an entrepreneurial, creative, or innovative track, such as **Neal Gottlieb**, who founded his own organic ice cream company, Three Twins Ice Cream.” Neal's company is based in Petaluma, CA, and some of his ice cream will be scooped out at reunion.

The reunion chairs ask that if you have a project, product, or some creative work to share, that you reach out as soon as possible. There may be

room for you during the weekend to share what you have. Reunion will also include an event called RED Talks (styled after TED Talks, get it?) with the theme of “Redefining our Humanity in a World of Changing Technology.” Physicists, psychologists, philosophy professors, and pioneers in the world of artificial intelligence will speak. The annual barbecue at Beebe Beach (just outside Beebe Lake) will continue this year. Somehow our reunion organizers continue to snag this prime piece of real estate for Reunion Weekend. This is a do-not-miss event.

In happy non-reunion news, **Kevin Wood** (Stamford, CT) writes of his recent marriage to Ashley Blanchard. The couple wed on June 1, 2013 in Avon, CT, and went to Fiji for their honeymoon. Kevin was recently promoted to principal at CNH Partners, an affiliate of AQR Capital Management. **John Murphy** made partner at Baker Hostetler’s Philadelphia office. His focus is on patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, and other intellectual property litigation, according to a news release from the firm. Since graduation, he has earned a law degree from Harvard and an MS and PhD in chemical engineering from the California Inst. of Technology. Last November, attorney **Kara Buscaglia** Butcher was elected town justice of Amherst, NY, and became the first woman ever to serve as town justice in the town’s 195-year existence. Kara lives with her husband, Frank, and their three children, Andrew, 6, and Kathryn and Elizabeth, both 3.

Still with PricewaterhouseCoopers, **Jens Kullmann** has moved from Medford, MA, to Sydney, Australia for a two-year tour abroad with his family, which now includes Eleanor Julia, born January 9. **Barbara Brody** and **Brian Damiano** ’00 of

White Plains, NY, had a baby girl, Marissa Brody, on September 22. Barbara was recently the health director at *Shape* magazine and is now freelancing for a variety of magazines and websites. Brian is a commercial litigation attorney with Stern Tannenbaum & Bell. **Anne Trawinski** of Orchard Park, NY, had her second son, Griffin, in May 2013.

Wilson Leung writes from Millbrae, CA, his home since last year. Wilson, with his wife and two children, had been living in Hong Kong for eight years. He works as a fund manager for Angelo Gordon & Co. overseeing the Asia real estate business. Golf, running, and family make up his free time. He loves the San Francisco area. **Sophia Francis** Pierre-Louis (Jamaica, NY) provided an update that sounds pretty accurate for many working parents. Her days go like this: “Working or spending any down time I have with my kids. I still enjoy a good weekend getaway as well as taking naps when I can.” She has a toddler son, Kyle, and a first-grader, Christina. She dreams of snowboarding vacations, but the daily juggle is an adventure too. “I’m realizing more and more each day that it’s all about routines and being organized.”

James (jamesgrady1977@yahoo.com) and **Rani Mukherjee Grady** ’01 live in Highlands Ranch, CO, and are busy raising their son, Arinash. James added that he is helping to start a scholarship fund for **Binu P. Thomas** (who died in 2003), along with Binu’s family and friends. You can contact James for more information. And in the shout-outs department: **Patrick Davis**, JD ’02, and **Jermaine Hector**, our classmates want to know where you are. Write us with an update.

This column runs on tips and updates sent via e-mail and snail mail. We will even take news from

a press release (ugh, yes) that your corporate communications office blasts to the world. We also Google-stalk for news. Make our jobs easier and just e-mail the correspondent who wrote this column! **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com.

OO Our column may be small in size this issue, but it’s full of big news! Four new future Cornellians were brought into the world this year and we are happy to report on them.

Michael Gretczko and wife Sarah welcomed a beautiful set of twins in March 2013 and are overjoyed. Michael reports that Luca Emile and Scarlett Dolly were born in Manhattan and that these two little ones are definitely keeping the couple very busy. Across the river in Ridgewood, NJ, **Anna Gravino** Salerno and her husband welcomed daughter Alexandra Victoria. “Big brother Matthew and big sisters Isabella and Amelia think she’s the cutest thing ever!”

On December 12, 2013, our class had two births! **Allison Bailey** Blais and her husband were thrilled to welcome their first child, Marielle Arden; and **Elisabeth Frankel** Reed and her husband, Colin, welcomed their third child, Sarah Charlotte. According to Elisabeth, Sarah not only resembles her big brother, Brandon Etan, when he was a baby, but even laughs and squeaks in her sleep like he did. Now 6, Brandon loves sports, chess, Legos, and racing his cars. Sister Julia Miriam, almost 4, enjoys art, dance, and puzzles. Julia is especially looking forward to visiting Cornell on June 4, 2015, her 5th birthday, and the first day of our class’s 15th Reunion (hint, hint). Elisabeth currently works as a writer and editor for *New York Family* magazine and is the director of transportation for N’Shama Day Camp in Great Neck, NY.

Congratulations and lots of Big Red love to all the new babies, and thanks to our classmates for sharing the news. Drop us a line to let your classmates know how you’re doing. Big or small, we want to know. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you. **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

O1 Typing this column by the fireplace at Starbucks in Seattle, with my new baby on my lap, while cheering for the American ice dancers in the Sochi Olympics live-stream on my phone—how’s that for multitasking? I’m struck by how completely crazy this sentence would have sounded to me during our days on the Hill. Just imagine the unexpected places we’ll find ourselves, with surprising interests and exciting technology, in another 12 years!

The new baby is Katerina Elyse Gupte, born last November. Daddy

Toon In

Steve Borst ’00

Glucose, sucrose, and dextrose,” Steve Borst notes, “all rhyme with ‘gross.’” The slam on sugar was a line in a public service announcement that the kids’ TV writer penned for Nickelodeon—one of two projects that have earned him Emmy nominations. Currently, the former English major is executive producer and story editor for “Breadwinners,” a new show on Nickelodeon about two ducks who deliver bread to hungry customers on the planet Pondgea. “I’ve always loved storytelling,” says Borst, who’s based in L.A. “What’s awesome about animation is that there are very few limitations. If you can imagine it, you can make it happen.”

Borst—who describes himself as “a big child at heart”—grew up in the Eighties watching kids’ shows like “G.I. Joe,” “He Man and the Masters of the Universe,” and “Transformers.” After getting his start working on in-house ads for MTV, he wrote for the animated sketch comedy show “MAD” (inspired by the magazine), which ran on the Cartoon Network. “Writing,” he says, “is 10 percent talent and 90 percent staring at your computer screen.”

On “Breadwinners,” Borst writes scripts and directs the voiceover actors playing such roles as SwaySway and Buhdeuce, the wacky ducks who make deliveries in their rocket-powered van. The show, he explains, uses a combination of computer animation and old-fashioned handmade art. “We call it ‘tradigital,’” he says. “It’s sort of a hybrid, which makes the show original.”

— Courtney Sokol ’15



Salil Gupte, big brother R.J., and both sets of grandparents are thrilled to have a little girl to fuss over, while I try in vain to set reasonable limits on pink ruffled outfits. Salil continues racking up frequent flier miles at Boeing, while I work as a communications manager in Seattle's thriving nonprofit sector.

As the years and miles keep growing between us and our alma mater, we do our best to stay connected to Cornell. On the West Coast, hundreds of alums seized the opportunity to sing along during the Cayuga's Waiters winter break tour. Admittedly, **Erin Colling** Cleofe, **Hande Ormen '02**, and I cringed a bit at how young the singers looked (and the implications for how we must look to them!) and how few of the current "We Didn't Go to Harvard" lyrics we comprehend—no more Adam Sandler, clocktower pumpkin, or Fun in the Sun references. Yet Dunbars will outlive us all, it seems . . .

Erin and I had to rush home to our little ones as soon as the concert ended, a typical scenario for many of our classmates these days. Out on eastern Long Island, our class president, **Praveen Anumolu**, ME '03—FYI, he prefers the title "Minister of Keeping it Real"—welcomed baby Sofia Annapurna Swarajyalakshmi Anumolu in January. Third time's the charm for **Andrew Hammer** in the Washington, DC, suburbs, who has followed up his two boys with daughter Emily Jill. And **Mike Kahn** checks in from Summit, NJ, where he's still pinching himself as he and wife Danielle prepare to celebrate Eli's first birthday.

Those of us not racing around after kids are doing plenty of other kinds of running. **Erica Chatfield** Roberts continues training for marathons and half-Iron distance triathlons. "I prefer the sprint and Olympic distances, but the half at least keeps me busy," she explains. Not to be outdone, **Christina Bove** Ruskin, DVM '06, has three half-marathons under her belt and has become a Team Beachbody 5 Star Elite fitness coach. This summer, she'll be starting a veterinary cardiology residency at Colorado State U.

Via snail mail, **Christian Plaza** writes in from Newburgh, NY, where he is entering his last semester as a senior nursing student at Mount Saint Mary College, and applying to the nurse practitioner graduate program. He's had a satisfying seven years of providing community nursing and participating in humanitarian trips abroad, but notes, "I wish I did have more time to study/read Italian." He would like to hear from classmates **Josiah** and **Samala Francis Penalver**.

We have room for 300 more words in this column—that means news from you! E-mail your updates to the addresses below, or tweet me @BeliefBeat. Between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). ✉ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com; **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

02 Well, I just had a very Cornell-filled month. I went on a date with a fellow Cornellian, someone I met on OkCupid. We drank whisky and discovered that we know absolutely no one in common. As it would turn out, I think the universe kept us apart for a reason. I also spent the month interviewing prospective students for CAAAN. I'm

probably the worst volunteer ever, and zero help to the admissions board. I basically like everyone. I try not to, but I just can't help it. It's all I can do not to say stuff like, "If I had a daughter, I'd want her to marry Collin." But seriously, these kids are impressive. Did you know they come with resumes, handouts, and links to their TED Talks? It's absurd, but it makes me proud.

As you may have already guessed, it's a slow news cycle, which makes me all the more excited to tell you about the wedding I went to of my dear friend **Mary Lovejoy** this October. The wedding was on this beautiful farm in Maryland, and some of Mary's closest friends, including yours truly, got to stay in the huge farmhouse on site, which meant lots of drinking and absolutely no driving. Mary's crew, **Tamera Stover**, **Gillian Boudreau**, **Gin Morgan**, **Daniel Ramras**, **Wendy DeHeer**, and **Roger Brunson**, teamed up to sing Mary a little bluegrass tune we co-wrote called, "Mary's Getting Married in the Morning." Gill played guitar, Roger played bass, and I played harmonica. Of course there were some obvious flaws: we didn't sing the song until after the reception, when we were sitting around the huge bonfire by the lake; the wedding actually took place at 4:00 in the afternoon, not in the morning; and we accidentally e-mailed Mary's parents the hilarious verses we wrote that we deemed inappropriate for public consumption. Whoops. But no one cared, and a great time was had by all. And let me just add one more thing. Even the vegetarian entrée was legit. I actually saw meat eaters trying to get themselves some of that.

No Class Notes column would be complete without a few births, and this one is no exception. **Nicole Kordziel-Downs** and her husband, **Thomas Downs V '03**, welcomed the birth of their first child, Thomas Downs VI, last August. As a proud Leo myself, I'm always happy to welcome a new member to the pride, even if it means that nature will run its course and I'll be chased out by a younger, stronger man and left to starve alone and battered on the plains because my head is too big for me to actually run and kill anything myself. Did I mention I'm a vegetarian? Exactly two months and three days after Thomas joined the world, **Annie Green** and her husband, Lenny, were overjoyed with the birth of their daughter Gwendolyn May Braman, born on October 27. It seems Annie has a lot to be overjoyed with. She's also an attorney working at Columbia Law School, directing judicial clerkships, doing academic counseling, and teaching.

Lastly, I'd like to close out with the commendable work of **Christina Falck**, who has been spending her time volunteering with her family's nonprofit, **Sirviendo FAITH** Foundation, which works to help individuals and families in Latin America. In addition to that, Christina has started her own consulting business, **Sirviendo Consulting**, which helps nonprofits with their fundraising goals, enabling them to stay focused on their individual missions. That's all I've got for you. As always, Carolyn and I welcome any and all news. Just shoot us an e-mail or check out the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). ✉ **Jeff Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 We heard from **Michael Meadows** that he and **Eric Lum**, JD '06, were married in September 2013 in Washington, DC. Michael is also in a PhD program in Italian literature at Yale U. Congratulations to Eric and Michael, who said they "met

as seniors at Cornell and have been together ever since!" **Leigherin Conway** (leighcon6@gmail.com) is a licensed veterinary technician. She works part-time while spending time with her daughter, 10, who was born at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca. She also wrote that she would rather be "gardening, apple-picking, watching the beautiful fall foliage in Ithaca, or hiking Buttermilk Falls." Leigherin says she brought her "strong Long Island accent and knowledge of veterinary science" to Cornell when she first arrived. She is looking to connect with **Christopher Barry** and **Ben Heinz**.

Joseph Orloski works in the ER at Baptist Hospital in Miami and is enjoying the Florida weather and Miami beaches. He also indicated he would rather be "landscaping his home with exotic tropical fruit." **Lea Beresford** wrote that she is an editor at Bloomsbury in literary fiction and narrative non-fiction. **Daniel Lachs** is with *FTW* magazine and was hard at work on the Food and Wine Festival in October 2013. **Meryl Conant** Goverski is a full-time speechwriter, evening law student, and "Mom to a loveable and energetic toddler." **Kelly Lane** Perez is an associate in the tax practice group at Thompson & Knight in their Dallas, TX, law office. She recently obtained board certification by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in estate planning and probate law. Congratulations, Kelly!

Our classmate mini-features continue this issue with **Piper Titus** Kline. After graduation, Piper completed her MBA at Syracuse U., acquired her CPA in New York, and took a position at her family's long-haul trucking company, Page Trucking. In 2012, she and her older brother purchased the company and last year posted \$65M in sales. The current focus, she says, "is on implementing a new accounting software and refining processes wherever possible." As if that weren't enough, Piper adds that she was married at the Sagamore in July 2012: "Honestly one of the most beautiful settings ever; it was totally amazing!"

In another business venture, Piper writes that she and her brother recently completed the purchase of a marina and restaurant/banquet facility on Cross Lake, the lake they grew up on, which is part of the Erie Canal via the Seneca River. The Cross Lake Inn and Marina is located in Cato, NY. Piper writes, "Historically the location has struggled immensely given the weather and fluctuation in traffic, but we hope that a new focus on the banquet facility will avoid historical pitfalls and line us up for success." Piper is looking to connect with any Hoteliers that might have advice or words of wisdom for operating such a venture. If you have any thoughts for Piper, please reach her at ptitus@pagetrucking.com. Piper and her husband enjoy snowmobiling, boating, and Syracuse games, and are avid card players (Pitch and Spades). They also bought a new home—the Whig Hill Mansion—which was built in 1833. "It's part of the historic registry. Everything in the house is simply amazing."

About her Cornell experience Piper wrote, "It gave me the exposure to so many new and different ideas and opened me up to the possibility of pursuing a career in business—accounting specifically. It also gave me the confidence to pursue my MBA and CPA, and to buy a trucking company at 30 years old. I'm not sure I ever would have ended up on this path without Cornell." Her advice for current Cornell students? "Get an internship. Get three internships. Start as a freshman and work in the field you are studying as much as possible. Work. Work. Work."

Get experience in what you are studying to refine your career while you are still in school and can continue to cater your learning experience." Piper was on campus last year at the Vet college, and writes, "It's still a beautiful campus—one of the most beautiful in New York." We have to agree. Thank you, Piper, for sharing your story.

If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

04 Hello, classmates! It is with great pride that we invite you to join us on the Hill for our 10th Reunion, June 5-8. Much has changed since our time on campus, but the memories of our years as undergrads will forever remain. Later this spring, we welcome you to rekindle old friendships and make new ones, visit your favorite old haunts, and see things you never even knew were on campus. Join us for a tour of the newly reopened Cornell Dairy, a Cayuga Lake Wine Tour, a Class of 2004 Ice Cream Social, an old favorite (late night Hot Truck!), and much, much more!

If you have general questions about reunion, or if you are interested in lending a hand, please e-mail our reunion co-chairs, **Lee Ann Gullie** and **Juanita Parker** McGonagle, at cornelluniversity2004@gmail.com. If you would like to reach out to members of a particular organization, please contact our affinity chair, **Matt Hyde**, at mryanhyde@gmail.com. And if you have questions about reunion registration, accommodations, or other logistics, please e-mail our registration chairs, **Tammy Gilbert** Cardona and **Ben Cadwell**, at Cornell04reg@gmail.com.

Also, please remember that we are seeking class officer nominations for our new officer slate to be presented during Reunion Weekend. Interested in an officer role? Do you know someone who should be nominated? Please contact our nominations chair, **Anne Jones**, at iamannejones@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you, your friends, and your family in Ithaca from Thursday to Sunday, June 5-8, 2014! Your reunion co-chairs: **Lee Ann Gullie** and **Juanita Parker** McGonagle, cornelluniversity2004@gmail.com. **Anne Jones**, cu2004correspondent@gmail.com.

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07 The news bag is low for this round, but we did hear from class co-president **Shane Dunn**, who still resides in Boston, where he has lived and worked since graduation. After six and a half years working at three different universities in the Boston area, he started a new job at Excel Academy Charter Schools, a network of three public middle charter schools based in East Boston and Chelsea, MA, in October. At Excel, Shane is the managing director of development, overseeing fundraising, marketing, and external relations for the top-performing middle school in Massachusetts. He says he loves it and is grateful for the opportunity.

Your correspondent, **Nina Terrero** Groth, also has some good news: I have moved from NBC News to *Entertainment Weekly* as a correspondent. Based in New York City, I will specialize in coverage of films, television shows, books, and pop culture, writing articles for both *Entertainment Weekly's* print magazine and website. I have also been hired by cable network NUVOTV as a host of "The Collective," a weekly pop culture trends show scheduled to premiere in March 2014. Send news to: **Nina Terrero** Groth, nt58@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

08 Happy spring! Though many of us in the Northeast and Midwest believed the winter of 2014 would never end, it also led to a whirlwind of activity for much of the Class of 2008. Between a robust class officer turnout at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) on January 17-19, 2014 in Boston and the active role many '08ers played in making the second annual Alumni Duff Ball: NYC a smashing success, the class managed to keep busy.

Unwilling to rest on our laurels after throwing the most heavily attended 5th Reunion in recent

memory, the Class of 2008 had a fantastic representation at CALC. Seventeen class officers showed up in Boston for two days of skill building, planning, and reconnection with friends, old and new. Officers present at our class meeting on Saturday included **Jonathan Feldman**, **Sara Patterson**, **Margaret Sheehee**, **Jason Beekman**, JD '11, **Stephanie Posen**, **Asena Haznedar**, **Lance Polivy**, **Mike Wilbert**, **Josh Perlin**, **Nicole Mangiere**, **Steven Attanasio**, **Allison Waks**, **Libby Boymel**, BS HE '07, **Julie Katz**, **Daniela White**, and **Elana Beale**. Boston-area classmate **Caroline Krassen**, an MED candidate at Harvard Graduate School of Education, was also in attendance as our newest Class Council member. Welcome, Caroline!

The agenda included a Cornell Charades game planned by our fabulous new co-presidents Margaret and Jason, a rousing discussion of the details of dues collection and budgeting, a recap of reunion and our reunion campaign (\$288,000 raised—the second highest total to date), Cornell Alumni Fund and class fundraising updates, and various programming initiatives. Keep your eyes peeled in May and June for Reunion Happy Hours around the country, providing the opportunity to get together with classmates and pretend you're sipping sangria on CTB's porch. We also discussed how to align class programs with the university's upcoming Sesquicentennial celebration, including a strong '08 presence at its kickoff celebration at Homecoming 2014 (October 17-19).

Do you have photos from Freshmen on the Field 2004? How about the Great Snow Day of Valentine's Day 2007? Class historian **Daniela White** (dw98@cornell.edu) is cultivating a class archive of photos and relics from our time on the Hill, 2004-08, and in the years since, including e-mails and marketing materials. Send Daniela your mementos to be recorded for time immemorial! Also: save the date! The Class of 2008 will be purchasing a block of seats for Red Hot Hockey at Madison Square Garden on November 29, 2014 at 8:00 p.m., where the Cornell Big Red will take on Penn State. Stay tuned for ordering information.

After writing this column for the past five and a half years, it is clear that an urge for going must have been served during Sunday brunch at RPCC, as mobility is a definite, enduring characteristic of the Class of 2008. News cycle after news cycle, classmates send in new addresses—from Cambridge, MA, to Shanghai, China. Who doesn't want to grab a meal with a familiar (or quasi-familiar) face in an unfamiliar place? Seeking to connect newly relocated '08ers with their new neighbors and classmates, affinity chair **Mike Wilbert** (michael.t.wilbert@gmail.com) is seeking volunteers for his new City Ambassadors program. Reach out to Mike to get involved as an Orientation Leader for grown-ups!

A big thank you to classmates **Jonathan Feldman**, **Rohan Thakkar**, **Jason Beekman**, **Julie Katz**, **Margaret Sheehee**, and **Josh Perlin** for serving on the Alumni Duff Ball: NYC committee! The event at the Bowery Hotel in Manhattan on March 1 was a huge success, hosting more than 300 young alumni and raising nearly \$35,000 for the Student and Academic Services Annual Fund, supporting student life at Cornell. The original Duff Ball was first held as the Class of 2008's senior prom, and it is an event near and dear to many classmates' hearts. All who attended had a fabulous time!

Rohan Thakkar has a new job in New York and London as an investment manager for Yotel, a rising hotel brand. Former Cornell Concert Commission

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2004 Reunion Co-chairs

chair **Michael Chua**, after graduating from the UCLA Anderson School of Management, is getting back to his roots with his new role as director of business development with a focus on festivals for Live Nation Entertainment in Hollywood, CA. Jason Beekman is a third-year litigation associate at WilmerHale in Washington, DC, and loving living in the nation's capital with his sister.

Want to see your name in print? Send us your news! Please send updates of both the major life change and arcane day-to-day life variety (running three miles a day? A marathon? We'd love to feature it in these pages!) and you'll have your 15 minutes of Cornell fame. ✉ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumni magazine-digital.com>.

Can't wait to see you all in Ithaca—and continue to send news via the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Your reunion co-chairs: ✉ **Elizabeth Rapoport**, elizabeth.d.rapoport@gmail.com; **Samantha Berg**, sberg75@gmail.com.

worked in financial services at Ernst & Young and made the switch to an Internet startup called FindTheBest in Santa Barbara, CA. It is an incredibly exciting time for us. With over 100 new members on board, we have taken on an ambitious project to help people think like experts in

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Elana Beale '08

09 Do you remember prelims, problem sets, and the stress of final exams? How about trudging to 8 a.m. classes in the snow, studying in library basements, or feeling like you might never catch up on your class readings? We're returning to Ithaca this June for our 5th Reunion to do NONE of those things. Reunion is all about the parts of Cornell that you loved—the friends, the campus, the camaraderie, and the partying. Forget the stress. Forget the snow and the prelims and the hills. We're returning to Ithaca this June 5-8 to do nothing but relive the good times!

If you haven't already signed up, what are you waiting for? Registration is open! Make sure to sign up before May 10 to receive the early-bird rates that will save you \$30 off our full and partial weekend packages. For reunion you have the option to reserve housing in our class headquarters, Clara Dickson Hall. We hope that being together on North Campus will help to jog some of your favorite Cornell memories. We will be eating our breakfasts and dinners together as one big, happy family, and you can opt into additional All-Alumni Luncheons in Barton Hall. Our class dining tent will be in the courtyard, so we can all easily gather to enjoy a meal and some drinks.

There are a few featured Class of 2009 events that you can look forward to that weekend. One highlight is that on Friday there will be a Class of '09 wine tour from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up early to get a seat on the bus (we have a cap of 220 people: first-come, first-served). We will also have a class photo, class meeting, and BBQ dinner; each will offer you a different opportunity to catch up with friends and hear about opportunities to get involved in our class moving forward.

We've got a whole committee working hard to make sure our 5th Reunion is an absolutely unforgettable weekend—but it will only be as amazing as the attendees it attracts. We need your help in encouraging your friends to attend (and, honestly, not all of our classmates receive our mailings, so we need you to help us reach them)! Help us promote reunion:

- “Like” our class Facebook page ([facebook.com/groups/CornellClassof2009](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CornellClassof2009)) and follow us on Instagram ([CornellClass09](https://www.instagram.com/CornellClass09)) to get regular updates;
- When you register, be sure to let your friends know via Facebook and Twitter (follow us @CornellClass09, and use hashtag #CUREunion09);
- Send an e-postcard letting friends know you'll be at reunion (alumni.cornell.edu/reunion);
- Reach out to your affinity networks (Greek, Athletics, student organizations, etc.) to promote Reunion.

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12 The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held in Boston on January 17-19, had great representation from the Class of 2012. In our class meeting, led by class presidents **Olivia Moore** (oam4@cornell.edu) and **John Rhee** (jyr5@cornell.edu), members of the Class Council discussed the planning for many regional events in the upcoming year.

Natalie Cook (necook@udel.edu) is in her second year of her PhD program in human development and family studies at the U. of Delaware. Though Natalie never studied abroad during her time at Cornell, she served as the teaching assistant in January 2013 for a study abroad class called Culture in Context in Barbados. Natalie reports that she also got to go to the Caribbean again last summer, when she spent a month in Trinidad (her mother's home country). She writes, “My daughter, Zara, who was born during the summer before my junior year at Cornell, is now a 3-year-old preschooler at U. of Delaware's Early Learning Center. She really loves reading books.”

Madhura Sengupta, BA '11 (ms898@cornell.edu) has recently made the big move from the East Coast to California. She writes, “I previously

just about any topic: colleges, smartphones, dog breeds, and financial advisers.” **Bridget Lopatin-sky** (bridgetlop@gmail.com) is a production assistant at a television production company that specializes in reality TV shows. Since graduation, she has traveled to Russia, Cyprus, Scotland, and England. Bridget adds, “I've started singing/songwriting/recording, have self-published on Amazon for Kindle, and am learning multiple languages!”

Kelly Murphy (kcm63@cornell.edu) writes, “Following graduation, I moved down to Dallas, TX, where I completed the work necessary to become a registered dietitian. As of October 2013, I partnered with another Cornell alum (**Debra Wein '90**) to expand the locations of her company, Sensible Nutrition, to Dallas, TX. I am proud to be running Sensible Nutrition Texas, where I can share my knowledge of nutrition with others in the community and corporate settings through one-on-one counseling, group classes, presentations, and seminars.” Cannibal Milkshake Comedy is the creative lovechild of **Jeff Ayars**, BFA '13, and **Dan Rosen '13**, BFA '13, alumni of the AAP college. The duo formed the idea in the midst of their BFA theses, and upon graduation, they began writing sketches. By day, Jeff works for NBC Universal, and Dan is a freelance graphic designer. Since August, they have written, directed, edited, and produced ten videos. Their work was recently featured on College Humor and will be screened in at least one NYC festival this spring.

In other news, **C. R. Oney Snyder** (crs272@cornell.edu) is a first-year student at Cleveland Marshall College of Law in Cleveland, OH. When he wrote, he was looking forward to making a trip back to Ithaca over winter break. After living in Boston for a summer and learning to sail on the Charles River, **Mike Dezube**, ME '13 (mfd44@cornell.edu) is currently working for Google in New York. As always, please send any updates about your post-Cornell activities to your class correspondents, or use the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). ✉ **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu; **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu.

13 The polar vortex hitting most of the US this winter couldn't keep members of the Class of 2013 away from the 2014 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, MA. Many classmates joined the 2013 Alumni Board at CALC for the weekend to learn more about engaging and leading alumni—like **Kelly Wilcox**, who is living in Ithaca right now and serving as the Upstate New York regional representative. While in Boston, Kelly received her first acceptance to graduate school, where she will

pursue a degree in higher education. She promotes herself as “the next Jenn Davis.” **Jesella Zambrano**, your California regional representative, is working in her hometown of Temecula in California’s State Economic Dept. She was biding her time before heading to Brazil in the early spring on a Fulbright scholarship.

Molly Berger, who is the new VP of programming for the Cornell Club of Maryland, is working as a natural resource planner for the State of Maryland. In her free time, she coaches ice hockey for 13-year-olds. **Anisha Chopra** is living in NYC and working at Morgan Stanley. **Nicholas McCormick** is working at Kipp Atlantic College through Teach For America in Atlanta, GA. Although he has yet to meet a Real Housewife, he volunteers with CUGALA (Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni), which will host its first reunion this June. **Brett Allen** is working three jobs involving nightlife and fashion in NYC. One job involves liaising between university alumni associations and nightlife venues. Look out for more great events coming to NYC soon!

Many CALC attendees serve as Human Ecology Young Alumni chairpersons. **Meril Pothén** works

at the Nielsen Co. as a pharmaceutical consultant in New Jersey; she has been trying to build a more formal recruiting relationship between Nielsen and Cornell. Meril likes cupcakes and her planner, over which she and your co-correspondent Rachael bonded, and she teaches ninth grade Sunday school. **Lauren Ritter** and **Laura Stokes** are also council members. Lauren is applying to law school and likes to exercise, and Laura likes to juggle.

Noah Kaminsky and **Aaron Glickman** took their graduate pursuits beyond the good ol’ days as co-hosts of WVBR’s Monday Night Bromance. Noah is pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching in earth science at the American Museum of Natural History. He reflects, “I feel inspired and challenged every day. I don’t wake up every morning for my own education anymore. I do it for the children.” After graduation, Aaron road-tripped from Philadelphia to Wisconsin, where he spent the summer as a supervisor at a camp and then traveled to Portugal. Upon his return, Aaron interned at the National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces in Washington, DC, which is the official representative of the Syrian opposition. He looks forward to getting back into

the radio and media world and visiting Cornell this spring.

While Cornell prepared us all for successful futures, many of our classmates are surprising even themselves with what they have been able to accomplish since graduating. **Jun Oh Lee** is currently serving in the 8th US Army as a KATSUA (Korean Augmentation to the US Army). Jun says he never imagined himself as a soldier and did not think he was capable of “passing the basic rifle marksmanship test and persevering through a 20-mile rucksack march,” but he survived! **Angela Lu** lives in the middle of a UNESCO World Heritage site at Lake Louise in Alberta, Canada, with a community of 600 people in an industry she never thought she’d find herself in. Angela misses Wegmans, but she recently discovered the Food Network, which suffices to help get her through 14-hour workdays in the middle of “nowhere Winter Wonderland.” **Vanessa Velez** is living in California and working as a teacher for City Year Los Angeles before she enters medical school. She has made it her mission to inspire her students to believe in their potential and let it guide them. When she isn’t teaching, Vanessa hikes, surfs, camps, and paddleboards throughout California. She also made a recent trip to Tijuana, Mexico, with Build a Miracle, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds to build homes for needy families.

Other class members are navigating the corporate world. **Ellen Free** is working in San Francisco at Finn Partners, a public relations firm that works with technology clients. Although she aspires to stay in the physical shape that the Cornell crew team kept her in, Napa wine tours are increasingly tempting. She says it is a delight to continue the tradition of Cayuga Lake wine tours in Napa Valley. **Hugh Stewart** works at GE in its Financial Management rotational program. His first rotation is in Cincinnati and the next in Boston, where he will work in a shop cost role with airplane engine assembly. He enjoys this travel opportunity despite the fact that his program requires exams.

Charlie Clausner is working as a human resources generalist and helps with college recruiting, community relations, and employee relations for his company in Santa Clara, CA. When he is not working, he surfs, plays basketball, and helps out with as much volunteering as he can in the area. “I do miss Ithaca and all it has to offer,” he says, “but I have a strong Cornell network in Silicon Valley and look forward to whatever the future has to hold out here in sunny Santa Clara.”

As always, if you or one of your friends are up to something interesting and you want to share it with the rest of the class, please do not hesitate to e-mail your class correspondents. **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu; **Rachael Schuman**, ras456@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnmagazine-digital.com>.

Lesson Plan

Karim Abouelnaga ’13

When it comes to summer vacation, Karim Abouelnaga is all business. The former Hotelier is CEO of Practice Makes Perfect, a summer mentorship program he co-founded during his sophomore year at Cornell.

Supported in part by the Clinton Foundation, Practice Makes Perfect is a free six-week program that supports struggling students in grades one through twelve. For the past three summers, a small army of teachers, mentors, and students has come together in public schools across New York City to work on lessons based on the Common Core, the national curriculum for math and English.

After hearing about the economic impact of the so-called “achievement gap”—the disparity in student performance based on factors like race, parental education levels, and socioeconomic status—Abouelnaga teamed up with five fellow Cornell students who were equally concerned about the state of public education. Together, they founded a program aimed at challenging the negative stereotypes of “summer school.” Classes, which include high-school-age mentors who serve as aides, are taught by undergrads and grad students who report to veteran teachers. “Local kids are positive role models,” says Abouelnaga, a New York native who transferred to Cornell from Baruch College. “They inspire our students to believe in themselves and their education.”

Classwork alternates between short lessons and group studies. Each week concludes with a Saturday community service project, ranging from food drives to neighborhood clean-ups. “We show the kids that they can impact their communities and build them from the ground up,” says Abouelnaga, whose personal fundraising efforts have included competing in triathlons. Practice Makes Perfect has also garnered support through grant funding and a 5K run at Cornell Plantations, among other sources.

Abouelnaga says that according to internal studies of the roughly 400 participants to date, the program has led to measurable gains in reading and math skills. But, he stresses, Practice Makes Perfect aims to improve more than just test scores. “We’re trying to change culture,” he says. “We’re fighting the punitive stigma associated with summer education.”

— Brooke La Porte ’14



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1930s

- '30 BME—Wilmer C. Swartley, Needham Heights, MA, January 23, 2013
- '32 BS HE, MS HE '33—Ila McLeod Keister, Waverly, IA, Dec. 11, 2013
- '35 BEE—James E. Keister, Waverly, IA, January 4, 2010
- '36 MS—Otelia Francis Bodenstein, Hanover, VA, November 29, 2013
- '36—May Kitzmiller Riddlesberger, Carlisle, PA, November 19, 2013
- '37 BS HE—Mary Chaney Carson, Northfield, MN, November 4, 2013
- '37 BA—Elizabeth Haas Conrad, Staatsburg, NY, December 18, 2013
- '37 BA—Jeanne Bredbenner Hull, Woodstock, GA, January 12, 2014
- '37 BS HE—Vieno Pertula Pope, St. Petersburg, FL, January 4, 2014
- '38—Catherine Kaufmann Matthews, Shelburne, VT, September 16, 2013
- '39 DVM—Robert Ferber, Syosset, NY, December 12, 2013
- '39 BS HE—Jean Pettit Lentz, Delaware, OH, January 12, 2014
- '39-40 SP Ag—Lawrence W. Smith, Richland, NY, January 10, 2014
- '39 BA, JD '42—Charles B. Swartwood Jr., Elmira, NY, Nov. 21, 2013

1940s

- '40 BS Ag—Laurence C. Gardner, Bath, NY, December 28, 2013
- '40 BA—John S. Thatcher, Manchester Township, NJ, March 7, 2011
- '40 BA, MA '41—Dean H. Towner, Austin, TX, November 5, 2013
- '41 BS HE—Norma Hoagland Almquist, State College, PA, January 1, 2014
- '41 MS—Robert F. Fleming Jr., Midland, MI, December 17, 2013
- '41 BS Ag—Rodney H. Ingalls, Cooperstown, NY, November 19, 2013
- '41 BS Ag—Allene Cushing Knibloe, Buffalo, NY, November 20, 2013
- '41 MEd—Marie Clapp Moffitt, Durham, NC, January 20, 2014
- '41 BS Ag—Harry R. O'Connell, Apalachin, NY, December 13, 2013
- '41 BME—Anthony P. Pennock, Milton, GA, January 10, 2014
- '41—Eleanor Ramsay Skinner, Cortland, NY, December 18, 2013
- '41—William D. Spencer, Colton, NY, November 25, 2013
- '41 BA—Malcolm D. Vail Jr., Sister Bay, WI, November 19, 2013
- '42 MS—John M. Bishop, Venice, FL, January 1, 2014
- '42 BS Hotel—Roscoe C. Du Mond, Palm Coast, FL, August 31, 2013
- '42, BS Ag '47—Norman J. Hecht, Walden, NY, January 10, 2014
- '42, BME '43—Joseph C. Kandiko, Chanhassen, MN, January 10, 2014
- '42—Lt. Col. Arthur E. Pulley, Greensboro, MD, December 2, 2013
- '42 BCE—Philip Rosen, New Rochelle, NY, January 19, 2014
- '42 BS HE—Winifred Burns Show, Queenstown, MD, September 1, 2013
- '42 MS HE—Jane Scranton Walker, Palm Harbor, FL, November 12, 2013
- '42 JD—Powel F. Wartel, North Merrick, NY, September 16, 2013
- '42 BS Ag—Marie Call Wells, Lansing, NY, November 11, 2013
- '42 BS Ag, MS Ag '53—Philip H. Wilson, Kingston, RI, December 8, 2013
- '43 BS HE—Mary Morrissey Boyer, Bradenton, FL, October 15, 2013
- '43—Ellis I. DeGroff, Rabun Gap, GA, January 21, 2014
- '43—Jerome N. Deutschman, Las Cruces, NM, December 25, 2013
- '43, BA '48—Paul V. Gallagher, Richmond, VA, December 18, 2013
- '43 BME, PhD '51—Sherwood G. Holt Jr., Minneapolis, MN, Jan. 16, 2014
- '43 BS Ag—Gordon E. Jones, Oneonta, NY, December 16, 2013
- '43 BA—Margaret Paulsen Mabbs, Lincoln, MA, October 6, 2013
- '43 BA, MS '44—Arthur J. Newman, Cleveland, OH, January 1, 2014
- '43, BS Ag '47—Joseph L. Randles Jr., Argyle, NY, November 15, 2013
- '43, BME '42—Richard F. Rochow, Hilton Head, SC, October 13, 2012
- '43 BA—Peter Segel, Fort Myers, FL, November 15, 2013
- '43 BME—Furman South III, Sewickley, PA, January 18, 2014
- '43 BA—Betty Ann Bischoff Swezey, Palo Alto, CA, October 3, 2013
- '43, B Chem E '44—William N. Taylor, Williamsport, PA, Nov. 21, 2013

- '43 MD—David R. Tomlinson, Fort Pierce, FL, November 22, 2013
- '44, BS Ag '50—Herbert S. Angell, Pemberton, NJ, November 19, 2013
- '44—Margaret Gere Cass, Lower Gwynedd, PA, September 27, 2013
- '44 BS HE—Ruth Spaid Ferrel, Brockport, NY, November 10, 2013
- '44 BA, MBA '48—Maurice M. Gellman, Wantagh, NY, November 18, 2013
- '44 DVM—Clyde M. Haller, Adams, NY, November 17, 2013
- '44—Jay B. Leviton, Atlanta, GA, November 1, 2013
- '44 DVM—Jeanne Neubecker Logue, Poughkeepsie, NY, August 19, 2013
- '44, BFA '45—Ellen McCarthy O'Brien, Colorado Springs, CO, Oct. 30, 2013
- '44 BA—Naomi Zion Schulman, Palo Alto, CA, November 17, 2013
- '44, BS Ag '47, DVM '53—A. Louis Shor, Voorhees, NJ, August 7, 2013
- '44—Leroy S. Stoothoff Jr., Groton, CT, January 1, 2014
- '44, BA '46, MA '47—Walt Witcover, New York City, November 15, 2013
- '45—Charles M. Allaben Jr., Ithaca, NY, October 25, 2013
- '45 BS HE—Elizabeth Cornwall, Hingham, MA, December 27, 2013
- '45, BS HE '44—Grace Cancellieri De Jose, Kings Park, NY, Nov. 9, 2013
- '45, BS Ag '49—Reed D. Gilbert, Rushford, NY, November 10, 2013
- '45, BA '44—Shirley Dickstein Hollenberg, Scranton, PA, Nov. 13, 2013
- '45 DVM—Robert E. Horton, Woodstown, NJ, November 15, 2013
- '45 BA—Margaret Taylor Macdonald, Chapel Hill, NC, November 9, 2013
- '45—Marjorie Page Miner, Saint Joseph, MO, December 20, 2013
- '45—Nelson H. Sackett, Johnstown, NY, December 26, 2013
- '45, BS HE '44, MS ILR '50—Nancy Barone Stockdale, Le Roy, NY, December 3, 2013
- '45 BA—Gloria J. Urban, New York City, January 17, 2014
- '45 BA—Phyllis Farago Wolfe, Newport Beach, CA, July 7, 2011
- '46, BS Chem E '45, B Chem E '47—Paul Atteridg, Granby, CO, November 26, 2013
- '46 BS HE—Janet Sutherland Clement, Staunton, VA, December 4, 2013
- '46, BA '47, MD '48—Arthur N. Daddirian, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, December 1, 2013
- '46—William Q. Dowdle, Oswego, NY, January 7, 2014
- '46, BME '47—Sanford Klion, Lantana, FL, November 29, 2013
- '46, BS Ag '50—Howard B. Loomis, Clymer, PA, November 20, 2013
- '46—Marjorie Gynn McNair, Naples, FL, January 5, 2014
- '46 BS Ag—Masud R. Mehran, Atherton, CA, November 26, 2013
- '46-48 SP Ag—William R. Peck, Gloversville, NY, November 12, 2013
- '46 BEE—Elmer F. Schaible, Greenwood, SC, January 20, 2014
- '46 BS HE—Eleanor Tehle Schott, Andover, MA, October 12, 2013
- '47 BA—Elizabeth Hunt Ellett, Richmond, VA, January 12, 2014
- '47—Frank A. Forgione, Lewiston, NY, December 30, 2013
- '47 BS HE—Elizabeth Wait Geidel, Columbia, SC, December 31, 2013
- '47 PhD—Marvin Bob Gillis, Glenview, IL, December 28, 2013
- '47 DVM—Mary C. Hallenbeck, Branford, CT, October 30, 2013
- '47 BA—James L. Hutchison, Delaware, OH, January 24, 2014
- '47—Charles D. Nottingham II, Chapel Hill, NC, November 29, 2013
- '47 BA—Janet Wright O'Connor, Naples, FL, November 27, 2013
- '47 MFS—Edward W. Pitz Jr., Basking Ridge, NJ, November 16, 2013
- '47, BS HE '46—Barbara Vandewater Porter, San Diego, CA, Oct. 5, 2013
- '47—Barton A. Proctor Jr., Mount Pleasant, SC, January 3, 2014
- '47 BME—Jean Kuttler Schreiber, Dedham, MA, November 8, 2013
- '47 BA—Lansing E. Tryon, Beaver Dam, WI, November 14, 2013
- '47 BS Ag—Joan Bird Vaitones, Tenants Harbor, ME, January 27, 2014
- '47 BCE—Donald Y. Wingerath, Redwood, NY, November 1, 2013
- '48 BA—Herbert Bengelsdorf, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, January 21, 2014
- '48 MEd—Frank M. Chambers, Green Valley, AZ, December 23, 2013
- '48 BS HE—Marion Cousins Chambers, Greensburg, PA, Nov. 17, 2013
- '48 BME—Thomas W. Clements, Annapolis, MD, November 30, 2013
- '48 BA, PhD '52—Stirling A. Colgate, Los Alamos, NM, Dec. 1, 2013

- '48 BS Ag—Sister Julia Coyle, Peekskill, NY, September 22, 2013
 '48 JD—K. Robert Hahn, Rolling Hills Estates, CA, December 15, 2013
 '48 MA—John E. Hawes, Smithfield, ME, October 15, 2013
 '48 BS ORIE—Donald M. McCue, Chester, CT, December 17, 2013
 '48 BCE—Ralph E. Patterson Jr., Pinehurst, NC, November 30, 2013
 '48 MS ILR—Henry N. Rogers, Arlington Heights, IL, November 28, 2013
 '48 BS HE—Joan Abraham Rybak, Ozone, FL, November 28, 2013
 '48, BS Ag '49—Willard F. Smith, Iliion, NY, October 31, 2013
 '48 BME—Marvyn H. Touse, Mineral City, OH, October 28, 2013
 '48 BME—Ernest C. Wittke Jr., West Caldwell, NJ, December 22, 2013
- '49 BA—Margaret Wessinger Collins, Fairfield, OH, December 2, 2013
 '49 BS Ag—Harry B. Cornwell, New Paltz, NY, September 29, 2013
 '49 BS HE—Shirley Nagler Coulter, Lockport, NY, November 20, 2013
 '49—Donald V. Creede, High Point, NC, December 4, 2013
 '49 BS HE—Ruth Davison Dorfman, Wayne, PA, January 10, 2014
 '49 BS ORIE—James C. Henry Jr., Naples, FL, November 25, 2013
 '49 BS ORIE—L. Leroy Hepburn Jr., Harleysville, PA, July 19, 2013
 '49 BEE—Lyman Hunt Howe, Williamson, NY, January 17, 2014
 '49 BS Hotel—Robert L. Kersey, Reno, NV, January 25, 2014
 '49 BArch—Nancy Hewlett Kierstead, Westmont, IL, December 21, 2013
 '49 BME—James J. Melead, Modesto, CA, December 6, 2013
 '49 BS Hotel—Lois B. Morrill, Clifton Park, NY, December 22, 2013
 '49 BS ORIE—Francis X. Munisteri, Myrtle Beach, SC, November 30, 2013
 '49, BS HE '50—Elma Jones Patterson, Lewiston, NY, May 21, 2013
 '49 BCE—James P. Purcell, Millbrook, NY, December 17, 2013
 '49 BS HE, MS HE '59—Mary Seeley Reeves, Clearwater, FL, Dec. 18, 2013
 '49 BA—Martha Zufall Smith, Poughkeepsie, NY, December 13, 2013
 '49—Carleton J. Terwillegar, East Rochester, NY, August 1, 2012
 '49 BS Ag—Y. Joshua Tsujimoto, Elma, NY, August 23, 2013
 '49, BA '51—Robert H. Wheeler, Morris, NY, December 17, 2013
- ### 1950s
- '50—Theodore J. Cybularz, Evanston, IL, October 29, 2013
 '50 BS Ag—Rick M. Diamond, Fort Myers, FL, December 24, 2013
 '50 BS Ag—Granger H. Eaton, Amsterdam, NY, November 17, 2013
 '50 BS Hotel—William E. Farrar, Golden, CO, November 30, 2013
 '50 GR—Gittis W. Gosdin, Johns Creek, GA, January 12, 2014
 '50 BS Ag—Donald M. Hastings Jr., Woodstock, GA, September 1, 2013
 '50, BA '51, MD '55—Kenneth M. Jensen, Houston, TX, Dec. 27, 2013
 '50 BS Ag—Ruth Dymes Jones, Lynchburg, VA, December 6, 2013
 '50 BME—George C. Keller, Columbia, MD, May 4, 2011
 '50 B Chem E—Eric W. Kjellmark Jr., Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov. 4, 2013
 '50 BA—Charles D. MacKey Jr., Berwyn, PA, November 15, 2013
 '50, BEE '51—Arthur E. Manoly, Bandon, OR, December 21, 2013
 '50—Werner P. Metz, Mountainside, NJ, January 16, 2014
 '50 MA—M. Jean Munro, Westbury, NY, May 6, 2012
 '50, BS Hotel '51—Terry Nash Jr., Linwood, NJ, November 18, 2013
 '50—Rodney H. Sellen, Homer, NY, January 6, 2013
 '50 B Chem E—John E. Watson, Seaford, DE, December 4, 2013
 '50 BCE—James H. Williamson, Fredericksburg, VA, June 6, 2013
- '51 PhD—Chris Argyris, Weston, MA, November 16, 2013
 '51 LLB—Robert W. Bacorn, Dewitt, NY, December 20, 2013
 '51 BS Ag—Elton V. Bailey Jr., Hopewell Junction, NY, October 22, 2013
 '51—Anna Coles Barker, Tunkhannock, PA, December 21, 2013
 '51 BFA—Doris Clarke Bond, Sammamish, WA, June 7, 2013
 '51 B Chem E—David G. Bowen, Smithfield, PA, August 20, 2013
 '51 MS Ag, PhD '53—Warren F. Brannon, Freeville, NY, January 22, 2014
 '51—Arnold L. Brauer, Morristown, NJ, December 29, 2013
 '51 BS Ag—John P. Donnelly, Johnson City, NY, December 14, 2013
 '51 BA—David B. Ebbin, Groton, CT, January 6, 2014
 '51 BA, MBA '53—William S. Field, Coronado, CA, October 24, 2013
 '51 BS Ag—James E. Finley, Huntington, NY, November 14, 2013
 '51 BS Ag—Horace L. Hagerman, Santa Fe, NM, January 8, 2014
 '51—Robert G. Landon, Sarasota, FL, October 24, 2013
 '51 LLB—Alexander M. Lankler, Jupiter, FL, December 12, 2013
 '51 MS—Jan W. Long, Kennett Square, PA, October 30, 2013
 '51-53 GR—Frederick R. Matthews, Athens, GA, November 17, 2013
 '51 BS Hotel—Donald A. McNamara, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Jan. 7, 2014
 '51 BS Nurs—Alma Schultz Nash, Paxton, MA, September 28, 2013
 '51 PhD—Eleanor Anglin Price, DeKalb, IL, November 22, 2013
 '51 BA—Barbara Berkowitz Rubin, Vero Beach, FL, November 4, 2013
- '52—Peter M. De Cew, Cazenovia, NY, November 18, 2013
 '52 BA—William R. Denton, Hilton Head Island, SC, October 18, 2013
 '52 BS Ag—Richard F. Dooley, Nashville, TN, December 16, 2013
 '52 MS ILR—John J. Felker, Strongsville, OH, December 13, 2013
 '52 MD—William N. Hill Jr., Springfield, MA, October 1, 2013
 '52 BS Ag—Albert J. Hoyt, Castleton, NY, January 19, 2014
 '52 BA—Willis D. Landon, Roanoke, VA, November 7, 2013
 '52 BS Ag—John L. Mayne, Naples, NY, January 1, 2014
 '52 MA, PhD '57—Howard P. McKaughan, Dayton, OR, December 1, 2013
 '52, BEE '53—Stephen Prigozy, Averill Park, NY, September 25, 2013
 '52 BA—Leslie R. Sabina, Kingsville, ON, September 28, 2012
 '52 BA—Helen Icken Safa, Gainesville, FL, November 4, 2013
 '52 BS Hotel—Harry L. Sheppard Jr., Hemet, CA, December 3, 2013
 '52, BS Ag '53—Robert B. Squires, Massena, NY, December 2, 2013
- '53 BA—Barbara Milstein Beyda, Cupertino, CA, December 12, 2013
 '53 DVM—Crager J. Boardman Sr., Mount Dora, FL, October 28, 2013
 '53 PhD—John A. Browning, Lacey, WA, November 3, 2013
 '53 BS Ag—James M. Cirona, San Diego, CA, January 4, 2014
 '53, BME '54—Webster David, Magnolia, AR, November 16, 2013
 '53—Thomas S. Frank, Chittanooga, NY, December 24, 2013
 '53 JD—Lester E. Gerard, Remsenburg, NY, September 12, 2013
 '53, BME '54, MBA '55—Roy E. Gold, Sacramento, CA, October 26, 2013
 '53 JD—John B. Hall, Ashfield, MA, June 1, 2013
 '53 BS Ag, JD '58—Wayland M. Mead, Naples, FL, January 9, 2014
 '53 BA—Sherley Bouck Pfeiffer, Hudson Heights, QC, Sept. 13, 2013
 '53 BS HE—Greta Rystedt Pofcher, San Francisco, CA, December 21, 2013
 '53 BA—Carolyn Kneen Rawson, Middletown, CT, January 4, 2014
 '53 BS Ag—Robert H. Shoup, Jamestown, NY, November 5, 2013
 '53 BS Ag—Phillip M. St. Clair, Fort Myers, FL, November 28, 2013
 '53—Zane R. Unterzuber, Odessa, NY, October 29, 2013
 '53 BS HE—Dorothy Downey Voorhis, Williamsburg, VA, Dec. 29, 2013
 '53 BS Ag, MS Ag '62—Frank J. Wolff, Cordova, MD, January 4, 2014
- '54 BA—Paul Bornstein, Tesuque, NM, September 25, 2013
 '54, BEE '55—Victor E. Clarke, Coral Gables, FL, November 27, 2013
 '54 DVM—Clyde A. Corr, Palm Coast, FL, August 30, 2013
 '54—Robert L. Crowley, Ithaca, NY, November 15, 2013
 '54, BS Hotel '56—William F. Dearden, Pompano Beach, FL, June 13, 2012
 '54 BS Ag—Edwin D. Fessenden, King Ferry, NY, January 24, 2014
 '54—Philip W. Freiburger, Indianapolis, IN, November 3, 2013
 '54 PhD—Joseph T. Hood, Auburn, AL, November 15, 2013
 '54—David E. Hull, Warwick, NY, January 7, 2014
 '54—Robert R. Hulse, Red Creek, NY, February 9, 2007
 '54—Robert J. Loewenthal, Stone Mountain, GA, May 20, 2013
 '54 LLB—Richard J. McCarthy, Salem, MA, November 20, 2013
 '54, BEE '59—George F. Merrill, North Canton, OH, November 26, 2013
 '54 PhD—James J. O'Toole, Albion, MT, October 7, 2013
 '54 BS Nurs—Jane Madden Roberts, Fairfield, CT, May 14, 2013
 '54 LLB—Robert L. Teamerson, Webster, NY, October 13, 2013
 '54, BS Hotel '57—Joseph A. Thomas, East Orange, NJ, Nov. 26, 2013
 '54 BS Ag—Katherine W. Wolf, Rileyville, VA, December 10, 2013
- '55 BS Ag—John I. Apgar, Terre Haute, IN, January 4, 2014
 '55—Stanley A. Berger, Berkeley, CA, November 25, 2013
 '55-56 GR—Nancy Brockman Blomquist, Allendale, NJ, Dec. 12, 2013
 '55 MA—Cynthia Carson Colman, Ithaca, NY, September 8, 2013
 '55 MS—Clifford N. Hall, Winnebago, IL, December 29, 2013
 '55 BS Ag—Richard L. Hanks, Omak, WA, December 28, 2013
 '55 BCE—Joseph E. Prickett, Highspire, PA, December 25, 2013
 '55 BS Ag—Byron L. Sharkey, Mount Pleasant, SC, October 30, 2013
 '55—Charles M. Smillie III, Waterford, MI, November 14, 2013
- '56 BA—Edward C. Berkowitz, Washington, DC, December 22, 2013
 '56 PhD—Ada Marie Campbell, Maryville, TN, November 14, 2013
 '56 BS Hotel—Ronald P. Chandler, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Oct. 8, 2013
 '56 BA—Peter A. Curtiss, Sun City Center, FL, October 27, 2013
 '56 BA, MD '60—Martin J. Edelman, New York City, December 24, 2013
 '56, BA '59—Jeremy S. Hunt, Sedona, AZ, June 21, 2013
 '56 DVM—Peter A. Huyler, Walton, NY, January 3, 2014
 '56 PhD—Marilyn E. Jacox, Montgomery Village, MD, October 30, 2013
 '56 BA—N. Herschel Koblenz, Shaker Heights, OH, September 7, 2013

'56 JD—Joseph P. Minnich Jr., Binghamton, NY, February 7, 2009

'57, BCE '58, MBA '58—Louis H. Barkhausen, Valparaiso, IN, October 29, 2013

'57 ME—Shirley A. Bayless, Marshall, TX, January 22, 2014

'57, BME '58—Bruce C. Beck, Lafayette Hill, PA, December 21, 2013

'57 BA—Charles O. Doe, Washington, DC, September 1, 2013

'57, BS Ag '62—John A. Mace Jr., Endicott, NY, November 12, 2013

'57 MS, PhD '60—Richard F. Matthews, Dunnellon, FL, Dec. 11, 2013

'57 GR—Stanley W. Meso, Longview, WA, October 19, 2013

'57 BA—Rosalie Seely-Brown Parker, Coral Gables, FL, January 8, 2014

'57 BS Ag, MBA '58—Robert J. Prata, Matawan, NJ, January 9, 2014

'58 BA—Robert C. Dunne Jr., Staten Island, NY, December 25, 2013

'58 BA—Jay D. Huber, Annapolis, MD, January 16, 2014

'58-59 SP Ag—Henry F. Huxtable, Millers Mills, NY, November 10, 2013

'58, B Chem E '59, MBA '60—Jonathan E. Johnson, Los Angeles, CA, December 7, 2013

'58 BS HE—Eileen Funcheon Linsner, West Seneca, NY, Dec. 23, 2013

'58, BArch '59—Dominic A. Longo, Bound Brook, NJ, November 29, 2013

'58 BS HE, MS HE '59—Jane Purdy Moore, Mashpee, MA, Dec. 14, 2013

'58, BS Nurs '59—Barbara Kummer Orphanides, Furlong, PA, November 3, 2013

'58 BA—Elizabeth Hyde Patterson, Dallas, TX, November 12, 2013

'58, B Chem E '59—Jack Weaver, Meadowbrook, PA, December 11, 2013

'59—Harry W. Falconer, Vero Beach, FL, November 2, 2013

'59-63 GR—Frederick A. Hargadon, Princeton, NJ, January 22, 2014

'59, BS Ag '60—Jeromy T. Hawthorne, Hamburg, NY, October 8, 2013

'59-60 GR—Grace Conner Turner, Hopewell, NJ, December 17, 2013

'59, DVM '61—Fred K. Van Deusen Jr., Bradford, PA, October 3, 2013

'59 MS—Elizabeth Botts Williamson, State College, PA, January 4, 2014

1960s

'60 BA—Stephen R. Conn, New York City, July 3, 2012

'60, B Chem E '61—Caleb F. Davis, Houston, TX, December 18, 2013

'60—John D. Moores Jr., Winston-Salem, NC, December 24, 2013

'60 BA, MA '66—Arthur T. Mosher Jr., Gambrills, MD, January 17, 2014

'60-62 GR—Roland K. Severin, Warrenton, VA, November 28, 2013

'60 PhD—Robert B. Textor, Portland, OR, January 3, 2013

'60 DVM—Richard E. Wooley, Athens, GA, November 18, 2013

'61 BA—Paul G. Anderson, Port Townsend, WA, December 6, 2013

'61, BEE '62—Gerald E. Christen, Columbus, OH, October 24, 2013

'61 BS Ag—Paul F. Gould, Waunakee, WI, December 18, 2013

'61-63 GR—Edward S. Gryczynski, Locust Grove, PA, October 30, 2013

'61 MPA—Henry H. Harvey, Litchfield, CT, January 2, 2014

'61—John W. Hicks, Ithaca, NY, November 1, 2013

'61, BS Ag '66—Andrew G. Joachim, Lake Placid, NY, July 16, 2013

'61 MNS—Catherine M. Kostuk, Eastport, NY, September 7, 2013

'61 PhD—John W. Stroud, Fairview Heights, IL, December 27, 2013

'62 MBA—Walter F. Boehme, Atlanta, GA, December 4, 2013

'62 PhD—Leroy Coggins, Cary, NC, December 30, 2013

'62—Turner A. Duncan Jr., Dallas, TX, September 22, 2013

'62 MD—Edward J. Fredericks, Bradenton, FL, January 3, 2014

'62 BS Hotel—Russell Geiger, Coral Gables, FL, November 3, 2013

'62 DVM—Martin A. Gruber, Sarasota, FL, November 18, 2013

'62—Donald A. Mulbury, Schenectady, NY, October 29, 2013

'62 MS HE—Barbara Stoakin Severin, Warrenton, VA, October 28, 2013

'63 PhD—Lloyd C. Faulkner, Saint Clairsville, OH, December 20, 2013

'63-64 GR—Peter A. Lekisch, Frederickburg, TX, December 27, 2013

'63 MS—William M. Morton, West Palm Beach, FL, November 10, 2013

'63—Donald B. Umiker, Brandon, FL, November 30, 2013

'64 BS Nurs—Frederica Baer, Sarasota, FL, August 8, 2013

'64 BS ILR—Thomas W. Green, Rancho Mirage, CA, October 17, 2013

'64 BA—Glen E. Hess, Hobe Sound, FL, December 20, 2013

'64 LLB—Stephen W. Keene, Georgetown, MA, July 14, 2013

'64 BS HE—Nancy Regal Klinger, Jefferson, NY, December 31, 2013

'64, BEE '65—Kenneth J. Leipper, Oakland, CA, August 6, 2013

'64-65 GR—Edith Mummery Mabon, Norwich, NY, December 3, 2013

'64—Edward J. Smith, Ithaca, NY, December 18, 2013

'64—Gerald A. Zerdly, Washington, DC, January 15, 2012

'65 BS Ag—Richard A. Heckman, Clifton Park, NY, October 4, 2013

'65 PhD—William E. Knox, Greensboro, NC, December 2, 2013

'65 PhD—Donald B. Stone, Fernandina Beach, FL, August 21, 2013

'65 BS Ag—George C. Timmer, Tipp City, OH, January 6, 2014

'66 BS Ag—Jerry J. DelBalso, Warren, PA, November 9, 2013

'67 BA—R. Stevan Jonas, Waltham, MA, January 6, 2013

'67 MFA—Phillips M. Simkin, Philadelphia, PA, November 26, 2013

'67 BFA—Ellen Jarschauer White, Cleveland Heights, OH, Oct. 21, 2013

'68 BA—Eleanor J. Evans, Sacramento, CA, November 17, 2013

'68 BA—Arthur C. Kaminsky, Manhasset, NY, December 5, 2013

'68 BS Hotel—Sonnie T. W. Lien, Singapore, November 11, 2013

'69 BS HE—Marilyn Libeu Kercher, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 15, 2013

1970s

'70 BA—Donald A. Carr, Vienna, VA, November 13, 2013

'70 MS, PhD '73—Noel J. Cutright, West Bend, WI, November 10, 2013

'70 MS Ag—Liguori N. Mierzwia, Cleveland, OH, October 12, 2013

'70 MS, PhD '72—John J. Steger, Pittstown, NJ, December 1, 2013

'71 BA, MD '75—Steven M. Grunberg, Shelburne, VT, September 22, 2013

'71—Michael R. Knepley, Addison, NY, October 18, 2013

'72-74 GR—Edward J. Matey Jr., Newton, NJ, October 12, 2013

'73 BS Hotel—W. Bruce Neil, Leesburg, FL, September 18, 2013

'73 BS ILR—Louis A. Stone, New Haven, CT, November 28, 2013

'74 BA—Kenneth M. Swisher, Fort Myers, FL, October 22, 2013

'74 BS Nurs—Gail E. Thurkauf, Laurel, MD, October 13, 2013

'75 PhD—Sheridan Fenwick Naditch, Minneapolis, MN, October 15, 2013

'75, BME '77—Frank R. Sims, Apopka, FL, August 6, 2013

'75 MPS—Thomas B. Turner, Danville, PA, October 11, 2013

'76-78 GR—Paul C. Carubia, Ithaca, NY, October 30, 2013

'79 BEE—James G. Caldwell, Falmouth, ME, October 2, 2013

'79 BS Ag—Kevin E. Carhart, Stafford, NY, November 19, 2013

'79 BS Ag—Carmen L. Lopez, Tampa, FL, December 25, 2010

1980s

'87 BA—Roy K. Greenberg, Cleveland, OH, December 7, 2013

'88 MBA, JD '89—Kimber Kay Wheeler, Seattle, WA, April 14, 2013

1990s

'91 BS Ag—Robin M. Denniston-Keller, Byron, NY, December 5, 2013

'92 JD—Susan Bates Greenberg, Boca Raton, FL, November 11, 2013

2000s

'03 MA—Franz P. Hugdahl, Ithaca, NY, October 14, 2013

2010s

'12 MBA—Luisa Velasquez Aminsharifi, Norwalk, CT, October 21, 2013

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Yes She Can

A long-overdue exhibit celebrates the women of Cornell

For Human Ecology student Jordana Gilman '14, the epiphany came last fall, while doing nutrition homework in Savage Hall. "I looked up," Gilman recalls, "and saw three white male portraits staring down at me." Where, Gilman wondered, were the images of Cornell's great *women*?

Most people—especially busy undergrads—would have left it at that. Gilman is not one of them.

She's a campus leader—among other things, president of Hillel and a Meinig Family Cornell National Scholar. She completed her undergrad work a semester early, with an academic record that won her admission to med school at SUNY Upstate. For her birthday, she asked friends to paper her Facebook wall with articles on gender equality. Says Gilman's Meinig mentor, vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94: "Jordana is one of those students who reminds me why I do what I do."

During the month of March, proof of Gilman's tenacity was on display in the Willard Straight art gallery: an exhibit honoring 250 Cornell-connected women from the nineteenth century to the present. Gilman chose half the subjects, drawn from University histories and other sources; the rest are current faculty, staff, and administrators (Murphy among them), picked via student nominations. "I'd been thinking that the message we were receiving was that men are the presidents, the CEOs, the leaders in STEM fields," says Gilman, a human biology and society major, "and that I could do something to change a little bit of that."

The small black-and-white portraits, which Gilman gleaned from the Internet, include some famous names: Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54; former Attorney General Janet Reno '60; novelist and Nobel laureate Pearl Buck, MA '25; former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97; actress Jane Lynch, MFA '84. Others are less widely known, but heroines in their respective fields: Oscar-winning film editor Thelma Schoonmaker '61; astronaut Mae Jemison, MD '81, the first African American woman in space; geneticist Barbara McClintock '23, PhD '27, the only woman to win an unshared Nobel Prize in medicine. Among Gilman's favorites is Margaret Morgan Lawrence '36, who broke barriers in child psychiatry. "When she was here she

was the only African American on campus," Gilman says. "She boarded with a white family, doing their cooking and cleaning, living in an unheated attic. She was finally admitted to Columbia medical school when she assured them that she wouldn't



Upon reflection: In the exhibit curated by Jordana Gilman '14, each wall had a mirror so viewers could picture themselves among the subjects.

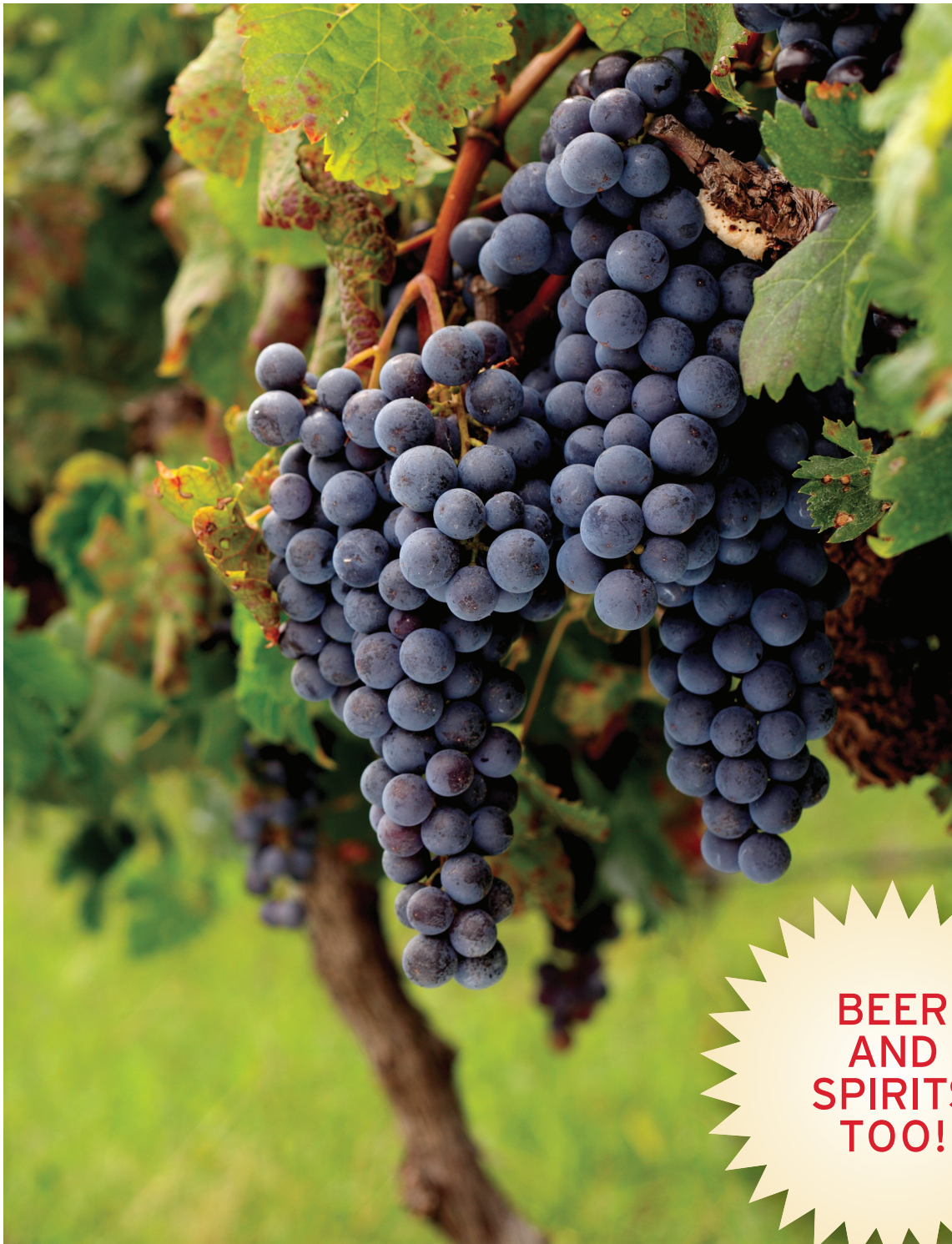
make a fuss if a white patient refused to see her."

While "Women in the Big Picture" was only on display for a month, Gilman hopes the project will continue. An expanded online version is in the works, and selected portraits may travel around campus and elsewhere. The idea has already gone beyond Cornell via Gilman's social media campaign, hashtagged "showmethewomen." "The portrait issue is a small one within the wider gender equality issue, but people are noticing it," she says. "It's concrete. And it's not particularly threatening to men, so they're getting involved."

But Gilman notes that in mounting the show, she was reminded how entrenched sexism can be—even among the three males who helped her hang the photos. "Every time they pulled a portrait out of the box, they commented on the woman's attractiveness," she recalls. "These are the best boys, who were devoting their days to this, and they still couldn't help themselves. I can't help but think that if this were an exhibit of 250 men, it wouldn't even come up."

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The growth of New York's wine industry has spurred a cheese boom

BY PEGGY HAINE

"Cheese is milk's leap toward immortality."
— Clifton Fadiman

In his 1891 annual report, Cornell President Charles Kendall Adams reasoned, "If an American desires to become thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of cheese making, he is subjected to the mortifying necessity of getting his instruction in a foreign country. These facts are enough to justify the demand that provision be made for instruction in all the known arts of dairy husbandry." And so the University appointed its first professor of dairy husbandry, and jumped—spotlessly clean feet first—into the cheese vat.

Since then, Cornell's dairy science and food science faculty members and Cooperative Extension associates have provided instruction, aid, and encouragement to dairy herdsman and cheese makers—mainly commercial, though in more recent years, artisanal. Growing numbers of alumni are now putting their imprints on dozens of varieties of artisanal and farmstead cheeses, providing dairy farmers with a value-added outlet for their milk. Cheese making has become a multi-billion-dollar industry in New York State.

While New York's bison herds are too ornery to be milked, the state's cows, sheep, goats, and water buffalo are more compliant, and cheeses made from their milk now appear in high-end grocery stores, at farmer's markets, and on the menus of upscale and farm-to-table restaurants, as well as at New York City's influential Murray's Cheese, known for its subterranean cheese cave under Greenwich Village's Bleeker Street. Murray's proprietor, Rob Kaufelt, is a 1969 graduate (and was featured in the March/April 2005 issue of this magazine).

Closer to the University's home, Finger Lakes and Hudson Valley cheese makers are making their mark. Farmers and food artisans alike are discovering that cheese is the kind of value-added product that makes it possible for small-scale dairies to survive and prosper.

Nancy Taber Richards '88 was one of the first of the modern-day Finger Lakes artisanal cheese makers. After a career as a journalist, she returned to the Mecklenburg farm where her parents and brothers run a dairy operation. After teaming up with Dutch cheese maker Jan Beuzekom—who designed her facility, provided the recipe and the equipment, "and got me going," she says—Richards makes Finger Lakes Farmstead Cheese at her Bronson Hill Cheesery, using fresh rBST-free raw milk from the farm's fifty-Holstein herd of contented, pastured cows. She produces 25,000 pounds of cheese a year: Schuyler, a nutty Gouda-style cheese with a yellow wax coating; Red Meck, with an aromatic red bacteria surface wash and tangy flavor; and Bier Meck, Red Meck soaked in Ithaca Beer Company Smoked Porter Ale brine. Flavored cheeses, available



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seasonally, include dried tomato, basil, and oregano; cumin seed; herbes de Provence; garlic, onion, and chive; caraway seed; and stinging nettle.

"Cornell has been a great resource for me—I appreciate having everything so close by," Richards says. "Rob Ralyea, MS '98 [senior extension associate in the Department of Food Science], has been very helpful, and while a lot of the resources are geared to bigger places, they're trying to be helpful to the artisan producers as well."

Like Richards, Muranda Cheese founders Tom Murray and his wife, Nancy, both grew up on dairy farms. A 4H-er and passionate herdsman, Tom served an apprenticeship in Colorado

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learning the finer points of cattle breeding. He has since raised his own herd of Holsteins, bred for superior milk production, and one of their cows, Muranda Oscar Lucinda, set the world record for milk production in 1997 and held onto it for thirteen years.

Returning to Upstate New York, Tom and Nancy founded Muranda Cheese on their dairy farm outside of Waterloo in 2007, and they now produce fourteen types of cheese. "We're tickled to death and just a little overwhelmed at how fast this is growing," Tom says. Their prizewinning herd provides the raw material for 12,000 to 15,000 pounds of cheese a year, and the Murrays send 10,000 pounds of milk a week to a cheese-making facility in Cooperstown, which returns it to be aged in the three large caves that Tom has built. He then cuts and packages it for sale. Thousands of people visit the tasting room each year and are welcome to walk around the farm, where the pampered Holsteins enjoy monthly pedicures. One visitor claimed that the barn smelled



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There's an old saying in the wine trade that admonishes merchants to "buy on apple, sell on cheese." While the acidity of an apple will expose a wine's flaws, a bite of cheese coats the palate and can exaggerate the flavor of even ordinary wine. Wine and cheese generally enhance each other's qualities, but some pairings work better than others.

First, when in doubt, choose a white wine. The tannin in many red wines can clash with the butterfat in cheeses, particularly those that are fresh and/or creamy. So, for a young, **fresh goat's milk cheese from the Hudson Valley's Coach Farm** or the **Brie-like Bianco from Kenton Cheese** in Trumansburg, think **Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, or unoaked Chardonnay**. If you prefer a red, try a light **Finger Lakes Pinot Noir** to minimize the tannin factor.

Washed-rind cheeses like Italian Taleggio or French Munster, with their orange, "stinky" rinds, require a more aromatic, assertive white. With these cheeses, consider a **Gewürztraminer** or a fuller-bodied **Pinot Gris**. A big-boned dry **Riesling** from a ripe vintage may work here as well.

Red wines come into their own with firmer cheeses like Gruyere, Gouda, and cheddar. With a semi-hard cheese like the **Gouda-inspired Schuyler from Finger Lakes Farmstead**, try a **Finger Lakes Pinot Noir** or a **Merlot from Long Island or the Hudson River region**. With aged cheeses like the aged **Cheddar from Muranda Cheese**, try a larger-scaled red such as a **Cabernet Sauvignon or Syrah from Long Island**.

Finally, there is the slightly tricky category of **blue cheeses**. With these, it's a good idea to follow the "sweet goes with salty" dictum. With a **Hudson Valley Blue like the Old Chatham Shepherding Company's Ewe Blue** or a piece of **French Roquefort**, it's time to crack open a bottle of **Late Harvest Riesling or Vignoles**.

None of these suggestions are hard and fast. Next time you're hosting, put out a variety of cheeses and New York State wines and have a go at them to find your own favorite combinations. With the ever-increasing variety of New York wines and cheeses, a good time is guaranteed.

— DAVE POHL

better than her teenage son's room.

Their Cornell connection? Not only did all three of the Murrays' children attend CALS, but they receive regular visits from Professor Michael Van Amburgh, PhD '96, and the Dairy Fellows Program. At their farm, Van Amburgh can show animal science students that their operations don't have to be big to be successful. And the Murrays' son Blane '10 has returned home with his wife to manage the herd. "It's nice to have a sustainable business my kids can come back to," says Tom.

Dairyman Kenton Burr '97 returned to his family's Burr-Ayr Farms, west of Trumansburg, a few years after completing his preveterinary studies at CALS. As manager of the farm's Ayrshire herd, he is the sixth generation of Burrs working the farm founded in 1837 by Bradley Burr, brother of Aaron Burr, Thomas Jefferson's vice president. Working with local chef Daño Hutnik of Daño's on Seneca Lake, who has also been experimenting with cheese making, Burr developed a delicately flavored blooming rind Brie-like cheese. "I did a lot of research. I wanted to do something different, but I also wanted to do something versatile that chefs would be interested in." And they are.

Burr worked in Nancy Richardson's facility to get up to speed. "The machinery needed to make cheese is expensive," he says. "But there are so many of us in this area, we've been able to work together and make progress. You can sink \$50,000 into a cheese vat alone. We've been growing the cheese business every year and are trying not to get too far ahead of ourselves."

Farther afield, in the Hudson Valley, the picturesque Old Chatham Sheepherding Company, with its herd of 2,000 and Shaker-style headquarters, is owned by Tom Clark '63, MBA '64, and Nancy Clark '62, MEd '64. It's the largest sheep dairy farm in the United States. Matt Ranieri '06, PhD '13, their vice president of operations, worked in the lab of CALS Dean Kathryn Boor '80, beginning in his undergraduate days.

You'd think 2,000 sheep would be enough, but the Clarks have established relationships with fourteen Amish farms to provide additional milk to meet the growing demand for their products. And they have worked with Cornell scientists to fine-tune lighting and nutrition in order to extend the milk-producing season to allow for year-round production. Old Chatham produces the creamy Nancy's Hudson Valley Camembert Soft Ripened Cheese and an assertive Roquefort-style cheese called Ewe's Blue, as well as a variety of sheep's milk yogurts. There are additional cheeses under development,

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Further down the Hudson, Mark Newbold '72, MS '75, who spent years as a dairy farmer, retired from farming to work for food science professor David Barbano '70, PhD '78, known by students and colleagues as "The Big Cheese." Newbold has since gone on to work as a cheese maker and product developer at Coach Farm in the Hudson Valley, where they produce Chèvre, raw goats' milk cheese, as well as an aged blue cheese, Greek-style goat milk yogurt, a drinkable yogurt, and a ricotta. "When I entered, there were four or five other freshmen in the food science department," he says. "The freshman class is up to fifty or sixty now."

Ranieri, too, recalls the difficulties the department once had in recruiting undergraduate majors, many frightened off by its intensive, premed-equivalent science

that the newly revamped food science building, Stocking Hall, is an additional draw. "With that new building," he says, "it's very easy to attract students. I think there's a huge demand. You get everything from basic dairy production to molecular microbiology, and there are a lot of applications just in food science. It's going to be at the center of what happens in the next fifty years. You have to feed 9 billion people with limited resources. The image of CALS—knowledge with a public purpose—is pretty relevant."

In addition to connections in Italy and Germany, Cornell's international reach goes as far as a cheesery in Nairobi, where alumni Delia Brown Stirling '02 and Andrew Stirling '01, MEng '02, have taken over her parents' cheese-making facility, Brown's Cheese and Café, in the Kenyan highlands. Delia grew up on that farm, where her father, distressed by the government's ban on cheese imports,

pestered her mother into learning to make Brie. The area's misty conditions proved perfect for developing Brie's bloomy rind. Thirty-five years later, the Browns have retired and the Stirlings produce twenty-two types of cheese, employ a staff of seventy, and buy their milk from several co-ops, keeping 3,000 small-scale dairy farmers—most with no more than ten cows—in business. They are also working with Maasai women herders to provide milk for a sheep's milk cheese similar to Manchego. While the Stirlings have nearly tripled their business within Kenya, they also sell to Uganda, Tanzania, and South Sudan, and are in talks with buyers in Dubai and India. And—having worked with Cornell Extension support specialist Kimberly Bukowski to develop a base recipe—they are about to launch ice cream sales.



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curriculum. "There were thirteen students in my class," says Ranieri, "and only nine stayed for the entire program." But after 2006, he notes, applications jumped. "The Food Network probably played a big role in that," he says, citing the popularity of host Alton Brown in particular, whose lively programs make food science fun for viewers.

"When I left, they were turning away a lot of students," adds Ranieri, noting

Ninety-some years after President Adams's initiative, the American Cheese Society was founded by Cornell food science professor Frank Kosikowski '41, PhD '44, as a national grassroots organization for cheese appreciation and for home and farm cheese making. Its first annual meeting, held at the University, attracted 150 caseophiles. The society now boasts 1,500 members—testimony to America's love affair with the cheese maker's art.

HOP TO IT

BY PEGGY HAINE

For a while, Randy Lacey '77, MEng '99, and Diane Gerhart just brewed beer at home, growing their own hops and other ingredients on their farm, until their passion for brewing grew and grew—and finally got away from them. They toured the country visiting breweries and researching brewing operations until last May, when they opened Hopshire Farm and Brewery on Dryden Road, not far from the Cornell campus.

Hopshire visitors drive up a rise overlooking long views of Dryden's valley, passing ranks of lanky hops supports—necessary because the vines can grow as much as thirty feet in a season. Once inside the brewery, they find a selection of beers that have earned a consistent 5-out-of-5 rating on the online review site Yelp and a congenial crowd gathered around the former Plum's Restaurant bar, where Gerhart pours tastes and glasses, and chats with beer lovers.

Lacey, who serves as the university engineer and director of facilities engineering, designed the brewing facility—its tower a copy of a nineteenth-century hops kiln. Professor of historic preservation planning Michael Tomlan, PhD '83, who has published books on both the hops industry and on hop-drying kilns, provided encouragement and information; the brewing facility and tasting room are built around Hopshire's hops kiln. And that's really where the story begins.

For most of the nineteenth century, New York was the major hops-producing state in the country, its farmers turning out 20 million pounds in a good year. Around 1910, a series of damp years caused severe mold problems, and the hops industry headed for dryer, sunnier climes out west (followed not long afterwards by the film industry—but that's another story). According to Lacey, the final blow was the advent of Prohibition, and within a dozen or so years New York had morphed into a dairy state.

In 2013, New York State passed legislation granting licensing and sales privileges to farm breweries with the proviso that they source at least 20 percent of their ingredients from the state's growers. Since then, Cornell Cooperative Extension hops specialist Steve Miller and the agricultural experiment station in Geneva have been working on developing climate-suitable barley and hops; even so, Lacey worries that, with more than 100 craft breweries in the state and more climbing onto the bandwagon, the state's farmers may not be able to supply enough to meet the demand, especially since hops plants take three years to become productive.

But it's not all hops and barley. Yes, Hopshire is producing the American-style IPAs CoHOPeration and Near Varna (which, of course, it is)—but their current 200-gallon weekly production might also include Zingabeer, a Belgian-style pale ale made with fresh ginger grown at Good Life Farm in Trumansburg, or Beehave, an ale made with seventy pounds of honey culled from hives in nearby Moravia. The brewery is open Wednesdays through Sundays, and if you stop by on a Sunday (brewing day) you'll find Lacey up to his elbows in hops and barley, Gerhart serving glass after glass, and both cheerfully celebrating their passion for beer.

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TIPPING POINT

The Finger Lakes region moves into the top rank

BY DAVE POHL

How things have changed in the Finger Lakes. Not long ago, the pioneering immigrant Dr. Konstantin Frank, who founded his seminal Vinifera Wine Cellars on Keuka Lake in 1962, was a lone voice in the wilderness. Confident in the region's potential to produce quality wines from *vinifera* grapes, Frank proudly proclaimed, "Good wine is not good enough for Americans. Only excellent will do."

The passage of the New York Farm Winery Act of 1976, which greatly reduced the cost of opening a new, small operation, insured that Dr. Frank would soon have company. Early post-Act wineries such as Heron Hill and Glenora soon joined the field, and while many of their wines were produced from native and hybrid grape varieties, they were also committed to the production of *vinifera* wines, especially Riesling.

In 1979, Hermann J. Wiemer opened the doors to his eponymous Seneca Lake winery, and it became the second Finger Lakes producer committed to making wine solely from *vinifera* grapes. Wiemer focused on the Riesling grape of his native Germany, as he felt it was well-suited to the soils and cool climate of the Finger Lakes.

Since then, dozens of new wineries have opened in the region, primarily on the shores of Seneca, Cayuga, and Keuka lakes. There are now more than 200 wineries in the Finger Lakes, and nearly all are committed, to at least some degree, to the production of Riesling, which is generally viewed as the area's flagship grape. While locals and tourists have happily lapped up the quality wines produced by these wineries, it has been a source of frustration to many that recognition from areas outside of Upstate

New York has been slow in coming. Happily, this may now be changing—in fact, it may be that Finger Lakes wine is now at an exciting new tipping point.

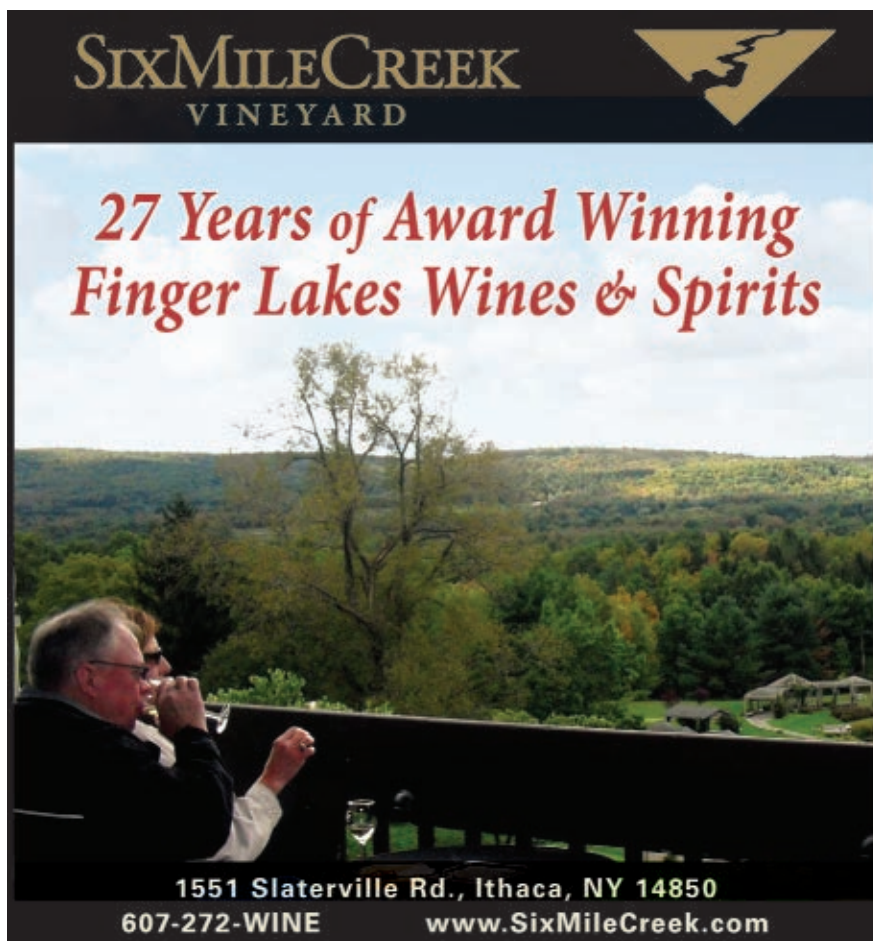
One source of concern to Finger Lakes vintners over the past decades has been the lack of acceptance in their state's largest urban center, New York City. Cracking this important market is viewed by many as a vital steppingstone to greater recognition. Now, after decades of perseverance, this may finally be happening.

According to Fred Merwarth '00, who now owns Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, the reception for Finger Lakes wines, particularly Riesling, is "totally different from two to three years ago." While individuals such as Paul Greico, owner of the Terroir Wine Bar group, have promoted Finger Lakes wines for many years, it is only in the past couple of years that "a critical mass of retail wine shops and restaurants have gotten on board," Merwarth says. "When I visit stores and restaurants in the City, I encounter an interest and enthusiasm that just wasn't there even three years ago."

Thomas Pastuszak '06 is one of the newer faces cheerleading for the Finger Lakes in Metro New York. As wine director of the NoMad Restaurant, he was named the 2013 StarChefs.com Rising Star Sommelier. He is a highly visible, oft-quoted personality, and he strongly believes in the high quality of the best Finger Lakes wine. Pastuszak, who double-majored in neurobiology and piano at Cornell, currently has more than three dozen Finger Lakes selections on his wine list. When he works the floor, he frequently recommends them to customers, and he proudly states that he has yet to have a bottle sent back. He finds them particularly easy to sell "to those in the twenty-five to thirty-five age group, as they don't have the preconceived notions regarding Finger Lakes wine that some of our older clients have."

Pastuszak notes that there are now a number of high-profile New York City restaurants committed to featuring Finger Lakes wine. He cites, among others, Gramercy Tavern, Union Square Café, Rouge Tomate, and Eleven Madison Park as top-tier restaurants with a strong interest in the region's wines. This wine list presence, Thomas contends, is "what drives increased demand for the wines in top-notch retail shops such as Crush and Union Square Wines."

Another piece of the New York City puzzle is the sheer availability of Finger Lakes wines. The buzz around these wines has grown sufficiently in recent years that New York City distributors have



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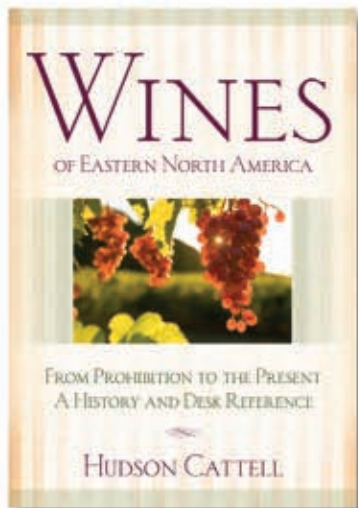
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The \$4.8 billion of total economic impact from the New York industry represents a 27 percent increase over 2008 and a 53 percent increase over 2005. "The New York grape, grape juice, and wine industry is a major economic engine for the state," says Jim Trezise, president of the New York Wine & Grape Foundation. "Wine is the ultimate value-added product with huge economic multiplier effects for many affiliated industries like farm equipment, tank and barrel manufacturers, packaging, transportation, tourism, and more. The State of New York, especially in recent years, has been a great partner with our industry and clearly their investment is paying off in spades."

There are now more than 300 wineries in the state and some 37,000 acres of vineyards. "The New York grape and wine industry's growth has been accelerating since we conducted our first study in 2005," says Barbara Insel, president and CEO of Stonebridge. "The industry has clearly weathered the Great Recession, and the strong support from the New York State government in the past few years has given the industry a major boost."

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taken notice. Within the last two years, many New York-based companies have taken on many top-flight Finger Lakes wineries. Merwarth points out that “this means that if a restaurant or retail shop wants a wine, they can actually get it”—which was not always the case only a few years ago.

One quality-oriented downstate distributor, Michael Skurnik Wines, now sells wines from Seneca Lake’s Silver Thread Vineyard, Finger Lakes keg wines under the Gotham Project label, and various Finger Lakes varieties under the Charles Fournier label, a tribute to the former president of Gold Seal Vineyards, who in 1953 hired Dr. Frank and encouraged his early experiments with *vinifera* grapes. The company’s head, Harmon Skurnik, says the time is finally right for the Finger Lakes. He cites the improved perception of Finger Lakes quality and the locavore movement as factors that influenced his company’s decision to take on Finger Lakes wine. He couples that with an “increased interest in the food-friendliness of cool climate, lower alcohol wines.” Skurnik states, “Increased interest in Old World Riesling has opened people’s minds to domestic renditions of Riesling, and, to my mind, the Finger Lakes produces the best.”

In addition to growing acceptance of its wines, the Finger Lakes region has also benefited from an influx of notable outsiders interested in making wine there. Louis Barruol from France’s Rhône Valley has produced two outstanding vintages under the Forge label. One of the principals behind Skurnik’s Gotham Project is the noted Provençal producer Charles Bieler. And just this past year, top international producer Paul Hobbs announced his partnership with the renowned German producer Johannes Selbach to produce wine from newly planted Seneca Lake vineyards.

With growing acceptance of its wine in New York City, new interest on the part of world wine notables, and palpable confidence expressed by its leading producers, the near-term prospects for the Finger Lakes region would indeed appear to be bright. Cheers!

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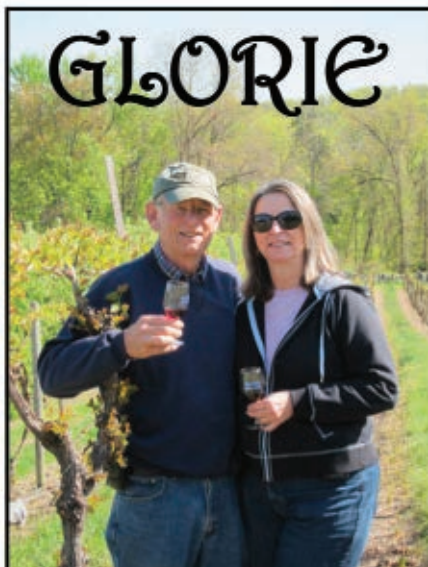
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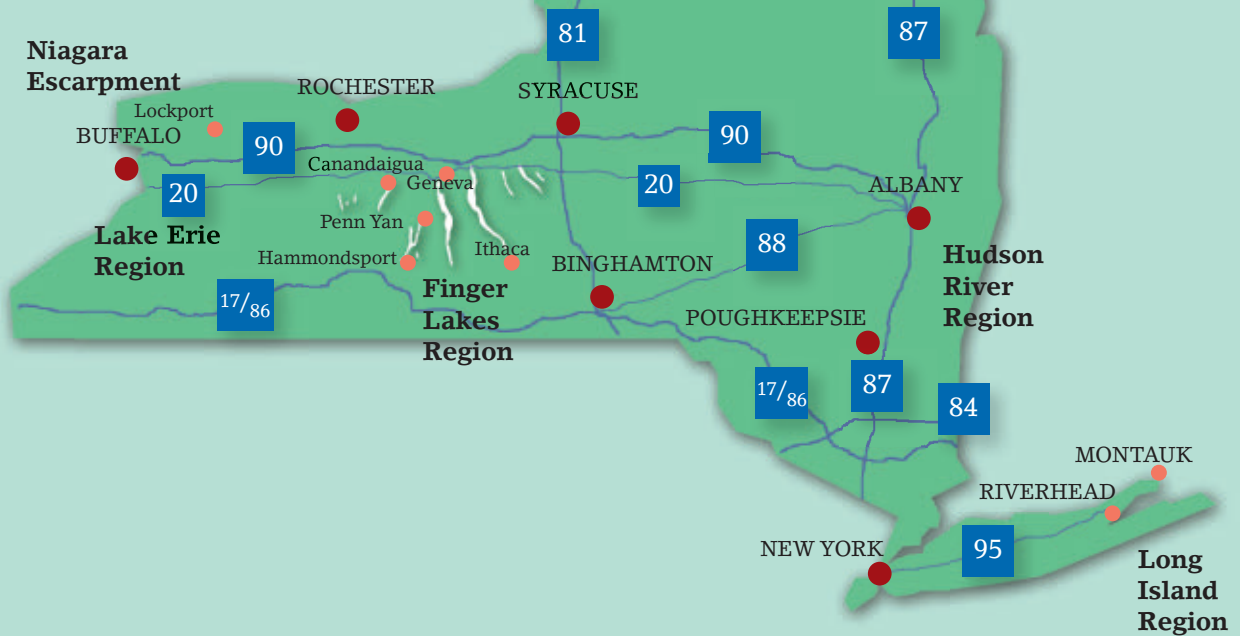
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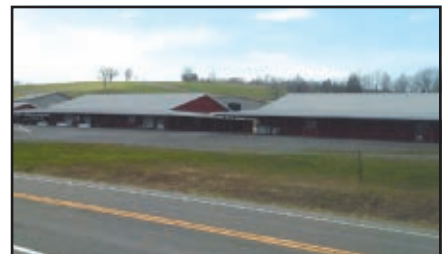
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