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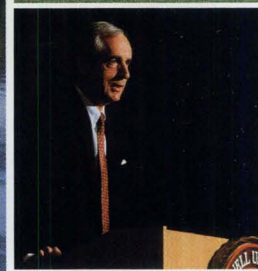
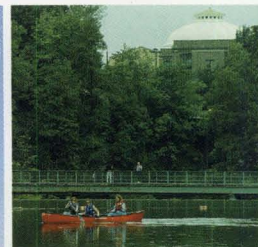
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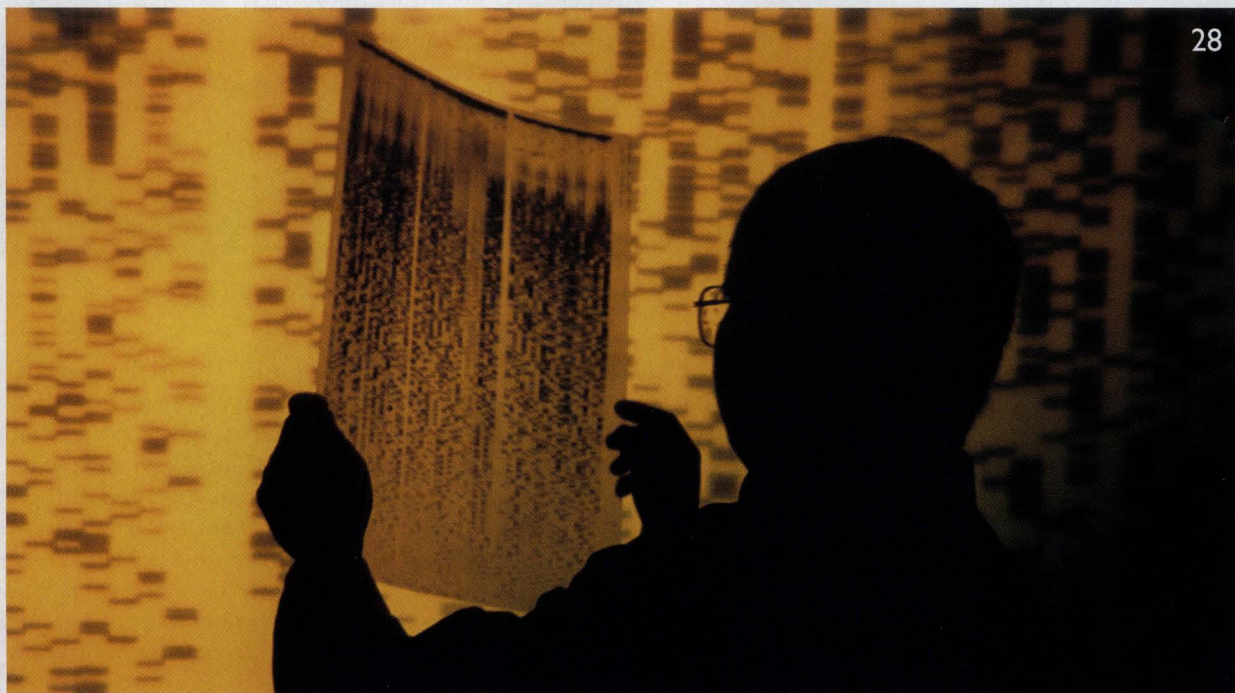
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BRAD HERZOG

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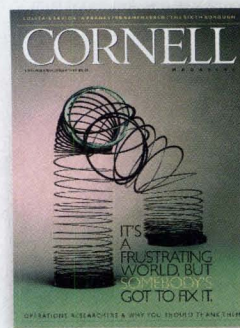
LETTERS

SLINKY ON THE HILL

THERE WAS A LITTLE MORE BEHIND THE COVER OF your November/December 1999 issue than you may have realized. The Slinky was developed, and is still made by, James Industries. Elysabethe "Libby" James '66, BFA '67, is the daughter of the inventor.

Richard Haines, Jr. '67

Tucker, Georgia



PSYCHED OUT

AFTER QUOTING PSYCH PROFESSOR Dennis Regan that, "propinquity—being physically close in ways that facilitate interaction—has been shown to be positively associated with liking," Brad Herzog writes, "that is, friendships are more likely to form between people living near each other" ("The Fickle Finger of Freshman Fate," November/December 1999). What a perfect commentary on the ridiculousness of social-science jargon.

Unfortunately, psychologists can do a lot more harm than simply polluting discourse with their vocabularies. Human development professor James Garbarino wants the government to "get on top of kids' access to point-and-shoot video games and violent imagery via TV and movies" ("Disturbing Behavior," Currents). If TV and movies are censored, can books be far behind?

I teach an extremely violent great work of medieval literature: Sir Thomas Malory's *Le Morte D'Arthur*. Does Professor Garbarino want to "get on top of kids' access" to this? Does he have any idea how much violence there is in much of the world's great literature?

Felicia Ackerman '68

Providence, Rhode Island

SEMPER COOL

CORNELL WAS COOL BEFORE CARL Sagan set his Cosmos-sized shoes on campus ("Carl, Cornell, and the Cosmos," September/October 1999). For undergrads in the early Sixties there was *Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me* by Richard Farina '59. Many were moved by the mystique of Farina riding his motorcycle to a date with death the night of his book signing.

Consider the dedication of students who went to Mississippi registering African American voters during the Civil Rights Movement when devotion to equality and integration were both cool and hot. The KKK-style murders of Michael Schwerner '61, James Chaney, and Andrew Goodman symbolized unaggrandized heroism derived from devotion to the creation of a better society. Nabokov rocked the culture with *Lolita* while teaching standing-room-only courses on masterworks of modern literature, and Kurt Vonnegut '44, *Daily Sun* editor, became an icon of the synthesis of popular and literary cultures.

Yes, Carl was fascinating. But he was part of a tradition of articulate iconoclasm and commitment to meaningful communication with the larger world that has characterized Cornell since the day Ezra proclaimed his intention to open wider the doors to knowledge.

C. David Burak, '67, MFA '80
Venice, California

THE WRONG RODENT

ZOOLOGIST WILLIAM J. HAMILTON '26, PhD '30, must be spinning in his grave. The critter used to illustrate the November/December "R&D" on Idaho ground squirrels is not a ground squirrel (*spermophilus*) but a flying squirrel (*glaucomys*). I suspect some of Bill's other students may spot this.

Evan Hazard '51
Bemidji, Minnesota

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Our Elsie (1934-1999)

ELSIE RUTH MCMILLAN '55, A Cornellian's Cornellian, died November 12, 1999. For a quarter century she oversaw the work of a legion of alumni class correspondents and in many other ways shared in the direction of this magazine. She came to the old *Cornell Alumni News* in 1973 with ideal family, university, and professional preparation.

Elsie was born to Ruth Rice '23 and William D. McMillan '24 of Steep Hollow Farm, just southeast of Ithaca, in January 1934. Her mother's father was James E. Rice 1890, who launched both the study of poultry husbandry at Cornell and an extended family well known and respected in the Ithaca area.

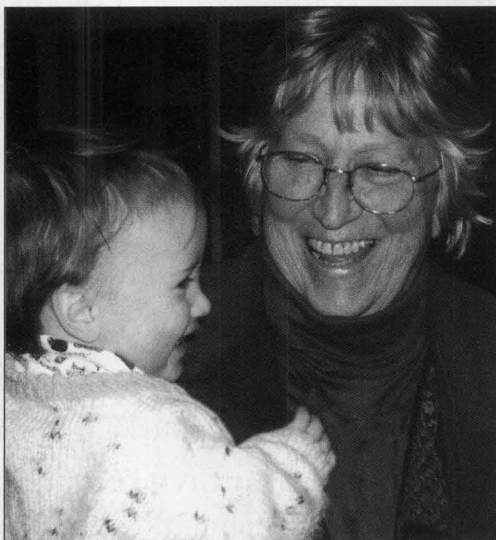
Young Miss McMillan enrolled on the Hill after two years at Alfred, earning a degree in agricultural journalism. She married in 1957 and for sixteen years held editorial jobs where her husband studied or worked: in Michigan, for Cornell Extension, in Texas, on Long Island, and finally at Harvard, where she was editor of a new university-wide journal, *Harvard Today*.

She returned to Ithaca in the fall of 1973 to help her widowed mother at Steep Hollow, arriving just as this magazine needed someone to manage its sizeable alumni notes section. She took right over and continued for the next three decades. Elsie put her own imprint on the back-of-the-book immediately, through a combination of professionalism and TLC. She cared hugely about accuracy, grammar, and style. Her Agriculture, Home Economics, and Veterinary School background brought a feel for the Upper Campus that we had lost after Howard Stevenson '19, an Ag alumnus, retired as editor in 1961.

What truly came to distinguish her incumbency was the patience with which she helped more than 130 correspondents of widely varying writing experience publish news of classmates. Elsie encouraged, cajoled, listened, and prodded to help each one send in a column by each issue's deadline. "I'm sure all the class columnists through the

years relied utterly and completely on Elsie to bail us out when we were late, badly written, whatever pitfalls we fell into—she was always there with the safety net," says former correspondent Elizabeth Severinghaus Warner '50.

Elsie was increasingly a person to whom alumni, particularly of the earlier classes, turned for information as well as help dealing with Cornell. They relied on her for everything from how a relative could best apply for admission and where to find a room in Ithaca to the straight word on some recent cam-



WITH GRANDNEPHEW JASPER LAST FEBRUARY

pus event. She helped ease individual alumni through declining health, listened to sad tales, and offered advice. They in turn came to know of her loves: Garrison Keillor, the *New Yorker*, Volvos, dogs, hunting with her favorite lightweight shotgun, Booth cartoons, horses, her farm, family, and Cornell. (When we hosted the Ivy League editors one year, she made sure a meal consisted entirely of products of the Ag college.)

She took part in reading and commenting on all articles. She could be counted on to urge that today's stories be put in context with earlier Cornell experience, for which the current editor found her "a wonderful backstop for a non-Cornellian."

Last January Elsie began intense treatment for a recurrence of lung cancer. She worked at home and office

until the summer, when she needed hospital care for complications from the treatment. When she came to work, women on staff helped her with dressings. She wouldn't give in or give up.

Elsie was full of stories and open to humor. Years ago a brother gave her tapes from "A Prairie Home Companion," which she played on trips and on the way to the office. She said at times she had to pull off the road; the Keillor monologue had her laughing so hard she couldn't see to drive. When her brother Don ("Squire") McMillan '50 was dying of cancer in Michigan last year she asked class correspondents to e-mail jokes she could forward to cheer him up. She did the same for former Ithacan and friend John Masterman '50 when he was ill in Arizona. *Cornell Magazine* staff report the jokes were still coming to her office computer after the two men died, and after Elsie was no longer getting to the office.

She was a spare woman who lived a simple life, maintaining her family property to the end. Her surviving brother Tom moved back in. Colleagues harvested the vegetables in her garden last fall. Alumni at Homecoming, learning of her hospitalization, made their way to Cayuga Medical Center to see her the weekend before she died, members of classes as far back as '50 and '31.

Elsie's own writing appeared in these pages on occasion, as lean and graceful as her life, unsigned prose in the spirit of "the little book" that shapes so many Cornell writers and editors: *The Elements of Style* by Professor William D. Strunk Jr. and E. B. White '21. In writing as in life she followed Strunk's Principle of Composition 13: *omit needless words*, and his Style Reminders 7, 2, and 1: *do not overstate, write in a way that comes naturally, and place yourself in the background*. Though in the background as an editor, Elsie McMillan will always be in the foreground of the pantheon of Cornellians we are all lucky to have known and been served by.

—John Marcham '50

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NOT IN MY BACKYARD

Four students and an instructor are up to their waists in a drained kettle lake an hour southwest of Ithaca in late October, searching for the skeletal remains of two mastodons pickled in the acidic waters. The freshmen scrape at a layer of peat close to where ribs were found; nearby, a graduate student and a

sophomore debate the merits of paleontology vs. archaeology as they dig near a tusk embedded in clay. Elias Kontanis, the grad student, prefers ar-

chaeology for its attention to detail. Michael Metzger '02, using a trowel to extract bits of skull, can't decide. "Paleontologists use backhoes, jackhammers,

and dynamite," offers geology instructor John Chiment. "Archaeologists use little shovels and chisels. I try to go fast and the archaeologists try to slow me down."

The mastodon grave, dug by the same glacier that gouged the Finger Lakes into central New York more than 120,000 years ago, was discovered in September by a couple who wanted to deepen their swampy pond outside Watkins Glen; they never suspected the backhoe would bring up vertebrae and a scapula with its first scoop. After a family conference with their daughters, one of whom works at Cornell, they called the university to figure out what they had on their hands. "They thought it was maybe a big horse or a cow," says Chiment, the paleontologist who made a house call the next day to look at the bones, along with geologist and president emeritus Frank Rhodes.

Within a week, the geology department was offering GEO 491, an independent study class in which undergraduates from any major could earn credit while participating in the excavation. Fifty-five enrolled. With a course number came course money—enough for a pump to reduce the lake's water level, continued use of the backhoe and its operator, mud boots, and all of the trowels for sale in Ithaca.

Some students have visited just once or twice, including a couple of film majors and a communications student researching a science article. Kontanis, who hopes to work for the FBI or the National Transportation Safety Board after earning his doctorate, is in search of crime scene skills. ("I've never worked at a scene this wet before," he says.) Ninety students and faculty, as well as local science teachers, signed up for Chiment's daily e-mail updates. "It's a Mastodon!" he announced on October 16. "A fragment of a tooth was found today. There seems to be little doubt that we are excavating the Chemung Mastodon (and child)."

Initially, Chiment and Rhodes had identified the remains of a single mastodon or woolly mammoth. But when a second set of vertebrae and the tell-tale

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GET A PEN

In *Bagombo Snuff Box*, a collection of his early short stories, Kurt Vonnegut '44 ponders the fate of the creative writer: "Joseph Heller, author of *Catch-22*, said to me that if it hadn't been for the war, he would have been in the dry-cleaning business," Vonnegut writes. "If it hadn't been for the war, I would have been garden editor of the *Indianapolis Star*."

"Now lend me your ears," Vonnegut continues. "Here is Creative Writing 101:

1. Use the time of a total stranger in such a way that he or she will not feel the time was wasted.
2. Give the reader at least one character he or she can root for.
3. Every character should want something, even if it is only a glass of water.
4. Every sentence must do one of two things—reveal character or advance the action.
5. Start as close to the end as possible.
6. Be a sadist. No matter how sweet and innocent your leading characters, make awful things happen to them—in order that the reader may see what they are made of.
7. Write to please just one person. If you open a window and make love to the world, so to speak, your story will get pneumonia.
8. Give your readers as much information as possible as soon as possible. To heck with suspense. Readers should have such complete understanding of what is going on, where and why, that they could finish the story themselves, should cockroaches eat the last few pages.

The greatest American short story writer of my generation was Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964). She broke practically every one of my rules but the first. Great writers tend to do that."



molar fragment (the only part of their skeletons which differs) appeared, the animals were pronounced mastodons. Both species are related to the modern elephant and died out about 11,000 years ago in the mass extinction that also wiped out saber-toothed tigers, ground sloths, and giant beavers. No one knows why, although skeletons have been found from Alaska to Florida; scientists theorize that climate changes following the last ice age or overhunting by early humans killed them off.

How the animals landed in the bog is also a mystery. The pleistocene mammals may have been chased into it by early hunters, or fallen through ice covering the lake. In any case, they aren't alone there. Pieces of stag-moose and muskrat, clams, beetles, and seven tree

species were also found in the first two weeks of excavation. Everything removed from the bog is rinsed and photographed, and mastodon bones are wrapped in black plastic and stored in the owners' garage; the Cornell teams are allowed to take other bones and wood samples back to campus for further study.

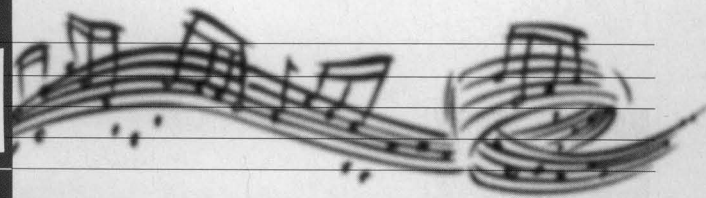
It's not only paleontologists who are interested in the project. Biologists and geneticists (including professor Chip Aquadro, who usually works with Egyptian mummies) are hoping to harvest enough DNA from the skeletons to determine whether the animals were related and how. Their relationship may reveal clues to mastodon herd behavior and perhaps answer other population dynamics questions as well. Dendrochronologists, who use tree rings to

date samples at archaeological sites, are making a history of the bog, based on the well-preserved wood samples found there. An oak pulled from the site has more than 300 fine rings; another has nibble marks from a pleistocene rodent. Geology grad student Joan Ramage, who studies Alaskan glaciers, is hoping the dendro lab will help geologists learn more about the last glacier to cross central New York. "The organic material will help us figure out how old the mastodon is and help us learn the area's ecological history," she says. Local high school teacher Ric Smith brought his senior government class to the site as volunteer labor. Elissa Wolfson of Cornell Plantations helped spot seeds and insect parts screened from the mud. Experts from the U.S. Geographic Information Systems office are mapping the site using ground-penetrating radar; President Rhodes is seeking additional funding; and other faculty from across campus are lending their expertise. Chiment oversees the course, supervising the digging and lecturing on topology during the hour-long drive to the site.

The exact location of the property, and the names of the owners, remained a secret until November. "They don't like reporters," warns Chiment, "but they're used to notebooks. There's always someone writing things down." The story hit CNN in mid-October when the owners announced they would sell the skeleton to the highest bidder on eBay, the online auction site. Starting price: \$4.5 million. (It was later reduced to \$3 million.) Students and faculty associated with the project are skeptical that the skeleton or its DNA will fetch as much as \$1 million, though even that is out of the university's range. "It would be nice if it ended up someplace accessible to the public," says Ramage, "but in the meantime there are a lot of people learning from it."

What does one do with a mastodon skeleton? "The big bucks are in cloning," says Ramage, "and there are rich people who would love to have their own specimen." While technology isn't ready to create a mastodon, Chiment thinks it might be possible to harvest and store enough genetic material from one of the tusks to make a clone when science catches up. "It would be most-

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SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST ...

Beauty Abounds. I had the great good fortune not long ago to spend some time in South Africa, a land whose natural beauty is as impressive as the intellectual curiosity and good humor displayed by the group of South African executives whom a group of visiting Americans had the privilege of addressing. The visitors were money management types, the most distinguished of them being Meir Statman, one of the leading figures in the burgeoning field of behavioral finance. As noted in a lengthy dialogue on behavioral finance published in TIFF's Quarterly Report dated March 31, 1996 (available on TIFF's Website), Dr. Statman and his colleagues in this relatively new discipline focus their attention not on what investors do but **why**. This is fascinating stuff, especially for the eager but relatively inexperienced South African pension officers who filled the stands — but even for a jaded American investor who himself has fallen into most of the mental traps that Dr. Statman identified for his listeners. I was also fascinated by the splendid wildlife seen on our group's visit to a game reserve abutting Kruger National Park in northwestern South Africa. Indeed, it was tempting to draw parallels between what Dr. Statman and other speakers had to say at the pension officers' conference in Cape Town and what we wide-eyed tourists espied on the game reserve.

Law of the Jungle. Herewith a list of some of the parallels that came to mind as I reflect on my visit to South Africa. (Americans returning from SA have ample time for reflection, because it takes longer to travel between the two republics than it does for one of Africa's pulchritudinous pachyderms to gesticulate.)

Safety in Numbers. Although our group did not actually witness a "kill," we did **hear** two lionesses corner an impala that had become separated from its compatriots, and we then watched as a very hungry male lion chased the females from their kill and dined alone in regal splendor. (With some exceptions, South African business chieftains seem far more respectful of women than their male counterparts in the animal world, which bodes well for both society and the economy.) Obviously, for impalas as well as many other species of herbivores living in the African wilds, it is dangerous in the extreme to wander too far from the crowd.

Overcoming Overconfidence. The same principle applies to the many investors (indeed, to virtually all investors, according to Statman) who lack the instincts or tools to survive apart from the pack. No impala in its right mind would dare attack one of Africa's big cats, because animals lack the overconfidence that causes many humans to overestimate their own abilities, especially with respect to forecasting. If this little homily sounds like a paean to indexing, it is, because as Statman and other behavioral finance experts have demonstrated convincingly, overconfidence is the root cause of several recurring mistakes that many investors tend to make. Many investors (1) adopt unrealistically high return objectives, (2) chase recent winners (be they individual securities or commingled funds), or (3) do both, causing them to bail out of

... Thoughts on Investing from David A. Salem, President and CEO of TIFF

potentially winning strategies or positions at the first sign that their lofty goals may not be met. They would be much better off lowering their sights, if not with all of their investable assets then with a prudent portion of them.

Expecting the Unexpected. As active US stock managers discovered anew in 1998, truly wild things can happen in financial markets. Truly unexpected things can happen in the African wilds also, as a park ranger made clear when he related the account of a pack of hyenas that recently had attacked and killed a lion. In addition to being perhaps the only instance of the Disney company accurately depicting reality (recall the scene in *The Lion King* where hyenas corner a lion), the ranger's tale teaches investors that if enough craven characters band together, they can triumph over even markedly superior creatures. Surely there are some professional investors who cannot comprehend how folks who simply tossed their money into just one no-brainer asset subclass (i.e., large US growth stocks, as defined by the S&P 500) could have achieved higher returns throughout the late 1990s than putative experts who favored state-of-the-art multi-asset portfolios. Lest any readers conclude that I think S&P 500 indexers are dumb as hyenas, let me add that hyenas are actually much more impressive than their bad p.r. implies: they are highly sociable animals that exhibit strong bonds between clan members, as well as advanced parenting and hunting skills. That said, they are as pleasing to look at as the relative performance of most actively managed US stock portfolios in the late 1990s. Talk about ugly.

Sloth Is a Virtue. Numerous studies indicate that most investors are perversely hyperactive, making far too many changes in their portfolios far too often. Indeed, with the possible exception of a handful of exceptionally talented (or lucky) hedge fund managers who have achieved stellar results through enormously high portfolio turnover, most investors seeking to earn outsize returns would have a much better chance of achieving their goals if they lengthened both their investment time horizons and their holding periods. (Many investors say that they're "in it for the long term," but their actions belie such rhetoric.) Surprisingly, the exemplar of patience in the African wilds is the crocodile, a creature whose reputation as an insatiable carnivore conflicts wildly with its actual eating habits. Although we would counsel against taking a swim with a croc nearby, even one that has recently eaten, crocodiles actually eat very infrequently, with some mature crocs killing another living thing to satisfy their hunger just once every 12 to 18 months. In our judgment, 12 to 18 months is far too short a time period for investors to do anything prudent with their money other than to park it in high quality, short-term bonds, but many investors can't resist doing something even if their longer-term needs are being met. Crocodiles display the same character flaws, of course, pouncing on unsuspecting creatures whose gyrations disturb a croc's karma even if the reptilian beast has a reasonably full stomach. Substitute mutual fund investors for crocodiles, mutual fund managers for unsuspecting creatures, occasional

bouts of underperformance for gyrations, and double-digit returns for reasonably full stomachs, and one can see that the parallels between lagoon life in the African wilds and the professional life of the typical US stock manager in the late 1990s are close if not perfect. (Amazingly, a crocodile can live up to 160 years. Imagine reaching the age of 160 and being able to recall almost every meal! If there is an analog to such prodigious feats of memory in the investment arena, it is perhaps the proverbial life trustee of an endowed institution who recalls perfectly every decision that its investment committee has ever made and opposes strenuously any proposals that would have the institution commit funds to strategies that failed when tried previously. It will be many years indeed before some institutions that made an initial foray into emerging markets when they were soaring in the early 1990s summon the courage to wade back into such waters again, despite the compellingly low valuations at which some well-managed emerging market firms now trade.)

Risk Is in the Eyes of the Beholder. TIFF has discussed this cardinal principle of investing elsewhere (readers interested in knowing where and why should zap a note to info@tiff.org), but it merits comment here in connection with perhaps our most unnerving moment in Africa — when an impossibly large male lion came within two feet of this writer, who was sitting anxiously but impassively in an open vehicle. Our guide promised that we would be safe as long as we did not stand up: lions that live on game reserves become accustomed to the shape of the reserves' various vehicles and will not attack what is clearly edible material (i.e., the gawking tourists sitting but a few feet away) as long as its superficial appearance suggests a potential reward that is inadequate in relation to the effort required or the perceived risks. Little did the lion in question know that with one swift move of its massive head it could have captured at least a robust appetizer, if not a full meal. The lion perceived our close encounter as potentially unrewarding, if not risky, but the opposite was closer to the truth. And at least one gawking tourist perceived the encounter as excessively risky in relation to the potential reward. (A blurred photo of a lion taken from just a few feet away is inferior to even the cheapest store-bought postcards if the photo is taken with trembling hands!) Of course, such shockingly intimate encounters between man and beast would become impossible if humans began firing on lions from their vehicles, or if the lions began attacking their camera-laden admirers. Happily, it has been many years since any serious blood has been shed as a result of such close encounters, just as it has been many years since investors in large capitalization US stocks have suffered a serious impairment of their capital. Not surprisingly, the average investor (individual as well as institutional) has begun moving closer and closer to a fully invested stance, not via a globally diversified mix of stocks, bonds, and other asset types, but via a US- and stock-centric portfolio. One wonders what will happen if a creature that has acted so benignly for so long (i.e., the large cap US growth sector) suddenly begins to display dangerous tendencies. □

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ly for entertainment value," he says. "I don't know what they'd do with one—maybe put it at Disney World."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

ROMANCE COUNTS

ELAINE WETHINGTON IS USED to it by now: the pitying looks, the sarcasm from airplane seatmates, the bookstore clerk's disdain. When it comes to her choice of literature, even otherwise well-mannered people don't hesitate to inform her of her bad taste.

Wethington reads romance novels. And she's not sorry.

A medical sociologist in Cornell's College of Human Ecology, her primary research is on how people cope with stress, illness, and midlife. But the sociology of romance novels is her other pet topic—one that came to her after browsing the aisles of Mayers Smoke Shop in downtown Ithaca. "I'm like a lot of educated women," she says. "I thought it was terrible to be reading these novels, which were basically pornography for women." That was seven years and 650 books ago. Now Wethington is one of a handful of academics who study the genre, from its recent trends to its reflection of feminism and American society. "I discovered," she says, "that all the things I thought about romance novels weren't true."

That included the usual slams: that they promote patriarchy, commodify women, and are little more than glorified smut. "The criticism was based on the belief that romance novels aren't creative products by creative authors," Wethington says. "They're more a commodity produced by publishers, and have a lot of hidden messages that are anti-feminist." While that might have been true for decades, Wethington's thesis is that the books have undergone a fundamental shift in the past ten years. They've always been big business, accounting for 50 percent of all mass-market paperbacks, \$1 bil-

lion in annual sales, and an audience of 45 million readers. But since the early 1990s, romances have come out of the supermarket check-out and onto hardcover bestseller lists, with authors like Nora Roberts and Catherine Coulter moving millions of copies. "Seventy-five percent of all fiction buyers are women," Wethington says. "Publishers know this."

The modern romance has its roots in mid-nineteenth-century pulp fiction produced on both sides of the Atlantic; romances and gothic novels were the world's first bestsellers. In the early and mid-twentieth century, "Regencies" (historical love stories set in the Regency period) were all the rage in Britain, while American readers favored working-girl romances involving nurses or secretaries. By the Seventies and Eighties, romances were primarily formulaic, produced in regular monthly batches by publishers like Harlequin. And they often weren't written so much as assembled, with preordained word limits and directives as to, say, on what page the hero and heroine would have their first kiss. The typical romance of the era, Wethington says, "had a big hunky handsome Indian man on the cover, and the white woman captive who falls in love with him." But in

the early Nineties, the feminist movement finally caught up to the bodice ripper. The result was what Wethington calls "a gentrification of the



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genre." Writers rebelled against the formulas, academics began taking the subject seriously (some even started writing the novels themselves), and readers demanded heroines who weren't TSTL—"too stupid to live." Beloved plot devices—she sees him dancing with his sister, thinks he's cheating on her, and runs off for the next 200 pages—gave way to more believable conflicts, and heroines became less likely to put themselves in harm's way.

"The hero is more sensitive and enlightened, and the heroine is becoming more dominant, admirable, and mature," Wethington says. "Her view of the male is realistic rather than based on a series of misunderstandings. Readers think that's dumb. They want their heroines to reflect real choices." Also out is the once common scenario in which the hero forces himself on the heroine until she gives in to his charms. In vogue

now is a situation like one in a novel Wethington recently read, in which the handsome Pinkerton man stops himself from trying to seduce the heroine when circumstances force them to share a bed. "He tells himself, 'No, I can't touch her. That would be rape.'"

Another big change: the idea that sex has consequences. Once upon a time, particularly in the pre-AIDS era, birth control was barely mentioned. Now, contemporary romances nearly always include condoms—in no small part because of

PRODIGAL TEXT

WHEN PLANT PATHOLOGY GRAD student Nathaniel Mitkowski couldn't find an out-of-print nematology text in the Geneva Ag Station library, he searched the Internet. A Nevada-based website yielded a copy of the 1961 primer on microscopic worms for \$20. Mitkowski bought it, and when it arrived he noticed a stamp on the inside cover: *New York State Agricultural Experiment Station Plant Pathology Library, Geneva*—DISCARDED. The book, it turns out, had been jettisoned a few years earlier to make room in the library. After a 6,000-mile round trip, it sits on Mitkowski's shelf, ten feet from where it was before.



the understanding that teenage girls are some of the genre's more avid readers. "If they don't use a condom, it's seen as a risky thing to have done," she says. "It becomes part of the plot." Even historical romances have picked

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up on the trend, with characters practicing antique forms of contraception. Says Wethington: "The hero and heroine are much more obsessed about the possibility of pregnancy than they used to be."

To Wethington those differences reflect not only the changing times, but a fundamental shift in how publishers view their readers. "They believe the majority of women in the U.S. to be feminists," she says. "Maybe not radical academic feminists, but women who believe in equality and are angry if someone is denying them that." She also thinks the romance revolution demonstrates a wider phenomenon: that the creation of popular culture is less top-down than previously thought, with readers wielding considerable power in the creative process.

Wethington's research includes quantitative analysis by several student assistants, who fill out a twenty-one-page, 200-item survey on each book. The form covers everything from the heroine's eye color to sexual histories, instances of physical and emotional manipulation, euphemisms for body parts, and the use of kidnapping as a story element. "I've always been a fan of romance novels for their entertainment value, so it was the perfect job for me," says Allison Szeliga, a senior communications major who has worked for Wethington for the past three years. "They have a happy ending. They give you the little lift you need at the end of the day."

One subject that Szeliga must consider in completing the survey is a novel's use of "formulaic plot devices." Question 131, for example, offers five options for how the characters fall in love, with the caveat that "either might deny/not be aware of feelings until end of book":

1. Love at first sight, no hostility.
2. Strong emotional reactions at first sight, interpreted as hostility by protagonists.
3. Strong sexual tension, but not love at first sight; no or very little hostility.
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Szeliga, who reads and codes four novels a week, isn't shy about dealing with classmates who comment on the books she carries around. "If they give me a hard time I tell them, 'I'm an undergraduate research assistant, and I'm getting paid for this,'" she says. "It's actually a good conversation starter. It breaks the stereotype that romance readers are these lower-educated, lower class of women, if I'm doing it at this Ivy League school."

Wethington, for her part, has been known to complain to bookstore managers about the treatment she gets from cashiers, and to skewer men with dirty looks after they tap her on the shoulder in the romance aisle and proceed to tell her she's reading junk. "There's a horrible stigma attached to romances, but I think they're reflective of changes in women's roles," she says. "What the novels are really about are the women taming the men."

— Beth Saulnier

MUSKIE WITHOUT TEARS

WHEN THE DRUMBEAT of a national election grows impassioned, people will get into bed with a politician. I did. It was in a motel on the outskirts of Keene, New Hampshire, and my man was Edmund Muskie, JD '39, Democratic Senator from Maine and, in late 1971, leading contender for the nomination for President of the United States. There was a third person there too, James Ewing, publisher of the *Evening Sentinel*. He sat near the headboard, I was closer to the foot

of the bed, and Muskie was in the middle. I suppose an explanation is in order.

I knew both men well. Ewing had hired me for my first reporting job; I was, at the time of this meeting, Muskie's deputy press secretary. With the first-in-the-nation primary a few months off, Muskie desired the newspaper's endorsement. Something resembling New England reticence (perhaps



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rectitude) dictated that the two men meet in a motel rather than at a rally in the middle of town or even in Ewing's office two miles away. It was out of character for Muskie to ask openly for a favorable editorial or suggest when it would be most useful to appear, and he did not here. In fact, the candidate and the publisher warmed to each other by kidding about me and my myriad imperfections. The most Muskie would say was that he hoped Ewing would consider providing his support. The meeting—profoundly unlike the next time Muskie would try to see a New Hampshire publisher—ended with smiles and handshakes and the sense, on that sunny, bracing Saturday afternoon in Keene, that all was well.

We traipsed through a good part of the country together, and I learned that, unlike H. L. Mencken, who believed it was impossible to underestimate the intelligence and taste of the American people, Muskie had nothing but esteem for the voters and their instincts. His presidential bid may have failed because he declined, with every instinct of his own, to pander. In an era when equal rights and opportunities for blacks had gained great momentum, Muskie was repeatedly asked if he would select for his ticket a black for vice president. He must have anguished over his answer, but it was always the same: "Blacks deserve the chance, but this is not the year. A ticket with a black candidate cannot win the White House now." The inference was that, with Richard Nixon in office, choosing Muskie would bring the dream closer to a reality.

Unlike some candidates, Muskie declined to change his style or positions on the regional stump or in front of the cameras. Given his Cornell legal education and a mind trained to sift and weigh issues, he could make television reporters (not to mention his staff) groan as he delivered disquisitions on

everything from environmental protection to ending the Vietnam War. He could not be lured by the publicity value of the sound bite. He even had the audacity to express impatience and annoyance in public, until his personality itself became a campaign issue. Reporters eagerly asked whether he had an uncontrollable temper. "I am pleased to report that I enjoy a full set of emotions," he would say.

In the context of the current presidential contest, Muskie's favorite joke is meaningful: A Texan visiting Maine in his enormous limousine pulls up to a farmer wiping his brow. "How big's your spread?" asks the Texan. The farmer looks around. "Well, it goes from the road here, back to the house, and from that stone fence over to that stand of birch." The Texan whoops. "Let me tell

you," he says, "that back home I jump into my limo at dawn and drive all day, and if I'm lucky, real lucky, I get to the other end of my ranch by dusk." Replies the farmer, "I used to own a car like that."

Muskie's home was the middle. By temperament, political nature, and beliefs, his



ON THE DEFENSE: "THAT FAMOUS INCIDENT" IN MANCHESTER

core was in the humble, unspectacular center of the spectrum, even though he ultimately realized that the passions and money that often drive presidential politics come from the deep, dark pockets of the zealous Left and the Right. Examine his railing against the publisher of the *Manchester Union Leader*, when, in that famous incident, he may or may not have cried. The paper had accused him of using the derogatory "Canuck" to describe voters of French-Canadian heritage (later shown to be a Nixon dirty trick) and printed an editorial calling his wife Jane "unladylike" for smoking, drinking, and cursing. On that drab, snowy Saturday, he was doing not what a brilliant, ambitious front-runner would do but what the average American Joe, prodded to outrage, would do.

He wanted wrongs righted. He wanted an apology.

Muskie continues to give us something to think about. He left a riddle, and no matter what your party or politics, solving it may be even more useful today: how is it that you can be a good man, even a great man, and not win an election or even come close?

— Herbert Hadad

WE GOT THAT, TOO

“THERE'S NO PLACE TO SHOP here!” is a whine frequently heard in our fair city, especially from newcomers. Most take a year or two to come to terms with Ithaca's lack of conspicuous consumerism. They turn their trips out of town into buying binges and/or adapt to the local market, spending more on books and food. In fact, the Chamber of Commerce used to brag that we had the greatest number of restaurants and bookstores per capita of any county in the United States.

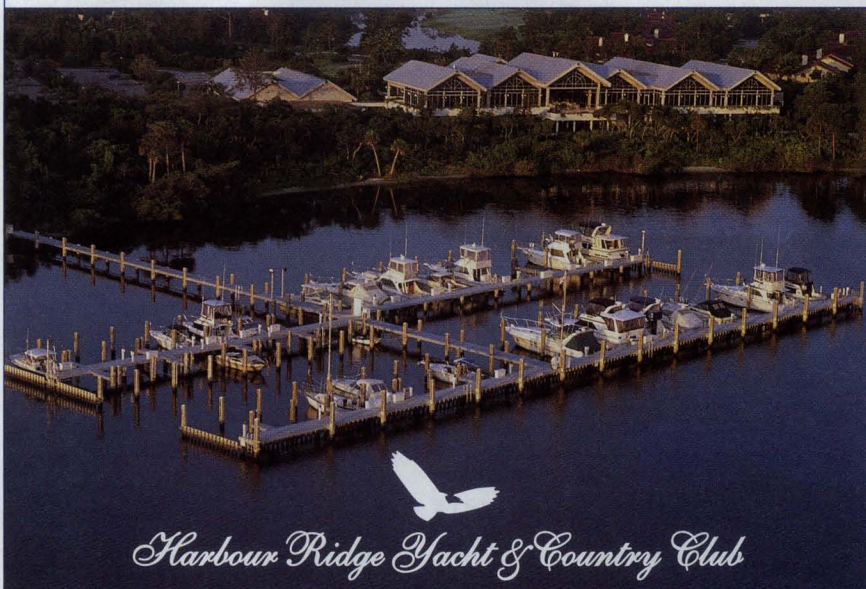
But while it's the odd local who must have a Mercedes, Manolo Blahnik shoes, or Cartier jewels, occasionally there are needs that Agway or Central Tractor just can't fulfill. That's when shoppers turn to Cornell.marketplace, one of thousands of cyber-news-groups available through Usenet, a bulletin board system for the Internet. According to Cornell web developer Chris Manly '94, who until recently rode herd on the university's Usenet groups, they are “the last chatty bastion of the old Internet community and culture.”

Anarchy reigns at Cornell.marketplace. I suppose somebody from the university checks in on it from time to time, but nobody will fess up to doing so. (Likewise, no one is certain when it started; tech gurus estimate '91 or '92.) Still, it works pretty well for a lawless entity. During “the season,” i.e., when Cornell is in session, there are between twenty and thirty postings a day, free to both buyers and sellers. And, unlike the burgeoning online auction services, everything is local, so there are no shipping charges: buyer and seller negotiate delivery or pick-up.

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- A half-dozen rabbits and their cages. ("Please take them off my hands," pleaded a Cornell lab technician. "I just can't take care of them any more. The cages are ten bucks apiece. The rabbits are free.") At last count I had twenty-two.

- A fix-it man, a Cornell chef with a few spare hours. He not only repaired my antique fans and the exhaust hood over the kitchen stove, but had a gift for gardening.

- Tons of canning jars. In the week after I placed my WTB (wanted to buy) notice, people all over the county must have cleared out their basements—my office was piled to the ceiling with boxes of musty jars. We had to install a hundred feet of shelving in our barn to accommodate them. But the jars were free.

- An antique fireplace-surround. Also free. Some friends in nearby Freeville were remodeling and just couldn't bear to throw away this historic piece. Without Cornell marketplace we never would have known. We'll have it stripped and installed around our electric logs this winter.

- A Sony boombox—radio, tape, and CD player. A prize at \$20, I purchased this from an engineering student, a senior, who knew that, degree in hand, he'd soon have sufficient funds for a much finer sound system than we'd ever be able to afford. While leaving with my bargain boombox tucked under my arm, I just happened to notice the set of billiard balls he was selling. Not having a fireplace presented no barrier to obtaining a hearth surround; why should the absence of a billiard table deter me? Sold! Probably no bargain at \$30, but who cared?

- A floor-model wine corker. A biology grad student with a freshly laminated PhD was headed for a postdoc in Arizona, not known for its grape growing. He was sorry to see the corker go (a steal at \$60, and he

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threw in a bag of corks, too), and we were pleased to put up our first batch of '98 Finger Lakes Riesling with this fancy Italian contraption.

• A flock of pheasants. These came from a program that raises them and releases them into the wild. The birds were a bargain at \$7 each (the gourmet catalogs get up to \$30 each for them, and who knows *what* they've been eating?) and each came with a glamorous set of green plastic spectacles to keep them from cannibalizing one another; cage construction ran us \$400.

• A huge, black Garland commercial six-burner stove, with an oven large enough to accommodate turkey, dressing, potatoes, and a couple of pies. The owners of a nearby goat farm were shedding their cheesemaking operation, and no longer needed this much stove. A steal at \$600.

• More canning jars. I just needed a few more.

But the most fun of all is the daily click through Cornell.marketplace, part of my morning computer boot-up ritual: watch the icons pop up along the bottom of the screen, sip some coffee, watch the e-mails come in, sip some more, check my MeetingMaker, another couple sips, check the Audix messages, and finally log onto Netscape and my beloved Cornell.marketplace for a quick peruse of its twenty-or-so daily postings.

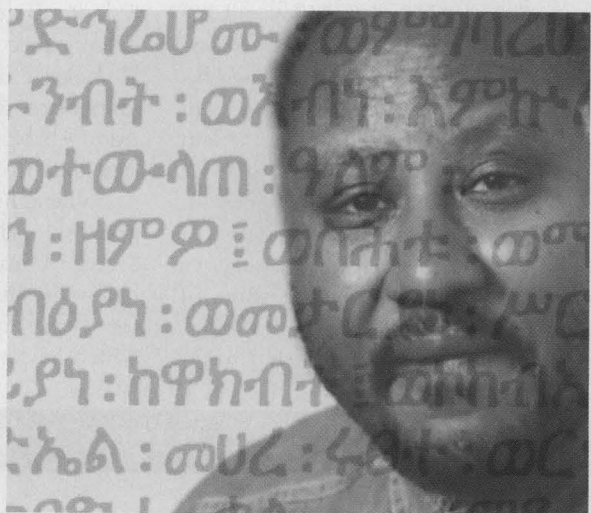
Cornell's Dean of Students' Office recently posted a call for 150 pumpkins for fall activities. "Ideally," the note said, "we would like to have the pumpkins delivered." And then there was this notice: "Anyone here own snakes? Well, I do. I have got three corn snakes . . . and I am going to order them feeder mice soon. The price per mouse is something like twenty to thirty cents per mouse (depending on size and quantity). I found a good deal on mice from themousefac-

tory.com. And it is cheaper if I order more. So I am looking for someone to split an order with me. If anyone is interested, e-mail me at . . ."

— Peggy Haine '65, BS Ag '72

FROM AFRICA OUT

THE SCENE: FIFTH-CENTURY Jerusalem. In the recesses of a monastic hive, Christian scholars of Ethiopian and Armenian heritage are engaged in spirited debate. In a sun-drenched hall, scribes make painstaking copies of the Ethiopian Book of Hénok (Enoch), widely believed to be the precursor of Christianity. Hunched over parchment made from the skins of wild and domesticated animals, the scribes dip their bamboo or feather quills in ink. Their script is an elegant system of signs, symbols, icons, and syllographs called Ethiopic. Outside, stonemasons chip



MORE THAN A LANGUAGE, ETHIOPIC IS A CULTURAL "REFERENCE POINT," SAYS AYELE BEKERIE

away at rock, engraving these same signs and symbols for the ages. Christian pilgrims, perhaps from the Mediterranean, carry these symbols away with them, on scrolls or stone plates. Ethiopic becomes the basis for other languages, other knowledge systems.

That's Ayele Bekerie's theory. If only he could prove it.

The assistant professor of Africana Studies at Cornell is the author of *Ethiopic, An African Writing System: Its*

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History and Principles (Red Sea Press/Africa World Press), in which he challenges the conventional wisdom that the language was imposed on Africa by conquering nations from without. Released in 1997, the book drew sharp criticism for its claim that a 3,000-year-old writing system originated in the northeast African countries of Ethiopia and Eritrea, exported in an era when religious pilgrims were cultural agents of free trade. Such a fact would rock the foundation on which much of modern African history is built.

The problem is, Bekerie needs some hard data to corroborate his claim; his office in the Africana Studies Center is no time machine. The best he can do for now is advance theories of an African-centered language and knowledge system along very different space time continuums—academia and the Internet. There, he hopes to attract grants to visit the ancient Ethiopian and Armenian churches and monasteries in Jerusalem. With the help of guides and access to sere parchments and stone inscriptions, Bekerie just might back his hunch. "I know what artifacts I am looking for," he says. "But even if I'm outrageously optimistic, they will be incredibly difficult to find."

To understand the gravity of Bekerie's premise, it's necessary to know something about the roots of modern linguistics, history, and geography, which developed with a nine-

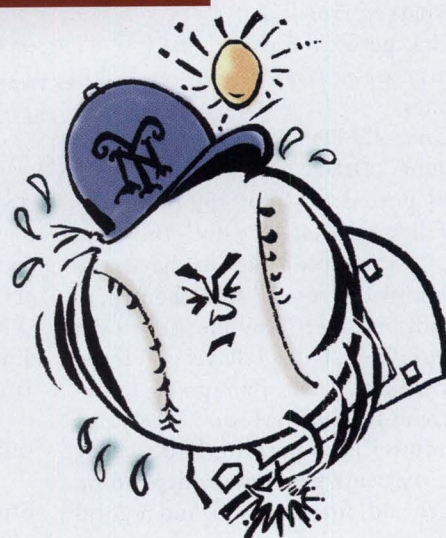
teenth-century Eurocentric spin on world culture. "The title of the book itself is a political statement, although my interest in this work is not political," says Bekerie. "Africa is always perceived as the recipient of culture and knowledge systems and not seen as the source of its own culture and knowledge. Africa has been projected as a place that has no writings." And writing, Bekerie reminds us, is analogous to civilization.

Bekerie is not the first academic to promote the theory of an Ethiopian-based language system. Armenian and French scholars have suggested Ethiopia as a source of the Armenian system. However, none has ever stated outright that the writing system evolved from Ethiopic. "If there was an exchange of information between Africans and Europeans, it would serve as an example of a cultural exchange which took place free of hostilities: a non-hegemonic exchange, which I believe took place, most likely in Jerusalem," he says. "That is the driving force of my work."

Bekerie is the eldest of seven children born to a very poor family in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital city. The first child from his neighborhood to go to college, he earned a bachelor's degree in plant science from Haile Selassie University. A United Nations fellowship brought Bekerie to Cornell for a master's degree in agronomy, which he completed in 1978. He went

BEATING THE ODDS

THE METS SHOULD'VE WON THE National League pennant—at least according to the weather. Cornell's Northeast Regional Climate Center announced the week before the playoffs that July's heat was a good omen for both New York baseball teams to enter the World Series. Why? Each of the past four "subway series" (Yankees vs. Giants in 1921 and vs. the Brooklyn Dodgers in '49, '52, and '55) was preceded by one of the state's warmest Julys on record; July 1999 tied for seventh.



STEVE COBB

on to earn a PhD in African American Studies at Temple.

His research on Ethiopic was inspired by a 1988 *New York Times* article on land disputes in the then-Soviet Union. The article published examples of the Armenian alphabet: the shapes were uncannily like those used in Bekerie's native country of Ethiopia. Spurred by curiosity, Bekerie transformed his private passion into a doctoral dissertation at Temple in 1994. He then published *Ethiopic* as a general introductory text. "I never stated it was a book of linguistics," Bekerie says. "My objective really was to introduce the writing system to the world within the context of the culture and the history from which it arrived."

However, the complexity of Ethiopic's design led Bekerie to contend it was not only a language, but a comprehensive knowledge system with elements of philosophy, numerology, ideography, and astronomy. Unlike Hebrew and Arabic, which are alphabetic, Ethiopic is syllabic (or "syllabric"), and there is no clear division between consonants and vowels. There are 182 major characters and twenty-six major sounds in Ethiopic; it also has its own number system. Bekerie found links between agriculture and the writing system—such as the origins of the first written word in Ethiopic, shaped from the head and horns of a bull. "Ethiopic is founded on the cardinal principle of unity. The symbols were created to represent ecological, regional, and seasonal diversity," he says. "Most importantly, Ethiopic is a reference point, a center of people's identity, historical activity, and progression."

While linguists have challenged Bekerie's handling of the subject, the real shock value of *Ethiopic* lies in its break from historical views of northeast African writing systems as legacies of Asian and European influence. This "old school" is based on geographical misconceptions, Bekerie says, and assumes Ethiopian culture to be more a product of the Middle East and the Mediterranean than of purely African pedigree. "I want to interrogate those assumptions," he says. "They have never been examined critically from the inside out."

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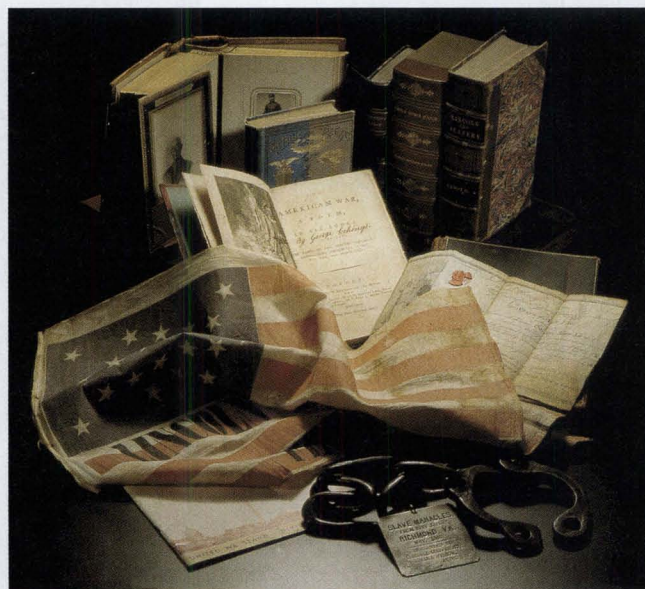
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MOVING ON

TOP OFFICERS DEPART

IN DECEMBER, TWO OF Cornell's highest ranking administrators announced their departures from the university. Provost Don Randel has been named president of the University of Chicago; senior vice president Fred Rogers will head an Internet company.

Randel, the Given Foundation professor of musicology and a specialist in the



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Renaissance and Middle Ages, has taught on the Hill since 1968. He became dean of the Arts college in 1991 and university provost four years later. Cornell, Randel says, "has made me what I am as an academic because of the unique quality of its intellectual fresh air."

At Chicago, he succeeds Hugo Sonnenschein, presi-

dent since 1993, who has come under fire for plans to increase undergraduate enrollment and reduce the core curriculum.

Randel takes office as Chicago's twelfth president on July 1.

Rogers has been chief financial officer since 1990 and a senior vice president since 1995. He steps down at the end of January to serve



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These Cornellians in the News

Cultural consultant **Jeanne Nathan '65**, appointed by President Clinton to serve on the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts for the Kennedy Center.

Food sciences professor emeritus **Keith Steinkraus**, named a fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology.

T. Thomas Cottingham III, JD '76, an attorney for Hunton & Williams, appointed co-chairman of the Trial Evidence Committee of the American Bar Association's Litigation Section.

Lawrence Halprin '39, a landscape architect, winner of Cornell's 1999 Distinguished Alumni in the Arts Award, and **Kuei-Chuan Dennis Chang '99**, a classical musician, who won the award's student version.

Charles Moore '51, BME '52, Cornell's former athletic director and a 1952 Olympic gold medalist, elected to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering **Margolein van der Meulen**, given a \$200,000 Faculty Early Career Development award from the NSF for her research into skeletal disorders.

Physiology professor **Klaus Beyenbach**, made an Officer of the Cross of the Order of Merit, Germany's highest civilian honor. He was cited for his work with the Humboldt Association, which promotes scholarly cooperation between Germany and America.

as president of a new Internet company serving the education community. The search for a new provost is now under way; Rogers's successor will be sought during the spring semester.

DONALD BERENS, 74

'A GLORIOUS SPIRIT'

DONALD BERENS '47, an entrepreneur and longtime university friend and benefactor, died October 29. He was seventy-four. Berens, who lived in Rochester, New York, was former president of Hickory Farms Sales Corp., a group of 113 specialty cheese stores; his other businesses included White Mountain Creamery ice cream shops and the Lock, Stock & Barrel gift chain. Berens came to Cornell as a U.S. Marine in 1945, studying economics and civil engineering. He played baseball and was president of the Student Council, chairman of Spring Day, and a member of Aca-cia and Quill and Dagger.



BERENS

As an alumnus, Berens was a trustee and a presidential councilor; his many fund-raising efforts included the national chairmanship of the Cornell Fund during the 1980s and the founding of the STAR (Special Teachers are Recognized) Scholarship Program. An avid fan of Big Red football, Berens knew each player by name and became the first lifetime member of the Cornell Football Association in January 1999.

"Don Berens possessed a glorious spirit," President Emeritus Frank Rhodes wrote in a special issue of the football association



FRANK DIMICCO / UP

newsletter devoted to Berens, "and, though he is gone from us now, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who love Big Red football and the university to which he was so thoroughly devoted for so many years."

Berens is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Margaret Schiavone Berens '47; daughters Julie Berens, Elizabeth Berens, MPS Ag '78, and Mary Berens '74, Cornell's director of alumni affairs; son Don Berens Jr.; and six grandchildren. Gifts in his

memory may be made to Cornell University, c/o Barlow Ware '47, 55 Brown Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850; or to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Box E, 1275 York Avenue, New York, New York, 10021.

ADMIT ONE

FORMER BARNARD DEAN

DORIS DAVIS, THE former dean of admissions at Barnard College, has been named

FREE PARKING

THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE Plantations was dedicated in October. Its name: Park Park. The land, which adds nearly fourteen acres of meadows, trails, and woodlands to the Plantations, was a gift from Dorothy Park in memory of her late husband, media magnate Roy Park. Located along Forest Home Drive and Fall Creek, it lies northeast of the Newman Arboretum. Work is under way in the meadow section of the park to remove invasive plants and return native species, a restoration program that will offer educational opportunities for land management students.

Cornell's new associate provost for admissions and enrollment. Replacing the position of dean of admissions

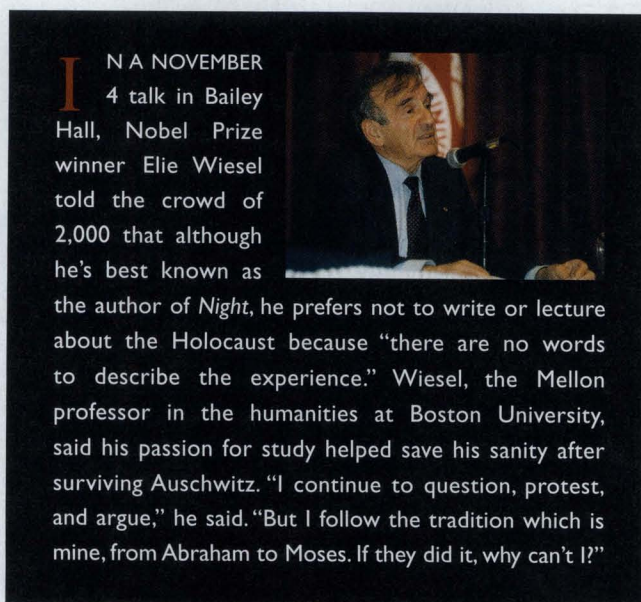
and financial aid, the new associate provost will oversee the offices of undergraduate admissions, financial aid and stu-

dent employment, and the Cornell Commitment. Davis, a Wellesley alumna, holds a master's in American history from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She assumes her new post in April.

TRIANGLE CLOSES

BOOKS SINCE 1903

CITING LOW PROFITS, the Triangle Book Shop closed in November after nearly a century in business. Most recently located at 301 College Avenue, it opened in 1903. It had several owners over the years; the latest was the Nebraska Book Company, which runs more than eighty stores in college towns nationwide.



NICOLA VOUTOUPES / UP

IN A NOVEMBER 4 talk in Bailey Hall, Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel told the crowd of 2,000 that although he's best known as the author of *Night*, he prefers not to write or lecture about the Holocaust because "there are no words to describe the experience." Wiesel, the Mellon professor in the humanities at Boston University, said his passion for study helped save his sanity after surviving Auschwitz. "I continue to question, protest, and argue," he said. "But I follow the tradition which is mine, from Abraham to Moses. If they did it, why can't I?"

R&D

Fat-free foods are no substitute for those naturally low in fat, says Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist Christina Stark. Two of her main concerns: people eat fat-free foods in addition to, not instead of, those with high fat contents, and people eat more of them, forgetting that fat-free does not mean calorie-free.



When plant cells are showered with tiny gold particles coated with DNA/RNA containing the codes for a desired trait, the cells then express those traits, say researchers at Cornell's Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research. The process, called chimeraplasty, could produce genetically modified crops without transferring whole genes from one species to another.



Companies that appoint more women to top management positions enjoy better market values than those with few or no women in such positions, ILR professor Theresa Welbourne has found.



Group housing offers elderly people lower costs, greater independence and social interaction, and a variety of health and household services, say management professor Peter Chi and environmental analysis professor Joseph Laquatra '74, PhD '84. Less than one percent of seniors presently enjoy such accommodations.

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A TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM

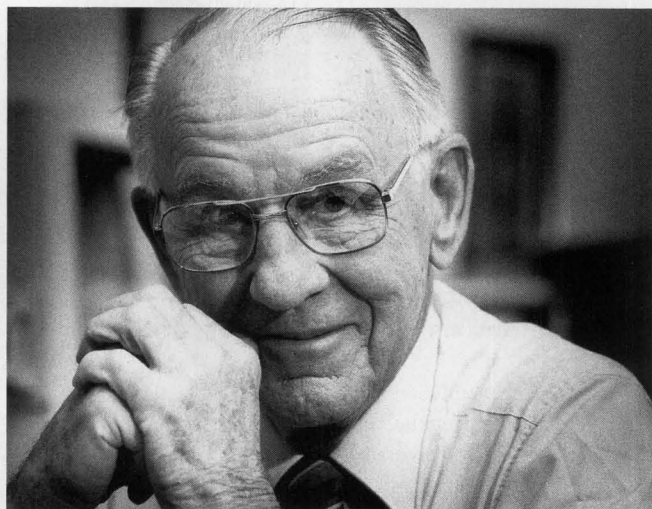
THE CAREER OF president emeritus Dale Corson was celebrated in December with a two-day gala including a banquet, chimes concert, and symposium. A Kansas native, Corson joined the Cornell faculty as a physics professor in 1946; he served as chairman of the department, dean of the Engineering college, and university provost before becoming president in 1969. After he stepped down in 1977, he spent two decades working on international technology issues.

The symposium, called "Strategy for a Great Research University," addressed topics ranging from the role of humanities in a research institution to controlling college costs. Participants included Corson's successor, president emeritus Frank Rhodes, and U.S. Representative Vernon Ehlers, the first physics professor to serve in Congress.

MAKING THE CUT

OK'D BY THE NCAA

THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE Athletic Association approved Cornell's sports programs for certification in Division 1. The approval, announced in early December, followed a yearlong self-study and report on such issues as academic and financial integrity, rules compliance, and commitment to gender equity. The certification process was adopted in 1993 to ensure adherence to association standards and help universities improve their programs. There are 310 schools in the NCAA's Division 1.



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MAAS APPEAL

DENIED BY COURTS

IN A UNANIMOUS DECISION, the New York State Court of Appeals has denied psychology professor James Maas's appeal of lower court rulings against him in his case against the university. The decision, in addition to a separate 5-1 ruling denying him access to Cornell's disciplinary records under state freedom of information law, brings the five-year case to a close. In 1994, Maas, PhD '66, was accused of sexual harassment by four former students. After he was found guilty and punished under Cornell's disciplinary sys-

tem, he sued the university on the grounds that he had been denied due process. The system, which drew criticism from many faculty members as being unfair to those accused, has since been changed.

\$1 MILLION MAN

PATAKI GIVES GRANT

ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL visit to campus, New York Governor George Pataki announced a \$1 million grant to aid the Genomics Initiative, Cornell's interdisciplinary genetics research program. The funds will be used for equipment and to study a potential "genomics corridor" of industry and research.

NATIONAL BOOK Award-winning author Tim O'Brien read from his work in October at the inaugural event in the newly endowed James McConkey Reading Series.

The series honors McConkey, the Goldwin Smith professor of English literature emeritus and author of *Rowan's Progress*, *Stories from My Life with the Other Animals*, and other works.

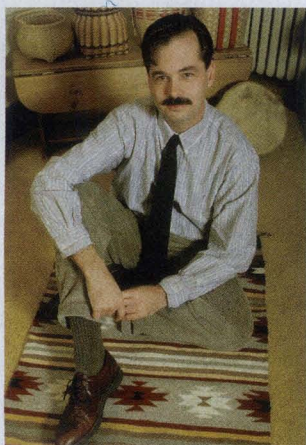


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HEIR APPARENT

USNER LEADS PROGRAM

IN A CEREMONIAL handing-over of “wampum-strings” in December, the directorship of the university’s American Indian Program was transferred from soil and crop sciences professor Jane Mt. Pleasant ’80, MS Ag ’82, to her successor: Daniel Usner, a Cornell history professor who specializes in American Indian-Colonial relations. Founded in 1983, the program has assisted more than 1,500 Native American students in applying to and graduating



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DANIEL USNER

from Cornell. Usner’s appointment coincides with a restructuring of the program, including the addition of three associate directors and development of goals to recruit and retain more Native American students.

AGONY OF DEFEAT

VICTORY CLUB NIXED

THE ANNUAL Victory Club Casino Night Charity Ball was canceled for the second consecutive year. The event, long sponsored by Alpha Delta Phi fraternity but



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A NEW POLICY INCLUDES STRICT RULES ON SERVING ALCOHOL

now run by its own campus organization, was banned by university officials five days before it was scheduled to be held in mid-November, on the grounds that organizers violated campus rules by renting the fraternity house with the intention of serving alcohol. (Posters for the eighty-two-year-old event had advertised “free champagne.”) The event was also canceled in the fall of 1998 following the death of David Wasdyke ’02, who fell into Fall Creek gorge after allegedly drinking at an Alpha Delta Phi party.

The Victory Club cancellation coincided with the release of the university’s new alcohol guidelines. Two years in development, the new rules include strict regulations on serving alcohol (for example, beer kegs must be tapped by licensed caterers) and a ban on alcohol advertising in publications that receive university funding.

The regulations also assign responsibility for complying with alcohol policy to the highest-ranking officer of the organization sponsoring an event.

SILVER & GOLD

COMPUTING WINS

TEAMS OF CORNELL computer science students took first and second place in the Association for Computing Machinery Northeast Regional Programming Contest at West Point in November. They were given eight problems—such as plotting the movement of an ant walking around the inside of a box, or predicting the appearance of a Rubik’s cube after certain rotations—to be solved by writing computer programs. Both advance to the world finals in Orlando in March.

HIZZONER AGAIN

COHEN RE-ELECTED

IN A HOTLY CONTESTED race marked by the defection of several dozen prominent local Democrats from their party, Ithaca mayor Alan Cohen ’81, BS Ag ’86, fended off challenger Dan Hoffman ’72, BA ’73, JD ’93. Cohen, former owner of Simeon’s on the Commons, took 54 percent of the vote in the November 2

election. Hoffman—an attorney, former Common Council member, and Democratic party stalwart—was considered to be in the lead until a few weeks before the election, when sixty-two high-profile Democrats endorsed Cohen, an independent.

The election also put an undergraduate on Common Council for the first time in recent memory. Josh Glasstetter ’01, who ran on the Green Party ticket, defeated Arts & Sciences associate dean Jane Pedersen for a seat in Ithaca’s heavily student-populated Fourth Ward. Glasstetter replaces outgoing alderwoman Jane Haskins Marcham ’51, retired editorial page editor of the *Ithaca Journal*. Other council winners included Susan Blumenthal, MRP ’78, who defeated an Ithaca College student for a seat in the Third Ward; and Edward Hershey, director of Cornell’s Office of Communication Strategies, who defeated Lisabeth Carlisle ’03 in the Fifth Ward.

COLIN ROWE, 79

ARCHITECTURE PROF

COLIN ROWE, A professor who influenced some of the biggest names in modern architecture, died November 5 at seventy-nine. The A. D. White professor of architecture emeritus, he taught on the Hill from 1962 to 1990. He received the Royal Gold Medal of Architecture in 1995 from Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Institute of British Architects, cited as “the most significant architectural teacher of the second half of the Twentieth Century.”



ROWE



IN THE FIGHT OVER GENETICALLY ENGINEERED
FOODS, THERE'S A CORNELLIAN IN EACH CORNER.
BY BETH SAULNIER AND SHARON TREGASKIS

the caterpillar & the corn

When entomologist John Losey brought milkweed leaves into his Comstock Hall lab, dusted them with the pollen of genetically engineered corn, and fed them to twenty-five monarch butterfly caterpillars, he didn't know he was about to start an international incident. But when nearly half of the larvae died and the growth of the survivors was severely stunted, Losey figured he had news on his hands, and got his findings published in the May 1999 issue of the British journal *Nature*. The ensuing uproar, a revolt against so-called Frankenfoods, included an effort by the European Union

AT ISSUE: IN LAB TESTS, TRANSGENIC CORN KILLED THE MONARCH CATERPILLAR (LEFT). WILL THOSE RESULTS BE REPLICATED IN THE FIELD?



to block imports of American corn, slams on transgenic (or GM, genetically modified) crops by the Prince of Wales, threats of Japanese trade restrictions, calls for a moratorium on planting the corn in the United States, and a heap of controversy in Losey's own department. "I didn't really get into this as a debate," says the integrated pest management professor. "I was just looking for information."

The strain of corn implicated in Losey's study now accounts for more than 17 million acres planted in the U.S. each year. Known as *Bt* corn, it is resistant to the European corn borer, a caterpillar that causes annual losses estimated at \$1.2 billion in the U.S. alone. Organic farmers have long known that *bacillus thuringiensis* kills the corn borer by turning its gut into a sieve; the transgenic corn has *Bt* genes spliced into its DNA, giving the plant an internal defense system. But though the corn was meant as an earth-friendly alternative to pesticides, Losey's research implied that it might present its own kind of danger. The possible threat to the monarch—a beloved bug that made an ideal antitransgenics poster child—sparked media reports around the world, including a front-page story in the *New York Times*.

Then, five months after Losey's *Nature* piece, Cornell entomologist Tony Shelton published an article in the related journal *Nature Biotechnology* criticizing the Losey research and two other studies of *Bt* corn. Shelton argued that the research had limited relevance outside the lab, and that the findings had been overblown in the press. "Serious questions have been raised about this study, but once it was published . . . the bell could not be unrung," Shelton said in his October testimony before a Congressional committee on genetic engineering. "We are now at risk of losing a technology that many of us believe is a safer and more environmentally responsible

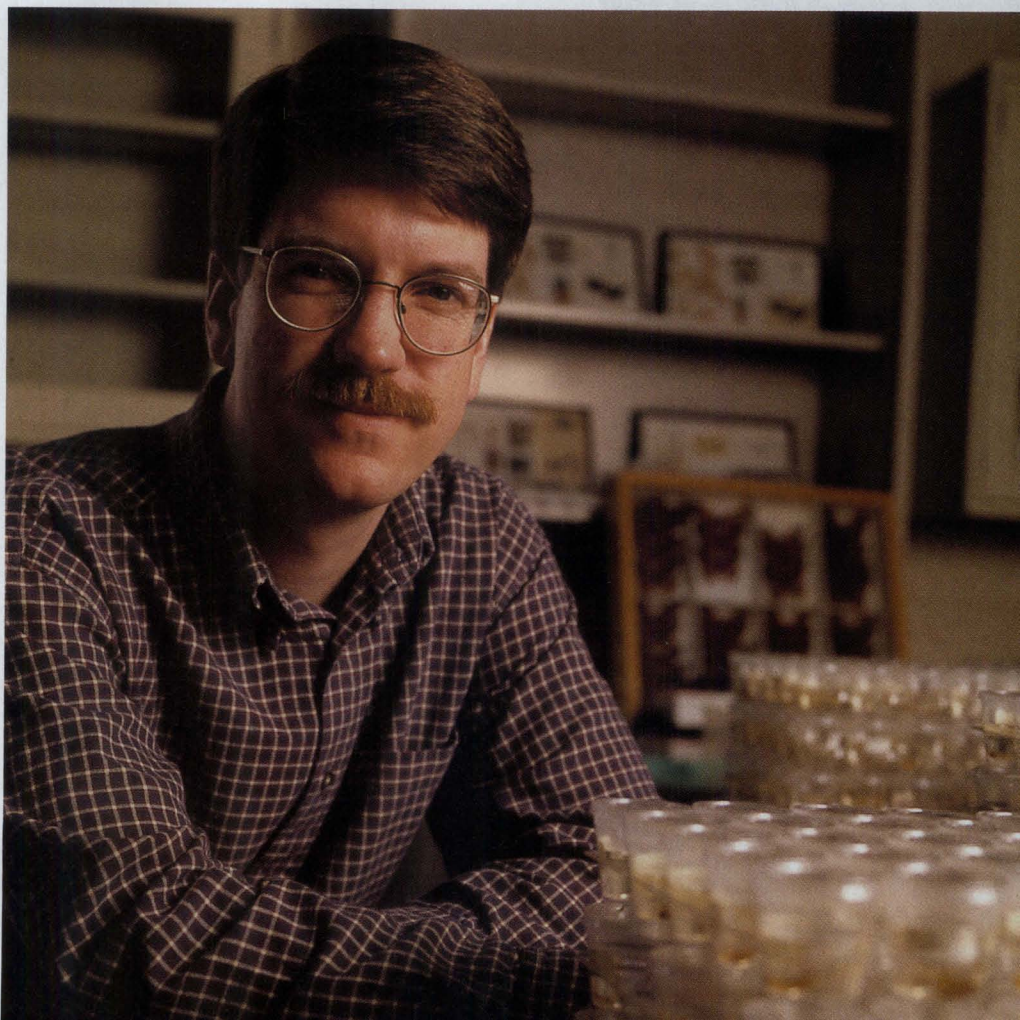
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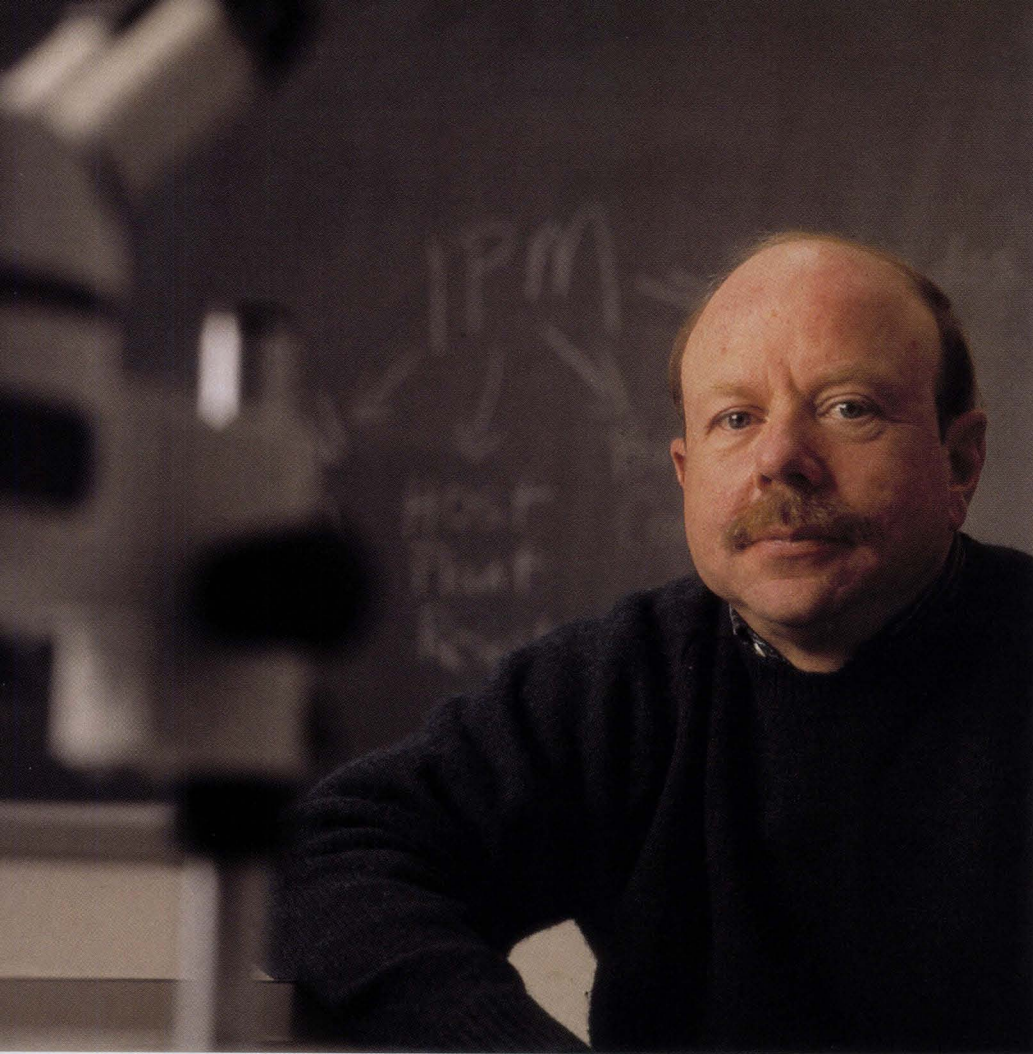
The media pitted the two researchers against each other, in positions that exemplify the worldwide debate now brewing over genetically modified foods. Their disagreement isn't so much about the facts of Losey's experiment—or even the value of transgenic produce in general—but about the data's potential implications. Both agree that *Bt* corn can be harmful to monarchs and other lepidoptera. But they differ widely on how much *Bt* pollen

the butterflies would actually be exposed to in the field, and how beneficial the modified corn really is in reducing pesticide use. In short, Losey feels that the corn has been given a premature presumption of innocence by the federal government. Shelton thinks the plant has been convicted without a trial in the court of public opinion. As *The Scientist* observed: "In *Bt* football, it's Cornell vs. Cornell."

It all started with an Austrian abbot and his pea patch. Nearly 175 years after Gregor Mendel discovered dominant and recessive traits, agricultural genetics has exploded into a multi-billion-dollar industry. While Mendel simply practiced selective breeding to create offspring with the traits he desired, modern genetics goes far beyond Mother Nature, taking DNA from one species and splicing it into another. The first transgenic food, dubbed the Flavr Savr tomato for its ability to stay fresh

ENTOMOLOGIST JOHN LOSEY, WHOSE COMSTOCK LAB FINDINGS STARTED THE *Bt* DEBATE, SAYS TRANSGENIC CORN HAS BEEN GIVEN A PREMATURE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE.





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TONY SHELTON, ENTOMOLOGIST AND FELLOW CORNELL FACULTY MEMBER, THINKS THE BT CORN HAS BEEN CONVICTED WITHOUT A TRIAL IN THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION.

from harvest to supermarket, went on sale in 1994. By 1998, genetically modified crops accounted for a quarter of the corn, more than a third of the soybeans, and nearly half of the cotton grown in the U.S. And those numbers are on the rise: according to the USDA, domestic acreage of engineered crops grew from 8 million in 1996 to more than 50 million in 1998. From increasing the profits of agribusiness to creating edible vaccines for poor children to improving the lot of subsistence farmers, biotechnology's potential seems unlimited. "There are so many positive benefits," says Charles Arntzen, president of the Cornell-based Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research. "We can't afford to walk away from technology. This is the best way to feed the world."

Others see a dark side to the technology, though their actions may range from simply opting for organic baby food to ripping out whole fields of

transgenic plants, as guerrilla groups like Reclaim the Seeds do periodically. "There is one thing that corporations always understand, and that is the bottom line," an activist writes on the Bioengineering Action Network homepage, under the *nom de plume* Johnny Appleseed. "Destroy their crops, equipment, buildings, vehicles, and they get the point. All of a sudden 'venture capitalist' scum realize that biotechnology is not such a great investment and they flee with their bags of cash with them."

A GALLUP POLL RELEASED in October found that 27 percent of Americans believe bioengineered foods pose a serious health hazard to consumers, while 53 percent think they don't; the rest weren't sure. (Education level proved to be a factor in those opinions, with 8 percent of

people with at least a college degree opposing the transgenics, compared to 21 percent of those without a bachelor's degree.) Even so, companies from Heinz to Gerber, and even major grain distributors like Archer Daniels Midland, are answering public concerns by pledging to eliminate transgenic ingredients from some of their products. Some call it corporate responsiveness; others say they're knuckling under to unfounded hysteria. "If we, the public, get rid of genetically modified crops, we'll be shooting ourselves in the foot," says farmer Jim Czub '82, citing the importance of higher crop yields for impoverished nations like India. "They can make things a whole lot better a whole lot faster."

Until the *Bt* corn debate, the most high-profile genetic crop was the "Roundup Ready" soybean. Engineered by Monsanto to be resistant to its popular glyphosate herbicide, allowing farmers to spray for weeds without

harming their crops, it accounted for 17 percent of soybean acreage as of 1997. Opinions are mixed on whether the new plant has led to a decrease in overall pesticide use, but it has raised hackles on other fronts: the fear that cross-pollination may create new herbicide-resistant superweeds, and criticism about a proprietary ownership system in which Monsanto encourages neighbor to inform on neighbor, as the company seeks to stamp out unauthorized seed production.

But the Roundup Ready debate paled in comparison to the furor over Losey's experiment, a project inspired by nothing more than a walk through a cornfield. Losey and his team were researching possible corn borer "refuges" (non-*Bt* plants near the transgenic fields, necessary to insure a supply of insects susceptible to the toxin) and found an abundance of milkweed, the monarch's only host. "When we were out there during the pollen shed time,

milkweed—like most of the plants in and around corn—were dusted with corn pollen,” Losey says. “My workers and I were, too. Your shoes end up yellow, your hat brim is yellow, your clothes are all yellow with pollen. I started to wonder what would happen if that pollen were from *Bt* corn plants. Even though everyone says ‘This is no surprise,’ no one had actually tested pollen on a plant other than corn being fed to a non-pest species. Nobody knew what the effect was going to be.”

WHEN LOSEY and his colleagues (entomology instructor Linda Rayor and research aide Maureen Carter) published their results on the corn’s detrimental effect on the monarchs, it sparked an international uproar. Then came the backlash, in which Shelton and Richard Roush of the University of Adelaide, Australia, published a paper—complete with Shakespeare quotations about “false reports and the ears of men”—questioning the study’s methodology. The fact that *Bt* pollen would harm monarchs was no surprise, they said; a more important question is how much of it they’d actually be exposed to in the real world. Monsanto, which makes *Bt* corn as well as Roundup Ready soybeans, claims the threat is minimal because the butterflies’ preferred habitat is “prairies, fields, and roadsides, not the middle of full grown and pollinating corn fields.” In real life situations, the company says, “the exposure of monarch milkweed habitat to corn pollen is very low because only a very small portion of these milkweeds grow in close enough proximity to corn fields . . . [and] there is little overlap between the periods during which pollen is shed from corn and the periods when monarch larvae are feeding.”

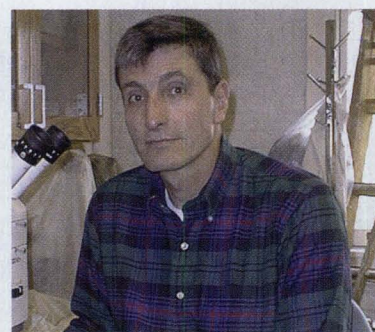
But Iowa State University entomologist John Obrycki, who earned his doctorate from Cornell in 1982, says that research done in the Sixties and Seventies found that corn pollen can be found as far as sixty meters away from a field. And while studies have shown

that milkweed plants must be located within three meters of a field for densities of *Bt* pollen to be high enough to harm monarchs, Obrycki notes that a recent USDA survey found plenty of milkweed growing *within* Iowa cornfields. “It doesn’t seem like a very sound approach to release something, then research it,” says Obrycki, whose studies, along with Losey’s, were criticized in Shelton’s paper. “I think *Bt* corn should be taken off the market.”

Furthermore, Losey and Obrycki say, the argument for the transgenic corn as a safer alternative to pesticides is specious. Studies done in Iowa in 1997 and ’98 found a low correlation between use of the corn and higher crop yields—and, they stress, very little pesticide was being used in the first place. “Less than 3 percent of the acreage in Iowa was ever sprayed with pesticides, and now over 25 percent is planted with *Bt* corn,” Losey says. “What’s more, there’s no evidence that, as the acreage of *Bt* corn has gone from zero to 25 percent, pesticide use has decreased. We’re not really replacing pesticides with *Bt* corn. We’re just adding a new threat to the environment.”

But Shelton says it’s Losey and Obrycki who have misinterpreted the extent of the threat. His preferred analogy is popcorn. “If I went to a movie and bought a hundred pounds of salted popcorn and ate it all at once, I’d probably die,” he says. “Eating that much salted popcorn is simply not a real-world situation, but if I died it might be reported that salted popcorn was lethal. The same thing holds for monarch butterflies and pollen. Scientists have a duty to be incredibly responsible for developing realistic studies.”

Counters Losey: “If there were a new kind of transgenic butter being used on popcorn at movie theaters and half the people eating the transgenic butter popcorn were dying but none



IOWA STATE'S JOHN OBRYCKI, PHD '82: THE TRANSGENIC CORN IS NOT A SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO PESTICIDES.

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of the people eating the regular popcorn or the unbuttered popcorn were dying, would you say, ‘Hey, there could be a problem with this?’” he asks. “Or would you take the transgenic butter back to your lab and do five years of tests, when you know it’s going to be used in a lot of other theaters in the meantime? In my mind, it would be irresponsible to have the results that we did, that there could be this mortality rate, and not publish it.”

It may be fitting that the debate would come home to roost at Cornell, the birthplace of the device that paved the way for genetic engineering. In 1983, horticultural science professor John Sanford, electrical engineering professor emeritus Ed Wolf, and machinist Nelson Allen invented the “gene gun,” now standard equipment in labs



DNA MAPPING LED TO TRANSGENIC TECHNOLOGY, AT ISSUE DURING THE WTO MEETING IN SEATTLE IN DECEMBER 1999.

worldwide. The prototype used gunpowder to shoot the desired gene into a living cell; the latest version, dubbed "son of a gun," runs on helium.

The gun has been used on campus at the Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station to create such plants as the Rainbow papaya, resistant to the devastating ringspot virus; the New York

Sweet Blush onion, with a mild taste and pretty pink hue; "super-resistant" rice plants, with potato genes to fight off insects and barley genes to make them more tolerant of salt and drought; tomatoes immune to the cucumber mosaic virus because their own DNA incorporates part of the disease; and a banana containing a hepatitis-B vaccine,

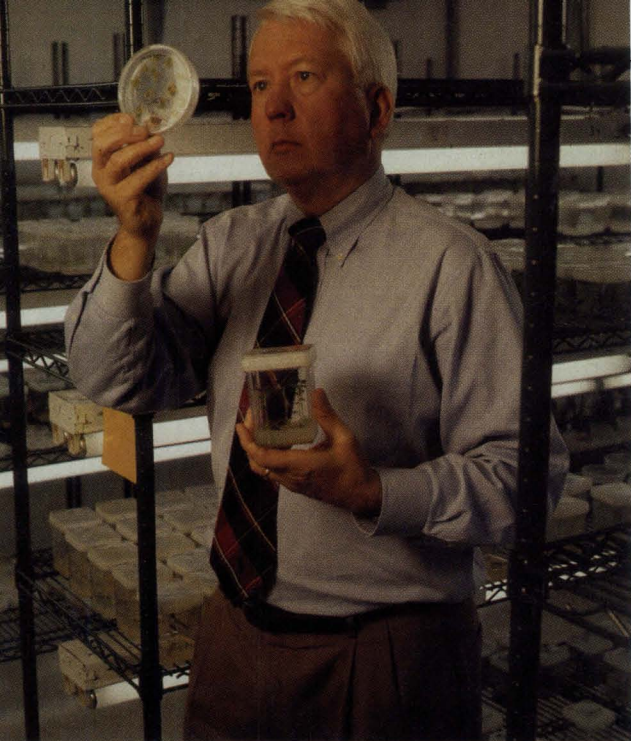
hailed as a cheap and easy way to inoculate people in Third World countries.

But along with Utopian ideas about genetic engineering as the key to ending hunger and disease have come some Orwellian ones: those on the antitransgenic extreme see the field as a time bomb capable of devastating the ecosystem, creating breeds of unstop-



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THE STRAIN OF CORN IMPLICATED IN LOSEY'S STUDY NOW ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN 17 MILLION ACRES PLANTED IN THE U.S.



BOYCE THOMPSON PRESIDENT CHARLES ARNTZEN CALLS TRANSGENIC FOOD "THE BEST WAY TO FEED THE WORLD."

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pable pests, and putting the keys to the food chain in the hands of a few corporations. Mistrust of bioengineered foods is particularly high in Europe, where the populace seems less inclined to place its faith in technology than Americans are. While the USDA and FDA approve food and drugs based on scientific merit, according to Arntzen, "not everybody in the world uses science to determine their regulatory procedures," he says. "Eighteen years ago in France the regulators of their blood supply allowed distribution of HIV-contaminated blood. That didn't happen in the U.S. where we use science-based regulation."

While U.S. officials are considering calling foods genetically pure as long as they contain less than 2 to 3 percent transgenic ingredients (that figure is also the American "contamination standard"), the European Union is consid-

and unstoppable pests. "The sensational release of [Losey's *Bt* pollen] article has turned this into a black-and-white debate, which diminishes the likelihood that people can discuss these issues in a balanced fashion," Shelton says of the monarch furor. "If we're going to have science-based policy rather than media-based policy, the media needs to be very careful."

JIM CZUB, WHO GROWS 1,500 acres of corn on his farm north of Albany, New York, says that despite how transgenic maize may have performed in Iowa, on his land it grows better than its non-enhanced predecessors. "We haven't bought a pig in a poke," says Czub, whose corn crop is 40 percent

ering setting a limit of 1 percent. That's still not low enough for some British consumer groups—or for the gourmet purveyor Marks & Spencer, which has pledged to withdraw any product from its shelves containing even .01 percent transgenic ingredients. As *U.S. News & World Report* observed in a July article on the backlash: "Not only in Britain but throughout Europe, public fears are running so high that there is widespread resistance to any imported food—a situation that could provoke a major trade war with the United States."

Some, like Arntzen, suspect that bioengineering is a scapegoat, a convenient excuse for the E.U. to protect its farmers by banning American imports. Others say the antitransgenic sentiment should be blamed on the media, which relishes "science-fiction" about killer corn

transgenic. "The *Bt* corn is yielding higher." He also grows 400 acres of soybeans, all of them Roundup Ready. Although he'd "sworn up and down" he wouldn't pay extra for the Monsanto soybeans, he changed his mind after a severe drought in 1995 forced him to spray his crop twice and the herbicide decimated the weakened plants. "It cost us \$74 an acre for chemical weed control, and we had no crop." Suddenly, shelling out \$30 an acre for the Roundup Ready seeds and a supply of the herbicide didn't seem like such a bad idea. "It's extremely exciting," he says. "This stuff really works."

Czub, who serves on the board of the National Corn Growers Association, is worried about the effect that foreign embargoes of transgenic crops could have on U.S. growers. "At this time in the farm crisis, we don't need any pressures on our prices," he says. In addition, farmers now have to factor in the possibility that their produce will be turned away at the border. "What we tell our members is, 'Know before you grow.'"

Czub acknowledges that *Bt* corn may be harmful to the butterflies and that more tests need to be done. But he says he has "complete faith in the approval process," and doubts that a fundamentally harmful product could make it through the EPA, FDA, and USDA. He's concerned that in the current debate over Frankenfoods, science will get lost—possibly resulting in a ban on a technology that he argues has been immensely beneficial. "I guess maybe consumers don't understand everything, and I don't know how to help," he says. "The educational process is too complex. It's too big. It's too hard, and we don't want to learn."

Getting the public to grasp an issue that many experts can't even agree on is a tall order. But, Obrycki says, scientists have a duty to educate consumers about the technology so they can make their own choices. "They may simply decide that genetically engineered food is not something they want in their lives," he says. "So be it. An informed society, when presented with scientific information, will make rational decisions."

SPORTSCENTER

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ESPN



I WANT MY, I WANT MY ESPN

OFF THE HILL AND ON TO THE AIR: IT'S NOT JUST THE FANS WHO CAN'T GET ENOUGH ROUND-THE-CLOCK SPORTS. BY BRAD HERZOG

Bill Pidto '87 walks past a dozen satellite dishes, enters Building 2 at ESPN Plaza, and rushes by the collection of memorabilia in the lobby: a Number 23 North Carolina jersey, a Lee Trevino golf glove, a Stetson signed by Richard Petty. He passes newsrooms, control rooms, conference rooms, studios, camera operators, producers, and directors, finally arriving at the cubicle he shares with a few other faces seen in 76 million homes. And then he states the obvious: "This is a massive operation. Massive."

It began, in September 1979, as a fledgling New England cable station faced with filling twenty-four hours of screen time daily. "Yea, verily, a sampler of wonders" were the first words uttered on the air, but in those days it was primarily the wonders of model planes, marbles, and tractor pulls. There were seventy employees headquartered in 10,000 square feet surrounded by mud. Even the name of the network was left to chance. Originally called the Entertainment Sports Programming Network, it was soon changed to ESPN-TV. When a printing mistake returned a log reading ESPN, it was left at that. Twenty years later its staff has grown to 2,100, its signal broadcast to 150 countries on all seven continents. "When I first heard about it, I thought it was



BILL PIDTO '87: FROM THE "HYPERBOLIC" TO THE "DRY."

A UBIQUITOUS PRESENCE (LEFT) IN THE ROBERT PURCELL COMMUNITY CENTER ON NORTH CAMPUS. A HOST OF ALUMS, LIKE BILL PIDTO '87, LEFT CORNELL FOR SERIOUS FACE TIME ON THE MOST POPULAR SPORTS NETWORK.

ridiculous. Nobody's going to watch sports for twenty-four hours," says Dick Schaap '55, host of ESPN's "Sunday SportsDay." "Of course, now there's ESPN2, ESPNEWS, ESPN Classic, ESPN Radio. . ."

Nowadays, one can also grab a beer at an ESPN Zone sports bar, buy *ESPN The Magazine* at ESPN The Store, and pay for it with an ESPN Visa card. For better or worse, the network is the Starbucks of sports, and the handful of Cornellians in its empire are creating a brand of broadcasting that continues to transform the role of sports in society.

Keith Olbermann '79 became one of ESPN's more recognizable faces during five years as anchor of "SportsCenter," the network's signature highlights-and-news hour, before moving on to his own talk show on MSNBC and then returning to his roots with Fox Sports. Olbermann notes that in 1954, Ithaca became the first large community to establish its own cable system. "No Ithaca," he declares tongue in cheek, "no ESPN." But it was in the rural hamlet of Bristol, Connecticut—twenty miles west of Hartford where the tallest building is a 383-foot structure that serves as the Otis Elevator Company's facility for testing "fallibility"—that the cable TV revolution began.

a LONG WITH CNN IN ATLANTA, ESPN IN Bristol gave notice that cable networks would not be minor-league replicas of the Big Three. Twenty years later, we're entrenched in the Age of Niche. "One of the things that is occurring now is a fragmentation of the content on television, so that more people have available to them more channels, and the channels are becoming more and more specialized," says Michael Shapiro, associate professor in Cornell's communication department. "Not that many years ago, if you watched a lot of television, you watched all kinds of television because that's what the traditional networks showed. Now, you literally can watch sports all day and never watch anything else."

While observers once questioned whether an all-sports network could survive, ESPN has since spawned imitators on the radio (there are now more than 150 sports radio stations

in the country) and on television (Fox Sports and CNN-SI), as well as offspring like ESPN2 and ESPNEWS. The former broadcasts events ranging from the World's Strongest Man Competition to the National Spelling Bee. The latter offers twenty-four hours of sports reports. With its launch in 1996, *Business Week* asked, "How Much TV Sports News Can You Use?" The answer, apparently, is "How much have you got?"

The all-sports format has also turned the sports coverage on local newscasts into an afterthought for armchair quarterbacks. The viewer who would once half-sleep through the first twenty-three minutes of the nightly news waiting for the local sports segment can now flip directly to "Sports-

Center." Thanks to ESPN, says Shapiro, "it has become increasingly possible for someone to consume a lot of media and never really encounter anything that doesn't already fit their interest." Whether that makes viewers more one-dimensional is a matter for debate, but it clearly makes them more sports savvy, and ESPN caters to that expertise. For example, the format of "SportsCenter" (which *Esquire* calls "the most imitated show in the 500-channel universe") more closely resembles a newspaper front page than



DICK SCHAAP '55 (WITH BILLY JEAN KING). "I THOUGHT IT WAS RIDICULOUS," HE SAYS. "NOBODY'S GOING TO WATCH SPORTS FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS."

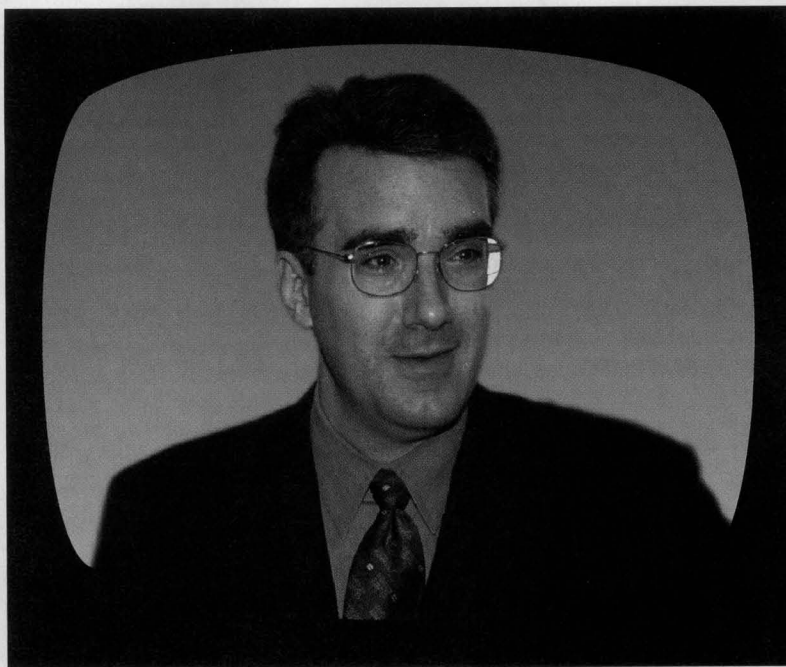
it does a local sports broadcast. The big stories are at the top of the hour, not clustered by sport. If that means the subject matter moves from a basketball trade to baseball highlights to figure skating, so be it.

The proliferation and magnification of sports coverage have also changed the way athletes behave. As one college basketball coach complained, "I've got kids going up in the air to dunk, and they're thinking about how the dunk's going to look on "SportsCenter" that night." But if the message has changed with the understanding that every slam dunk is as much a highlight as a high-percentage shot, so has the role of the messengers; the hosts and anchors have become celebrities themselves. Says Schaap, who has written thirty-three books and contributed to *Newsweek*, "NBC Nightly News," "Today," and "World News Tonight," "I have a larger audience when I'm on ABC, but I get a lot more recognition working at ESPN."

Olbermann has played "Celebrity Jeopardy," appeared in song lyrics ("We'll watch ESPN—with Keith Olbermann"), and been ranked among TV Guide's annual top ten stars. His

grinning mug is splashed across outfield walls in Major League ballparks across the country in a fifteen-foot-high ad for Fox Sports. When he covered the Academy Awards for a local newspaper, Tom Hanks, Matt Damon, and Ben Affleck all wanted to have their pictures taken with him. "That's actually a very old phenomenon," says Shapiro, who teaches a course on the psychology of television. "I've been talking to students about an article that was published in the 1950s about people's relationship with Dave Garroway, host of the original 'Today Show.' Before that, there was that kind of relationship with glamorous movie stars. Even here at Cornell, there was a time after the making of 'Cosmos' that I could have invited Carl Sagan to give a speech on making a ham sandwich and lots of undergraduates would have shown up because he was on TV. Being on TV makes you somebody."

Much as MTV spawned the MTV Generation, today's ESPN employees were yesterday's ESPN target audience. Whit Watson '93,



"NO ITHACA, NO ESPN," JOKES KEITH OLBERMANN '79, NOW WITH FOX SPORTS.

SO YOU WANNA BE A SPORTSCASTER

TO WORK AT ESPN, YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOUR Xs AND Os. This becomes obvious from the outset—in the job interview. Longtime ESPN talent coordinator Al Jaffe, who receives 2,500 resumes a month, is less likely to ask applicants where they will be in five years than where the Oakland A's will be in five years. ● "I walked in there thinking about my strengths, my weaknesses, why I want this job. I was ready for those kinds of questions," says former WVBR sports director Dan Weinberg '94, who was applying for a production assistant slot. ● "Then Al just said, point-blank, 'To work at ESPN, you have to have a working knowledge of sports. Now I'm going to test that knowledge, and you're going to be hired or not hired based on your ability to answer these questions.'" ● For Weinberg, who passed up law school for a run at ESPN, it was like visiting the dentist and finding the Good Humor man. "I thought, are you kidding me? This is great!" he recalls. "You want to talk sports for an hour? Fire away!" ● Think it sounds easy? Here's a sample of the kinds of questions pitched to ESPN candidates.

- 1 Who won the 1999 Vezina Trophy, given to the top goaltender in the NHL?
- 2 Name the starting nine for the Houston Astros.
- 3 Who won the National League RBI crown last year?
- 4 Name the top five players in college basketball.
- 5 Who was chosen first in last year's NFL Draft?
- 6 Name the starting five for the Sacramento Kings.
- 7 Who won the most recent Wimbledon women's singles title?
- 8 Who is the reigning Olympic gold medalist in the men's 100 meters?
- 9 What golfer is ranked No. 2 in the world?
- 10 Who is the best sixth-man in the NBA?

who has anchored shows on ESPN, ESPN2, and ESPNEWS, used to sit in his frat house at 2 a.m. and watch "SportsCenter." "My friend would always joke, 'We're going to see you on that show someday,'" Watson recalls. "I guess, when you're in college, you sort of see that as the pinnacle."

The same is true at ESPN Plaza, where Watson and about forty of his colleagues participate in the sport of musical chairs. At the end of every month, each of the anchors can access a Microsoft spreadsheet program revealing the upcoming assignments—who will anchor what and when. "There aren't a lot of opportunities for feedback here, so one of the ways you find out how you're doing is by picking up your schedule," Watson says. "If they gave you six "SportsCenters" that month, you have to figure they like what you're doing. There's a little bit of anxiety when that schedule comes out because you want to see if they threw you a bone or not."

In sports broadcasting, the trick is to grab the attention of the decision-makers by catching the fancy of the viewing public. At ESPN, particularly in recent years, that often means attaching yourself to a catch-phrase—a sporting *shtick* of some sort like Chris Berman's nicknames, Dan Patrick's "en fuego," or Stuart Scott's "boo-yah." It means turning the highlights into high drama: hyperbolically at times, dryly at others, as when Bill Pidto describes an umpire-manager dispute as "a developing situation."

Editing highlights is primarily the job of production assistants like Lisa Fenn '97. The task: watch a game in its entirety, logging every shot—wild pitches, bloop singles, crowd banners, dugout tirades—that might translate into a story line. It's a task millions of sports fans would probably do for free, but viewing games more as a cinematographer than a spectator can take the fun out of it. "A lot of times I'll be sitting at home watching a game on TV and I'll say to myself, 'Oh, that would be a great bump shot,'" says Fenn. "It's very sad."

It's up to the anchor-writer to introduce the highlights, but not give away the result—and it isn't always easy to come up with something unique and enticing about your basic Tigers-Mariners yawnfest. Pidto uses the Internet, wire servic-

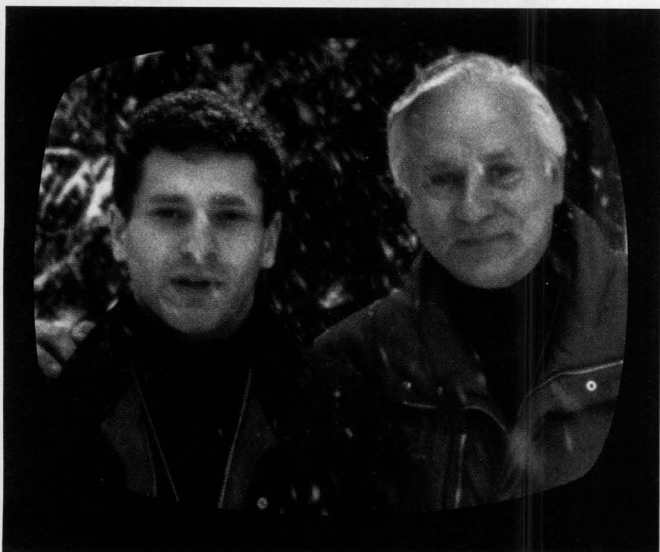
es, ESPN's research department, any outlet where he can uncover a fact funky enough or a quote quirky enough to suffice. For the Tigers-Mariners game, for instance, he began by saying, "In the history of baseball, there have been thirteen Cruzes. Four are active, two are on Detroit, one of them is pitching tonight—Nelson Cruz . . ." When FSU baseball made its seventeenth postseason appearance last spring, Pidto remarked, "Susan Lucci has finally won her Emmy. Will Florida State finally win the College World Series?"

fLASH FORWARD TO OCTOBER 1999. THE ASTROS have just beaten the Braves in a National League playoff game, and it's the lead story on "SportsCenter." "Let's go to Jeremy Schaap in Atlanta," says the anchor, and there's Dick Schaap's son, interviewing winning pitcher Shane Reynolds. After game highlights there's Schaap again, interviewing Houston's hitting hero, Daryle Ward. Back to the studio for analysis, and then back to Schaap once more, this time with third baseman Ken Caminiti by his side. With little time to prepare, try asking three pro baseball players three questions apiece in front of a national TV audience that prides itself on separating the pros from the pretenders. "You want to come up with a few intelligent questions for them," says Schaap '91, ESPN's New York-based correspondent. "You don't want to say, 'How did it feel to hit that home run, Daryle?' or, 'Great performance, Shane.' One thing ESPN stresses is, ask a question. Too often, people say, 'Big home run, Daryle,' and then stick a microphone in his face."

Granted, Schaap had a head start. Growing up, he joked around with Muhammad Ali at the champ's Catskills training camp; he received a box of Reggie! bars from Mr. October himself. When Jeremy was eight, his dad let him interview Pete Rose and Tommy Lasorda. "I thought, hey, this is pretty easy. You just go to baseball games and talk to people."

Mark Schwarz '81, a Catskills native whose WVBR experience was geared more toward the Rolling Stones than the

JEREMY SCHAAP '91 (LEFT) GOT EARLY TRAINING; MARK SCHWARZ '81 HAS PULLED ASSIGNMENTS ON THE DARKER SIDE OF SPORTS.



COURTESY DICK SCHAAP



RAY MARTIN

Colorado Avalanche, has been ESPN's West Coast correspondent since 1990. He's often been called upon to report on the darker side of sports; his two Emmy awards were for stories about boxer Jerry Quarry's pugilistic dementia and improprieties involving the University of Houston football program. Over the past decade, he has drawn the ire of O.J. Simpson's best friend Al Cowlings, a series of angry curses from former University of Washington coach Don James, even physical threats from Mike Tyson. "We were chest to chest for a moment," Schwarz recalls. "It's the kind of thing you read about: MIKE TYSON FLATTENS REPORTER."

He has covered sexually molested hockey players, did a live report from Magic Johnson's HIV-announcement press conference, and spent weeks covering the Simpson trial and the Tonya Harding debacle. "These stories have nothing to do with the sports you tend to follow with this job. You really have to learn as you go," says Schwarz. "Especially the Tonya thing. I was giving these reports live, moments after coming out of a courtroom, trying to consolidate all these legal terms in my head and delivering it to a live audience."

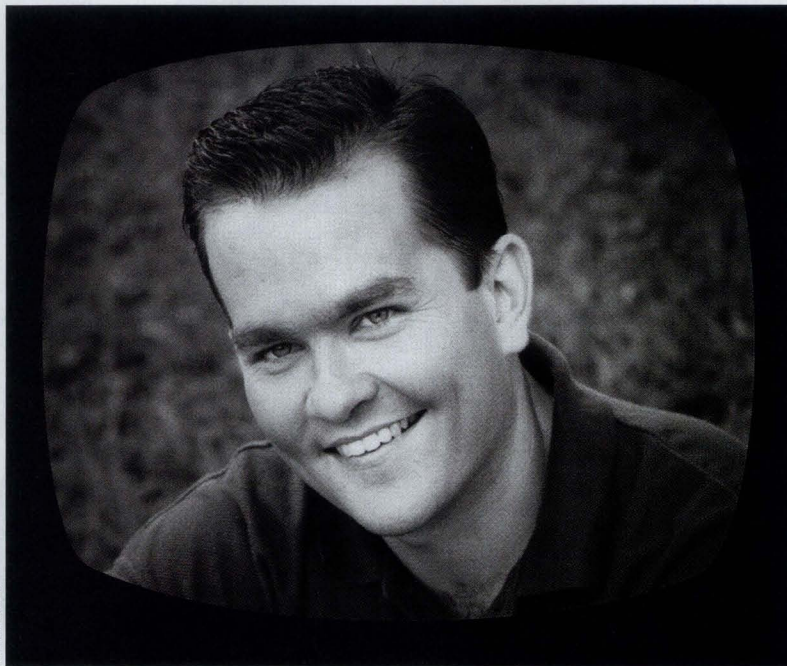
Sports journalism is no longer, as old newspaper staffers used to call it, the "Toy Department." During one weekend last October, for instance, Jeremy Schaap reported the story of Dimitrius Underwood, the troubled NFL player who slashed his own throat after walking away from a \$1.7 million signing bonus and being jailed for non-payment of child support. Meanwhile, Schwarz was researching a feature about Native Americans in the National Hockey League, while former WVBR sports director Dan Weinberg '94 prepared a documentary about Moe Berg, a baseball catcher who doubled as an American spy.

Even an innocent roundtable discussion like "The Sports Reporters," the popular Sunday morning half-hour show featuring host Dick Schaap and a panel of three sportswriters discussing current issues, consists of asides interspersed with venomous criticisms and sober pronouncements. "My feeling is that sports at its best is entertainment, and the more humor you can find in it, the better off you are," says Schaap. "Unfortunately, in recent years it seems to become harder and harder to find humor in it. The higher the stakes, the fewer the laughs."

Because "SportsCenter" is broadcast live three times daily, there have been more than 21,000 telecasts since it first went on the air, meaning it has surpassed the "CBS Evening News" as the most-televised live show in history. "Being on live television and adapting and editing on the fly, and having people talk in your ear while there's a camera on you, that part of it is exactly as exciting as I thought it would be," says Watson. "It's the same addiction I got when I was at WVBR and went on the air live for the first time, and I realized there were people actually listening to me."

Combine real-time performance with a chaotic environment, and gaffes are inevitable. Microphones disappear, sets

fall apart, anchors are overcome by fits of laughter. Once, Dan Patrick ended a show by saying, "For Dan Patrick, I'm Bob Ley. Good night." And just about everyone has mispronounced names or words, usually the worst word at the worst time. "I did a 2 a.m. show a few years ago, and we



MICHAEL CARRIS

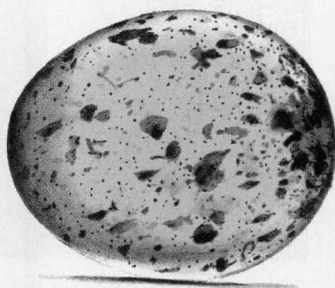
WHIT WATSON '93: "THE SAME ADDICTION" HE GOT ON THE AIR AT WVBR.

beeped out Andre Agassi's F-bombs," Pidto recalls. "It went something like, 'Andre Agassi is displeased. . . beep, beep, beep, beep!' Then it comes back to me, and I say, 'Thank goodness for the beep function.'" Only, he forgot the "n" in function. "That's the beauty of what we do," says Pidto. "You can't do anything about it once it's over."

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Of a Feather



KITE OR GLEAD [*MILVUS VULGARIS*], WILLIAM CHAPMAN HEWITSON, *BRITISH OOLOGY*, 1831

I think, that, if required, on pain of death,
to name instantly the most perfect
thing in the universe, I should risk
my fate on a bird's egg.

T. W. HIGGINSON
The Life of Birds, 1862

JEN HILL HAS WATCHED BIRDS FOR NEARLY TEN YEARS. But it wasn't until she read *Wives and Daughters*, a late nineteenth-century novel, that inspiration struck. As the book's Darwin-like protagonist travels the globe collecting specimens, the female characters watch the birds from home. "England is in the flight path of many, many migratory birds," says Hill, MFA '92, a PhD candidate in Victorian literature. "In effect, women of that time could see the world from their own backyards." That realization prompted her search for writings by real-life birders of the era. The

♦ WHY HAVE NOT THESE MONSTERS of the sky been appropriated to the use of man? How comes it that he who has subdued the ocean and cultivated the earth; who has harnessed elephants, and even lions, to his chariot wheels, should never have availed himself of the wings of the eagle, the vulture, or the frigate pelican? That, having ascertained the possibility of traveling at the rate of eighty miles an hour through its void regions, he should yet allow himself to be the mere sport of the whirlwind, and not tame to his use, and harness to his car, the winged strength of some of these aerial racers, and thus stamp with reality some of the boldest fictions of the heathen poets?

— John Mason Good,
THE BOOK OF NATURE, 1839



ARCTIC SKUA, JOHN JAMES AUDUBON, THE BIRDS OF AMERICA, 1827



THE BLEW BIRD, MARK CATESBY, *THE NATURAL HISTORY OF CAROLINA, FLORIDA AND THE BAHAMA ISLANDS*, 1771

♣ “THE BLUEBIRD CARRIES THE SKY ON HIS BACK.”
— Henry David Thoreau, *JOURNAL*

♣ THE COUPLE IN THE BRANCH ABOVE ARE the worst. Their plan of building is the most extravagant, the most absurd, I ever heard of. They hoist up ten times as much material as they can possibly use; you might think they were going to build a block and let it out in flats to the other rooks. Then what they don't want they fling down again. Suppose we built on such a principle. Suppose a human husband and wife were to start erecting their house in Piccadilly Circus, let us say; and suppose the man spent all the day steadily carrying bricks up the ladder while his wife laid them, never asking her how many she wanted, whether she didn't think he had brought up sufficient, but just accumulating bricks in a senseless fashion, bringing up every brick he could find. And then suppose, when evening came, and looking round they found they had some twenty cartloads of bricks lying unused upon the scaffold, they were to begin flinging them down into Waterloo Place... Somebody would be sure to speak to them about it. Yet that is precisely what those birds do, and nobody says a word to them.

— Jerome K. Jerome,
SECOND THOUGHTS OF AN IDLE FELLOW, 1890

result—excerpts from birdwatching books, personal letters, and expedition journals—is collected in an anthology Hill calls “a field guide to birdwatchers.”

Organized topically, *An Exhilaration of Wings* includes passages by well-known ornithologists as well as the amateurs whose enthusiasm spurred early growth in the field. “With the help of an opera glass and careful, detail-oriented observation,” Hill writes in her introduction, “the committed amateur could rapidly become a specialist in the science of birds.” Tennyson and Robert Louis Stevenson share the page with Florence Merriam Bailey, author of *Birds Through an Opera Glass*, and Olive Thorne Miller, author of *A Bird-Lover in*

the West. “As the robin is a well-known bird,” writes Bailey, who helped popularize birding in the late 1800s, “he serves as a convenient unit of measure—an ornithological foot.” Another excerpt, from Theodore Roosevelt's childhood journal, chronicles his earliest birding adventures: stealing eggs from their nests. As the twenty-sixth president of the United States he created not only the national parks but the first national bird sanctuary, at Pelican Island, Florida.

Hill, who is writing her dissertation on the function of the Arctic in Victorian literature, is the first to admit that the connection between her studies and a birdwatching anthology is tenuous.

One section of the book is titled “Birds in Winter,” and penguins and giant auks figure prominently in several passages. But in many ways, Hill charted new academic territory for herself, learning as she read. “I'm a nerd,” she says. “But the English department is supportive of interdisciplinary studies. They encourage curiosity because it deepens knowledge and makes you a better scholar.”

HILL'S QUEST ALSO made her a better researcher. While the observations of twentieth-century ornithologists were easy to track down, the work of earlier writers, women, and amateurs—



ROBIN, HOWARD JONES, ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE NESTS AND EGGS OF BIRDS OF OHIO, 1886

the “lost voices” she hoped to recover—proved more elusive. When the card catalog was no help, she spent hours browsing Cornell’s ornithology holdings. Shelf reading took her through expedition journals and the writing of gardeners, even romantic poets. One work often led to another. “You start reading Lewis and Clark,” she says, “and in the introduction they mention someone else. It happened by chance and hook or crook.”

The Hill Ornithology Collection in Kroch Library’s underground archive made the project easier. Established in the late 1980s with a gift of more than 100 volumes by Kenneth and Dorothy Hill (no relation), it documents the

rise of ornithology as a science and the development of bird illustration as an art. Now with forty manuscripts and more than 300 rare books, the collection focuses primarily on North American ornithology between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries. Manuscripts include the papers of Louis Agassiz Fuertes 1897 and those of early ornithology professors. The Fuertes papers include nearly 2,000 sketches; more than 100 finished watercolors and drawings; photographs and journals from expeditions around the world; and even his undergraduate thesis, “The Coloration of Birds,” complete with feathers glued to the pages.

Also among the manuscripts are the early papers of the Cayuga Bird

Club, founded in 1913 by Fuertes and Professor Arthur Allen ’08, PhD ’11, with charter members Liberty Hyde Bailey and Martha Van Rensselaer. The university’s ornithological holdings also include works at the Lab of Ornithology at Sapsucker Woods and in Mann Library’s modern science of ornithology collection. “We have killed birds, tamed them, put them in cages, and have even succeeded in making some species extinct,” writes Hill, “but ultimately, they elude us. By doing so, birds offer us an opportunity to be surprised and affirmed, to know that there exist some things that exceed us—free, wheeling spirits that call to us, only to soar beyond our grasp.”

— Sharon Tregaskis ’95



THIRTEEN WHOOPING CRANES, LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES, 1917

IF THE EMPEROR NAPOLEON, WHEN ON THE ROAD TO MOSCOW with his army in 1811, had condescended to observe the flights of storks and cranes passing over his fated battalions, subsequent events in the politics of Europe might have been very different. These storks and cranes knew of the coming of a great and terrible winter, the birds hastened towards the south, Napoleon and his army towards the North.

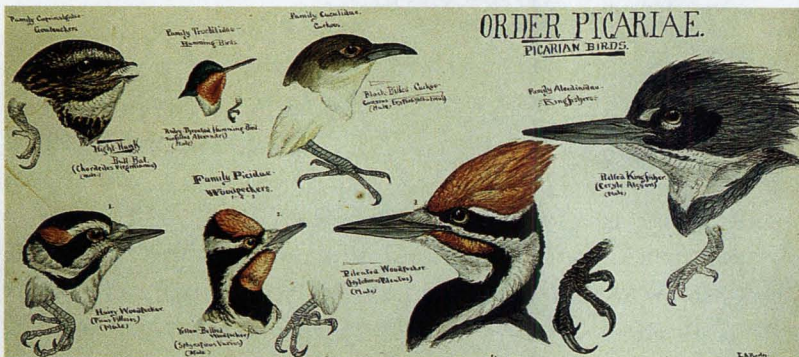
— Frank Buckland, in *George C. Bompas's*
LIFE OF FRANK BUCKLAND, 1885

IN ALL BIRDS OF THE EAGLE, OR rapacious kind, which live upon flesh, the beak, talons, and stomach are peculiarly formed . . . The talons are large and extremely tenacious, the muscles which contract the claw being infinitely stronger than those which expand it. Thus furnished for war, all of this kind spread terror wherever they approach. The variety of music which but a moment before enlivened the grove, at their appearance instantly ceases. All is silent, every order of lesser birds seek for safety either in flight or obscurity, and some are even found to seek protection from man, in order to avoid their less merciful pursuers.

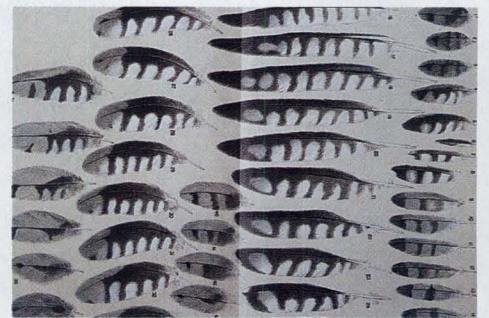
— Oliver Goldsmith

PREFACE AND FAMILIAR

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF
NATURAL HISTORY, 1763



PICARIAN BIRDS, FUERTES, NO DATE



FEATHERS OF THE WING OF THE *FALCO SPARVERIUS*,
CHARLES AUGUSTUS KEELER, *EVOLUTION OF THE*
COLORS OF NORTH AMERICAN LAND BIRDS, 1893

Redheaded Woodpecker. Vermilion, South Dakota, 1878. ONE OF them, which had its headquarters near my house, was observed making frequent visits to an old oak post, and on examining it I found a large crack where the woodpecker had inserted about 100 grasshoppers of all sizes (for future use, as later observation proved), which were put in without killing them, but they were so firmly wedged in the crack that they in vain tried to get free. I told this to a couple of farmers, and found that they had also seen the same thing, and showed me posts which were used for the same purpose. Later in the season the woodpecker whose station was near my house commenced to use his stores, and to-day (February 10) there are only a few shriveled-up grasshoppers left.

— Dr. G. S. Agersborg in *F. E. L. Beal's*

FOOD OF THE WOODPECKERS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1911

BUT WHERE HAVE THE FEATHERS come from—those wonderful beautiful appendages, without which he could not fly? They are growths of the bird's skin, of the same nature of the scales of reptiles, or those on the bird's own feet and legs; and on some low birds such as the penguins they are so stiff and scale-like that it is often difficult to say where the scales end and the feathers begin.

— Arabella B. Buckley,

THE WINNERS IN LIFE'S RACE, 1898



MAGPIE, CROW AND FALCON, ALEXANDER WILSON, AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY OR THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE BIRDS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1808



HORNED GREBE, FUERTES, 1905

THE GREBES AND DIVERS ARE MODERATELY WELL KNOWN. FEW country boys who have lived near a creek or a mill pond but have seen the little brown “devil-divers,” as they are so frequently called, although why it is not quite readily explained. What of devilry there is about them no one has yet made plain.

The grebes proper are found in most parts of the globe, and being migratory the same species is often found at vast distances from its proper home, if its nesting-place is to be so considered. They are divers, and in this word we describe the prominent feature of their lives. On land they are hopeless, awkward, and ill at ease; upon the water nothing can exceed their gracefulness of motion.

— Charles C. Abbott,

YOUNG FOLKS' CYCLOPEDIA OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1895

Horned Grebe. IF ONE CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THIS GREBE to observe its strange head, identification will be easy, for there is no other bird at all like it.

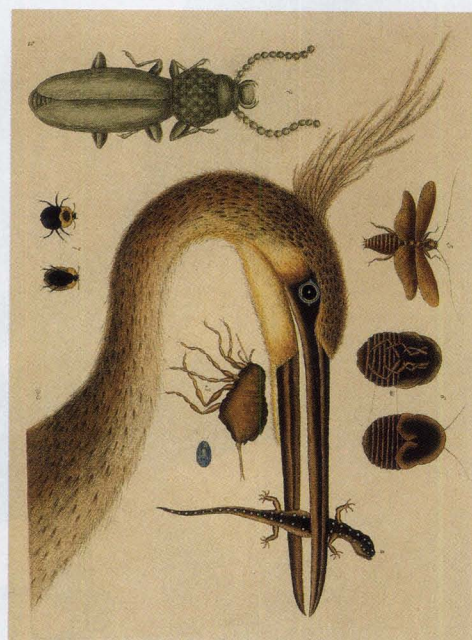
— Wilbur Webster Judd, THE BIRDS OF ALBANY COUNTY, 1907

PERHAPS IT IS NO MORE FAIR TO judge of the family life and customs of night herons from a trip below the trees in which they are nesting, than it would be to judge of the customs of the Parisians by a journey through their sewers. Be this as it may, the noise and the stench of a large heronry remain long in the memory.

— Charles Wendell Townsend

SAND DUNES AND SALT

MARSHES, 1913



HERON, EFT, CHIGOE, COCKROACH . . . , CATESBY,
THE NATURAL HISTORY OF CAROLINA, FLORIDA,
AND THE BAHAMA ISLANDS, 1771

IT IS HARD TO TELL JUST HOW much of the attraction in any bird-note lies in the music itself and how much in the associations. This is what makes it so useless to try to compare the bird songs of one country with those of another. A man who is worth anything can no more be entirely impartial in speaking of the bird songs with which from his earliest childhood he has been familiar than he can be entirely impartial in speaking of his own family.

— Theodore Roosevelt,

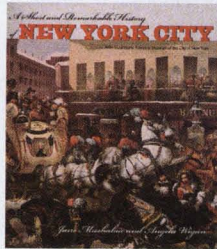
THEODORE ROOSEVELT:

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY, 1920

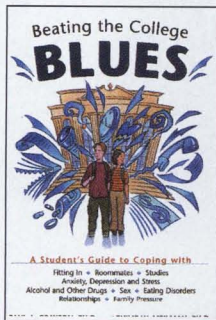


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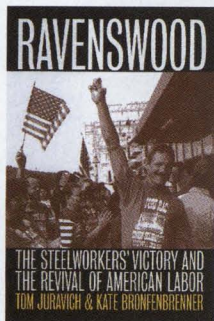
A SHORT AND REMARKABLE HISTORY OF NEW YORK CITY by Jane Mushabac '65 and Angela Wigan (Fordham). In an illustrated timeline covering five centuries, Mushabac, a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and her co-author relate Gotham's past—from Lenape Indian society through Dutch settlement, the struggle for independence from Britain, and the population explosion that made the city what it is today.



BEATING THE COLLEGE BLUES by Philip Meilman and Paul Grayson (Facts on File). Meilman, director of counseling at Cornell's Gannett Health Center, co-authors a self-help guide for college students. The book offers answers on such topics as stress, depression, drugs and alcohol, roommate tensions, sexuality, eating disorders, and family pressures.



RAVENSWOOD by Kate Bronfenbrenner '76, PhD '93, and Tom Juravich (ILR). Bronfenbrenner, a Cornell ILR professor, and Juravich, a professor of labor relations at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, recount the 1990 battle between United Steelworkers and Ravenswood Aluminum Corp. Despite a lock-out of the 1,700 employees at a plant in West Virginia, they write, the union went on to win one of labor's more important victories.



RECENTLY PUBLISHED

CAPITAL MOVES by Jefferson Cowie (Cornell). Cowie, an ILR professor, describes how RCA's "seventy-year quest for cheap labor" transformed four communities in the U.S. and Mexico during the twentieth century.

YOU AUTO SEE MAINE by Will Anderson '62 (Anderson & Sons). A pop culture look at the history of cars in Maine.

SMALL WORLDS by Duncan Watts, PhD '97 (Princeton). A study of the dynamics of networks, detailing the mathematical basis of such phenomena as the "six degrees of separation" theory.

STRATEGIC LEGAL PLANNING by Nicholas Trott Long '68 and Kent Weeks (College Legal Information). Long, an education law attorney, co-authors a reference work on the legal challenges facing higher education.

PLANNING & MANAGING INTERIOR PROJECTS by Carol Farren '66 (R. S. Means). A guide to relocation and renovation for facility managers, architects, and interior designers.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES by John Hoff, PhD '63, and Jennifer Hoff Myers '88 (Gulf). The father-daughter agribusiness experts offer advice on selecting, managing, and investing in land, beef cattle, and pecans.

OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION by George Nagy, PhD '62, Stephen Rice, and Thomas Nartker (Kluwer). An illustrated guide to the field, co-authored by Nagy, a professor of computer engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

SITE ENGINEERING FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS by Kurt Nathan '47, BS '46, MS '48, and Steven Strom (Wiley). The third edition of the textbook for professional and student landscape architects.

YOU KNOW YOU'VE REACHED MIDDLE AGE IF . . . by Joey Green '81 and Alan Corcoran (Andrews McMeel). A humorous look at midlife.

THE OFFICIAL SLINKY BOOK by Joey Green '81 (Berkley). Hundreds of "wild and wacky" uses for the toy.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND BUSINESS STRATEGY edited by Peter Cappelli '78 (Oxford). Analyses of employment practices and public policy, edited by Cappelli, a management professor at the Wharton School.

DESIGNING WOMEN edited by Joan Rothschild '48 (Rutgers). A collection of essays rethinking architecture, design, and technology from a feminist perspective, edited by Rothschild, a research associate at the City University of New York's Center for Human Environments.

FROM HARVARD TO THE RANKS OF LABOR by Robert Bussel '73, PhD '93 (Penn State). A biography of social crusader Powers Hapgood by Bussel, a labor studies professor at Penn State.

SEX DIFFERENCES by Linda Mealey '77 (Academic). A study of developmental and evolutionary strategies relating to sex and gender in humans and animals by Mealey, a psychology professor at the College of St. Benedict.

CONSTRUCTING A COLONIAL PEOPLE by Pedro Cabán (Westview). Cabán, director of Cornell's Latino Studies Program, offers a new interpretation of U.S. policy on Puerto Rico from 1898 to 1932.

Sneakers Optional

SHORTLY AFTER EXHORTING his physical education class to “feel the energy permeate” and “imagine yourself coming into your physical being,” Lewis Freedman '82 has a sleeper on his hands: a woman in a gray Polo T-shirt stretched flat on her back, eyes shut, not moving. That's understandable, Freedman says later. Apparently, when learning to meditate, sleeping is a frequent side effect. It's tough for beginners to explore their consciousness and not nap.

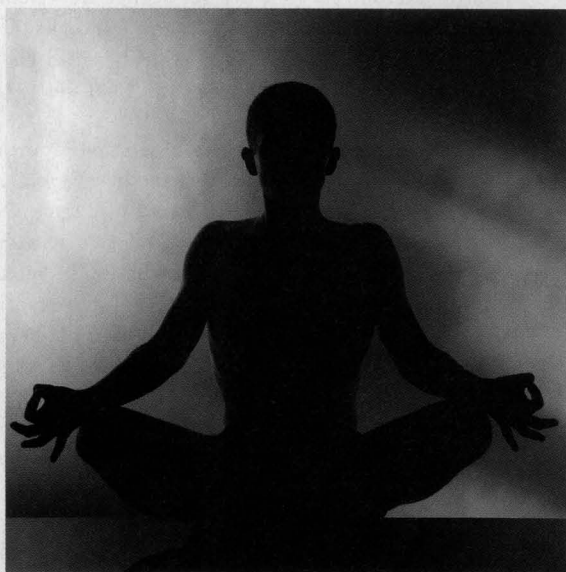
Meditate? Physical education? They don't make gym classes like they used to. Twenty years ago, Cornell's offerings included staples such as jogging, swimming, and volleyball. Today, though, sport has changed. The Olympics have made room for the X Games, and Cornell's classes have moved with the times—in some cases changing so much that skipping a shower after class is no big deal—with offerings including Relaxation and Stress Management, Living Routines, and Introduction to Meditation, which Freedman teaches.

That's pretty much what phys ed director Al Gantert has in mind. He arrived in 1978, and he's been rethinking the kinds of classes that qualify for his department ever since. “My interest in physical education is doing things nobody else is doing,” Gantert says. “It involves bringing in new clients who might not come otherwise.”

Yes, but is it gym? Well, maybe not like most of us remember it. Of course, gym like most of us remember it may be a reason why most of America is overweight and sitting on sofas. Gantert calls those classes led by wannabe drill sergeants a “disaster.” Getting people up and around, maybe permanently in the habit of doing something, is his idea of triumph. Freedman has no problem explaining why his class fits under the

physical education rubric. “We are physical beings,” he says, “which is different from just being a physical body.”

Most colleges still have some sort of physical education requirement, although Cornell's two-semester mandate is stiffer than 80 percent of the schools surveyed by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. About 5,000 students take phys ed on the Hill each semester, the majority of



REDEFINING PHYS ED: YOGA CLASSES ARE PACKED

them choosing non-traditional sports. Students seem to like the chance to break out of the classroom for a while; roughly a quarter of those enrolled in phys ed classes take them as non-credit electives. At a registration session in Teagle Hall a few days after the start of fall classes, the lines were forty people deep. Team sports were out, and everything else was in. Martial arts were popular, golf was sold out, ballroom dancing had a formidable queue. There was archery and scuba diving. Fresh-water fishing was a possibility. So was riflery. Kathryn Hupfer, a freshman from Chicago, waited in a long line to sign up for bowling. “I'd rather have the time as my own,” she said. “But if I gotta bowl, I gotta bowl.” She's got goals, though: her previous high on the lanes is 110. She's aiming for 150.

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CROSS COUNTRY

MEN (4, 0): Cornell 20, Army 47 • Cornell 15, Niagara 50 • Cornell 29, Columbia 42, Army 61 • Notre Dame Invit., 10th • IC4A Champs., 6th • Reif Memorial Run, non-scor. • Heptagonals, 6th • NCAA Regionals, 5th
WOMEN (5, 0): Cornell 25, Army 32 • Cornell 15, Niagara 50 • Cornell 35, Columbia 56, Yale 59, Army 71 • Notre Dame Invit. 4th • ECAC Champs., 2nd • Reif Memorial Run non-scor. • Heptagonals, 2nd • NCAA Regionals, 6th • NCAA Div. I Champs

FIELD HOCKEY (8, 9)

Cornell 4, Rhode Island 3 • Cornell 2, Sacred Heart 0 • Cornell 0, Princeton 4 • Cornell 2, Colgate 3 • Cornell 2, Kent 4 • Cornell 2, Pennsylvania 1 • Cornell 4, Columbia 3 • Cornell 2, Albany 1 • Cornell 1, Harvard 0 • Cornell 1, Lafayette 3 • Cornell 1, Syracuse 2 • Cornell 1, Dartmouth 5 • Cornell 0, Holy Cross 2 • Cornell 0, Bucknell 2 • Cornell 0, Brown 7 • Cornell 4, Lehigh 0 • Cornell 3, Yale 1

SPRINT FOOTBALL (1, 5)

Cornell 0, Pennsylvania 35 • Cornell 7, Princeton 12 • Cornell 0, Navy 39 • Cornell 19, Princeton 8 • Cornell 0, Pennsylvania 35 • Cornell 0, Army 14

VARSITY FOOTBALL (7, 3)

Cornell 20, Princeton 3 • Cornell 42, Fordham 14 • Cornell 33, Brown 28 • Cornell 24, Harvard 23 • Cornell 16, Colgate 55 • Cornell 17, Dartmouth 20 • Cornell 31, Wagner 14 • Cornell 20, Yale 37 • Cornell 31, Columbia 29 • Cornell 20, Pennsylvania 12

GOLF

Colgate Invit., 18th • Bucknell Invit., 14th • St. Bonaventure Invit., 12th

SOCCER

MEN (11, 6): Cornell 2, Albany 3 • Cornell 0, St. John's 1 • Cornell 3, St. Bonaventure 1 • Cornell 1, Princeton 3 • Cornell 1, Colgate 0 • Cornell 2, Pennsylvania 0 • Cornell 1, Fairleigh Dickinson 0 • Cornell 1, Brown 0 • Cornell 3, Harvard 1 • Cornell 3, Adelphi 1 • Cornell 1, Syracuse 2 • Cornell 2, Dartmouth 1 • Cornell 2, Oneonta 1 • Cornell 0, Hartwick 1 • Cornell 2, Army 1 • Cornell 1, Yale 2 • Cornell 2, Columbia 0
WOMEN (9, 8, 1): Cornell 4, Stony Brook 1 • Cornell 1, Bucknell 1 • Cornell 0, Princeton 4 • Cornell 0, Penn State 1 • Cornell 0, Pennsylvania 1 • Cornell 2, Colgate 1 • Cornell 1, Columbia 0 • Cornell 2, St. Bonaventure 0 • Cornell 0, Harvard 5 • Cornell 2, Vermont 1 • Cornell 2, Army 1 • Cornell 6, St. Francis, PA, 1 • Cornell 0, Dartmouth 4 • Cornell 1, Syracuse 2 • Cornell 1, Brown 0 • Cornell 3, Lafayette 2 • Cornell 0, Yale 5 • Cornell 0, Villanova 2

TENNIS

MEN (1,1): Cornell Fall Outdoor Invit. • Yale Invit. • Cornell 5, St. John's 2 • Cornell 1, Princeton 6 • Cornell Fall Indoor Invit. • West Point Open • ITA Rolex Invit.
WOMEN (1, 2): SUnity Invit. at Syracuse • Cissie Leary Invit. at Penn • Princeton Fall Invit. • Penn State Fall Invit. • Cornell 2, Penn 5 • Cornell 4, James Madison 5 • Cornell 8, Mass. 1 • NYS Champs. • ITA Reg. Champs

VOLLEYBALL (9, 14)

Cornell 3, Towson 0 • Cornell 3, Rider 0 • Cornell 3, Lehigh 2 • Cornell 2, Cal-Irvine 3 • Cornell 0, Brown 3 • Cornell 0, Cal State-Northridge 3 • Cornell 0, Cal State-Fullerton 3 • Cornell 3, Colgate 1 • Cornell 3, Villanova 1 • Cornell 2, St. Peter's 3 • Cornell 0, Harvard 3 • Cornell 3, Dartmouth 2 • Cornell 1, Syracuse 3 • Cornell 0, Brown 3 • Cornell 0, Yale 3 • Cornell 1, Columbia 3 • Cornell 3, Colgate 2 • Cornell 1, Pennsylvania 3 • Cornell 1, Princeton 3 • Cornell 3, Canisius 0 • Cornell 3, Niagara 0 • Cornell 0, Princeton 3 • Cornell 0, Dartmouth 3

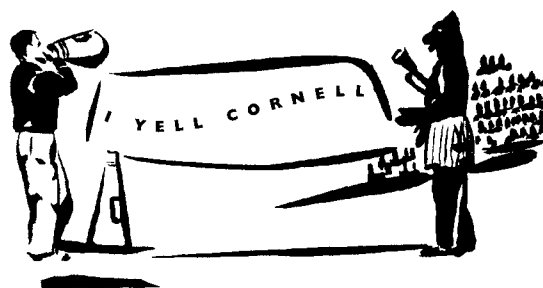
Cornell is wider than at most colleges, judging by the responses Cornell students get when they tell their friends that they're about to spend the afternoon wakeboarding behind the university-owned Chris Craft. "All my friends are jealous," said Eric Verploegen, a shaggy-haired sophomore sitting on the back of the boat as it whips across the lake on a cloudy day in late September. "This is all we did over the summer." Now, squeezed inside a neoprene wetsuit borrowed from East Shore Sailing, he's doing it for class credit. Two other students are in the boat with him; one more is on the water, hanging onto a green rope while mustering the courage to leave the relative safety of the wake spitting out behind the boat.

Marrie Neumer, the water-skiing and wakeboarding instructor (and coach of the women's swim team), is waving her hands at Brooklyn native Carolyn Stein, encouraging her to leave the wake. One hundred feet away, Stein smiles back, but does nothing. A few minutes later she tentatively goes up the wake's ridge, then down the other side. She beams, then tries to nudge her way back to the center. She lets go of the tether, stands up on her skis for a second, and finally falls into the sixty-five-degree water.

Back in the boat, Stein, wet and shivering, is still all smiles. The lake isn't like her everyday grind. "It's a nice change, a very nice change," she says. "It's the most pleasant kind of challenge." To Neumer, what the skiing lacks in cardiovascular exercise it makes up in improved coordination. "It's definitely about learning how to balance your body," she says, adding that she suspects her students have another motive. "I think being outside is the big attraction."

Another lure, Gantert says, is an escape from Cornell's hectic pace. When the department offered its first yoga class, it filled immediately. He offered a second, and it filled, too. Today, there are several classes devoted to stress release, personal growth, personal awareness, and community building. And as far as the whole sport-or-not-sport debate? Jamie Schore '00, fresh off his wakeboard, scoffs at the question. "It gets people doing something," he says. "That's the whole point of phys ed."

— Kenneth Aaron



SHOOTING BLANKS With a 1-0 upset victory over seventeenth-ranked Brown on October 2, the Big Red men's soccer team tied a school record with its fourth straight shutout. Six-foot-five goalkeeper Dan Demaine '00 came just short of recording five straight shutouts for the first time in the program's ninety-one-year history when he allowed a second-half goal to Harvard a week later. The four straight blanks tie the mark set by the 1948 and 1972 Big Red squads.

PASSING FANCY In 112 years of Cornell football, never has a Big Red team conquered the air the way quarterback Ricky Rahne '02 and receiver Joe Splendorio '01 did against Brown on that same October 2. Rahne completed twenty-nine of fifty-eight passes for 443 yards, surpassing the school record of 400 yards held by current assistant coach Bill Lazor '94. Rahne passed for 333 yards in the second half and an amazing 201 yards in the fourth quarter of Cornell's 33-28 comeback victory. With 204 receiving yards on eleven catches, Splendorio broke the old mark of 171 set by Eric Krawczyk '98 in his junior year.

SUN RISING Bryan Colangelo '87 was promoted to president and general manager of the NBA's Phoenix Suns, making him the youngest team president in the league. The former Big Red basketball player, who is the son of Suns Chairman and CEO Jerry Colangelo, is in his fifth year as GM and his twelfth with the team. He also serves as president of Phoenix Arena Sports, overseeing the operation of the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and the Arena Football League's Arizona Rattlers.

SKATER SIGNS Just prior to the start of the 1999-2000 National Hockey League season, Joe Nieuwendyk '88 signed a three-year contract extension with the defending Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars. Nieuwendyk won the Conn Smythe trophy as the Most Valuable Player of the 1999 Stanley Cup Playoffs after tying a league record with six game-winning playoff goals. The four-time NHL All-Star has 426 career goals, ninth among active players.

ROWING HONOR Last September, Dan Roock, Cornell's director of rowing and men's heavyweight crew coach, was named U.S. Rowing's Developmental Coach of the Year. Roock coached the U.S. men's eight to the gold medal at the 1999 Nations Cup, the top international championship for rowers under the age of twenty-three. He has served as a coach for U.S. Rowing for four years.

HORSE SENSE Christopher Mitchell, a member of the national board of directors for the Professional Horseman's Association, has been named head equestrian coach at Cornell. Last year, Mitchell was an instructor at Sacred Heart and Pace universities.

NICE CATCH Justin Bush '00, a 5-foot-7, 147-pound halfback-receiver-kick returner on the Big Red football team, was spotlighted in *USA Today* last fall, but not for his efforts on the gridiron. Working as a lifeguard last July in Seaside Park, New Jersey, Bush rescued two drowning girls, including one who suffered an asthma attack, took water into her lungs, and passed out. He revived her by CPR.

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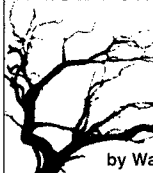


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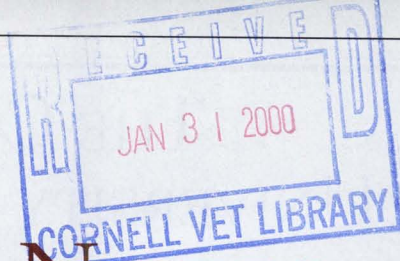
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CLASS NOTES

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Dr. **Edwin L. Harder** writes from Pittsburgh, PA, that he is "still sailing the motor cruiser *Cozy Cub Too*." The last three years have found him cruising in Georgian Bay. The original *Cozy Cub* burned in 1995 and was rebuilt in 1996. A note from the son of **Richard F. Pietsch**, BA '27, relates that Dick is wheelchair bound at Westminster Canterbury in Charlottesville. During lunch in his room one day last September, they listened to an excellent tape of Cornell songs and he sang along. "Though his body is failing, his mind is still excellent. For some reason, red is his favorite color."

R. Whitney Tucker, PhD '29, took a trip to Tuscany in June with his son David and his wife. They stayed in Orvieto for 18 days, making excursions each day to interesting Etruscan places (ruins and museums). He adds, "Don't know whether I'll be able to travel any more in the future." **Beatrice Bayuk** Berg wrote from Huntingdon Valley, PA, that she is still getting around driving. She plays bridge once or twice a week and visited her sister, **Eleanor Bayuk** Green '24, in New York for her birthday. **Agnes Lester** Wade (Indianapolis, IN) had brief but impressive news: "19 great-grandchildren!"

Thanks to **Henry L. Schmeckpeper** (Chester, CT) and **Morris D. Farr** (Pensacola, FL) who sent in forms, although there was no news included. News of you and your activities is always welcome. Please write! ♦ Class of 1926, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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Digging through the pile of News & Dues cards from this past year, I was pleased to find that Dr. **Tom Shaffer**, MD '32, remembered me as a player from back in the days when Tom was a basketball compet. Tom has had a lively career on the faculty of Ohio State's College of Medicine and later on the staff at Columbus Children's Hospital. I wonder if he knows anything useful about aging.

Without pausing to relax after our 70th Reunion, **John Coleman**, JD '32, and wife Julie flew to Anaheim, CA, for the convention of the reserve officers, to see old friends.

Walter Voelker writes that he is looking forward to our 100th Reunion in 2029 (upstairs).

It's autumn now in Ithaca, and the bright-colored leaves are falling on the campus just as they did 75 years ago when we were freshmen. The tower bells, which had been silenced for a

while, ring out again. Some things change, but some things are the same. Hoping to hear from you, as always. ♦ **Don Layton**, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Dear Friends: As I write this **Marian Walbancke** Smith is still unresponsive following a stroke a few weeks ago. We wish her well. I have a message for her from **M. Genevieve Coon** of Sayre, PA, inquiring about reunion. A welcome note from **Don Layton** comments on the success of our reunion. **Jerry Loewenberg**, JD '31, of San Antonio, TX, sent a note also. We wish you well, Jerry, in your upcoming operation. We missed you at reunion.

I had a telephone conversation with **Rosalie Cohen** Gay, who has moved from her home in East Hartford, CT, and is in the Glastonbury Health Center, 1175 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, CT 06033; tel., (860) 657-3163. I know she'd love to hear from you. ♦ **Agnes "Tib" Kelly** Saunders, 106 Spencer Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563; e-mail, tib106@aol.com.

REUNION

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Dear Friends: Some personal news first this time. The **Laytons** enjoyed a visit from daughter **June Layton** and her friend, **Veronica N. Seyd**, both '64. They drove from Seattle in a VW van, stopping for a visit with Ronnie's brother in Minneapolis. They are retired after 27 years at U. of Washington, and are finding free-lancing as temps very easily. At home, we made bread (a lesson for them), cooked and ate adventurously, played canasta, and had some good conversations. The girls roamed the campus, admiring Sage and the recumbent bells, toured local art galleries, and with **Pauline Layton** '70 and Bruce, attended plays. All too soon they departed, and we were glad to have e-mail when they were safely back to Seattle. On the way, they rested again in Minneapolis. They had made a touristy stop at the Crazy Horse Mountain Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota. A model of Crazy Horse, the chief, and his rampant steed stands in line with the work-in-progress, so the viewer can picture what the great sculpture will look like when more of the mountain has been cut away. Korczak Ziolkowski, who worked with Borglum on Mount Rushmore, conceived the idea of horse and rider bursting out of the mountain, and started work on it before his death. The work continues. **Don** '29 and I



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were there when only the Indian's profile showed. June and Ronnie were pleased to stand beside the model, where we had stood 20 years ago! Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse are just two of the many wonders which reward earth-travelers, and which city-hopping fliers never see.

Back to the '30s. **Leah Eber** Kaplan writes that three sons and six grandchildren keep her busy and happy. Two daughters are employed as attorneys in legal offices, enjoying their careers. She says, "My husband died in December 1995. We had 60 happy years together." **Margaret E. Gamble** and **Ger-**



CHRIS HILDRETH / UP

TO RE-EXPERIENCE LYNH RINK MANIA ON THE WEB (AND HEAR THE ORIGINAL COWBELL CHEER), SUGGESTS NEIL COHEN '72.

trude Goldman Tucker sent dues but no news. We hope that Gertrude is happily recovered from injuries of last year.

The Class of '30 extends its most sincere sympathies to Helen "Dolly" Terwillegar and daughters **Roberta Terwillegar** Smith '60, Elaine, and Elizabeth, on the death of **Robert E. Terwillegar '30**, on Sept. 21, the day of his wedding anniversary (69 years). Bob had managed many memorable reunions for our class and his cheerful presence will be much missed.

Anna Matteson Simmons wrote: "My husband, **George M. Simmons '31**,

passed away Nov. 1, '94, after years of illness. He was a wonderful patient, and we were able to celebrate 60 years together. I feel fortunate to have the love and friendship of our wonderful family and many, many friends."

Ione Koller Borsher, BS HE '31, enjoyed the recent articles in *Cornell Magazine* about the toboggan slide and skating on Beebe. Hearing the music from our rooms in Balch was always tempting. Brought back lots of memories for me, too, Ione. She says: "My husband of 58 years passed away in 1992. He was a well-respected physician. Of

our four children, one, **Judith E. Borsher '74**, MBA '81, is a Cornell alumna. Now I enjoy bridge, Scrabble (my favorite), women's club activities, and visits with friends, especially **Louise (Marks)** and **Henry Steuber '31**, BChem '32." (How I love to hear that you classmates are getting together!)

Here's hoping you will ALL respond to your Reunion 2000 mail, and that I'll be seeing you. My best wishes to all for a pleasant and healthful holiday season. ♦ **Joyce Porter** Layton, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.



Sharon L. Detzer '88, director of class programs in the Office of Alumni Affairs (and a good friend of '31's) sent the class presidents, in September 1999, the annual statistical reports and class standings for the fiscal year 1998-99. From about 20 pages of closely packed figures I filter out that 1931, while "not exactly" a leadership class, has nothing to be ashamed of in respect to the number of duespayers and the number of contributors to the Cornell Fund, two important measures of class standing. For the record, our significant figures were: number of matriculants, 1,125; mailable addresses, 159; dues-

ing is the role reversal our children, and even our grandchildren, have been effecting with many of us at this stage of our lives.) Frank goes on to say, "This is a 15-story unit (brand new) with independent, assisted, and nursing facilities. I have a wonderful apartment in the independent living unit. The place is on the shore of Lake Worth, and my balcony looks over The Breakers in Palm Beach. The place is very elegant, sort of like a combination of Versailles with up-dated Waldorf-Astoria amenities. It is operated by the Carmelite nuns, so I will be comfortable here." He also noted that he has two sons and a daughter in the area, so he will be well cared for. Typically, Frank closed with,

full 50 hours, which never happened, I would get \$15. No deduction for Social Security, taxes, unemployment, or anything else. I got what I earned; Uncle Sam and the Queen Mother didn't have their hands in the pay envelope." Apparently things looked up for Whitey by the time he became head man at Lukens Steel.

Robert L. Eddy writes from 17 Owen Ave., Queensbury, NY, which, for those of you not familiar with the geography of northern New York State, is a township in the Adirondack region. Bob and his wife joined a garden club in 1966. This led to the chairmanship of the Queensbury Committee for Community Beautification, which in turn developed into a membership on a County Scenic Roads Commission, a Regional Environmental Council, and a half dozen other efforts in the interest of making our surroundings safer and more attractive. Additional distinctions include the presidency of Glens Falls-Queensbury Historical Assn. and author (and photographer) of books having to do with Queensbury's history and its stock of picturesque homes. ♦ **James W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

"Phil White is hoping 20 years of cross-breeding daylilies and hostas will pay off."

KARL F. SCHMIDT '34

payers, 107; contributors to Cornell Fund, 64. Percentage-wise we did better than our immediate contemporary classes, those classes that were on the Hill while we were (1928 thru 1934), except for 1929 and 1934, which were celebrating reunions; and we were close to their figures, with none of the reunion hoopla. All things considered, not bad for the depths of the Depression class.

Sylvia Weiner, MD, (15 Miamis Rd., W. Hartford, CT 06117), "Syb" in the 1931 *Cornellian*, reports that she has retired from a medical practice that she very much enjoyed. Under the caption Travel she listed "Israel," and under Leisure Activities, "music, charitable organizations, and collecting art, records, and books," and what gives her the pep to do all these things, "exercise."

My files are cluttered and my memory unreliable, but I don't think we have heard recently from **Mabel Lewis** Anderson, MA '37, (262 Sunset Ave., Westhampton Beach, NY 11978), one of 1931's Phi Beta Kappa ornaments. She reports a career that includes dean of professional studies at State U. of NY-Oneonta. Extensive travels: Europe, the Caribbean, Bermuda, Hawaii, and many of the contiguous states. Community activities: trustee of the library, presidency of several organizations, and founder of the East End Retired Teachers Assn. As to her family, she notes that one son, **Robert L. Anderson**, PhD '63, received a doctorate in engineering from Cornell, and the other, Richard, an MA from Oneonta. She is still living in her own home, which accounts for "gardening" being among her other interests.

Our perennial Reunion Chairman **Frank L. O'Brien Jr.** wrote from his Lauderdale home: "Things are changing. My kids have been after me to go into a retirement place, and so, as of Sept. 9, '99 I will move to McKeen Towers, #801, 311 Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33401-5677." (It appears that another of the "changes" Frank is experienc-

"So I'm changing again, but still looking forward to 2001!" Let's all do the same!

Al Yunich, MD '35, (Dr. Albert M., Heritage 222, Guilderland, NY 12084) returned in May 1999 to Albany Medical College to attend the annual professorship lecture named in his honor because of his long and distinguished career there as a professor of gastroenterology. Al's handwriting is like most doctors' (Don't you wonder how the pharmacists get their prescriptions right?), so the following may not be precisely what Al scattered across the 1931 News form, but it's what I read: "December 1998 to April 1999 at Casa de Mar in Boca Raton, FL, a modern(?) retirement complex with good recreational and cultural facilities. Mary and I still prefer independent living, even though we have to support each other. We try to use what we have left, rather than lose it." (The good Dr. dispenses a good prescription for all of us.) ♦ **William M. Vanneman**, Thirwood Pl. #250, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088.



Although I have been putting together these class notes for a good many years, this is my first try at starting a new millennium. It's rather like having a birthday. You don't feel any older than you were yesterday . . . until you start thinking about it. Note that I am side-stepping the question as to whether the 21st century starts Jan. 1, 2000, or a year later. That important decision I leave to mathematical purists.

W. E. "Whitey" Mullestein, looking back to an earlier time, dropped me a note saying: "I was one of the early people who anticipated the arrival of the 4-wheel-drive vehicles. I got a job as a truck driver at 30 cents per hour and got paid only if we worked. Some weeks it rained all week . . . so I got no pay."

"The owner of the rooming house where I stayed would leave a sandwich out so I had something to eat occasionally. If I worked a

As I have received no news for this column, I will write about the job I had during the summer of 1929. As you will recall, work was hard to find at that time. My eldest brother was then a NY State Trooper in the Plattsburg area, and lived in a rooming house in Chazy, a small town about six miles south of the Canadian border. He called to tell me that the two sisters who owned the place were expecting extra boarders during the summer and needed extra help for July and August. The salary was \$2 a week plus room and board. Did I want the job? I certainly did.

I took the night train to Plattsburg. My brother met me, and we arrived at the house just before breakfast time. My bag was put in my room and I was ready for work. The first thing I did was to tip over a glass of orange juice. Fortunately, I was still in the kitchen. From then on all went well. I learned to make toast by putting the slices of bread directly on the top of the iron cook stove, and turning them over at just the right time. All of the cooking was done on that iron coal-burning stove. Naturally, all dishes and cooking utensils were washed, rinsed, and dried by me using two pans of dishwater in the sink, and many towels. The towels were then also rinsed and hung out, by me, to dry. My other work was getting vegetables ready to be cooked and making beds and cleaning the washbowls in every room. The work was not hard, and the people were good to me.

On Sunday, midday dinner was available to townspeople at \$1 each. Food was served family style—platters of chicken, bowls of vegetables, and a choice of pie. One memorable Sunday there were two "seatings," about 50 people. It was nearly supper time when I had finished with the dishes. Although there was no tipping, everyone, including the Sunday people, was very kind to me.

When it was time to leave, the sisters of-

ferred to will the house to me if I would work for them every summer. It was indeed kind of them, and I was complimented.

Please write! ♦ **Martha Travis Houck**, 421 Monroe St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807; tel., (908) 526-7417.

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At this critical moment, your class secretary has received NO news from his classmates.

But the sight of an empty paper encourages me to fill the pages with MY-SELF. If you don't like it, it's your own fault. Send me some news.

Catherine Stinken Horn '36, MS HE '39, and I, **Henry Horn**, have had ten children, now in middle age, all married to their first mates. On our desk is a pile of appeals from colleges to which we went for degrees, and which our children also attended. I thought it would be instructive for me to simply list these colleges and universities in the order in which we became involved with them, going down through our children and then our grandchildren.

Cornell, Muhlenberg, Valparaiso; Cornell; Cornell; Harvard, U. of Washington, Princeton; Harvard, Cornell, Ohio State; Cornell, U. of Massachusetts; Gettysburg, Marywood College; U. of Massachusetts, U. of North Carolina; Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton; Wellesley, Middlebury; Harvard, Colgate; Cornell, U. of Toronto, Dalhousie U. Grandchildren: Northern Illinois; Northern Illinois; Mount Holyoke; Harvard/Radcliffe; Carleton College; Stanford; Arizona State; Arizona State; U. of New Hampshire; U. of Vermont, and ten to come, without listing the spouses. Boy, that's a list that one would have to be in the mid-80s to compile. And so it is!

In self-defense, send news. ♦ **Rev. Henry E. Horn**, 49A Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138; tel., (617) 876-8633.

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Lou Rosenthal, Somers, NY: "Wife Hilda, daughters Bernice and Adella. Hilda and I have visited about 50 countries including the USA. We are volunteers at the Katonah Museum of Art in Westchester County, NY. I serve as docent for exhibitions there. In addition, I conduct a monthly visual art discussion group, am president of our Chamber Music Society, and serve on the boards of the tennis committee and my condominium association." ♦ **Carl G. Allen**, Palos Verdes Estates, CA: "1934-42 IBM. In 1935 I married Jane Marekworth of Columbus, OH; children William and Constance. 1942-45 US Army, ending as director of control, Los Angeles Port of Embarkation. In Los Angeles, 1945-48 president, US Properties Inc., 1948-85 president, Allen Insurance Managers, and 1985-93, president, Allen Insurance Associates. In 1993-99, managing director, Carl Allen Museum Insurance Services. Other interests: Allen South Fork Preserve, Kern River Wildlife Sanctuary, Deep Springs College, CA, and Telluride Assn."

♦ **Edward J. McCabe Jr.**, Delray Beach, FL: "Retired as chairman of the board in 1978, from Grollier Inc., Publishers, New York City. Moved to Delray Beach, spending nine months there and three months in Stamford, NY. My wife, Ethel, after 49-3/4 years of marriage, died in 1989. Am blessed with a son, **Edward O. McCabe '69**, and a daughter, plus eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all living in the New York area."

♦ **Dick Rozelle**, Akron, NY: "After graduating from Cornell I taught agriculture in the Akron, NY, high school for 38 years. In 1937 I married **Mildred (Almstedt) '35**. We were married for 60 years and had two children. Our daughter, Judith, is retiring from teaching this year. Our son, Richard, has been working as a chemical engineer for Dow Chemical for the last 32 years. I retired in 1973. After that, Mildred and I lived in Florida for eight months of the year and in our Akron home for the remaining four months. Mildred passed away in January 1998. A scholarship has been established at Cornell, known as the Dick and Mildred Almstedt Rozelle Scholarship in the colleges of Agriculture and Human Ecology. My daughter joined me for our 65th Reunion."

♦ **Phil White**, Mecklenburg, NY: "Now life member (no dues or fees) in Ithaca Yacht Club, City Club of Ithaca, US Power Squadron, and US Coast Guard Auxiliary (not much gamble on their part when you are 89). Wife, **Nenetzin (Reyna) '35**, ill with Alzheimer's and residing in a home for adults. (*We received word that Mrs. White passed away, and the class extends its sympathy to Phil and his entire family.—Ed.*) I fell this past January and wound up with a vertebra crack. Hope I can get to the reunion. (He did). Still active in the nursery business, hoping 20 years of crossbreeding daylilies and hostas will pay off. A Vietnam veteran, trained in horticulture at Alfred, is running the nursery and doing a great job. Sorry to see my old buddies dropping away. Trust that Y2K posed no problems for anyone." ♦ **Karl F. Schmidt**, 4780 Mt. Rose Way, Roseville, CA 95747-8279; tel., (916) 771-4734.

REUNION

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Happy new millennium and age 87! Do you recall how long ago you began to believe you'd live to see Y2K? Now, how about age 100? Whatever you've been doing, keep it up; it must have been something right!

In the July/August 1999 issue of this magazine is the report on new "legacies." Two of our classmates are listed under the heading "Three Cornell Generations": (1) **Lillian Kopit Slater**, grandparent, **Richard B. Felder '68** and **Deborah (Slater) '69**, parents of **Jeffrey D. Felder '03**; (2) **Irving D. Rosenman**, JD '38, grandparent, **Kenneth D. Rosenman '72**, parent of **Philip D. Rosenman '03**. Three of our classmates are listed under the heading "Grandparents Only": (1) The late **Frederick B. Small**, grandparent of **Alexa B. Fland '03**; (2) The late **Orville J. Sweeting**, PhD '42, grandpar-

ent of **Elizabeth Sweeting '03**; (3) **Arthur H. Dick**, BA '37, grandparent of **Bradley I. Unger '03**.

♦ **Ruth Harder Dugan**, widow of classmate **William D.**, of Hamburg, NY, offered to bring song books to our 65th Reunion. An active retiree, she celebrated her 85th birthday at the Cayuga Lake cottage of her and Bill's son, Dr. **Dirk Dugan '72**. Ruth is a doubles tennis player, and she volunteers as a nature preserve tour guide and also at Red Cross Blood Center. In February 1999 Ruth traveled to South America to visit her daughter in Quito, Ecuador.

♦ **Wilfred R. Kelly** of Middlebury, VT, said his winter plans are uncertain because his wife Beatrice has to dispose of her aunt's mobile home. Her aunt died at age 102 in LaBelle, FL.

♦ **Esther Major Batchelder**, widow of **William P. '34**, of Williamsburg, VA, wrote that she was planning to visit her freshman roommate, **Betty Williams Stavelly**, in Mendocino, CA. Esther had taken an extended cruise of Greece, the Greek Islands, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, and Italy. She volunteers as a mentor in an elementary school, serves on a board of education, and also is an auxiliary hospital member. Nothing daunted, Esther is "trying to master the computer"! Betty says she and Esther talked continuously for two days, resulting in her losing her voice! In June 1998 Betty attended a grandson's wedding in Amherst, MA, where she saw **Kay Merritt Bell '33**, BS Ag '34.

♦ **Joseph A. Romagnola** of Rochester, NY, lost his dear wife of 54 years in October 1998, leaving him with three children and four grandchildren, whom he sees frequently. He visits campus each year and will come to our 65th "if able." He keeps a garden, exercises regularly, and enjoys hiking. **Elinor Robison Washburn** of Rochester, NY, a widow, has three children, one of whom is **Pluma Washburn Kluess '66**, BS Ag '67. Elinor's hobbies include plants, an aquarium, and a computer (ewshb3221@aol.com). Books read with special interest include *Time, Love, Memory* by Jonathon Weiner, which discusses fruit fly behavior and genes, reminding her of her student studies. She keeps in touch with classmate **Ruth Gates Fisher**.

♦ **Stuart A. Child** of Malone, NY, traveled in January 1999 to Costa Rica. He volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and an Alzheimer's group. I hope you're coming to our 65th, Stuart, as you did the 60th. **Bethel M. Caster** of Denton, TX, professor emerita at Texas Women's U., says her traveling days are over. (Hope that doesn't exclude coming to our 65th!) She said that in March she moved "at the right time" to Vintage retirement home with her own furnishings. She enjoys new friends, exercises three times a week, plays bridge, and attends theater.

♦ **Joseph Cohen**, BArch '36, of Albany, GA, said his wife of 39 years died in 1994. He and his present wife, Mildred, were married in 1996 on her 80th birthday. They are both in good health and take a cruise every year. Joe has four children, five stepchildren, five grands, five stepgrands, and three step-great-grand-

children. Quite a family! He hopes to make our 65th. (Bring Mildred, too, Joe!)

Elizabeth Myers Slutz of Cincinnati, OH, enjoyed visiting the Cincinnati bell foundry where the Cornell chimes were being tuned. She joined other alumni, including a contingent from Ithaca, and found the place "fascinating." Betty and her lawyer husband, Leonard, spend summers at his cottage on Lake Michigan and at her cottage on Cayuga Lake (Farley's Point). **Helen Shepherd Galligan**, widow of **William J. '34**, MA '36, of Bradenton, FL, accompanied students to Europe in the '60s. Now, her activities include walking, miniature golf, and bridge. She attends Cornell Club events in Sarasota, FL. Stay tuned, lots more ahead! ♦ **Ed Miller**, 10101 Grosvenor Pl., #1515, Rockville, MD 20852; tel., (301) 530-0454.

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Here is some news that has not yet made it to print. In December 1997 (the 75th anniversary of the Hotel School) we received word from **Benjamin Moore**, who wrote, "The words of Professor Meek are to be remembered in this special year, 'There are many ways in life to earn credits, but earned they must be.'" Ben encourages all of us to remember the Hotel school in our gifts.

Andrew W. McElwee sent his dues from Ithaca, where he lives with wife **Jean Smith Marshall McElwee '39**. **Frances Robb Bowman**, BA '37, sent her dues from Auburn, NY, but no news. **Stanley N. Atwater** of Barker, NY, also contributed to the class coffers but not to the correspondence. Please let us know, Andrew, Frances, and Stanley, what you've each been up to this past year. From Whitefish Bay, WI, **Everett C. Bragg**, MD '40, wrote that his daughter Gladys was married in August 1998 to Thomas Edward Heinlein at the Ashokan Reservoir Fountain, NY. Ev was struck by a stroke two years ago, so his son James Bragg walked Gladys down the aisle.

Elsa Meltzer Bronstein (Mrs. Arthur J.) calls Oakland, CA, home during the winter. She summers in Monterey, MA. Elsa enjoyed reading the September 1996 interview in this magazine with sorority sister **Carolyn Drucker** Goodman, "The Last Time Churches Burned." Elsa writes, "Arthur and I are growing old together, for which we are grateful." Their children live nearby and a grandson, 5, brings delight. "How lucky can we get?" she says. Mrs. Goodman also sent news on her activities. She has completed a documentary on youth activism in the 1990s

called "Hidden Heroes" which is now available with study guides for use in schools and youth groups. In March 1999 she was arrested for civil disobedience while protesting the police killing of Amadou Diallo in New York City.

From Charlotte, NC, **Elizabeth Fessenden** Washburn writes that she traveled to South Carolina for a granddaughter's wedding in March 1998, and in April she attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Triple Cities Hiking Club in Binghamton. "As a 49-year member, I was the oldest," she writes, "by a week." In June 1998 she traveled to Troy, NY, for her 65th high school reunion. "The only other classmate was my best high school friend," she writes. "We were 'out-classed' by one valiant 70-year reuner." In her 1999 update, Elizabeth wrote, "My traveling days are about over. Flying is too undependable, what with delays and cancellations seeming to be the rule rather than the exception, and I refuse to drive on 65-plus mph interstates. I pursue genealogy, collect bird stamps, and add to my father's 1895 stamp album. In between I try to catch up on all the books I never had time to read." She also enjoys family in her area.

Margaret Lloyd Lamb spent a week in Hospice care with acute pancreatitis in 1997. "My husband did not miss a day calling on me," she reports. Their four children and four grandchildren are Cornell alumni. **Gladys Godfrey** Mackay of Oberlin, OH, has been widowed since June 1997. Her husband, James A. MacKay, MD, was to be remembered at the Medical History Museum in the Allen Memorial Medical Library of Case Western Reserve U. Gladys was to be included in the 1999-2000 *Who's Who Among American Women*.

Herbert R. Kling, MS Ag '40, of Fonda, NY, winters in Wauchula, FL. He writes of an "appreciation luncheon" he attended in 1998. It sounds like it was a memorable event. **Ann Sunstein Kheel** (Mrs. **Theodore '35**, JD '37) writes of the new Kheel Center for Labor Management Documentation and Archives in the College of Industrial and Labor Relations. The center was made possible by the Kheels' generosity.

"Don't pooh-pooh airlines' courting senior citizens," writes **Charles E. Gildersleeve** from East Ridge, TN. During 1998 this octogenarian, in addition to the usual two annual visits to San Francisco, enjoyed a week in Southern France (Nice). "And the end is not yet!" **Howard W. Frank** is keeping busy with his computer in Sunnyvale, CA. "Selling 1928-1940 photographs over the Web," he reports. Check it out at www.rfassoc.com/hfrank.

"I am writing a book," reports **Ralph M. Heinicke**, of Louisville, KY. "Does any science major remember the chemistry laboratory experiment in which we consumed 5g of benzoic acid and then isolated hippuric acid from our urine two days later?" **Rocco V. Vittucci**, ME '36, MME '40, reports from Washington, DC, that he's acquired a large size music box. "Really a hurdy gurdy," he writes. "It is currently under repair. We now

have a total of 132 music instruments." ♦ Class of '36, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.



At the 60th Reunion of the Law School Class of '39 last June, '37 classmates **Eleanor Raynor Burns**, **Alex Gossin**, **Sam Groner**, **Alvin Moscovitz**, **Bert Ziff**, and **Joe Mandel**, who was co-chair, all had a wonderful time. Joe is allegedly still practicing law, although that's hard to believe considering his far-flung travels. He and Roz have continued their globe-trotting with visits to Cornwall, Devon, and the Cotswolds in the UK; South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana; Mexico and Belize; the Alpine regions of Italy, Switzerland, and Austria; and have an eye on Portugal and Spain's Costa del Sol. At home he keeps trim on the squash racquets court and confides that "solving the problems of my clients keeps me mentally sharp."

Millard Coggeshall, a recent convert to cybernetics, reports he's having a wonderful time exploring the world of the computer. Son David, director of information services for the Lake County, FL, schools and daughter Carol, an MBA candidate, both had a hand in selecting the requisite machinery and in guiding father during their visits home. Millard was a beekeeper when he moved to Florida and moved into real estate before retiring.

Peter Cantline Jr., our class treasurer and a past president, shows his interest in history as a trustee of the Temple Hill Assn., which supports Revolutionary-period restoration in the Hudson Valley. Pete is also an active YMCA trustee. He and Beth have moved from their Newburgh home of many years to a life-care center in Goshen where they're enjoying life with many new friends. Beth, who was a substitute pianist and organist in their Episcopal church for some 23 years, is happy their apartment is large enough for her grand piano, and she plays for entertainments and after dinner at the center. The Cantlines continue summer visits to the Adirondacks, a tradition of over 50 years. Son Peter, a civil engineer, and daughter Mary, a frequently exhibited artist, both live in upstate New York. Granddaughter Lindsay is a musical eighth grader and a good student, writes grandma.

Congratulations to Dr. **Selig Finkelstein** and Maria Eugenia Misas, who were married in September on a vacation cruise to Alaska. Still practicing dentistry full-time, Selig also teaches hypnosis for the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis.

Clayton Axtell Jr., JD '40, revisited France with **Dan** and Lee **MacBeth** for a month last summer and had a wonderful time seeing the country. Their traveling companions were friends from World War II days, when Clayton was in counterintelligence and his French friends were in the Resistance. Clayton, a partner in a Binghamton law firm, still goes to the office now and then. His hobbies are gardening and politics; he is chairman of the (Republican) judicial committee for the 6th judicial district. Granddaughter **Amanda Stevenson '99** is a fourth-generation Cor-

nellian, and three of Clayton's four children are Cornellians: **Margaret Axtell** Stevenson '66, **Clayton M. Axtell III** '70, JD '73, and **Karen Axtell** Arnold '74.

The chance to see the fabled giant stone heads on remote Easter Island in the South Pacific proved irresistible, so **Clara (Rhodes)** '38 and **Bob Rosevear** signed on for a month-long expedition cruise along the coasts of Chile, Peru, and Ecuador from the southern tip of South America and through the Panama Canal. It was an unforgettable adventure. Back home Bob has returned to the podium as conductor of the DeLand Little Symphony. He's serving a sixth term on the board of the music school at Stetson U. ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd., N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

Helen Clark Halliday, on a visit to Cape May, NJ, enjoyed the ocean, which she claims restores her soul. She is moving to a small apartment in Friendly Center, a Quaker senior complex, a block away from her former house. Photography has been keeping **Willa Belle Percival** active since 1942. She will participate in a retrospective exhibition opening at a Virginia arts foundation in May 2000.

Bridge and travel occupy **Gertrude Rusitzky** Florin, as well as keeping busy with her children and grandchildren, who have studied at Dartmouth, Yale Medical, U. of Michigan, Karolinska Inst. of Stockholm, Sweden, George Washington U., etc. You must have enjoyed roaming around the country visiting with them. I hope to see you next time I travel to Long Boat Key. **Mary Schuster Jaffe's** latest trip was to visit with her son **John Jaffe** '74, PhD '82, who is a physicist with the Pacific Northwest Laboratories in Richland, WA. When at home she is head of a local music group and also a member of a program committee for a shelter workshop.

Glenna Vreeland Wilcox took a delightful trip to Turkey in the spring. Beautiful country, friendly people, and delicious food—she enjoyed it all. The families got together this past summer for the weddings of two grandsons. Otherwise, Glenna is busy with fancy knitting, dancing, and aerobics. **Marion Stevens** Gearreald writes that her son, Tull Jr., built and established prison hospitals for terminally ill inmates in Columbia, SC, and nationwide. **Bertha J. Kotwica**, MS HE '54, had cataract surgery July 1, '99 and is thrilled with the results. She says, "It's wonderful; I can see better and thus can read more." Her favorite activities are reading and gardening. Congratulations and best wishes to **Carl-Eric** '38, CE '39, and **Ludmilla Koshkin Béve**, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 1999.

Here is some news from earlier last year. **Ellen Carnell** Seaburg and Roy continue to enjoy retirement. They had planned a late March 1999 trip to the Greenbrier bunker at the West Virginia resort. The bunker was "built during World War II to shelter U. S. politicians in the event of an attack (the rest of us were to be left to weather the attack, including politicians' families)," she writes. "No one

knew about it 'til recently. Now bus tours are welcome. It is under discussion to convert the space into a gambling casino." Retired dermatologist **Miriam C. Reed** writes from Newtown, PA, that she subscribes to seven magazines and reads two newspapers a day. She also helps at book sales, visits the sick, and knits for the housebound. **Margaret "Tish" Sampson** North has moved to St. Paul, MN, from whence she's traveled to Ireland, St. Vincent, and Key West, where she vacationed last

student (later to blossom as a very well-to-do businessman with great and novel selling magic) grabbed some soap chips and water, and whipped them into the stiffest "meringue" you ever saw; fortunately, by the time the prof got around to tasting the duo's product, he begged off because he'd already fulfilled his appetite's pangs of hunger. Such luck!

George Kaplan figures that 1998 was a great year: he hit 80 (no, not golf score but age) and celebrated his Golden 50th wedding anni-

"Helen Clark Halliday enjoyed the ocean at Cape May, NJ, which she claims restores her soul."

SELMA BLOCK GREEN '37

Christmas. **Jean Bradley** Osborn hoped to spend this past summer at the Ashbery cottage on Cayuga Lake, where they expected visits from children and grandchildren.

Marion Bean Parnell and **Norm, PhD '46**, (Delaware, OH) have children across the country and everywhere in between, providing travel opportunities on both coasts. **June Smingler** Kelly (Valrico, FL) reports three grandchildren and two great-grandsons. **Catherine Mattoon** Martin reports on family accomplishments and activities, adding that she attends meetings for Young in Hearts, Saints Alive, Women's Missionary Circle, church, and Carmel Foundation for Seniors. **Dorothy McCormack** Grady (Mrs. Allan) writes from Bethel, VT, "As with many seniors, I'm collecting and preserving family items and genealogy." She traveled last summer to see granddaughter **Leslie (Kirk)** '92 and **Steven Nicholas** '92 marry. **Flora Daniel** Glass has five children and 15 grands, but reports that only one, **Jennifer G. Glass** '95, a Washington, DC-area lawyer, is a legacy.

Alice Richards Campbell calls Whitehall, IL, home. Allie plays piano and organ, writes, knits, and crochets. Recent travels took her to Long Beach, NC, for her younger sister's golden wedding celebration, a large family event. Allie has been widowed since 1983, and stays involved with Red Cross, the Republican party, and the Methodist Church. "I wish all of my classmates the very best as we are catapulted willy-nilly into the year 2000," she writes. "May many of us be able to travel to Ithaca in 2002." **Marjorie Stoll** Wimer's hobbies include embroidery, needlepoint, and reading. "Last vacation too far back to remember," she adds. ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.



Here's a guess-who item. Heard at the 60th: A '38 Hotelie recalled that in a cooking class the goal was to make a *stiff meringue* pie but the two students working one project just couldn't make the #@&* meringue stiffen. In desperation, one

versary; got an industry association's award for many years as a marketing consultant. **Walt King**'s been severely handicapped by illness for some ten years, but his family says he enjoys having letters from old pals read to him. This column is also considered a treat—good for him!

Count **Harry Lee Smith** as a real booster for the "Courtyards" retirement community where he lives, commenting, "glad to give up being a homeowner." (See your point, Harry, and am aiming at the same lifestyle myself.) **Marsh Hoke**, BA '39, apparently heard good reports on the 60th Reunion. He says he's short on excuses but couldn't make it. **Charles Lounsbury** writes that he's full of fond memories of Cornell, such as Farm and Home Week days, the room full of displays of Cornell-grown apples and the tantalizing aroma therefrom. **George Schempp**, retired 23 years, spends summers in the Cortland-Greek Peak area and winters in Florida.

What else would one expect from our Polo Hall of Famer **Steve Roberts**: Yes, though he says "No more polo. I'm in great shape if you don't go into details," a condition he credits to staying active in alumni life, like being secretary of the Veterinary college alumni group. **Karl "Whitey" Nelson** informs us he's "busy with charitable organizations and local politics with a sharp eye for an indication that Connecticut's winter is over, at least where the golf courses are."

And now the rock-'em-sock-'em story plucked from a fading millennium, an *exclusive* that should mean a Pulitzer Prize, perhaps even a Nobel Prize and at least a brand-new Barbie doll from the **Hugh Troy** '26 Foundation or the Sebela Wehe Inst. Yes, from the very typewriter of our own **Bill "Cadillac" Smith**, the Terror of Big Flats (near Horseheads or the other end): Bill, a man of integrity and probity, intensely truthful, gives the skinny on what's been called "The Big Red Pumpkin Caper." Yes, in an affidavit he reveals that it was *he* who hefted that mysteriously planted prize atop the Libe Tower's tippy-top spire. Also exclusive, when asked *why* he pulled off this historic achievement,

The Right Stuff

DAWN RACHOW BALDEN
SEYMOUR '39

As a child, Dawn Seymour loved to watch the sky. In college, she spent much of her time gliding through it with the university's director of flight research, Dr. Richard Parmenter '17, who piloted planes during World War I. "He gave me my first ride, in a yellow Cub," she recalls.



"There I was in a glorious October sky. I fell in love with the beauty of flight." Parmenter asked her if she'd like to join the new Civilian Pilot Training Program; at the time, she says, "one girl could be accepted for every nine boys."

Seymour earned her private license in 1940. Three years later, she donned a pair of silver wings as a Women's Airforce Service Pilot. Her duties as a WASP included flying B-17s over the Gulf of Mexico while student gunners learned to fire the craft's fifty-caliber machine guns. Had women been allowed in combat, Seymour says, she would have been fully prepared to enter the fray. In July, NASA honored her with an invitation to Cape Canaveral, where she watched Eileen Collins become the first woman to command the space shuttle. Says Seymour: "It's great to be part of a colorful history."

—Dan White '02

Bill explained, "I didn't know what else to do with it!"

In somewhat more mundane news, Bill says he's now out of politics, local and federal, after 24 years in the NY State Senate, and adds, "I get over to the campus only occasionally, but it has grown so much I get lost." ♦ **Fred Hillegas**, Stoneybrook #113, 4700 SW Holyhock Cir., Corvallis, OR 97333-1372.

Many thanks to the friends who heeded my plea for news! Following her recovery from major heart surgery a couple of years ago, **Willie Mazar** Satina, MS HE '47, participated in a wellness program for seniors at Phoenix College in Arizona, and credits it for helping her regain her strength and flexibility. As proof, she sent a wonderful picture taken recently with Cornell Vice-President Inge Reichenbach, who was the principal speaker at a Phoenix dinner party. **Doris Betts** Heckman spent April in England visiting her daughter, who is involved in research at the Neurobiological Institute of the University of London. It was a great opportunity to visit many area sights, as well as Oxford, Cambridge, and the surrounding countryside. More recently, her son and his family have returned from Indonesia, so her grandchildren are experiencing American school life for the first time.

Muriel "Cookie" Cook Thomas, a longtime Idaho resident, fills every season with a variety of activities. For 29 years she's been a volunteer at the county fair, working with the 4-H children, who attend with their animal pets—everything from dogs and snakes to cows and horses. She's active in the local church, and in the winter often carools with friends when driving in the "white-out" areas. Daughter Elizabeth, a professional photographer, and grandson Jack, an amateur painter, are based in the Tetons, and son Charles is in Big Sky, Montana. Other daughter, Susie, husband Steve, and son Justin live in Boulder, CO. ♦ **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. 2nd St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

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Still enjoying the security of their continuing-care facility in Dover, DE, are **Byron Bookhout**, MS '40, and Evelyn. Along with their volunteer work and visiting nearby family, they joined a tour group to Switzerland and thoroughly enjoyed everything except the drizzly weather. Villa living on a golf course, plus perpetual participation in AARP tax preparation for the elderly, SCORE counseling, church work, golf tournaments, a Panama Canal cruise, and a 58th wedding anniversary have kept **Noah Dorius**

and Margaret on the straight and narrow.

Everett Arthur was honored recently by the Oneida County (NY) Bar Assn. for having exceeded 50 years of law practice. A special request has come from **M. Edwin Pesnel** of 58 Commonwealth Dr., Glenmont, NY 12077. Ed is legally blind and an advocate for the blind. If there are any classmates with a visual impairment, please get in touch with him.

Leading an effort to restore the American chestnut to its former glory is our own **Don Whiteman** up in Adams, NY. More information on these trees, which must be planted in pairs to provide cross-pollination, can be obtained from Don. In the fall of 1998 **Harvey McChesney** and his wife took a round-the-world trip by air and sea. Not only was it a great experience, but it proved to be a good recovery mode for Marie Louise, who had earlier undergone serious surgery.

In spite of the traffic problems in Athens, Greece, **John MacDonald** and Peg thoroughly enjoyed their latest tour as they marveled at the ancient ruins of the 13th century BC. This was all before getting back to the task of part-time income tax preparation. A Spanish course in Mexico, entertaining family from Sweden, a 3,000-mile trip through the New England states and Canada, and getting ready for the golf season pretty well sums things up for **John Hull** and Astrid. From **Bob Wilson** came word that he has moved from Florida to New York and will now be able to attend our 60th. Will be great to see you, Bob.

Our sympathy goes out to **Jim White**, PhD '44, whose wife **Ruth (Babcock) '41**, BS HE '42, passed away last April. Jim has planted a tree in her memory just opposite the main entrance to the Plantations at the north-west corner of Caldwell and Plantations Road.

Gene Patterson has just celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary (five weeks that is). The lucky lady comes from Gene's locality in Lake Wales, FL. Prior to his marriage he, with his two daughters, took a Baltic cruise including St. Petersburg. He is now planning a Caribbean cruise with Erin, his new wife. Raising orchids and holding on to a 16 handicap takes up his time when home. From President **John Furman** we learn that **J. Edwin "Ed" and Sue Godfrey** visited them at their home in Maine last summer. Take it from John, they're both good golfers. Home to them, with their dog "Buddy," is in Woodstock, CT.

In the "what's new" category, **Ted Zouck** and Jeanne had a most rewarding trip to Norway last May, traveling overland from Oslo to Bergen. The highlight was a cruise on a small ship from Bergen to North Cape, above the Arctic Circle, returning by plane. Golf, tennis, gardening, and volunteer work keep Ted in shape in spite of cranky knees. Golf, bowling, gardening, and Elderhostels take up the time of **Al Boehlecke** and Loraine since retirement from the NY State Dept. of Health 16 years ago. Their son, **Brian Boehlecke '66**, is a professor of medicine at the U. of North Carolina. After 35 years in education and five in the service, **Lee Frair** can now boast of four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Lee Feltman, JD '41, and **Shirley (Benjamin)** '40 can boast three grandchildren at Cornell, two seniors and a freshman. Among classmates, they see **Bob Michtom** MD '43, and wife Muriel on a regular basis. (*The University received word that Lee died on July 1, 1999.* - Ed.)

After four years of service during World War II, six years as an attorney for the army in Washington, and 28 as an attorney with General Electric, **Doug Philipp**, JD '41, has retired to the Tampa Bay area. Sadly, Doug reports that he lost his wife in 1993, but three sons and six grandchildren in California and Hawaii help keep him in good health.

From **Austin Kiplinger** comes a cordial invitation to drop in on him at his Washington office which is only three blocks from the White House. He said this can be done either before or after you drop in on Bill and Hillary. Kip's schedule stays full with editorial duties, Cornell projects, and efforts on behalf of the Federal City Council, National Symphony Orchestra, and the new City Museum of Washington. In closing, he leaves us with the words of classmate **Dave Pollak**, BA '40, "Cheers and '39 forever."

When not tied up with Rotary, horse-shoes, bowling, and golf, **Alfred Kuchler** donates time to the library board and to doing income taxes and bookkeeping. If you want to see some beautiful, unspoiled countryside, **Everett Moeller** recommends a river boat tour he and Eileen took from Amsterdam to Vienna via the Rhine, Main, and Danube canal. **Frank "Mac" McAleavey** still puts his experience as a member of the Cornell Golf Team to good use wherever he may be. And that used to be in five states other than Wichita, KS, where his architectural business was headquartered. He and Jane celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 1996 with a big family gathering including three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Time marches on for a lot of us!

On the other hand, it's going to take a while for **Russ Hopping**, ME '40, to catch up. His son **Bill Hopping** '69, BS Hotel '70, and Cathy came last Thanksgiving with Alec, their one and only grandson, age 18 months. For six days he entertained the old folks who later collapsed in a heap, but can't wait for his return. In the meantime he and Janet will enjoy a little golf, and traveling to some of the islands off the Georgia coast should help settle their nerves.

Tidbit: Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. ♦ **Russ Martin**, 29 Janivar Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

The report you are reading was written in October, when your news (and dues) had not yet arrived. I am depending on you to fill my mailbox with news to keep me busy all winter.

First a correction: The "Red Storm Rising" crew shell was not a class gift, but a gift from a single anonymous donor, whom we all thank profusely.

Evan and **Gertrude Pasto** Bollinger have moved into Longview at Ithaca, a senior living community on South Hill with a magnificent

view of the lake. Her address is 355 Bella Vista Dr., and it certainly is a "bella vista"!

Eleanor Colden Shear is the sole caregiver for her husband, **Herbert**, DVM '40, and that keeps her very busy. She writes that **Thelma Levine** Block now lives permanently in Ann Arbor, MI, in order to be near the special medical care she requires. Her husband Walter is attached to the medical school faculty.

Madeleine Weil Lowens had recovered well from heart surgery after reunion, but then suffered serious damage from a subsequent fall. Her son asked us to thank all her wonderful friends for their cards and letters and kind words of encouragement.

Evelyn Zimmerman Linowitz and husband **Sol**, JD '38, spent time last summer on a cruise to the British Isles, and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 3.

Helen Frank Sheingorn leads a busy life. She has been a volunteer for Common Cause in Washington for 17 years, and is also an ardent golfer and swimmer. She has traveled on jazz cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska and on an Elderhostel barge canal trip in France. Those of you with like interests can reach her at 3139 Tennyson St., NW, Washington, DC 20015.

Ethel "Piney" Piness Abrams wrote that **Geraldine Bladen** Croner passed away on September 18, after emergency surgery. We send our sympathy to her family.

Remember that we are all interested in what's happening to you, so please write!

♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357.

REUNION

40 Parkinson's disease has claimed the life of **DeWitt Kiligas**, BS AE M '41, husband of **Ruth (Dillenbeck)** '42. He suffered 13 years, but with her care, never let it stop his activities as engineer and vice-president of Vibra-Com, Rotary, Areola Country Club, Ski Club of New Jersey, Silver Bay Christian Conference Center, Lake George, and Cornell Society of Engineers. He served in World War II as a Navy pilot. Late in 1998, **John J. Donoghue**, 820 Harbor, Key Biscayne, FL, lost his wife and "first mate" to Parkinson's. He still sails a 36-foot ketch in his area, and does crewing and race committee work at Key Biscayne Yacht Club. Another case of Parkinson's is that of Clayton Glass, husband of **Dorothy (Angell)**. He is not in a wheelchair, so they can walk better than a mile every day. They enjoy their redwood-lined golf course from the windows at their home in Monte Rio, CA. She gets in some golf in the dry weather.

Now from some not completely retired! **Wally Borker** wrote last year that he planned to retire from practicing law at the end of 1998; no news since! **Jane Hall** Barrett from Springfield, VA, is a lineage researcher for Mayflower Society and Daughters of the American Revolution. **Thressa Campbell** Stadtman, MS '42, from Derwood, MD, is with the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, where she has been doing research on antioxidant activities of a new selenium-containing enzyme. This is a new role for the

dietary essential trace element. Thressa attended a lunch honoring **Ruth Bader** Ginsburg '54. At one time Ruth was a US Circuit Judge in Washington, DC. Need more details. Thressa is serving as president of an international society for vitamins and biofactors, which met in Goslar, Germany, in June 1998.

Sylvia Bresley Millenky, Lakewood, NJ, sent this: "Fifteen years after two careers in education, I became a free-lance journalist, published in dozens of newspapers. I hope my idol, the late Prof. William Sale, would have been pleased with a shy soph who lived for his nod of approval. This ego trip puts the glow on my golden years. Swimming and bridge provide physical and mental exercise." **Jerry Affron**, JD '42, writes from Newburgh that he is still active in the family business, but on a limited basis. He is a trustee emeritus at Mt. St. Mary College and St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh. He sees **Jack Ratzkin**, JD '42, frequently during winter months in Florida. So typical of many in our class are the Cowdens of Brecksville, OH. **Jeanne Robinson Cowden** is still very much involved in church work and greenhouse gardening. **James** is a board member with the Ohio Coastal Resource Management Program and the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Program (RAP), reviewing human health policy issues with the Lake Erie Management Forum. ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, PO Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; new tel., (518) 632-5237.



Stan Weiner reported living seven months in Lenox, MA, and five months in W. Palm Beach, FL. For Stan and Jeannette, life is quite full between granddaughters, Tanglewood concerts, golf, and bridge. Dr. **Seymour Cohen** and wife Shirley said they enjoy good health. "We have five marvelous, bright, astounding grandsons and a beautiful granddaughter, 1 on Mar. 10, '98. We travel from New York to California. Our oldest, son **Norman Cohen** '69, BA '70, is studying for a PhD in computer science. We have been married 54 years. God has been good to us." **Eddie (Burgess)** and **Bart Bartholomew** were kicking up their heels on Friday afternoons at a tea dance. The bands of Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, and Glenn Miller were heard during the previous year. They had seen **Warner Lansing**, PhD '49, and **Lynn Timmerman** '42, and their wives.

Bill Hagar had a cyst removed and is back on the golf course. He stays busy running a 48-member golf league. His wife, Nancy, runs a 24-member ladies league.

Paul and Barbara Spiers stay busy with four daughters, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is active in Sodas, NY, with Rotary, church, and Rochester Geriatric Pilots Assn., World War II. **Roy Ward**, as well as your scribe, live in Richmond, VA. In 1985 he retired as deputy commissioner for the visually handicapped. Roy became blind in 1974 but has continued an active life. He serves on two boards and is active in Kiwanis. He takes daily walks and does aerobics at the

YMCA. We admire his courage in overcoming his handicap. His wife, Mabel, helps.

Frank Schley retired at age 80, as many of us do. He talked to **Bob Kester**, **Jack Ritzenthaler**, MD '44, and **Leonard George Hooper**. Hope to see Bob Kester when he goes through Tennessee. The people of Red River Valley are great and are in no neurotic hurry. It was a pleasure to see my four-year roommate **Lew Birckhead**, BS AE M '42. In our freshman year, just by chance, we were assigned connecting rooms. Our dads were in the same fraternity we joined. Lew was entered in classes in Elderhostel at Virginia Commonwealth U. Anne and I enjoyed showing him around historic Richmond.

Gene and **Marie Lueders Fuerst** married in 1944. Of their six children, three are Cornell graduates: **Gretchen Fuerst** Cutt '73, **Marie Fuerst** Strohminger '74, and **Eugene** '76. Gene retired from Xerox in 1976. In 1983 he was ordained a deacon in a Catholic church. Marie volunteers in a Rochester hospital. **Ray** and **Margaret Wood Simpson**, BS Nurs '43, get together with New York Ag alumni.

Dr. **John Ayer**, a champion marathon canoeist, is still entering races. This past winter he returned to skiing. John went to Algeria, Vietnam, and Honduras, where he helped set up clinics. He found lack of health care, malnutrition, injuries, and other results of strife heartbreaking. At home, John and his wife, Mary, have worked with Hospice. John plans to be at our 60th Reunion, and again plans to bring his Model-T Ford that he took to Cornell in 1937.

Frank Warner's, JD '48, new address is 40 Autumn, Apt. 159, Slingerlands, NY 12159. He moved into a retirement community to cover his wife's poor health. Still goes into office. "Try to appear wise, not always successfully!" **Bill Wade** left Cornell in 1939 to enlist in the Army. He graduated from officer's school, completed 34 years active duty, and rose to the rank of colonel.

Ann Reeves Cope writes, "**Hal** is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's. I live at home but activities and travel are curtailed." **Bill** and **Kathleen Don** continue to enjoy semi-retirement in beautiful Edenton, NC. **Bob** and **Arlene Haase** celebrated their 30th anniversary at Disney World. **Paul Blasko** spent April at his home in Acapulco, Mexico. He enjoyed the view of the Pacific Ocean, fresh fish, and margaritas.

Elton "Stub" Borden spent three months in the travel trailer in Florida, rest of the year on the family farm. They camp out in New England, Canada, and New York State. He sold his sales business and enjoys travel and being errand boy for the family farm. **John Borst** spends summers in Hamilton, NY, and winters in Leesburg, FL. He visited **Robert G. Fowler's** widow, Fran. Together they went to visit Sue **English**. Her husband, **Cal**, is in the Alzheimer's unit at Fleets Landing. Very sad. Keep them in your prayers.

Bob Brunet, **Jeanne Avery** Gervais, and **Charles W.** "Chuck" **Lake** report great news. "For fiscal year ending July 1999, total

gifts paid, \$1,421,871. In addition, another \$1,245,739 of endowment giving has been pledged. We express gratitude to classmates for your continued magnificent support." ♦ **Ralph E. Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. 408, Richmond, VA 23225.

The campus is quiet; Cornell holds no classes on October 11, Columbus Day. Trees were brilliant despite summer's drought. Please note my correction that Theodore Furgol, husband of **Jean Mackie** Furgol, died in February 1984, not 1954 as printed.

Barbara Benson Mansell spent time early in 1999 repairing her home in San Antonio, TX, after flood damage, and also remodeling a garage into a family room/guest suite. She had such a delightful trip with family members to eastern Turkey in August 1998 that she says, "I can't wait to go back."

After two years in a new neighborhood, 142 Brannon Lane, Webster, NY, **Janet Wilbor** Warner and husband Lyle A. are happily settled. She does not indicate if it is a retirement community. They are volunteers in church work and weekly adult day care. She is active in the alumnae association of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and likes the occasional game of bridge. In March the Warners enjoyed a Caribbean cruise. Frequently they see their daughter and son-in-law, who live nearby. They see their son, his wife, and two children from Indianapolis less often.

Elaine Yaxis Reinke, widow of the late **Henry D.** '43, BS Ag '49, is a retired landscape designer who collects and raises orchids. She is the mother of two and has one grandchild. Elaine is a member of the board of visitors, Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center, and is a volunteer for the Salvation Army. In May she went to Greece for Greek Easter observances. She has traveled to Russia and has enjoyed US Elderhostels. Now she has more time to write and "would like to hear from Cornellians." Her address is 33 Stillwater Ave., Massapequa, NY.

Felicia Rog Pfeiffer shares the sad news that her "dear husband of 53 years, Leonard, died Dec. 16, '98 while recovering from aneurysm surgery." She says their seven children have been very supportive. She held a family reunion in Stone Harbor, NJ, early in August with children coming from all over, including Hong Kong. Her address is 27 Buckingham Pl., Glen Rock, NJ 07452.

The Class of '41 women's news I submit to *Cornell Magazine* every other month is written in order of date received at Alumni House or my home. There is a two-month delay between copy deadline and publication. Being used to newspaper deadlines, I find this difficult to deal with. Please keep sending your news.

♦ **Jane W. Acton**, 459 Savage Farm Dr., Kendal at Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-4914; e-mail, 104374.67@compuserve.com.



How about a website for the Class of 1942? Would you folks with computers be interested in getting online with classmates? Visit Cornell's Alumni website:

www.alumni.cornell.edu to learn the requirements to be a Webmaster. Cornell will offer us a free server where we can post our Web page. Please contact me if interested. It would be nice to have it before reunion. Send me your ideas and comments. The following items report a variety of remarkable happenings, with apologies in case some of this is old news. **Joe Hoffman** (White Plains, NY) is still working in chemical sales out of an office closer to home. Joe loves to travel and visited Alaska, Eastern Russia, Siberia, and Lake Baikal on the Trans-Siberian Express. Imagine doing such things.

Ed Callis (Duxbury, MA) misses his work, but not the 40-mile commute. He babysits grands and sees **Al Henderson**, JD '47, (Sun City, AZ) and **Stan Brodhead** (Nokomis, FL). Having taken four cruises, he cries, "More, more!" Hey, think about Big Bands cruises.

Ed Kilbourne, MD '44, (Madison, CT) made the perfect move to Valhalla, moving his virus research lab to NY Medical College. He's excited about his new influenza vaccine, now in clinical testing. He spends winters in the National Insts. of Health in Bethesda as a Fogarty Scholar-in-Residence. He and Joy enjoy fishing and tennis.

You thought none of our 360 coeds had written? **Jean (Fenton)** and **F. Arthur "Art" Potter** (Washington, CT) are into all kinds of unusual things. Jean is going on the CU India trip, while Art is hunting elk with bow and arrow and racing flying pigeons from his home to his son and grand in Buffalo. Time: six hours. They also golf, cross-country ski, and swim. Whatever happened to slowing down?

Francena Lounsbery Miller, MS '49, a retired professor of sociology, specializing in family and women's studies, moved to Columbia, MO. She has traveled to Mexico and Costa Rica and keeps in shape at aerobics classes. **Doris Stone** Hanrahan (Punta Gorda, FL) boasts a new granddaughter whose parents raise and train race horses in Lexington, KY, the home of the Kentucky Derby. **Mildred Haslett Williamson** (Walsenburg, OH) became a widow in 1996, when her husband **Charles**, PhD '49, died. She keeps busy by going birding and taking legal classes. She says no degree, but why not?

Ruth Hyde Cole (Queensbury, NY) has volunteered with the Girl Scouts for 60 years. She has visited the Girl Scout World Center in Cuernavaca, Mexico, as well as England, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy with Cal GS. She also enjoys camping and canoeing.

Another candidate for the most diverse retirement is **Bob McCann**, BS AE '43, (Portland, OR), who is busy as a self-employed profit maker in deals involving heavy-duty trucks, airplanes, and yachts. His Cessna airplane has accumulated many hours as he frequents Ithaca, Palm Springs, CA, Mexican Baja, Cancun, Belize, western Canada, and most recently, Alaska, and across the Bering Sea to Russia. He visits his kids in Seattle and Philadelphia, and also toured the Orient.

Frank Abbott, MPA '49, (Lakewood, CO) retired from, but continues consulting

for, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. In 1993 he was staff director, Regents Committee on Higher Education. This was a blue ribbon committee established to advise the Regents on status and prospects for higher education in New York into the 21st century. Gov. Mario Cuomo and the Committee on Independent Colleges and Universities highly commended the report when presented at the State U. of NY by Victor Riley, CEO of Key Corp.

Richard Quigg (Pueblo, CO) pleases wife Jean by playing a lot of golf. **Bertram King** (Flushing, NY) has retired but volunteers at a subnormal vision clinic. He and Beatrice visited northern Greece, close to Kosovo. He is taking art history at FLA International U., having completed Middle Eastern affairs. He's in shape, as he cycles 12 miles every morning.

Beatrice (Mead) and Alfred Hagedorn '41, BME '47, (Colorado Springs, CO) have provided generously for Cornell in their will, and hope that grandson Charles will continue the traditional family attendance record. **Conrad Engelhardt** (Paget, Bermuda) is into the condo development business. **Richard Wagner** (Pompano Beach, FL) visited a high school friend who lives next door to **Eleanor Bloomfield Scholl '44** (Boynton Beach, FL). Treasurer **Elizabeth Schlam** Eddy (NYC) volunteers, teaching United Nations kids English at PS59. She celebrates mutual birthdays with her stepdaughter, sometimes in London. Liz also enjoys duplicate bridge, swimming, and going on the Big Band cruises, most recently with me on this year's *Queen Elizabeth II*.

Bob Dame (Kailua, HI) called during a recent visit to his kids in Oregon. Thelma Sprague (Maysville, NY) sadly writes of the passing of her husband of 55 years, **Willis Sprague Jr.** He taught math for 25 years at Maysville Central School.

Please continue writing, calling, and e-mailing. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 2933 76th SE #13D, Mercer Island, WA 98040; tel., (206) 232-3092; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com.

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Some "old stuff" cropped up. **Ethel Eastman** Reid writes that her grandfather was a co-founder of the *Cornell Daily Sun*.

A year or so ago, **Bobette Rosenau** Leidner cruised through the Panama Canal on the *Crystal Harmony*. She noted from name tags that a Cornell group was aboard. To her delight, **Aline Snyder** Raisler was traveling with them. Bobette had roomed with her at Cornell, and Aline had attended the Leidners' wedding 52 years ago.

Mary Jo Borntrager Ray visited Germany in October of 1998. (I told you this is "old stuff.") Their oldest daughter lives in London.

Back to the present. Happy to hear from my old friend **Knox Burger**, still alive and kicking. Eventually your notes make it to print, kids, trust me. ♦ **Helene "Hedy" Neutze** Alles, 15 Oak Ridge Dr., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

Richard Tynan sent me a copy of patent #5,906,547 for a golf simulation system he designed. It combines television and computer technology to permit participants to play a highly realistic round from tee to green. It appears in the sketch to be about the size of my

daughter Annabelle, descended on Ithaca: Annabelle—to apply for early admission; Keren—to keep an eye on them both; and three-time Tony-winner Gene—to deliver a series of lectures on his life in the theater up to now. His roles include stage actor (*South Pacific*,

“Dr. Forris Chick is trading tennis shoes for snow boots.”

NANCY TORLINSKI RUNDELL '44

sock drawer: a cart would be redundant. He accompanied this with an S.F.B. Morse-like: "What indeed hath God wrought?" He went on: "Now if I were God, I would wax wroth at being held responsible for all the havoc wrought by these witless wights and wrights feverishly wreaking, writing, and writhing simply to wrest a groatsworth of fame from obdurate Fortune. To raise Auld Hornie Himself, say this sentence backward." Jeez, Dick, I thought it already was backward.

Each Sunday, the *New York Times* runs a major wedding story, three columns by 14 inches, with photographs, life stories of the bride and groom, how they met and like that. Nothing about what the wedding dress was made of, who officiated, or even the names of the parents, and other boilerplate. On July 18 it was Edward Sharon and Jodie Siegel, the granddaughter of **Edy (Newman) and Joe Weinberger '42**, who also boast two fourth-generation Cornellians: **Michael W. '00** and **Alissa E. Tofias '03**. Their other grandfather, and my old old fraternity brother: **Arnold Tofias '44**.

John M. Collins, now retired from dairy farming, writes of the death of wife **Elizabeth "Diddy" (Hopkins) '45**, with whom he brought forth three sons, all Cornell: **David S. '68**, MBA '70, **James E. '70**, MBA '71, and **Scott '73**, BS Ag '79.

Congratulations to all of us, as **Caroline Norfleet** Church takes over vice-presidency of the Class of '43, following in the well-marked footsteps of the late great **Dick Nickerson**.

The **Gordon Jones** family—my crumbling notes read that it was sometime after the war and before yesterday—traveled 'round the world in 60 days. Stops in India, Nepal, and the Himalayas, Hong Kong (to visit son and family), then (with them) to Beijing and rural China, followed by R&R in Hawaii, and home.

You missed it, alas, but last summer **Gene Saks** directed a limited-run play, written and performed by Anne Jackson and Eli Wallach: *Tennessee Williams Remembered*. Today finds him, as director, preparing to bring to Broadway a musical recalling the glory days of the Yiddish theater. There were 20 such in Manhattan's Lower East Side in the 1920s. The title: *It's Great to Be Alive*. Book and lyrics by Avery Corman (*Kramer vs. Kramer*, *Oh God*); score by Cy Coleman (*I Love My Wife*, *Sweet Charity*, *Barnum*); and featuring Alan King. Last fall, Gene, along with wife Keren and

daughter Annabelle, descended on Ithaca: Annabelle—to apply for early admission; Keren—to keep an eye on them both; and three-time Tony-winner Gene—to deliver a series of lectures on his life in the theater up to now. His roles include stage actor (*South Pacific*, *Mr. Roberts*, *The Tenth Man*, *A Thousand Clowns*, et al.), movie actor (*Prisoner of Second Avenue*, *Nobody's Fool*—he played a cancer-riddled, alcoholic, one-legged, small-town Jewish lawyer—some trifecta, what?), movie director (*Brighton Beach*, *Cactus Flower*, *The Odd Couple*, *Barefoot in the Park*, et al.), and stage director (twenty-five Broadway plays, eight of them by Neil Simon, plus *Enter Laughing*, *Same Time Next Year*, *I Love My Wife*, *Mame*, and like that). The Saks entourage was ecstatic about the campus, its populace, the setting, and the red-carpet reception accorded them over the course of their visit. Gene, ever the kamikaze, and under the misapprehension that it would help, had asked earlier that I write **Nancy Hargrave** Meislahn '75, director of admissions. Ever his captive, I did, enclosing Gene's letter and his list of Annabelle's credentials: "Top grades at Nightingale Bramford, varsity soccer, record holder in 440 low hurdles, anchor leg at Penn Relays, pain in the ass." Moral: Never put your child's future in the hands of a man who buys ink by the barrel. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

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Maurice "Pete" Bellis, BA '45, didn't have anything special to contribute to "Tales of '44," but sent this comment on reunion. "It was on the evening of June 12, '99, when all reunion classes gathered in Bailey Hall for 'Cornelliana Night.' In her welcoming remarks **Mary F. Berens '74**, head of alumni affairs, asked that all veterans rise and be recognized. There was a muted gasp from the audience as it seemed that the entire class of '44 rose to its feet. I wasn't surprised. I was proud to be one of them. I will always remember this as being something special."

Some of us claim 55 years of marriage. **Maryellen Severinghaus Bowers** and **Wayne, PhD '43**, celebrated their anniversary Feb. 26, '99. They've been living in Chapel Hill, NC, for 52 years, 50 in the same house. Their children, who live in Ithaca, New Jersey, Alaska, and Chapel Hill, have produced eight grands aged 9 to 29 years. Four weeks after reunion, **Anthony Prasil** and Georgiana (Ithaca College '43) celebrated in Newark, NY, with **Dick Eaton**, BEE '43, and Doris (Ithaca College), their wedding attendants. Both couples were married 55 years ago within one week of each other. Tony gave the

group a tour of the Hoffman Clock Museum, which opened 45 years ago, and where he has been curator for the past ten years. **Greta Wilcox Leighton** and **Paul** '42 celebrated their 55th on December 9 in their new hometown of Tucson, AZ.

Dick Hillman and wife of 50 years honored the anniversary on Maui for a week, and

bridge. **Peter Miller**, MBA '48, wrote about another Floridian, **Dick Wight**: "He's in Ponte Vedra Beach, a published author, and still a very witty guy." After World War II, Dick got his degree from Ohio State and had a very productive communications career at IBM. Cornell friends will remember him for "Casey at the Bat" and other recitations. Oc-

"Dan Belknap is retired and trying to outlive his mother, who is 103."

PETER D. SCHWARZ '47

"with kids and grandkids, champagne brunch for 30 in Northridge, CA (current address), and dinner for remnants of wedding party in Philadelphia." **Bertil Peterson**, JD '49, and **Jean (Ripton)**, JD '49, married 50 years July 30, '99, were honored by the Erie County Bar Assn. for 50 years of practicing law. Two of their eight children are attorneys, one son with the appellate division in Rochester. **Russ Marron** and Ann celebrated their 45th August 7 with all their children and grands at Chatham, Cape Cod. Daughter Judy Williamson and Dick were married 22 years ago August 6.

Several classmates move with the seasons, north to south and back. **Zelda Guttman Damashek** spends two months of winter in Longboat Key, FL, and summer, fall, and spring in Scarsdale, NY. Her children are in San Francisco, Chicago (two grands there), and New York City. She sees Cornell friends **Amy Hall Bronstein**, BA '43, in Sarasota, and **Lenore Kaplan Finkelstein** and **Carol Goldfarb Schreiber** in Florida and New York, all classmate good friends. Carol writes of a similar trek from Great Neck, NY, to Longboat Key, where the group gathers. Dr. **Kenneth McEntee**, DVM '44, lives in Eustis, FL, but spends summers on the shore of Cayuga Lake.

Curt Andrews, BA '47, and Maria are very happy in Florida. They haven't been up North in the five years they've been in Fort Pierce. They do visit a daughter in Denver and Maria's family in Mexico. **Christine Sexauer Simons** and Bill are happy, healthy, and hot in Florida (she wrote in July). **Marion Fear Moon**, happy in Tavernier, FL, bemoans three granddaughters at Skidmore, Harvard, and California Computer School instead of at Cornell carrying on family tradition. Parents are **Susan Heldt** '68, **Henning Heldt** '67, **Michael P. Davis** '69; grandparents Marion Fear Moon and **A. R. Heldt** '41, BA '42; and great-grandfather **Herbert Frear** '13.

Phyllis Lucille Jones-Grey Halifax and then husband **Hugh "Stoney" Grey** '43 moved to Venice, FL, 40 years ago. There they stayed, produced four children, all of whom are college grads, two with master's. After Hugh died, Phyllis married John Halifax. She served nine years as an elected official on the Venice city council, two as vice-mayor. Now, widowed again, she travels and plays

tother 1, Dr. **Forris Chick** and Lynn moved back to Clinton, CT. After ten years of retirement in southwest Florida, they decided they'd had their share of sun and sand, missed the season change, and their "Yankee roots longed for New England." He's trading tennis shoes for snow boots. They hope to visit Ithaca more often and continue traveling.

Californians write. From Santa Rosa, **Gordon Clement**, B Chem E '47, mentions a family reunion at son David's home in Dillon, CO. They all had fun boating on Dillon Reservoir and exploring old mining towns. "Retirement's a blast," writes Gordon. From Los Angeles, **Milton Stolaroff** says that after selling his company in 1990, he worked part-time until January 1998. His latest trip included time in Hong Kong and Bangkok, a cruise from Bangkok to Singapore via Vietnam, and on to Myanmar (formerly Burma). From Hermosa Beach, **David Sisson** claims eight children, 23 grands, and four great-grands, all living nearby and getting together often.

P.S. Cut from last column: **Hilda Lozner** Milton was excited that her granddaughter, **Landrey Milton** '03, had been accepted to Cornell, as were **Dotty (Kay)**, BS HE '43, and **Art Kesten**, BA '49, whose granddaughter **Lauren Coakley** (mother is **Lynn Kesten Coakley** '74) entered the freshman class this fall. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir., #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

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Lawrence Katzman, BA '47, (Watertown, NY) and wife Bobbe are both healthy and active, although "Laddie" says his golf still stinks. He hopes to be the oldest practicing lawyer in New York and is still at it, when not traveling or wintering in Florida. Another healthy, but too-active, '45er is **James Jenks**, BA '48, (Garden City, NY) who took another big spill on the ski slopes after recovering from a broken shoulder bone the year before. Jim thinks he'll stick to sailing but maybe try a bit of frostbiting and take up soaring, because he's tapering off regular flying. He thinks he might try an Allentown, PA, trip to see former roomie **George Nichols**, BA '48, before he quits. You'd think a retired chairman of the board would have more sense!

Speaking of golf, it was good to hear from

Virginia Tedeschi Morales (Greenwich, CT) after many moons. She and husband **Julio**, PhD '45, married after she received an MS from Columbia and moved to Costa Rica, where Julio was a teacher/researcher. Their son, **J. Albert Morales** '73, BA '75, followed his father as an economics major. Jinny and Julio were active consultants and are now enjoying the good life with lots of golf, at Winged Foot (the NYAC course) in Greenwich, and Dorado Beach in the South, when they winter in San Juan, PR.

David, BS CE '44, and **Mary Meter Carter** retired to Ocala, FL, in November 1998 and love the climate and no snow-shoveling. They refuse to come north until August, so will miss reunion (Shame!), but have their 50th jackets to remind them of "you-all." **Maxine Katz Morse** (newly moved to Portsmouth, NH) is stirring up reunion-doings, starting with the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York on January 28-29. She and **Bill Berley**, BS Ag '48, (NYC) have reserved for a '45 prelim-reunion brunch at the Cornell Club on Sunday, January 30 at 11:30. Plan to attend! **Carolyn Worcester** VanDecar (Royal Oak, MI) is happy that her son and his wife, both Air Force physicians, have returned from a four-year tour in England and will be at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH, with the four grandchildren. Her daughter Mary is at Hill AFB, Ogden, UT, with her pilot husband, raising three more grandsons. Carol finds time to do gardening and volunteer work when not traveling about the country (including Hawaii). She feels fortunate to have good health and to be able to do many things. Amen!

Alice Ross McCarthy, BS HE '44, MS HE '47, continues to do many things since starting her own publishing company in 1986, which has published three of her own books. The latest, *Healthy Teens: Success in High School and Beyond*, is in its third printing. Son Walter is chief of vascular surgery at Rush-Presbyterian and Cook County Hospitals (Chicago); daughter **Sharon A. McCarthy**, PhD '87, teaches at Carnegie-Mellon U.; and son William has a PhD in plant breeding, working in Florida. Her other two sons help her in the publishing business. **Elliott**, BCE '44, and **Elaine Smith Feiden** '44 (Mamaroneck, NY) had a grand time in Paris with their two oldest grandchildren, one of whom was Rebecca, daughter of son **Peter Feiden** '75. **Ben Klein** (Miami, FL) is anxious to learn details of the reunion so that he can plan accordingly, and also eagerly awaits his '45 pocket calendar. We trust he's received both by now! If you haven't, contact me and I'll pass on whatever requests you have. Ben also reports that he and wife Martha are enjoying the fruits of retirement and doing volunteer work: teaching, temple activities, traveling, grandchildren, etc.

Olga Weber Irish (Palm City, FL) will be traipsing about Spain and Portugal in June, but hopes to return in time for reunion. When not touring overseas she visits her four children in Colorado, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Our distinguished Admiral, **Roger Milnes**,

BA '44, and **Ann (Shore) '49** are doing lots of traveling, yard work, and "grandchildrening," but have no hesitancy about coming to reunion. Likewise **Ed Cranch**, PhD '51, (Amherst, NH), who is still consulting full-time with universities about "desktop learning," which he thinks will revolutionize the way people learn. As a former dean of Engineering at Cornell and university president, he should know. The only objection I have to his report is that when we asked what he was doing a year ago, he replied, "Ask Prentice Cushing." Just because we were good roomies doesn't mean that I know anything. Come on, Ed! Anyway, his granddaughter is about to get a PhD from Cambridge, so Ed has passed on his brains appropriately. What a guy Cornell inherited from Newark College!

Several classmates have asked why I don't report on my own doings; I suppose it's because they aren't up to the standards we expect. My daughter, who lives nearby, is now manager of the transport team of the Children's Hospital and splits her time between riding ambulances/helicopters/airplanes to rescue one-pound newborns, and purchasing new ambulances. I spend a lot of time commuting to NYC to testify in old fire cases just coming to trial after the lawyers play Ping-Pong for nine years. I am also active in submarine affairs here in the capital of the Navy and am quite busy as chairman of the residents' council at our retirement community (aka old folks' home). I will even add the good news that our grandson is out of jail and about to join the Marines. Can anyone beat that? ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, Cescova@aol.com.

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Oops! **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, my co-class correspondent, discovered an error in my May column. **John Eckerson** did not catch the Princeton game with an Alpha Omega Pi group, but rather with Elinor's sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. John has subsequently reported that he recently returned from Israel and Egypt. His next trip is to England, Scotland, and Wales. We hadn't heard from **Art Samuels**, BA '48, MA '49, **Anthony T. Guzzo**, B Chem E '48, and **Richard E. Ozaroff** in years. All three have sent in updates.

Arthur S. Samuels, MD (stresstc@accesscom.net) is enjoying life in New Orleans, where he runs the stress treatment center. He designs new psychotherapy techniques and keeps a foundation going to abolish violence. His great pleasures are visiting kids and grandkids, sailing, and learning how to jitterbug (again). Art has two books published, one in German, a language he says he barely passed on the Hill. The second is called *Creative Grieving*. A third, *Lust but Don't Leap*, how to avoid affairs and create a soul mate, is on the way. Art keeps in touch with **Marty Myles '48**, **Paul Grimes**, BA '48, and **Dick Swartz** regularly and would love to hear from any of his old cronies.

Tony Guzzo (Huntsville, AL) graduated from ChemE in late summer of '48. He was

hired immediately by Dr. **Lou Welanetz '28** to work on rockets for Thiokol Corp. During his tenure, the company grew from a small facility in Elkton, MD, to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, to a large plant he helped design and build near Brigham City, UT. That is where the space shuttle solid rockets are now made, in the same large casting pits he helped put into the original plant in 1957. Tony retired in 1985 after 36-1/2 years and is very proud of his contributions. He and Elizabeth "Jane" have a son, two daughters, two grandsons, and a granddaughter. Their children graduated from Vanderbilt U. and the U. of Alabama and all live in Alabama.

Dick Ozaroff (West Palm Beach, FL) (R.Ozaroff@adelphia.net) reported recently, "I lost my dear wife Ethel in December 1998." Ethel was Dick's second wife, and she inspired him to return to college for a master's and PhD in finance from NYU at the age of 50. He then worked as an investment manager and associate research director at Value Line for 20 years. Since his retirement, he has been a volunteer teacher of music, film, and Shakespeare at Palm Beach Community College. He has also offered courses in opera and ballet for a Brandeis U. support group.

Robert L. and Betty Warner McMurtree '45, BS HE '44, (Fairfield Glade, TN) returned Mar. 8, '99 from seven weeks in Hawaii. They enjoyed every minute. They were on Maui for a week and Kauai for six weeks and recommend Hawaii to classmates.

We publish class members' e-mail and/or web addresses. Just e-mail your information to my address below. Be sure to include your name and your current city and state of residence. See you on the Hill for our 55th—2001, An Ithacan Odyssey! Send news. **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel, (650) 592-5273; fax, (650) 593-2572; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com.

Welcome 2000. Have you had any Y2K bugs yet? While you are enjoying the fact that you've arrived at the millennium, let me remind you that next year, 2001, is important to '46ers. It is our 55th Reunion. PREPARE NOW TO ATTEND!

More trips too long for last month: **Gordon '44**, B Chem E '47, and **Priscilla Alden Clement** (Santa Rosa, CA) spent an overnight on the *Queen Mary* with **Tom '47**, BS EE '46, and **Betty Alden Talpey '48**, plus **H. Richard "Dick" '47** and **Mary Lou Johnson**. "The Talpeys tried to find their 1951 trip state-room, but it was torn out!" Last spring **Phil Kennedy '47**, MEE '48, and I took a river cruise in Holland to see the tulips and other spring blossoms. An added bonus was the trip through 12 locks, only this time they weren't the hand-manipulated type like the ones on our three English trips in the 1980s. Unfortunately, we're getting too old for that!

Kathleen Smith Mancini (Palm Coast, FL) wrote, "Still doing the real estate thing and looking for classmates and friends who might be traveling I-95, exit 91C. **George Elliott '44**, BS Ag '47, has been visiting Florida for the last few years." **Elizabeth Pearson** Millard

'47, BS HE '46, (Albany, NY) entered Cornell in 1943 but has selected to be affiliated with our class—welcome aboard. She is active with the Capital District Cornell Club, is a volunteer with Planned Parenthood and is a member of the Society of Friends as a peace activist. In 1995 she traveled from Poland to Hiroshima by way of Eastern Europe, India, and the Philippines. She enjoys bowling, sailing, and canoeing. Her five children and 12 grandchildren are scattered from San Diego to New York, including Minnesota, Ohio, and Alabama. ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607.

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Elaine and I just returned from the October Council meeting in Ithaca, where we socialized with our Class President **Herb**

Brinberg and **Blanche, John Ayer and Helen (Allmuth), BS HE '46, W. Barlow Ware, Enid (Levine) and Jerry Alpern '49**, MBA '50, **Margaret Newell Mitchell**, BS HE '46, and **Bill, Shirley "Sy" Yenoff Kingsly**, BS HE '46, and **Sandy, and Charlie (Watson), M ED '58, and Ray Handlan '53**. Of course, we did a little class business and some brainstorming for Reunion 2002, our 55th!

We were very moved and touched at the Friday evening memorial tribute to **Isabel Mayer Berley**. The event, entitled "In Remembrance," was held in the Willard Straight Memorial Room. **Bill '45**, BS Ag '48, and his children, **Richard Berley '75** and **Jan Berley Sublett '78**, spoke, as did Dean **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, Johnson Museum Director Frank Robinson, and President Emeritus Frank Rhodes. Frank concluded his words at 5:59 and asked for a minute of silence, which was followed by a concert of chimes music from the Library Tower. This concert was the first performance on the newly restored bells and included five of Isabel's favorite songs followed by the "Alma Mater" and the "Evening Song."

During the weekend we had the opportunity to meet several of the five Class of 1947 Tradition Fellowship recipients. They are: **John Bradford '02**, ILR, Alexandria, LA; **Helen Chu '01**, Arts, Orange, CA; **Lauren Mann '01**, ILR, Commack, NY; **Scott Weiss '00**, Arts, New Rochelle, NY; and **John Tausel '03**, Ag, Schenectady, NY. Barlow and I, two die-hard Rotarians, enjoyed our conversation with John, who after high school spent a year in Belgium as a Rotary exchange student. These scholarships result from a fellowship fund started at our 50th Reunion. The fund welcomes all contributions.

News from classmates begins with **Dan Belknap**, who is retired and trying to outlive his mother, who is 103. He rides his tricycle along the Sacramento River Trail in Redding, CA. He and **Helen (Kullman) '49**, married 52 years, have six children and 11 grandchildren. Last month we reported that **Jack Samkoff**, BEE '46, and **Naomi (Strumer)** went to Stuttgart to see the total eclipse and, sadly, were rained out. Naomi tells us the good news, that they returned to their hotel room and saw it on TV over Turkey. **Elaine Baker** Temkin of Pawtucket, RI, teaches two days a

week at the Providence Public Library family literacy program. She spent two weeks with **Marjorie Maxwell Glantz** and husband Leon at Westport, MA, celebrating the Glantzes' 50th wedding anniversary. They have traveled to Greece and surrounding islands.

Connie Foley Ferris reports that **Carl** had triple bypass surgery at Washington Hospital Center in early November 1998. His doctor, Paul Corso, was written up in the July 4, '99 *Parade* magazine. The operation was most successful and Carl was back to the farm within a week. However, a fluid buildup around his lungs occurred two months later and complicated his sugar levels. Connie says because of great doctors and hospital in Chestertown, MD, they stayed home in Maryland all winter and spring. Despite all of this, Carl was out and about and working the usual farm projects. They would be happy to have calls from classmates to compare notes: (410) 639-2510 in Maryland and (941) 263-8668 in Florida. We're glad you're well, Carl.

Thanks to my co-writer **Arlie Williamson** Anderson for her expert help with this month's column. Your e-mails and letters are always welcome. Check out our class and other Cornell activities at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>. Our class information can be reached by clicking "Alumni Organizations," then "Classes," followed by "Class of 1947" (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/class/es/1947/>). ♦ **Peter D. Schwarz**, 12 Glen Ellyn Way, Rochester, NY 14618; tel, (716) 244-5684; fax, (716) 244-1373; e-mail, PeterDSchwarz@compuserve.com.



Bill Purcell Jr., Wallingford, PA: "Wife Mary and I spent last August in Sweden, Finland, and Austria." **Leonard Marsak**, PhD '57, Santa Barbara, CA: "While reflecting on the state of the world and contemplating the meaning of life which appears to be a lottery, I recently painted the house and concluded that there is no meaning beyond what we create by our actions. I would rather be sitting at a café in Paris."

Art Behrer, New Bern, NC: "Present day job is mostly golf with some fishing and cleaning up debris after hurricanes. Evenings are for duplicate bridge. Joanne and I adopted a greyhound named Nicole. She's seven years old, former racer, buff color like Bambi, and the sweetest most affectionate sleepy dog you can imagine. Thanks to all those 'doers and shakers' who made last year's 50th Reunion such a great time. We do appreciate all the hours donated by our class organizers. Recently discovered golf dictum: 'The older we get, the better we were!'"

Bill Copeland (our next reunion chairman), Hamilton, OH: "Present day job is executive director of Miami U. Paper Science and Engineering Foundation. Play golf and take my road bike on trips of 40 to 60 miles. Enjoy periodic visits to or from our 13 grandchildren, especially visiting relatives in upstate New York which is God's Country! I'm still savoring great memories of our 50th Reunion and looking forward to 2003."

Bart Holm, Wilmington, DE: "I'm retired and keep busy as a tax consultant for the elderly, on board of trustees for a nursing home, church choirs, and driving for Meals on Wheels. Maryanna thoroughly enjoyed the 50th Reunion, and we're pleased to see so many from the Class of 1923, which means we have five more reunions to look forward to. This last year we went skiing at Lake Tahoe, summered on Lake Champlain, and just returned from a trip to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu. Both are fascinating adventures and well worth a visit. Do these while you are still young because they are rigorous trips."

Richard Orin, New York City: "I'm a tax attorney by day and a student and writer of philosophy by night. Two years ago I was speaking in Maui, HI, on 'psychology of ethical reasoning' and more recently attended an investment seminar in Switzerland. My plans last winter included speaking in Baltimore on 'scholarships and grants,' speaking in Atlanta on 'law of the notary public,' and also speaking in New York City on 'long term care insurance.' Recently celebrated 48th wedding anniversary with Gloria. I attend the gym and health clubs regularly in an attempt to maintain physical and mental youth. Our most pressing problem today is to maintain democracy and freedom in the US, and my proposed solution is to elect congressional representatives for limited tenures of office, defeating 'career' politicians. My most recent discovery and newly acquired knowledge consists of the secrets of the 'federalists' and the wisdom of Madison, Jay, and Hamilton. The meaning of life is 'justice.'"

Greta Adams Wolfe, BS Ag '49, Lake Stevens, WA: "Stayed two weeks in Ithaca last reunion, visiting classmates who live in the area, then took a beautiful garden tour to Scotland in July and August. Plans for tomorrow are 'KOKO—courtesy of Dr. Hal H. MacDaniels—which means 'keep on keeping on.'"

Fred Edmunds, BS Ag '50, Wilsonville, OR: "I'm on the Oregon Assn. of Nurserymen research committee. Our fifth great-grandchild recently arrived. I contributed memorabilia to the Centennial observance of the second Oregon Regiments Service in the Philippines during the Spanish American War. Father was in Company F."

Lou Fisher, MBA '50, Berkeley, CA: "Had a great time seeing old classmates and especially the Phi Psis at reunion. Afterward, Gita and I went bicycling in Switzerland around Lake Constance, which borders Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. It's quite international. Then we went to Swiss Italy (Trenteno) and down the hill to Pavia. I'm still working, but I'm cutting down from five or six days to three or four days. Have some new products I am attempting to develop. If they work, they may greatly affect the present market. One never knows. Went to Tahiti for Christmas (no more North Star, watched the Southern Cross). All grandchildren are behaving. The world's most pressing problems today are ignorance, excess population, and people in sport utility vehicles. Things will get worse. I expect mass starvation in about another 50

years. Year 2000 will be a big celebration and Year 2100 a disaster. Most recent discovery is that if you really look hard you can find a drinkable red wine for under \$8, but they are few and hard to find. The meaning of life is to live it by the day and if you do something dumb or mean, correct it immediately! My advice to a young man starting out today is to plan to go to Russia, where it's a big mess. But out of all that mess will come a great nation. It's really like the US at the end of the 19th century."

Murray Heimberg, MNS '49, Memphis, TN: "As of last November I was still professor of pharmacology and medicine at the U. of Tennessee College of Medicine and chair emeritus of pharmacology. By now I should be retired but am continuing with my clinical interest, patient care in endocrinology and lipid metabolism. Thank the Lord, my wife, I, and children are in good health."

Ruth Rohland Hinrichs, Roslyn Estates, NY: "My day job is welcomer to Trinity Roslyn Cooperative Day School. I also keep active as village historian, Meals on Wheels advisory consultant and volunteer driver, and as a polls inspector at elections. Attended excellent CHANY-AMHNYS (historians) conference in Batavia last year and an even better one in Ithaca. Really enjoyed our 50th Reunion. **Patricia Hayes O'Brien** recently sent a photo of me taken at our graduation 50 years ago. Complete surprise!"

Phyllis Flyer Kavett, Union, NJ: "I'm still professor of mathematics education at Kean U., Union, NJ. Attended NSF conference on statistics education at Bozeman, MT."

Anthony A. Ferrara, BA '46, Valley Stream, NY: "Presently helping daughter and son-in-law renovate recently purchased 50-year-old home. More recently, spent inordinate amount of time trying to convince IRS that error in my 1996 tax was theirs, not mine. PS—I won!"

Marion Cousins Chambers, Greensburg, PA: "Last year at this time I was living in Trumansburg, NY, enjoying life, raising sheep, weaving, spinning, and reading, etc. Then on October 24, I married George Chambers. Now I'm weaving and gardening in Greensburg, PA. We're off to Naples, FL, from November to May." **Hamilton Miller**, Longview, TX: "I'm retired and keep busy making small cars for children in the hospital and for children from the center for the abused." ♦ **Robert W. Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel., (516) 767-1776.



Down to business. The news will be selective, as some of it is hoary. This year's dues letters will be in your mailbox soon. Please respond.

Virginia Miller Hoadley, Largo, FL, built a second condo in Lakeland, so the Hoadleys now summer in Largo and winter in Lakeland, 60 miles away! "Lakeland is closer to our hobby, round dancing, which we do four times a week." Yes, Virginia, there is round dancing! **Alfred Warren**, N. Rose, NY, sees

classmate **Rocco "Rocky" Furfare**, who has a golf course in Shortsville, NY. Al would like to see son Michael attend Cornell but says, "He will have to hit the books." Just like his daddy used to do?

M. Lawrence Bayern and wife **Dorothy (Crawford) '51** split their retirement between Yuma, AZ, and Bozeman, MT. After debating between our reunion and a trip to Alaska, the cruise north won. Larry is still trying to make "another hole-in-one." Keep dreaming; although if **Tom Clements**, Saratoga Springs, NY, could win the '49 **Jack Jaso**, BCE '50, Memorial Trophy at reunion, who knows? **Norman Merz**, Madison, NJ, has been retired from Jersey Power and Light for seven years. Norm and Pat take an annual ski trip in the Rockies. They also managed to fit in Elderhostel travel to Kenya, France, and Austria, as well as river rafting through the Grand Canyon.

Reunion of another kind. **Jane Peterson** Olson, Boulder, CO, and **Virginia Knuth** Murray, Miami, FL, attended the Cornell-New York Hospital 50th reunion in NYC. The class of '49 was the first group of BS nurses in the country. Most returned for a great time but lament that the school has been closed. **Arlene Taub Shockman**, Philadelphia, PA, is retired but considering un-retiring. She is busy with tennis, gym, bridge, and caring for husband **Gerry '46**, BS Ag '47. **Howard F. Smith Jr.**, MS '58, Caledonia, NY, retired from teaching for 40 years, was town assessor for 28 years, and continued singing, from Sage Chapel to his church in Caledonia. He traveled to South Korea and China a year ago.

John Britting, JD '53, Phelps, NY, retired from his law practice after 44 years. John and wife **Florence (Swenk) '52** have a daughter who graduated from Cornell. **Milton "Bill" Herzog** and wife **Carol (Felder) '51**, Columbus, NJ, have an activity-filled retirement life and visit sons **Steve '74**, PhD '81, and **Don '78**. **Ray C. Bump**, N. Abington, MA, is retired and lost his left leg to diabetes, which is "temporarily interfering with his golf game." By this time, he expected to be back on the links. All right, Ray, you get Bayern's hole-in-one! **G. Kenneth Burlingham**, PhD '60, El Paso, TX, missed reunion, as he was in Spain. His present interests are archaeology and trying to keep up with his children. Ken remembers chemical engineering under Prof. Fred H. "Dusty" Rhodes, and says, "It is really a great thing for me that I became a Cornellian." Agreed.

William P. Barber, La Canada, CA, has been happily remarried for three years. "Lots of fun and travel, spending our children's inheritances." That's the spirit! **Claire Essig** Sauer, BS ILR '51, Lyme, CT, is serving her third term in the state legislature as a Democrat representing a heavily Republican district. **Henry Watkins**, Carthage, NY, is a retired high school guidance counselor, an active ski patroller, and is involved in Elderhostel travel. **Carlie Ince Graves**, Boulder, CO, is into babysitting, gardening, and tennis while her husband, **William L. '46**, B Chem E '50, tu-

tors at the local high school and is a volunteer naturalist with the US Parks Department. Carlie says the weather in Colorado is "fabulous." The same could be said for the eight Big Red football players from Colorado. **Robert N. Holzman**, MBA '51, Boynton Beach, FL, visited with classmates **Norman Tinkle** and **Ralph Langsam** in Florida. Dr. **Richard Morrow**, BA '53, Round Rock, TX, won the senior citizen spelling bee in Round Rock

the travel industry!

Cornell Council meeting was attended by members **Jerry Alpern**, MBA '50, **Bob Dean**, **Don Geery**, **Inger Molmen Gilbert**, **Jack Rupert**, JD '57, **Tom Weissenborn**, MBA '50, **Art Wolcott**, and myself. Informative sessions, hard-working committees, and a "'49er Ohaus Hop"-type dance. Wonder where they got that inspiration? The chimes are back in McGraw Tower and gloriously

"Dr. Richard Morrow won the senior citizen spelling bee in Round Rock, TX, for the fifth time."

DICK KEEGAN '49

for the fifth time and was slated for the Texas state competition. He and wife Helen were in London attending *Julius Caesar* at the Globe Theater during reunion. *Et tu, Richard?*

Thomas Cohill, Amityville, NY, is "pursuing the good things in life" and traveling to Spain in the spring and France in late fall for a month, in the same house he has rented for four years. **Howard Deutch**, BEE '50, and wife **Kay (Polachek)**, Fayetteville, NY, write: "Retired for ten years. Travel the world, from Turkey to Australia." **Mary Finn** Hauser, Mt. Pleasant, NJ, planned a trip on the "rivers of Europe" with husband Frank.

William Feinberg, Ocean, NJ, reports that his family roster includes 23 Cornellians from the Class of '04 (that's 1904) to date! No wonder he is a valuable volunteer, from fundraising to the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) for over 30 years, while working full-time. Bill also writes for outdoor magazines and serves on the boards of environmental and charitable organizations. An avid fisherman, his hobby has taken him to Tahiti, the Arctic, Caribbean islands, Florida Keys, and Ireland. In his words, "My dearly beloved Joan is a full-time accountant and an excellent fisher!"

Richard Dietz, Chadds Ford, PA, is busy and successful in his free-lance writing career, having written a large portion of Roy Marcot's *Remington, America's Oldest Gunmaker*, published in late 1998. Dick has returned to competitive skeet-shooting in the veteran's class. Dick, why am I messing up this column when there is an expert on hand? Want to take over? Or is that stretching fraternal bonds beyond the limit?

Obtuse observation at graduation: The famed class ratio was 3.14 males to one female. By Reunion '99, the ratio was 2.78 to one. Dean Lucille Allen told the women to "be choosy." Maybe so, but you have to be impressed with the number of Cornell couples in the class. The men chose well. There are 20 "Smiths" who are still active class members. Happy 50th wedding anniversary wishes to **Howard F. Smith Jr.**, **Tom Cohill**, **Mary Finn** Hauser, and **Joan Feistel** Griffs. The way you all roam this world, you must be the delight of

hailed the incredible victory over Harvard. The '49 class bell (and two sponsored by individual '49ers) soothed the fragile nerves in a game that came down to the last play, 24 to 23! Although the students were on fall break, those remaining filled the Crescent, never folded when the Big Red was in dire straits, and loudly exhorted the team to victory! **Jack Gilbert** and Inger volunteered to serve again as co-reunion chairs for our 55th. I clamped them in irons immediately! Holders of the Class of 1949 scholarships are **Tafoi Kammaro '02** and **John Kenny '02**.

Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; fax, (203) 869-8907.

REUNION

50 Wow. The first column for the new millennium! There are less than six months to our big reunion. I hope you have sent your reservations. A wonderful program is planned for us. We received news of the recent marriage of **William Helman**, MBA '54, to Susan Early on May 7, '99. The bride was a widow, William a widower. They reside in Darien, CT. It is always wonderful to hear about a chance for a second happy marriage.

More classmates report that they continue in full-time employment roles. **Larry Greenapple**, JD '52, New York City, practices law with the national firm Cox, Buchanan, Padmore, and Shakarchy. Larry and wife Emily spend much of their time at their vacation home in Pittsfield, MA. They send word that classmates are welcome to visit. **Ann Ellis** Reynolds, M ED '53, Boston, MA, is on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School and the Boston U. medical school as a psychologist. She is also in the child adolescent psychiatry department at Boston Medical Center. **Elizabeth Alexander** Weis, Wilmington, NC, works full-time as an elder law and estate planning attorney. All eight children have now completed college. **Lorraine Vogel** Klerman has been on sabbatical leave, having spent six years building a maternal and child health department at the School of Public Health, U. of Alabama, Birmingham. She has spent this time

working and taking courses in Boston, MA, Boulder, CO, and Los Angeles, CA, where she was also able to visit with her children and friends.

One of our many distinguished classmates, **Glenn Ferguson**, MBA '51, has recently published a book, *Unconventional Wisdom: A Primer of Provocative Aphorisms*. Glenn served as US Ambassador to Kenya and as president of four universities. He was the first Peace Corps director in Thailand. Glenn says in his preface, "Americans need to make fun of themselves. Life is too important to approach it without a

Duffey '89. George retired from Niagara Mohawk in 1998 and from consulting in 1996. Now they both keep busy traveling (mostly visiting friends and relatives), gardening, growing a few trees, tennis, and hiking. They will be at reunion. **Jim**, BME '51, and **Sally Gumaer Loughead**, Philadelphia, PA, have been spending six months of the year in Maui, HI, for the past ten years and say they love visitors from the mainland. Sally has had some health problems, and we wish her well. **Marge Maddy** Croop and husband Ray, Cincinnati, OH, recently took a Mediterra-

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Happy New Millennium! Remember: 50th Reunion June 2001—Recollect and Reconnect. A '51 Class

Council meeting was held Oct. 9, '99 in Ithaca. Attending were **Shelly Epstein** Akabas, **Mabel "Mibs" Martin** Follett, **Robert J. "Rip" Haley**, **Jack**, BME '52, and **Betty Meng Howell**, **Bill Kay**, **Jane Haskins** Marcham, **Bob Matyas**, BArch '52, **Chuck Mund**, **Bill Phillips**, and **Jim Stocker**. Rip Haley resigned as class president for personal reasons. The Council voted to accept, with regret, Rip's resignation and to ask Vice-President **Margaret "Pepper" Dutcher** Fluke to assume the presidency to complete Rip's term of office in accordance with the class by-laws. Pepper's membership efforts as vice-president have succeeded in raising the number of dues-paying classmates to 481, exceeding the goal by 31 members. The Class Council also discussed plans to break records in fund-raising and reunion attendance.

Harry Merker, Palm Springs, CA, reports that his good friend **William Toleman** died Aug. 14, '99. Bill was a retired ag agent for Cooperative Extension in Saratoga County, NY. **Henry S. Alford**, Louisville, KY, has retired from Kroger Co., and he is also a retired colonel, US Army. His hobbies include jogging. **Robert Giebitz** and wife Marjorie have sold their farm in Portales, NM. He says, "The sale of our farm and most of our possessions at auction was a shaking experience, but we lived through it." They are touring the country in their RV. They plan to settle in Crossville, TN, and write a book on the historical and geological significance of the Allegheny Plateau. **Bob Cornetti** is retired in Helsingor, Denmark. He was in Aspen, CO, in February to celebrate his 70th birthday with his three children and seven grandchildren. His hobbies are golf-golf-golf. Bob took a two-week golf holiday on the French Riviera. He is planning to be at our 50th Reunion in June 2001. **Alfred Blumstein**, PhD '60, a professor at Carnegie Mellon U. in Pittsburgh, PA, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering. **Jacqueline Goldberg** Eisenberg is retired in Windsor, Ont., Canada. She is an active Hadassah member, and she travels to Toronto and Hamilton to visit children and grandchildren.

Bill Herr, PhD '54, Carbondale, IL, has retired from Southern Illinois U. He does volunteer work at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge and has traveled to China and Australia. Bill enjoys hiking, tennis, and collecting Australian stamps. **Mary Osborn** Gallwey, PhD '58, is retired in Pullman, WA. She is on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, also on the ACLU Pullman chapter board and is key communicator for the Pullman school district. She is co-editing the third edition of *Reading About the World*, a two-volume anthology of literature from all major world civilizations. **Phyllis Fein** Bobrow reports from White

"Sue Pickwick Ray was honored in July by the LA Dodgers in a ceremony at Dodger Stadium as a 'Hometown Hero.'"

JACK & BETTY MENG HOWELL '51

semblance of wit." Glenn and I served as directors of Freshman Camp in our junior year at Cornell, when genders had to be segregated. Glenn and his wife, Patricia, live in Santa Fe, NM. Another of our outstanding classmates, **Richard Silver**, MD '53, writes that he hasn't used the "R" word for retirement yet. He is continuing in research and practice. He was awarded the first Catherine Pasmantier Award for outstanding accomplishment and distinguished service to clinical medicine and medical oncology by the New York cancer society and the fund for blood and cancer research, in New York on June 3, '99. We are all deeply grateful for your continued research, Richard.

Betty Parsons Kirchner, State College, PA, visited a son in Zimbabwe last year and another son in Berkeley, CA, where he teaches. Others of our class have traveled with Adult University (CAU). **Gardner Ertman**, BArch '51, and wife Mary Jane, Wellesley Hills, MA, enjoyed the Greece, Rome, and America program at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville, VA, in the fall of 1998. Last spring they enrolled in the theater weekend, April in New York. **Peter Metz** and wife Ruth, Mountaintop, NJ, along with **Judy (Goldstone)** and husband **Marc Joseph**, JD '50, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, participated in the weekend seminar at Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY, in the fall of 1998. **Henry Morris** and wife Roberta, Ovid, NY, attended the ornithology weekend at Assateague Island, VA. In 1999, **Jeanne Hadley** Brandis, Houston, TX, enjoyed a Cornell program in Germany. **Wilson Greatbatch** and wife Eleanor, Akron, NY, **Marjorie Leigh** Hart, BChE '51, and husband Gurnee, NYC, **Jack Richard**, MD '53, and wife Elaine, also of New York, **Daniel and Betty Rosenberger Roberts**, Stamford, CT, and **John and Carol McMillan Lawes**, Kennett Square, PA, enjoyed a tour and cruise to study the nature and civilization of the ancient Mediterranean.

Late news: **George and Beverly Collins Adams** tell us they have a new grandchild, Elizabeth Sage. Mom is **Connie Adams**

nean cruise. They loved their first one so much, a few years ago, that they have repeated it. They also visited **Marilyn Manley** Smith, Sarasota, FL, in the winter of 1999 while vacationing in the warm climate. **Ellen Thomas** Phillips, La Mesa, CA, continues to enjoy creating art in public places. "Six of us are creating art for the children's hospital oncology gardens in San Diego. When you create art for kids you can go crazy with color and pattern." In other activities she creates art for a local bridge still under construction and birds for the bird streets in San Diego. Ellen says, "I travel whenever I can rub two nickels together and squeeze in the time." Last spring she and her husband enjoyed an archeological Elderhostel trip to Israel/Jordan. They were planning to welcome the millennium in Patagonia, and will be trekking into northern Pakistan this summer. **Pat Carry Stewart**, Gulf Stream, FL, retired in 1992 after 18 years as financial and administrative officer of a large charitable foundation. "Last year I reached the mandatory retirement age for my corporate boards. It was all challenging and fun, but it is nice to be able to enjoy retirement." She is now involved in local charities and civic organizations. Pat and husband **Chuck** '40 spend seven to eight months in Florida and four to five months at their little cottage in Scotland. There are 12 golf courses within 15 minutes of their house. For you golfers, they welcome visitors! Travel has included trips around the Baltic Sea, Istanbul, and the Black Sea (including incredible Rumanian painted monasteries), and China and the Yangtze River gorges.

Jo Kessel Buyske has been working with a team to give us a website for late news about our class: www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1950. Check it out. Reminder: Mini-reunion and class dinner Sat., January 29, 6:30 p.m., cash bar. Dinner is \$57 per person and includes gratuity and tax. Send check payable to "Cornell Club—New York" to the club at 6 E. 44th St., NYC 10017. Mark your check '50 dinner, grilled salmon or prime rib. ♦ **Ruth "Midge" Downey** Kreitz, 3811 Hunt

Plains, NY, that she visited her daughter, **Joanne Bobrow Schoelkopf '76**, in Winter Park, FL. On the return trip, she stopped to see friends in Savannah, Williamsburg, and Baltimore. She enjoys gardening and theater. **Alan Bubier**, Annapolis, MD, is retired from the federal government. In February 1999 he did a three-week safari to Kenya and Tanzania. **Nancy Hinner Heller**, Eastham, MA, on Cape Cod, volunteers at the Eastham historical commission. She took a road trip to Arizona, returning by way of Miami and up the East Coast.

Some Class of '51 members celebrated 51 years of friendship at their annual reunion, held in September in Williamsburg, VA. Attending were **Caroline Cooper** Buckley, **Charlotte Williams** Conable, **Joan Ruby Hanpeter**, **Myra DeVoe Linde**, **Helen Malti Oliver**, **Sue Pickwick Ray**, and **Sally Morrow Robinson**. **Pat Peck** Beck, a recent transplant from NY State to Virginia, joined the festivities. Sue Ray was honored in July by the Los Angeles Dodgers in a ceremony at Dodger Stadium as a "Hometown Hero," for her 23 years of leadership at a preschool program for disabled children. **Bill Phillips**, Old Saybrook, CT, is chairman emeritus of Outward Bound International and Cornell trustee emeritus. He is chairman of Planned Giving committees at Cornell, Outward Bound, Florence Griswold Museum, International Tennis Hall of Fame, and Explorers Club. He attended the Australian Open Tennis Tournament in February 1999 and went trekking in Nepal-Tibet in May. A gathering of '51 class members on Cape Cod last August included **Jack** and **Marybeth Weaver Ostrom**, **Louise Squire** Bishop, **Betty Grimm** Hague, **Kitty Welch** Munn and husband Dev, Jack and Betty Howell, and **William W. Myers '49** and wife Jane.

W. Bradford and **Bardee Stirland Bond** keep busy in Marietta, OH. Brad is a guide at River Museum, edits Canal Society of Ohio history quarterly, and acts as an outdoor guide for first to fifth graders. Bardee is co-president of her local League of Women Voters, plays viola da gamba, and enjoys doing needlepoint. **James S. Bowers** of Newtown, PA, is essentially retired but does some general management consulting. He is district director for Rotary, which involves 46 clubs. Jim and wife Nancy have been on two 16-day cruises, both of which they found interesting and informative. First, a round-trip cruise on the *Queen Elizabeth II* from NYC to Quebec via the Maritimes, and second, through the Panama Canal, stopping at South and Central American ports and ending in San Francisco. He adds: "With all of this, my good wife gave me a gala birthday party for my 70th at the Nassau Club (despite Princeton!)." **Simon L. Dingfelder** reports he has moved from Dade City, FL, to Brooksville, FL. **Sam Hochberger**, Tenafly, NJ, is a part-time adjunct professor at the grad school of civil engineering, Stevens Inst. of Technology. He also serves on an arbitrator-construction panel, American Arbitration Assn., and as a member of Tenafly Planning Board. He competes in

the US Tennis Assn. Super Senior Tennis Tournaments Eastern Section and is ranked in both singles and doubles. Bob Matyas, Ithaca, NY, is designer and contractor for a new home on the east shore of Cayuga Lake. He attended an Elderhostel in Williamsburg, VA, and visited **Bob Mann '53**, BS LP '54, BArch '57, and wife Ann, who have retired there. Keep in touch. ♦ **Jack** and **Betty Meng Howell**, 289 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150-8563; e-mail, jack-howell@msn.com.



Many thanks to all of you who sent us your questionnaires in envelopes that you had to address yourselves this year. If you included your questionnaires with your dues and subscription statement, it will be sent on to us. If you didn't return your questionnaires at all, please send us a note or e-mail to let your classmates know what you are up to—trips, prizes, volunteer work, retirement (about time!), etc.

As of a year ago, **Edward Wilkens** was still working as a branch manager for the US Food and Drug Administration. **James H. Ward** was continuing as owner/president of a computer system management company in late 1997. **E. Whitney Mitchell** was still a realtor and fishing guide in Stuart, FL, last year, and **Robert Bull** was director of the Maine Coalition for Safe Kids, having relocated in 1973 to the mountains of western Maine. He appreciates the lifestyle there, a good place for his teenage children. Dr. **Sid**, MD '56, and **Phebe Vandervort Goldstein** welcomed their first grandchild last June. They still travel frequently, most recently to Pakistan. **Barbara Schlang** Sonnenfeldt works part-time as director of public relations for the Helen Keller National Center in Sands Point, NY. Barbara and husband Richard sailed along the Portuguese coast in their 45-foot sloop, and last Easter traveled to Paris and Venice with two of their thirteen grandchildren.

Jim and **Jewelle Gibbs** had a great trip to Nepal, Singapore, and India, where they celebrated Jewelle's birthday at the Taj Mahal! More recently they spent two weeks in South Africa, finding the people upbeat after June's elections. **Shirley Sagen** Norton's travels include Kenya (where the animals and scenery were special), Paris, and California to visit son **Bruce Norton '77** and two grandchildren. **E. Susan Youker** Schlaepfer volunteers in Ithaca schools when she isn't traveling. Recent destinations have included Turkey and Greece, Germany, Czech Republic, and Switzerland, also the Canary Islands and Spain. **Elaine Rose** Ruderman volunteers with organizations in St. Paul, MN, where she enjoys tennis, swimming, music, and theater. Recent trips have been to Spain, Italy, and Paris, with a memorable one to Israel, Egypt, and Jordan, which included a month of volunteer work in Israel. **James Tate**, MBA '54, is enjoying retirement in New London, NH, where he plays golf, but like most respondents, does not divulge his score.

In Charlottesville, VA, **Robert Ellison** volunteers with hospice, missions, and church.

He enjoys barbershop singing and piano/key-board and mentioned a trip to France, which included Brittany and a candlelight procession of 10,000 in Lourdes. Another traveler to France is **Cliff Parke** of Shaker Heights, OH, who particularly enjoyed Provence. He is a part-time consultant in private club operations. He also golfs, gardens, and skis. **Bill Recht**, JD '54, is retired at Long Boat Key, FL, where he enjoys tennis, golf, and cycling. He volunteers at the Mote Marine Laboratory and recommends Tauch Tours. **Robert B. Hardy**, JD '54, MBA '65, is retired in Ithaca, NY, and has enjoyed trips to his daughter's wedding in Wisconsin and to visit his son in Buffalo, NY. **Jeremy Judge** and wife Margot have retired to Roxbury, CT, where they have spent weekends and vacations for many years. Jeremy keeps busy painting watercolors, maintaining a 200-year-old house, and volunteering in church and community. The Judges have enjoyed travels to widespread destinations, including several trips with Adult University (CAU).

Bill Kirk in Atherton, CA, is enjoying retirement, gardening, golf, and travel, most recently to Big Bend National Park, Yosemite, and Scotland. **Alan Sokolski**, B Chem E '53, retired from the Air Force Reserve as a full colonel. He and wife **Carol (Stitt) '54**, BA '55, have been taking annual overseas trips, some with Maupintour and the Smithsonian. Poland was a favorite. **Robert Lamb** in Terre Haute, IN, continues to appreciate retirement after 34 years as an academic librarian. He volunteers at a used book store and enjoys opera, gardening, and swimming. Robert has suggested some ideas for class regional activities. If any of you have ideas after mailing your questionnaire, please send them to any of the class officers or e-mail them to us. **Dick Groos**, BME '53, in Hastings, MI, volunteers with the United Way and Community Foundation and enjoyed cross-country skiing with grandchildren above the Arctic Circle in Finland. **Robert '53**, B Chem E '54, and **Marylou Bussing Morrow** relocated to Maryland's eastern shore in 1993 after 23 years in Houston, TX. They are appreciating the slower pace of life and the beaches. Marylou volunteers with the Alternatives to Violence Project and Conflict Resolution Center. A favorite trip was 11,000 miles through Alaska in a small RV.

Robert "Bob" Jensen continues to cope with 32 years of MS in Westfield, NY, enjoying trips with wife Kathryn "Dee" to visit his son, **Russell C. Jensen '82**, and family in Costa Rica. Also coping is **Cynthia Smith** Ayers who spent over five months in the hospital last year with a recurrence of giant cell arteritis. Congratulations to **John Brennan**, DVM '52, for receiving the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. ♦ **Bob** and **Jeanne Irish Lewis**, 34 Hickory Ridge Rd., Rochester, NY 14625; tel., (716) 381-6370; e-mail, lewroch@aol.com.



If you can read this, we have somehow found our way to AD 2000 without calamity and are one year closer to our 50th Reunion. The millennial crossing was

probably much less cataclysmic for the football-watchers among us than, say, Kazmaier Day, 1951 (Princeton '53, Cornell '15, remember?). **Andy Campbell**, BA '58, a cheerperson on that distant Halloween, says he recalls an orange-and-black blur of Tigers whizzing past him on the sidelines. There was a certain amount of getting even (20-3) at Old Nassau this time, and Andy was there for it. Other '53s viewed at various ranges that opening day of 1999: **Bob Mann**, BS LP '54, BArch '57, **Bill Welch**, BS Hotel '54, **Bill Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59. The following weekend, at Schoellkopf, the undefeated 1939 team and the Lefty James Boys of 1948-49-50 held small reunions. **Dick Cliggott** represented '53. The current crew rammed Fordham, 42-14. A small '53 contingent went to Providence and were rewarded with a memorable come-from-(28-7)-behind besting of Brown (33-28). Many more were visible in Ithaca the next week for an even-more frenetic finale, a last-half-minute harpooning (24-23) of fiercely fighting Harvard on Trustee-Council Weekend. Many participated in the vast range of activities Mater laid on for the returnees. For instance, Bill Bellamy chaired a Council committee (athletics). So did Bob Mann (environment).

Some say that in these golden leisure years they can only tell you what day it is when they notice that the funny papers are in color. (Although some rags don't have comics, and others print them in color on other days, it is true.) Others say the high point of a retirement day is when the mail comes.

Quite a few of us remain gainfully employed. **K. Leo Buxbaum** (Whittier, CA), for instance, is still practicing gastroenterology. (There are two sons in college.) **Fred Bettelheim** (Woodbury, NY) says he's working on the sixth edition of his textbook, *Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry*, besides continuing his research on cataract formation. He lectured at an international conference on eye research in Paris in 1998 and has time for recreational travel, tennis, racquetball, and bridge. **Herb Neuman** (New York City) visited Moscow last year for a conference with Russian university students studying Jewish civilization. Wife Stephanie at last look remained on the faculty at Columbia, specializing in security studies. **Allan Vesley** has put behind careers at Sperry & Hutchinson and the NYC Dept. of Finance and moved to the environs of Chapel Hill, NC. **Chuck West**, MBA '56, (Carolina Beach, NC) reports, "I have no career and love it." But he does travel, make family visits, do volunteer work, and sail. He plans a 70th birthday celebration in NYC in June. It will include 11 kids.

Grandchildren of classmates are beginning to turn up as Cornell students (See July 1999 *Cornell Magazine*, page 106), but **Helen Teschner** Greene's oldest isn't quite ready. Bar mitzvahed in March, he represents the third generation in the family to make that rite of passage in the same temple. "What a thrill," says Teschie (Great Neck, NY). She tells of two sons who are two-handicap golfers and notes that she, too, plays golf, besides painting

and dancing on ice. She adds, "I've also returned to bridge in my old age." **Felice Bernstein Burns** (NYC) also reports a bar mitzvah. She's retired but remains a member of the Youth Board of NYC and the Citizens' Committee for Children. **Nancy VanCott** Jones should be basking in the Bahamas these days. She migrates there from Kendal at Ithaca, where she's a Plantations guide. **Ann Gleason** Sequerth (Atlanta, GA) says her family (including eight granddaughters and three grandsons) really enjoys getting together at Lake Hartwell (where there is no mail, and suds are somewhat hard to come by). "There must be a gene in the family for hollow legs," says Ann. **Ichiro Inumaru** (Tokyo) has retired as senior advisor of Tokyo's Imperial Hotel after receiving a decoration from the government of Japan for contributions to the hotel industry. It was presented at the Emperor's Palace. **Nagahide Kuroda** (Tokyo), visiting his son in Moscow, admired the art treasures of the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. He has been reelected executive director of Karumi Kaikan, formerly the Peer's Club, which, he notes, "donates publications about Japanese language and literature to foreign colleges and universities," including Cornell. *Mazel tov* to **Mort Lowenthal**, B Chem E '54, who received Hillel International's highest honor, the Exemplar of Excellence Award, for his role during the past two years in building a vibrant Hillel program at Cornell. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, jhanchett@edit.nydailynews.com.



Happy New Millennium, everyone, or not, if you are a purist. Did you ever think 1984 would come to pass, let alone 2000? My best wishes to everyone. I trust one resolution was to stay in touch with the class. We would all like to hear from you.

Muriel "Mitzi" Sutton Russekoff called, just as I was beginning the column, to say our January dinner with the classes of '52 and '53 has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000 at the Cornell Club of New York City, 6 E. 44th St. Price per person will be \$57. Send checks and RSVP to: Muriel "Mitzi" Sutton Russekoff, 65 E. 76th St., NYC 10021. Make checks payable to: Cornell Club of New York. Save the date and watch your mailbox for further details. Be prepared for a warm reception on a cold winter's eve.

Had a delightful conversation with **Ethel "Wallie" Rabb** Kass a few weeks back. She and her husband Albert run a resort on the Russian River in Guerneville, CA. They migrated north from Southern California and the field of academia years ago, having fallen in love with the area while on vacation. Wallie has been a consultant for the area schools in the field of special learning problems. At the moment they are considering jumping ship and taking off to tour the country. For years they have closed down their resort in the winter months and sought the sun in various parts of the world, but now they wish to see the USA. I hope to see them before they board their motor home for their next great adventure.

From **P. Craig Bogley**, BEE '55, is a note saying he had been sailing with **John Fryling**, BEE '55, in Easton, MD, aboard John's 46-foot yawl. Craig can usually be found in San Pedro, CA, where he has moved to a marvelous high-ceilinged condo that easily accommodates his contemporary art collection. I was thinking that Craig, like so many of us, was downsizing due to an empty nest; but no, the family includes his 13-year-old son Joshua. Craig, you should contact **Walt Lewis**, MD '60, who is eight years behind you and may need some advice in a few years. **Mary E. Tilley** left Ithaca long enough for a cruise down the East Coast. Leaving Alexandria, VA, my old stamping grounds, she traveled to various seaports including: Norfolk, Beaufort, Charleston, and Savannah, ending with Jacksonville, FL.

After 37 years behind the drill, **George Keep** is thinking of hanging it up and spending more time golfing, painting, and doing whatever else strikes his fancy. With the kids doing their graduate studies, wife Diane is contemplating part-time employment, perhaps to avoid too much togetherness. In an e-mail **J. Hall Skeen**, BME '55, MBA '56, reported: "In 1988 sold everything, bought a sailboat and took off for four years to see the world. Didn't quite see it all, but did see a lot. I'm ready for another trip anytime. I'm still trying to find my next life, would like to get overseas somewhere." While dreaming of their next excursion Hall lives in Denver with Andrea, his wife of 40 years, and is lucky enough to have all three offspring living close by. **Carl Dudley**, professor of Church and Community and co-director of the Center for Social and Religious Research at Hartford Seminary, has published his 12th book, *Studying Congregations* (Abingdon Press). Carl and **Shirley (Sanford)** '55 recently celebrated their 43rd anniversary and the birth of their third grandchild, Hannah.

Gordon Hills has changed his e-mail and post office addresses, having moved from Alaska to Hawaii. Does this qualify as a snow bird move? Gordon please explain. Also moving, but with an explanation, was **Judith Greifer** Benjamin. Judy and her husband Aaron toured the US for seven months in their VW camper looking for a retirement site. They discovered Ashland, OR, home to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival and Southern Oregon U., which her husband calls "a cross between Brigadoon and Shangri-La." Should you wish to test his notion, feel free to pay them a visit at their newly built home. Do believe **Kenneth G. Paltrow** would agree with the Benjamins' choice of relocation, as he has been practicing psychiatry in Portland for several years and loves the area.

Paul Makosky continues his work with the arts of Maryland's eastern shore, but has divulged another couple of interests: narrow gauge railroads and archeology. Paul has ridden the Alpine railways of Austria and those of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in New Mexico. He also has taken a horseback trip through Monument Valley with an archeological research group. Would love to hear more about

both. **Frank H. B. Richards** writes, "Retired in 1989 after 20 years in Hong Kong and China (P.R.C.), including ten years as resident director of an American consulting engineering firm. I am presently preparing a nationwide nonprofit project that will provide small farms, on a turnkey basis, for selected urban families who wish to change to a rural lifestyle. My Cornell experience underlies every success in my work and personal life."

Michael H. Stone, MD '58, has been traveling a great deal but not necessarily for fun. He has been lecturing on psychoanalysis in St. Petersburg, Russia, on personality disorders in Germany, and on forensic psychiatry in Italy and France. Whew! He has written articles recently on borderline personality disorder, serial killers, criminality, and psychopathology.

David R. Hershey left Buffalo in 1977 for Savannah, and at present has no plans to retire from his business of manufacturing components for the electrical equipment market. His note said he lives on a creek, has a boat on the intercoastal waterway, and is enjoying life to its fullest. Farther south in Sarasota, FL, **David Narins**, BME '56, reports, "Retirement is great! Just returned from a two-week trip to Turkey where my family and I (14 of us) enjoyed the country and an eight-day chartered yacht cruise on the Med." Also leaving Sarasota but headed for the great Northwest to take in the Canadian Rockies and Seattle was **Annadele Ferguson** Jackson. Annadele, noticed you attended husband Snuffy's Annapolis reunion but were absent from ours. **Stanley Wilkinson** of Watkinsville, GA, retired last year after 39 years of federal service, mostly with the Agricultural Research Service as a research soil scientist. With six grandboys and two grandgirls, Stan should not lack for excitement.

Joan Dinkel Crews retired in 1997 after 20 years of teaching and promptly got herself a new shoulder. Feeling 100 percent better, she now plays the organ two days a week for South Kent School and works in student services as well. **Dick '52**, BEE '53, retired as chaplain and physics master of South Kent School in 1994 and has gone back to St. Andrews in Marble Dale as priest-in-charge. **Robert Hellmann**, MS '57, juggles his time between Rotary, the Monroe County Environmental Management Council's wetland committee, and the local Boy Scout Council. Last year he received the Environmental Management Council's career professional award. Bob, you might remember, wrote a delightful book entitled *The Appalachians Remember*.

Doris Caretti Oniskey was on a People to People Ambassador's program to China last year where they visited the requisite tourist sites along with having the privilege of meeting people of their own professions. The delegation was able to visit schools from preschool to the university level, meet with women's groups, traditional Chinese doctors, and Chinese families. It was a very rich and rewarding trip for Doris.

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include them when you send in your form. It makes it easier for me to double-check info if needed. Thanks. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 17 Hillside Ave., Kentfield, CA 94904; fax, (415) 925-9404; e-mail, ljreed54@pacbell.net.

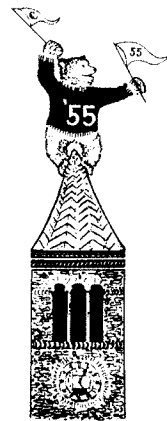
REUNION

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Judging from so many classmates' "full plates," this must be the time of life when our second wind kicks in. Or am I mixing metaphors? For example, **Ralph DeStefano** sums up what he calls "an interesting career and a hell of a ride." For 31 years, Ralph practiced labor law and was on the board of a community hospital in Pittsburgh. When an executive search went poorly, he was then asked to step in and run the hospital until a successor was found. "I spent the next nine years in the job—so much for temporary positions!" Running a hospital, according to Ralph, is not unlike running a hotel; although as his Hotel school buddy **Joe Simon** pointed out, "All of your guests check in, but they don't all check out." When the hospital merged into the U. of Pittsburgh Medical System, Ralph was responsible for operating and integrating all 16 hospitals. Now retired and glad to put 60-hour weeks behind him, he took his family to Italy last summer to visit his ancestral village in Calabria.

Realtor **Ron Bush** is actually "a farmer with a mission." Ron owns the largest farm equipment collection on Long Island. "It's basically a hobby to collect the past," Ron explains. "I do this to honor those people who carved or forged a tool when they needed one, because there wasn't an Ace Hardware Store. The farmers of the past did it all." Among his collection are 65 antique trucks and 17 tractors, bike buggies, cider presses, ice saws, eel spears, cream separators, butter churns, and a 1925 Model-T milk truck. **Mary Frances Williams** Scott and her husband O.V., who live in Lubbock, TX, just returned from "a wonderful Cornell trip to Turkey and Greece with our dear friends, **John '54**, BA '55, and **Laura "Lolly" Treman Almquist '56**." The Scotts renewed old friendships and made new ones. "Frank Rhodes, David Owen, and Yervant Terzian stretched our brains and made us proud to be Cornellians." Fran's book on the American philosopher/scientist/mathematician Charles Sanders Pierce has been accepted for publication later this year. Also staying busy is **Al Blomquist**, BA '56, MBA '57, who was profiled in the Sept. 20, '99 issue of *Forbes*. Al publishes "The Closed End Fund Reader," but points out that "you're often better off in a lower-cost open end fund." Only 42 open end stock funds and 18 bond funds meet Al's stringent requirements. He advises looking for a good discount, low expenses, low portfolio turnover, and long-term management.

Brief notes: **Bernie Yudowitz**, MD, JD, who founded Wild Acre Inns/AlternaCare Acute Inc. in Arlington, MA, has stepped down as CEO but will remain chairman of the board. The company is a leader in the behavioral health business, treating mental illness. **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff chaired a trip to Cuba for humanitarian reasons in early 1999, to visit



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Sing-a-longs at Balch Class Headquarters

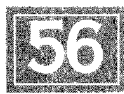
An afternoon concert by classmate Dick Bump

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the remaining Jewish community in Havana. She located the apartment where her family lived until 1942 and found that her mother's dining room set was still there. Out in California, **Phil Grosso**, B Chem E '56, is working as a consultant in aluminum recycling and living with one wife (Gloria) and two Wheaton terriers (Maggie and Molly). **Don Badgley**, BME '56, reports he is the potentate of the Beja Shrine in Green Bay, WI, and would like to hear from any other Shriners in the class. **Esther Kresh** married Bill Oriol and is living in New York City. **Don Iglehart**, BEP '56, is at Stanford, and was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering. **Thavorn Vajrabhaya**, PhD '60, writes from Bangkok, Thailand, that he has been a professor emeritus since 1994, and won the Outstanding Scientist Award in 1989. "Since I am halfway around the world from you people, I don't think I can join the 45th in 2000 Reunion, but I wish you all a good time." **Wendy (Witherell)** and **Bob Hill '54** are going strong. Bob's a retired banker/stockbroker/feed store owner but stays active as a skier and pilot. Wendy's still skiing, teaching, coaching, racing, and mountain biking, and is active on the Killington Mt. School Board. The Hills see **Barb (Bloom) '56** and **Don Koch '53**, BME '54, every summer, and also **Lee '54**, BS Hotel '55, and **Marylou Fitzgerald Morton '56**.

As our 45th Reunion gets closer, generous classmates are offering to arrange pre-reunion get-togethers. A big thank you to **Lorrie (Pietryka)** and **Pete Plamondon '54** for hosting a wonderful party at their home in Potomac, MD, this summer. Enjoying the singing of **Dick Bump**, BCE '56, were classmates **Edwin Gould**, **Phil Harvey**, **Ken Hunt**, **Anne Morrissey Merick**, **Ginny Wallace Panzer**, **Caryl (Salomon)** and **George Bernstein**, JD '57, **Otto Schneider**, **Joan (Steiner)** and **Sw Stone '54**, B Chem E '57. Our appreciation also goes to **Evelyn Boylan Hall**, BS Nurs '56, **Dick Mathewson**, **Ken Mason**, JD '60, **Marcia Willemen Sutter**, **Dave Sheffield**, BArch '60, **MRP '61**, **J. David "Dave" Schmidt**, **Harvey Knaster**, **Mal Whyte**, **Carol Rittershausen Byron**, **Natalie Whittle Newcomer**, BS Nurs '56, **John Stull**, and **Marcia Porter Dowd**, who all took the time to send in addresses for

mates to mark your calendars: June 8-11 for our 45th Reunion! You'll be getting all the details soon. ♦ **Nancy Savage Morris**, 94 Southfield Ave. #601, Stamford, CT 06902; tel., (203) 324-3606; e-mail, nsm99@aol.com.



As we all know, this is the time for 65th birthdays. Mine came this past September in Martha's Vineyard. I was pleased that **Alison** and **Leo Convery** and **Richard Barger** were there, along with family, **Susan R. Kittenplan '85** and **Josh '89** and **Amy Kittenplan Hubbard '88**. It was a lot of fun, and I was glad my close "island" friends were there.

Martin H. Wohl, B Chem E '57, of 14185 Crosstrails Dr., Chesterfield, MO, retired from Monsanto in 1993. He is serving on the curriculum committee of Lifelong Learning Inst. at Washington U. His wife Suzanne serves on the board of directors. They recently went on a great trip to Alaska and Vancouver.

I was pleased to learn the whereabouts of my former roommate, **Edwin H. Wolf**, BEP '57, who is now living in Phoenix (5741 Echo Canyon Cir.). He and wife Judy had lived in Buffalo for a long time and felt that a change was necessary. Ed is very happy in Phoenix, plays golf with about 15 friends, and loves the climate. Judy is starting a business there and is involved in arts organizations. The Wolfs saw **Don** and **Celia Kandel Goldman '57** in Los Angeles on a recent visit.

Ann Finkenauer Pettitt Webber lives at 39 Prides Crossing, New Canaan, CT. She has a lot going on in her life, including a new husband, Frank Webber (Yale '51). They have eight children and ten grandchildren, combined. Ann is renovating a townhouse and restoring an 1820 Cape on the dunes on Cape Cod. She is a member of the Garden Club of America and is on the national committee as a flower arranging judge and lecturer. Her recent travels have been to China, Ireland, and Anguilla.

Paul G. Shane tells us that he is an associate professor of social work at Rutgers U. He is also involved in many Jewish organizations, including some related to children. He has traveled to Dubrovnik, and last year he participated in a reunion for Yugoslavian Jews in

granddaughters. His daughter is **Lyle Stillman Carter '86**. **Rose Goldman** Mage is still chief of the molecular immunogenetics section, Laboratory of Immunology, at the National Insts. of Health. Rose returned last year from a trip around the world. She attended scientific meetings in New Delhi and Ludhiana, India, followed by a vacation in Kyushu, Japan. She may be reached at 7008 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817.

I am very late in copying this letter, but would like to do so since I knew this classmate very well—almost since the first day of our freshman year. "My husband, **John McHargue**, BME '57, after about a year's illness with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, died on June 30, '98. Some of the most important parts of his life were his friends, memories, and involvement with Cornell. After living a long time in Dallas, we had moved to a suburb four years ago, McKinney, TX, where I am still residing at 5033 Bryn Mawr Dr. Sincerely, Betsy McHargue."

Larry Brown of 201 Michigan Ave., Highwood, IL, has been retired for over ten years and has loved every minute of it. He and wife Ann have been married for over 43 years and have been on trips to China and England in the past two years. From One Gracie Terrace in New York City, **Robert A. Kaplan**, BEP '57, writes that he retired as executive director of Workman's Circle, a 100-year-old fraternal organization, last August. He recently attended Cornell Alumni U. at Mohonk and has a new granddaughter from **Kyle '91** and **Evie Kaplan Karnes '91**. **Francis Carol Criss** Ramsey is retired and living at 3707 Marion Walworth Rd., Marion, NY. She is involved with the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honorary society for women educators, and has four grandchildren.

Finally, our reunion committee met in Ithaca this past October during Trustee Council Weekend. Under the wise guidance of our beloved Class President **Ernest Stern**, we pushed ahead with the plans for June 2001. In attendance were Reunion Chairs **Harry R. Keller**, BS Hotel '77, and **Priscilla "Percy" Edwards** Browning, **Richard Bulman**, MBA '57, **Phyllis R. Bosworth**, **Arthur Penn**, **Curtis Reis**, and others who escape my mind at the moment. The weekend was great, the Harvard game was great, and, as usual, Cornell was great! ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., NYC 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.



Class officers will be meeting in New York City January 28 and 29, and a millennium dinner for '57 is planned for Friday, January 28, at the Cornell Club. If you'd like to join in the fun, and there's still space (our room only holds 125), you can e-mail **Paul Noble** at paulnoble@aol.com. It's \$55 per person and should be a great way to start our countdown to Reunion '02.

That other kind of reunion, the high school kind, attracted a bunch of Cornellians to James Madison High School, Brooklyn, in October. Marty and **Sue Breslow** Dillon

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JANET ARPS JARVIE '58

classmates previously listed as "missing."

Elly Rohrich Koeppel from Harrison, NY, confesses she's "forever ready with advice on how to bring up grandchildren." (She says hers are 1, 4, and 7 years old "and perfect.") What a coincidence! Mine are 2, 4, and 6 and also perfect! Must be something in the water around here. In closing, a reminder to all class-

Tupper Lake, NY. His home is at 151 W. Tulpehocken St., Philadelphia, PA.

Walter R. Stillman of 16 Fairbanks Turn, PO Box 1286, Quechee, VT, sold his family business last year and is now fully retired. He saw **Roy Allen '55** and lives next to **Peter Buchanan '57**. He has traveled to Switzerland and Bermuda, and he has three

were there to reminisce with Evie and **Jerry Dorf**, **Kenny Koenig**, **Sari Feldman Zukerman**, **Arlene and Dick Kossoff**, BS Ag '58, MBA '59, and **Marty '55** and **Gloria Welt Sage**.

Myrna Lacy Rooney is living in the mountain community of Evergreen, CO, and loving it. She and **Tom '55**, BCE '56, who will be retiring soon, also have a place in the Florida Keys, where she often sees **Marnie Enck** Broman, MD '61. The Rooneys have four kids scattered around the country, and 11 grandchildren. **Francine Hassol** Lifton's husband retired in January, so they've moved permanently to Boca Raton, FL. Last fall the Liftons took a trip to France.

Jane Taber Gillett, BS Ag '80, has two children living in St. Petersburg, FL, and two in Theresa, NY, and six grandchildren. She works part-time as a ceramic artist in Horseheads and is now enjoying good health after a brain tumor and heart attack in 1997. **Lita Schwartz** Emanuel has moved to Arlington, TX. Her husband retired from the U. of Oklahoma, but crossed the Red River to become a research professor at the U. of Texas.

Last July in Toronto, **Ron**, MBA '57, and **Helen Kuver Kramer** celebrated the wedding of their daughter, **Marjorie Kramer '87** to Alan Goffenberg. Our classmate **Howard Greenstein** officiated, and other Cornellians in attendance were **Lenore Brotman** Greenstein '56, **Barbara S. Feigenbaum**, **Vida Fishbach** Goldstein, **Cathy Slade Wolfe '87**, **Pete Wolfe '87**, **Michael Dowd '85**, and the Kramers' daughter **Sarah Kramer '88**. Helen writes, "We did manage to refrain from bursting into Cornell songs, which was probably a good move, because the groom and his family are from South Africa and they would have thought we were crazy!" The Kramers plan to join other Cornellians this coming May on the Adult University (CAU) trip down the Danube. A CAU program on campus, Great Trials of America, attracted Alan and **Judy Richter** Levy, JD '59, last summer. **Nan Krauthamer** Goldberg also attended. Judy and Nan have already signed up for the CAU course on the Supreme Court to be held this May in Cooperstown.

Not ready to retire yet are **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, and **Olga Duntuch** Krell, BArch '58. Marcia is still practicing law in Rochester, and Olga's publishing house in Brazil continues to be a success.

Bill, BEE '58, and **Jan Charles Lutz** welcomed a new granddaughter in September. **Burt '55** and **Adele Petrillo Smart** are coast-to-coast grandparents. When they're not visiting the grandchildren in Massachusetts or California, their destination is Destin, FL, to enjoy some sun and surf. Sari Feldman Zukerman is enjoying her retirement spending lots of time traveling, last year to the Canadian Rockies and this year to New Zealand/Australia.

Janice M. Littell, BS Nurs '58, has been retired for four years now and welcomes the free time for birding and travel. A recent visit to Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic gave her a chance to see first hand some of the leftover problems from communism, which

Jan feels hamper economic development. Another vacation destination was the north woods of Minnesota where she fulfilled a longtime wish to hear a loon. **Jerry Neuman** Held was also a world traveler last year. In September she was in Belgium and Germany and then visited relatives in the Czech Republic, her fourth trip to Prague in the last 20 years. She also spent some time in Mission, TX, to see her first grandchild, born last March. However, Jerry had some sad news. **Eva Sperling** Cockcroft died of breast cancer in April, and **Lois Shaffer** Diamond passed away last June in Wilkes Barre, PA. Her family asks that donations in her memory be made to your local hospice. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, JCRauss@aol.com.

I won't repeat what you have just read (see above) about the class Millennium Dinner on January 28, except to say that if you have not signed on and the room is not yet overextended, it promises to be a special evening.

Keith A. "Archie" Stewart writes that his retirement (the final one) is on the horizon, and he is currently involved in a major re-hab of their Florida house, which had been showing its age after several years of renting. The best of all worlds will be Punta Gorda in the winter and Rhode Island in the summer. **Lee Poole** says he's retired, but sounds busier than ever. After 37 years in a "community chaplain"-styled career, including overseeing a housing development program in Los Angeles, chairing the Human Resources Commission of Orange County (NY), and psychoanalytic counseling, he is involved in building senior citizen apartments in Washingtonville, NY.

Laurence Farer has spent the last five years in the North Carolina woods since retiring from the US Public Health Service's Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. He has participated in a number of Adult University (CAU) sessions, and is active in Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology. After 27 years in the New York State Senate, **Manny Gold**, JD '59, is now devoting all his time to his law practice. While a state senator, he authored over 80 laws (including the Son of Sam) and was part of the leadership for more than 20 years.

Bob Black and I knew early on that **Doug Yearley**, BS Eng '58, was destined for a distinguished career after the excellent job he did as manager of the lacrosse team, and it was no surprise to read the *New York Times* article that **Ed Vant**, BME '58, sent. It describes the efforts of Phelps Dodge, of which Doug is CEO, to acquire two companies in the copper producing business that would make the emerging entity the largest in that industry.

I am saddened to report the death of Arline Raab, wife of **Ted Raab**, B Ag E '58. Ted had mentioned that she was ill some time ago, and her passing is certainly sad news to all who knew her.

Dave Davis, BCE '58, was an inspiration to those of us who had the good fortune to know him, and I was distressed when his wife, Brenda, told me that he had passed away. Dave had been in a nursing home for some years suf-

fering from Alzheimer's. His importance to the greatest crew ever to dip an oar in the water is well chronicled, but it is the wit and charm that I will miss. I can recall standing with Dave on a street corner in New York City sometime after 1957 and watching a bus driver try to stop and unload passengers, a job made more difficult by an illegally parked car. The bus driver angrily asked if it was our car, to which Dave replied, "No, is that your bus?" After a moment of not knowing what to do, the bus driver dissolved into laughter and couldn't drive the bus for a few minutes. There was a memorial service at Loon Lake (NY) in October. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.



Here we go with the first column of the new millennium—still getting used to writing 2000. Wish I had some more up-to-date info on you all, but maybe the new millennium will spur you on to drop me a note. I know with so many of our classmates retired, there must be some interesting second careers going on. **Kenneth Wing**, PhD '66, has completed his fifth year as president of SUNY-Cobleskill. He received the SUNY Outstanding Alumni award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He enjoys gardening and wood projects. **Sandy Poritzky** is still playing basketball, tennis, etc., and schlepping for his son's restaurant/catering business. He recently sold one of his businesses, Executive Office Centers, a turn-key executive suite. He says he has two wonderful grandchildren and lives within 20 minutes of his three best friends, who just happen to be his children!

Barbara Avery, MA '59, has a law practice with her husband in Ohio. In 1997 they did a 15-day trek to the Everest region, Himalayas, and Nepal. In 2000 they are planning another trek, this time to Mt. Kilimanjaro and Tanzania. She says they are working out with weights and walking in preparation for the trek. **Ruth Lipson Brown** has a small private psychotherapy practice in West Los Angeles as a licensed clinical social worker and works for her husband, **Bennett '57**, two days a week. He started a second career 10 years ago, when he and his son went into business, Stellar Products, a company that makes heat-sealing tools, cutting dies, and other machinery for the sheet plastics industry. For fun, they are taking ballroom dancing classes, to which they have become addicted! She says they are not ready yet for "prime time," but it's great fun and legal!

Ken Ryan, MS '59, is still a practicing engineer at Raymond Corp. in Greene, NY. He also operates a hardware store and takes short trips to photograph Upstate New York. Restoring International Harvester tractors is another hobby. **Albert "Dick" Caines**, BS Ag '59, retired from the Oswego County Health Dept. in 1996. He has been enjoying hunting, fishing, and spending summers in the pool with his children and grandchildren. He loves to travel and watch and attend NASCAR races. He also attends a lot of Cornell football and

lacrosse games. He mentions the passing of his best friend and roommate **Robert J. Henderson** in 1996, and sadly another death in our class, **Joyce Palmer** Loughlin last January. It was wonderful, though, to see her at the previous reunion.

Lawrence "H" Kaufman became a consultant on RR public policies following the merger of his company. He enjoys hiking and snowshoeing in the Colorado Rockies and goes to many of the Rockies and Avalanche games. **John Herrmann**, BME '59, has been going on annual wilderness fly fishing trips for the past ten years with **Martin Hamar**, BME '59. Last year they took an eight-day float trip down the Salmon and Aniak rivers in Alaska. The previous summer they fished in Labrador and caught a 7-1/2 pound brook trout!

Peter Bloom and his wife, Marsha, are both psychiatrists. He wrote an amusing anecdote that many of us can relate to: "As a psychiatrist, I wrote in my office margin notes, 'This new grandfather tends to exaggerate!' Now blessed with two wonderful granddaughters, I have reviewed all my charts, crossed out the above and replaced it with, 'This patient tends to understate!'" **David O. Williams**, MBA '59, writes he is still working, and so is his wife **Ardith (Anderson) '59**. (Hi! to you both.) They live in Connecticut but have a home also in Vero Beach for vacations and, someday, a more permanent residence. David is a principal with the New England Consulting Group, a marketing management consulting practice. He also enjoys golf, fishing, canoeing, and all the grandkids' activities. ♦ **Janet Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75240; fax, (972) 387-0160; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com.



In June, **Jack Evans**, BME '60, PhD '68, was appointed interim vice-chancellor of the U. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Jack, who in 1997 served as interim dean of the business school, has served on the faculty since 1970. **Dick Harris**, MA '61, of Teaneck, NJ, is the founder and president of a training and development firm, Richard M. Harris Associates, that develops customized small-group, video-based workshops entitled "Listening to Lead" and "Persuasive Speaking." Dick delivers the programs to major corporations throughout the country. He has also published a number of articles and is currently writing a book on these topics. His hobbies include swimming, walking, playing the piano, and visiting children and grandchildren.

Julie Leader of Rio Linda, CA, edits publications for the California Integrated Waste Management Board, where she has worked for the past decade. Recent travels have taken her to Eastern Europe, where she toured Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and other lovely cities. At home she enjoys gardening, hiking, and long walks with her dog, Nicky. After retiring from 24 years on Capitol Hill, **Jack Hitzel** of Edgewater, MD, assumed responsibility to manage a new H&R Block office in his community. He also formed a part-

nership with **John P. "Jay" Treadwell '61** in Jay's year-old firm, Optimum Services. This is a hospitality consulting firm that has worked for a broad array of organizations and businesses—from the Internal Revenue Service to a senior citizens center. Jack also notes that he has six children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren!

In April, retired psychotherapist **Nora Smokler** Barron of Bloomfield Hills, MI, traveled with a rescue plane from Israel to Macedonia that airlifted 104 ethnic Albanians to Israel after delivering ten tons of relief supplies. Nora spent time in a refugee camp and at the Kosovo border, then flew to Hungary to meet with 120 Serbian Jews who had fled the bombing. **Kate Sickles** Connolly, who enjoyed a two-week trip to Japan last year, continues to do diagnostic and research work with the electron microscope at Dartmouth Medical School. For 11 years she has been one of five governing selectmen in Hanover, NH, having been elected four times. Recent activities for **Ken**, BME '60, and **Sue Mattison Fraser** of Greensboro, NC, included trips to South Africa and New Zealand, and doting on grandchildren (six as of mid-May).

Joel Goldberg, BME '60, retired at the end of 1998. He and wife Linda moved to Alto, NM, about 75 miles west of Roswell, and next to the entrance to Ski Apache. Joel collects cars, stamps, and cameras, and does some consulting work for his former employer, Pfizer. Work takes him East occasionally, providing opportunities to visit his sons and their families. Joel and Linda attended reunion, as did their son **Eddie Goldberg '84**. Also retired is **David W. Harris** of Silver Spring, MD, who was deputy associate administrator for space flight (space communications) at NASA. "My wife Sara and I decided it would be more fun to communicate with the two grandchildren than with astronauts. Now we travel to their home in Wisconsin and skip the trip to Houston." **Richard Horwich** of New York City retired from Brooklyn College in 1998, "to fulfill some goals that I couldn't reach while teaching full-time. But, having no wish to stop teaching, I've become an adjunct professor of English at New York U. where I teach just one course a semester, the undergraduate Shakespeare colloquium, which is a hot ticket these days. I'm still writing, but no longer in the scholarly vein. Dr. Samuel Johnson said that only a fool would write without getting paid for it, and I've taken his advice; my subjects these days are food (two pieces in *Saveur* in the past year) and golf. But my fondest dream has always been to work in the live theater, and at last I'm doing so, as the dramaturge (textual/spiritual/historical advisor and all-round guru) for the Hamptons Shakespeare Festival, which produces one of Shakespeare's plays each summer in Montauk and Southampton."

Robert A. Rogers of Oakton, VA, was among the 15 classmates attending their first reunion last June. It was Bob's first return to campus since 1959, and since five of his favorite DU brothers also attended, there was lots of reminiscing and *déjà vu*. Bob is retired from

corporate life, and among other activities teaches high school physics with an emphasis on robotics. **Judy Heller** Weber of NYC also comments on the pleasure of seeing classmates: "At reunion I renewed my friendships with my roommate, **Elinor Miller**, MD '63, and **Harriet A. Benjamin** as well. It was very enjoyable."

Ken Riskind of Highland Park, IL, sold his family business in 1998 and is now mixing retirement with consulting. He is a photographer for the Nature Conservancy of Colorado and is active with the Center for Creative Photography at the U. of Arizona in Tucson. **Vic Samuelson** of Chagrin Falls, OH, continues to do management consulting for small to mid-size companies and for large energy companies. He and wife Diane enjoy golf, tennis, walking, biking, and spending time at Hilton Head Island, SC, as well as visiting their children and grandchildren, who are all in the San Francisco area. **Alan Blank** of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, has retired from the ob/gyn practice he established 30 years ago. "Now it's time for more fun things—sailing, photography, travel, guitar," he says. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801-2663; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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It's time to begin planning for R2K, our 40th! The dates are June 8-11 in Ithaca, and the class officers are scheduling an exciting array of lectures, cultural events, meals, and celebrations. We have a record-sized class membership at the moment, and hope for a great turnout at the June reunion. Details will follow in subsequent columns and will appear in your mail. For now, be sure to save the dates.

One classmate who says he's definitely coming to Ithaca is world-traveler **Bob Heliczner**, recently back from several weeks in Ecuador, where he was busy inspecting agricultural products and having them shipped to New York and Philadelphia. The trip included high points, like a flight over the Andes and visits to the handsome cities of Quito and Cuenca, but also had its challenging moments, as when he was confronted by bands of starving stray dogs and mounds of uncollected garbage in the streets that signaled the country's economic problems. Closer to home in Lake-wood, CA, Bob reports hearing a wonderful performance by the Cornell Glee Club in Beverly Hills, where he ran into **Martin Bobrowsky** and wife **Rena Polivy '62**.

Carolyn Carlson Blake also plans to attend our reunion, having enjoyed her 1998 visit to the reunion of her late husband **Robert E. '58**, BME '59, where she ran into classmates **Liz Will** Wade, **Betty Williams** Bender, and **Joy Wells** Coombs. Carolyn, who lives in Allendale, NJ, has been quite busy during the past year with her eight grandchildren and with work, including performances with the Opera Orchestra of New York at Carnegie Hall.

Susan Cowan Jakubiak reports that the '60 women in the Washington area still get together regularly. In late 1998, a group went to

New York City to celebrate "Cornell '60 Turns 60." The weekend was organized by **Susan E. Shank**, and included **Sarah Cooper** Lain, **Carol Klaus** Coyle, and **Ruth Berberian** Hanessian from Washington. They were joined at the Cornell Club in New York by **Jane Finnegan** Kocmoud, who came from Wisconsin, and **Phyllis Winter** Feingold from nearby New Rochelle. Other members of the Washington group include **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS HE '63, **Louise Klein** Hodin, **Ruth Sussman** McDiarmid, **Dolores Tierney** Battle, **Barbara Anderson** Everett, and **Elaine Moody** Pardoe. Susan says, "Any '60 woman coming to the DC area and wanting to join us for one of our erratically scheduled get-togethers should contact me, and maybe we'll schedule one around her visit!" Susan can be reached by e-mail at sjakubia@haglerbailly.com.

Cyrus Abbe of NYC was honored on his 60th birthday by the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry for his rescue work with Ethiopian Jews. Cyrus also threw himself a gala birthday party at the Bellevue Men's Shelter, with musical performances by entertainers who have helped him present hundreds of free shows over the years at hospitals, nursing homes, and shelters. "Four active children, aged 4 to 15, and a wonderful wife make age 60 the start of new and exciting responsibilities," he says.

Probably the most recent graduate in our class is **Claire Weidemier** of Encinitas, CA, who received an MBA from California State U., San Marcos, in May 1999. Another busy Californian is **Paula N. Friedman**, BA '61, of Richmond, who continues to oversee public relations and the international A.D. Rosenberg Jewish poetry awards for the Magnes Museum in Berkeley. She also edits books for a number of publishers. Her own "sixties" novel is currently making the rounds, and she published several poems and a short story during 1999. In what remains of Paula's spare time, camping and photography in the Sierra Nevadas are a favorite activity. Her older son Chris is an artist and her younger son Josh is enjoying his first apartment.

Geoffrey Bullard notes that his daughter **Thessaly F. Bullard** '95, BS Ag '96, is now getting a master's in biology at Cornell, and his son Barnaby has joined him in his Albany firm after spending five years in the Navy. Geoff saw **Vittorio "Vic" Sicherle** during the several months Vic spent in the Albany area being treated for cancer, and is happy to report that he has now recovered and returned to Brazil. Geoff also had visits from **John Strothman** of Chicago and **George Waterman** '58, MS '60. He says that a recent high point was the week-long reunion-retreat spent at Lake Winnepesaukee by a group of former Sherwoods that included classmate **Charlie Sutherland** of Kettering, OH.

Congratulations to new grandparents **Phyllis (Yellin)** and **Jay Schondorf** '58, BCE '59, whose daughter, **Deborah Schondorf** Novick '85, presented them with Rebecca Josie in April 1999; and to **Ken** and **Rebecca Wallace**, whose first grandson was

born at the end of 1998 and named Garrett after Ken's father. "Now that I'm a grandfather, I guess I'll have to start acting my age," says Ken. The Wallaces have moved into their new home in Paradise Valley, AZ, and note that their guest room is furnished with a statue of Ezra Cornell for discerning visitors. "Classmates are especially welcome," says Ken.

Paul Becker, BS Eng '61, writes from Bloomington, IN, where he lives with spouse **Gail (Hirschmann)** '62. Their actor son Randy, seen recently in Broadway and Hollywood productions of *Love, Valour, Compassion*, married Shae D'Lyn, an actress who plays the "wacky" Jane on the television show "Dharma and Greg." The Beckers now have four grandchildren, two of them offspring of son **Kevin Becker** '89. Their youngest daughter, Tineka, has completed her theater studies at Northwestern and lives and works in NYC.

Stanley Gordon points out that he is now in his 37th year of law practice in Rochester, NY, but has found summer time to go sailing on Lake Ontario with **David Birnbaum**, BS Eng '61, who serves as Stan's chief engineer and navigator. "Nothing like a Cornell physics degree to keep a sailboat moving in a straight line," Stan asserts. Both Gordon sons, recent recipients of PhDs, are doing research, **Peter A. Gordon** '92 with Mobil Corporation, Jon with the Georgia Board of Regents.

Several classmates report recent retirements, some of them only temporary. **Anne Woolf** Oney, of Los Altos, CA, stepped down from a career in education in June 1999, but says, "I'm really looking forward to figuring out what my next career will be." **Beth Hooven** Morsman of Deephaven, MN, notes, "We're retired, but Ed still consults for banks doing commercial loans, so we travel a

ester, which awards scholarships to undergraduates from the area.

Note: my old e-mail address mistakenly appeared on the recent news form that went out with the dues notices. If you sent something and it was returned, try again at my current e-mail address listed below. ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jwittenberg@neasc.org.



The Class of 1961's 40th Reunion is less than a year and a half away! Reunion planning will swing into high gear in the coming months. Contact **Pat Laux** Richards at artsypat@aol.com if you would like to help organize or be a "captain" of an affinity group. In order to catch up with each other and to keep up with reunion plans, join our Yahoo Class Club by going to the following Web address: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/cornell1961>. On the club site, you can view photos from our recent mini-reunion tour of Kykuit, the estate of John D. Rockefeller, in Sleepy Hollow, NY. On a gorgeous fall Saturday, classmates and guests observed magnificent furnishings and works of art, as well as the Rockefeller automobile fleet (including Nelson's Chrysler, used when he was Governor) and scenic views from one of the highest points in Westchester County. Those in attendance included: **Marshall**, B Chem E '62, and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank**, **David Kessler**, BME '62, and Ann Stoney, **Judy Rojas** Bennett and daughter Fernanda, **Gerrit White** and Elizabeth, **Walt Cottrell**, MBA '63, and **Jeannie (Springer)** '63, **Cliff Waggoner**, BEE '62, and Meg, **Ellie Browner** Greco, **Carol Gitt-lin** Franklin, **Ed Goldman** and Judith Riven and Ed's parents, **Art Tasker**, BS Eng '62, and Lucia, **Peter Greenberg** and Elke, **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA

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STANLEY GORDON '60

lot." And **Margaret McPhee** Miano, MS '61, of New Providence, NJ, gave up her position at Rutgers's Center for Urban Policy Research in March 1999, but points out that it's only "semi-retirement," and her life will "include private consulting and expert witness testimony (as a licensed planner), as well as a lot of golf."

Bob and Toby Jossem Silverman say they are enjoying their retirement and doing much more traveling now, having recently visited Italy and England and taken a Caribbean cruise. They also spend time with their three grandchildren in the Rochester area, offspring of daughter **Deborah (Silverman)** '89 and son-in-law **Martin Shames** '89, and with their son **Steven Silverman** '92, who lives and works nearby. Toby remains active in the Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Roch-

'64, and Jake and **Jeri Goldstein** Getson. A fun-filled luncheon was held afterwards in Tarrytown.

Among the various ideas our planners are considering for the reunion is a breakfast session patterned after the highly successful men's and women's "consciousness-raising" get-togethers held at our 25th. This time, men and women would join together to discuss how they feel at this stage of life, to revisit the best and the worst aspects of the world in which they grew up, and to offer personal reflections on any topic. Your comments on this proposal, or any other ideas for reunion, can be passed on to Co-Chair Peter Greenberg at pwgclu@yahoo.com.

We have reports from classmates who have been involved in exciting events in re-

cent months. **Barbara Jacobs Mitnick** has been serving as curator of a traveling exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of George Washington's death. The exhibition, *George Washington: American Symbol*, is accompanied by a collection of essays edited by Barbara and published by **Paul Anbinder '60**, owner of Hudson Hills Press. Barbara is currently working on a biography of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of a foundation in her name.

Bob Millman, his wife Ann and son Lucas, and **Larry Ross** and his wife **Lynn (Litwin) '63**, were guests of **Ken Iscol '60** and his wife Jill at a dinner party Ken gave last summer for President and Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea at the beautiful Iscol home in Martha's Vineyard. Ken was one of the original "titans" in the cable industry. Wonderful food and ambience were enjoyed by all.

This past fall, Dr. **Andrew W. Thomas** celebrated his 60th birthday, and 30th year at the Juilliard School Pre-College Division, with a recital of his compositions at Lincoln Center. Andrew, who studied with Karel Husa, has had his music performed by many chamber groups, and his works for solo marimba have become standards for percussionists. In June 2000, he will have a premiere of his commissioned work for marimba, guitar, and strings in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Ken Blanchard, PhD '67, teamed with **Tom Peters '64**, BCE '65, ME C '66, Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Ted Turner, Richard Branson, and other business leaders in the fourth annual "Worldwide Lessons In Leadership Series," seen in November via closed circuit TV at 200 locations throughout the country.

Larry Hoard began a new career as a physics teacher at the High School of Enterprise, Business, and Technology in Brooklyn, NY. The school shares a building with an Academy for Leadership named after **Michael Schwerner**, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney, the slain civil rights workers. **Mary Perdriau Roberts** is teaching French and Spanish at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Raleigh. Husband **George W. '60**, B Chem E '61, is a professor of chemical engineering at North Carolina State.

Rollin Jonathan Fairbanks is on the faculty at American U. in Bulgaria. During the current academic year, he is on a faculty exchange with SUNY, Potsdam. **Sam '55**, BS Ag '59, and **Dee (Palmer) Kaplan**, M ED '62, moved to a new home in Houston. Dee is still a special education teacher, and Sam is microbiology department chair at the U. of Texas.

Fred Siegal is serving as medical director of the HIV Center at Saint Vincent Hospital in Greenwich Village while continuing his research in HIV immunology. He authored an article, published in the June issue of *Science*, on an important cell in the AIDS immune system.

Edward L. Robbins of McHenry, IL, senior vice-president and chief actuary of Zurich Kemper Life, was recently elected to a three-year term on the board of governors of the Society of Actuaries. Carol Gittlin Franklin

is chairman of the board of the Inst. for the Restoration of Antiquities Inc., which is affiliated with "D'Ateliers des Artisans," an association of expert artisans in Paris. The institute restores museum-quality antique furniture.

Edmund Fantino just returned from his eighth annual trip to Sardinia where he lectured on decision-making, including self-control. While in Italy, he took in the marvelous Venice Biennial. En route to his home in San Diego, he stopped in New York to see **Loomis "Jay" Grossman** and to visit daughter Ramona at Barnard. Edmund teaches at UCSD where he maintains a pigeon laboratory and does research with his wife Stephanie on human reasoning, particularly logical fallacies and problem-solving. He is building a home in Mendocino, possibly as a retirement site, and would like to hear from old friends.

A pile of retirement news is in: **Larry Wheeler**, B Chem E '62, is back in Houston after serving two years in Dubai, and he is now officially retired from Shell Oil. He is a part-time petrochemicals consultant. Larry and Margaret returned to the Middle East this past fall to attend a conference and take a Nile cruise. **Humberto Cordero**, BEE '62, MEE '63, is retiring to a villa at Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico, in the near future. In the meantime, he has to rebuild his hurricane-damaged home in Boca Raton.

Reunion Co-Chair **Jon Greenleaf** sent a picture of his retirement boat and his backyard lake in Pinehurst, NC. In the meantime, the Greenleafs have moved from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara, returning to LA only for the occasional doctor's appointment or symphony performance. Gerrit White retired to Rivervale, NJ, but not before he and Elizabeth experienced the beauty and diversity of the US on a cross-country trip.

Don Whitaker, BCE '62, and wife Joan moved into Port Royal Plantation on Hilton Head Island where they are enjoying the weather, golf, and beach activities. **Richard Lipinski**, BCE '62, is enjoying the easy life of retirement in Anchorage, AK. **Bernie Liff** is retired, living in Boca Raton. **Dave Heinzelman**, BME '62, has been retired from Xerox for more than two years. He lives in Webster, NY, and now has time for traveling, tennis, golf, and long-neglected hobbies.

Susan Williams Beelick retired after 30 years as a librarian. She spends part of each year in Australia to be near her daughter. After 34 years with IBM, **Don Martin**, BME '62, retired as director of Global Sales and Alliances. He lives in Lutz, FL, and his new consulting venture, Global Resolve, found him spending last summer in South America.

Peggy Thomas Strohl is a potter (as in clay) and performs volunteer work in Ridgefield, CT. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, 288 Lexington Ave. #7B, NYC 10016; (212) 696-9203; e-mail, dsk15@cornell.edu.



There's not a lot of news with which to begin the new year. I hope that the recent dearth of material will prompt some of you to send along copies of your annual holi-

day letter, if you write one. Send e-mail or snail mail—all varieties are welcome!

Don Juran hiked the 184-mile Chesapeake & Ohio Canal towpath in April with good company. **Nona Okun Rowat** came from La Jolla, CA, despite a broken leg, to do the first two days of the hike. She alternated between crutches and a wheelchair, which Don, her brother **Jay Okun '60**, and daughter Ruby pushed. The second day, she completed 6-1/2 miles by herself. Don and Carol celebrated their 30th anniversary by taking an Adult University (CAU) trip to the Canadian Rockies with paleontology Prof. John Chiment. "What a beautiful place," enthused Don.

Other classmates traveling with CAU (highly recommended if you haven't tried it!) were **Michael '59** and **Linda Goldberg Bandler**, BS HE '65, who went to Paris with Alain Seznec, and **Robert**, BEE '64, and **Mary Ellen Watkins Nevin** and **Aline Holstein** Lotter, who learned about coastal ecologies and fall migrations in Newburyport, MA. Our class was represented at all four weeks of the summer campus program. Attendees included **Kelly Gould** Behan, Mona and **Harold Don**, Sam '61, MD '66, and **Judy Shapiro Greenblatt**, and **Maxine Schulman Swartz**, M ED '64.

Morton "Mickey" Langsfeld reports that **Dick Stern's** step-daughter was married on Oct. 9, '99. **Don Sladkin**, **Bill Chipin**, **Bob Blank**, **Joe Meyer**, BME '63, Mickey Langsfeld, and **Ken Kershbaum '63** were at the festivities. **William Stokes '02**, son of **Houston**, is in his second year at Cornell.

And now, a word from our sponsors: What makes reunions so special is seeing old friends and classmates, particularly those familiar faces with whom we have lost touch. With our 40th Reunion virtually on the horizon, plans are already afoot to make this a most memorable event. Our goal is to bring everyone together. To do this we need to create a network of classmates that stretches across the country, coast to coast, top to bottom. We need you to help by volunteering to contact classmates. To make this task manageable, we've grouped classmates by activities/interests: sports (football, lacrosse, tennis, sailing, and so on); honor societies (Quill & Dagger, Mortar Board); theater, debate, WVBR, publications (*Cornell Daily Sun*, *Widow*); sororities, fraternities, and other social organizations; religious groups (CURW, Hillel); music groups (Cornell Chorus, Glee Club, Sherwoods, Cayuga's Waiters, Sage Chapel Choir); ROTC; and many more. Your job would be to contact classmates from a group to which you belonged, or any group of your choosing. Better still, take charge of an entire category (e.g., sports, social organizations) by overseeing the other volunteer callers in that category. We'll provide the names, addresses, phone numbers, reunion info; you make the initial contact and do the follow-up. It won't take up a lot of your time, and it really will be a lot of fun, I promise. To volunteer, contact **Judy Prenske** Rich at jprcom1@aol.com or (212) 249-3872, or **Phil Handler**, BArch '64, March '65, at psh5@cornell.edu or (860) 232-0383. Just do it now!

Don't forget the class Web page at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1962/default.html>. ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

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Happy New Millennium! By now, we are all coming down from the excitement of January 1, 2000 and have survived all the challenges that were supposed to come our way. A wonderful letter came from **Madeleine Leston**, who got married on October 28 to James Miller Welker of East Hampton. Madeleine was given away by classmate **Richard McKee** in a grove of palm trees overlooking Mogens Bay. She will continue to commute and work out of both her Caribbean and Long Island studios. Congratulations, Madeleine and Jim!

The Hillier Group of Princeton, NJ, the nation's third largest architectural firm, announced the appointment of **Alan Chima-coff**, BArch '64, as vice-chairman of the board. Alan is currently the director of design and has worked for The Hillier Group for over 13 years. He has a master's from Harvard and was professor of architecture at Princeton U. for 14 years. **Kandis Vengris** Scott is returning to Romania, having been there as a Peace Corps volunteer from 1994-96. This five-month trip was spent researching law practice after privatization of the Bar. She was funded by IPEX and a Fulbright Hays Fellowship. **Stephanie Tress** DePue and **Anne Skeels** Kupersmith danced up a storm at the First Saturday Swing at the Brooklyn Museum a few months ago. Stephanie had a great trip to Israel last year, but was upset by El Al Airline's failure to unite her with her suitcases and the photos she took while there.

William M. Wycoff, Esq. was named to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the executive committee of Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, and former chairman of the firm's litigation department. After Bill graduated from Cornell, he got his JD from Northwestern U. school of law. **Mary C. Falvey** loves to travel, and she is a strong supporter of Adult University (CAU). In late April she took the study tour and cruise aboard the *MV Song of Flower*, during which the group learned about the nature and civilization of the ancient Mediterranean. **Renda Lindley** McCaughan, MS '66, and husband Peter took a trip to Ireland last spring to look up Pete's family in County Antrim. Renda has a new job as secretary for the Atlanta Friends Meeting (Quakers). She feels that it fits in beautifully with her skills and spiritual life. She has fond memories of the Young Friends group that met with the Ithaca Quakers during her days at Cornell.

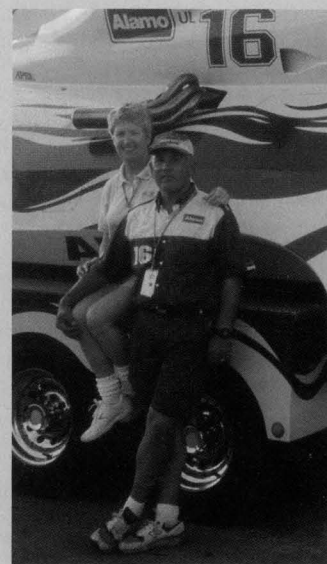
A nice, long note arrived from my former roommate, **Elaine Gerber Webster**, MEd '65, who is still as active as ever. She and **Peter, JD '65**, took scuba diving lessons before flying to Australia to attend a wedding in which their son Todd participated. Hopefully, they had time to dive on the Great Barrier Reef. They also visited son Tim last year in

Need for Speed

NED ALLEN '63 AND
SUZIE YOUNG ALLEN '63

Ask Ned and Suzie Allen about their vehicle of choice and they'll describe its sleek fiberglass and Teflon. They might add that it's the fastest of its kind in the world. A souped-up car of the future? No, a hydroplane—a small boat with a powerful engine and a high-tech body that the Ft. Lauderdale couple races from May to September. Running at speeds up to 170 miles an hour, the Allens compete on a circuit that takes them from Florida to Vancouver.

While the couple "fooled with small boats after graduation," says Ned, it was only four years ago that he sold his real-estate development business to throw himself into the sport full-time. Cheered on by as many as 250,000 spectators at a time, the Allens racked up the most points in their boat's class in 1997-98. The couple stresses hydroplane racing is a team sport and a mental one: the Allens' crew includes a driver, crew chief, engine builder, and electronics expert. Only technical prowess will make the boat go faster; this season, the team has crafted an engine that revs up to more than 900 horsepower. "We keep coming up with stuff, and they keep threatening to outlaw what we do," says Ned. "Everything we do is legal until they outlaw it."



—Melissa Fox Hantman '01

China, and had a chance to visit Taiwan with Tim as their guide. Daughter Amy and her husband, Sam, had Elaine and Peter's first grandchild, an exciting time. Elaine and Peter have lived in Maine, "the way life should be," for 28 years. **Bob Ulrich**, BEE '64, writes from Poughkeepsie that his memories of our 35th Reunion were wonderful. It was great to see old friends, especially **Frank Ury**. They caught up on their lives, including missing each other by two weeks when they were stationed in the same Army post in Virginia.

Frank and **Susan Waldo** Baker's daughter, **Katie Baker**, is a sophomore this year. Susan said it was fun to show Katie Dickson dorm, where she shared a triple her freshman year with **Mary Dunn** Medina and **Mary Gail Erpenbeck** O'Farrell. Susan recalled for her daughter the days of curfews and sign-in sheets for women at the dorms. Susan also wonders if there are other classmates who have children young enough to be students at Cornell. **Daniel Daly** and wife Mary have a daughter, **Ellen**, who is a sophomore as well (an answer to Susan's question). She is a member of the women's soccer team. Daniel is a vice-president of Salomon Smith Barney and has been there 30 years. David and **Elenita Eckberg** Brodie have moved to a condo in

Casselberry, FL, and love it. Elenita still works for a title insurance company and is busy at church with lay reading, handbells, and searching for a new rector.

Steve Fisch, BEE '64, spent most of 1998 building new marine simulator training centers for the Navy in Norfolk, VA, and Newport, RI. He also spent three weeks driving around the Southwest with his daughter Heather. She had taken a leave of absence from Trinity College to work for City Year in Providence, a part of AmeriCorps. She was tutoring and mentoring children in urban neighborhoods. Dr. **Philip Grieve**, BEE '64, is working for Lockheed Martin at Stennis Space Center near New Orleans. He is manager of a research group performing studies of remote sensing for NASA Earth Sciences. He is now entirely out of defense work. **Sandra Kebbe** Hansen has a landscape architectural practice in Dexter, MI. Her husband John was a school superintendent for 14 years and is now state representative for Ann Arbor and west township in the State House of Representatives, a real change. John and Sandra's daughter Claire is in grad school at the U. of Michigan. ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 42 Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, icke@execpc.com.

Well, I guess we made it. If you're reading this, then the column is Y2K compliant. Or maybe you're reading this by candlelight. Whatever, old millenniums or new, the news just keeps comin'.

Barbara Furman Attardi, our new class secretary, has a new job (director of a molecular endocrinology lab for Bioqual Inc.), a new address (475 Elmcroft Blvd. #9202, Rockville, MD), and now all three children are Cornellians: **David Russell '03**, **Daniel Russell '01**, and **Laura D. Attardi '88**. Bobbie enjoys running, biking, swimming, aerobics, and lifting weights. She encourages all to come visit her at her new home, or at least get in touch.

Charles Kentnor, BME '65, a commercial real estate investor and turnaround management consultant, also sends out an invitation to classmates, especially if they're equestrians. As empty-nesters, he and wife Ellen, who breeds pleasure horses, just moved to Sonoita, AZ (PO Box 717), 45 miles southeast of Tucson, where the 5,000-foot altitude is "superb for year-round horseback riding." Chuck and Ellen also enjoy riding bikes. **Eric Aschaffenburg** and wife Karol also have moved, to 625 E. Scenic Dr., Pass Christian, MS, "a beautiful, sleepy little fishing village one hour from New Orleans. We have renovated a 150-year-old house and plan to fish and sail often."

George Damp, MA '66, who for years has lived at 81 Whitetail Dr., Ithaca, NY, with wife Alice, has a new job as organist at Ithaca's First Presbyterian Church, and so has removed himself as a contender for class frequent flyer champ. For 15 years, George lived in Ithaca while commuting regularly to his job as music professor and department chair at Lawrence U. in Appleton, WI, where, among other duties, he acquired rare organs. One of those organs was built by a Cornellian, **John Brombaugh**, MS E '63, and another was restored by one, **Edward Swenson**, PhD '74. George's hobby is ornithology. Another Ithaca denizen is **Alicia Buerger Lewkowicz**, MA IN T '67. She and husband **John '66**, who live at 702 Coddington Rd., Ithaca, NY, have four grown children.

Luiz Gutierrez, dean of instruction at Feather River College, Quincy, CA, who is in this column for the first time, says to classmates, "I must be getting to that resonant time in life when I think about you guys quite often." He and wife Darlene, who live at 186 Carol Lane Cr., Quincy, have two grown daughters. Their recent activities were certainly varied, including a bike ride down Maui's Haleakala Volcano, snorkeling, and building a new house. Another first-timer is **Richmond Clover**, BEP '65. Dick, who lives with wife Cindy in the heart of Silicon Valley at 1199 W. Vanderbilt Ct., Sunnyvale, CA, retired from Intel in 1994, then retired again from Unisys in 1998, and is currently a senior advisor to a start-up company. The Clovers have two grown sons and enjoy tennis and exploring and studying the history of hiking trails in California and Oregon, where they have a second

home. They recently spent three weeks in Italy.

Marcia Goldschlager Epstein says it was great to see so many classmates last spring at a President's Council of Cornell Women meeting: **Nancy Dunhoff Mills**, **Toby Kleban** Levine (who began a two-year stint as chair last July), **Carol Britton MacCorkle** (a past chair), **Ronay Arlt** Menschel, and former roommate **Edie M. Lederer '63**. Marcia, an associate professor at a community college near her home, lives with husband Paul at 126 Righters Mill Rd., Gladwyne, PA. Toby added that six other current or former members of PCCW are **Nancy Alfred** Persily, **Gale C. Steves**, **Jennefer Austin** Hirshberg, BA '65, **Sandy Vogelgesang**, **Lenore Weitzman**, and **Joan Greenspan**.

Orthopedist **Barrett Rosen** (5959 Sedberry Rd., Nashville, TN) has been elected president of the Tennessee Medical Assn. His term begins in April. **Philip Fox**, MBA '65, who says he is "keepin' on keepin' on," is vice-president of corporate planning with The Andersons Inc. Phil is also a board member of Mobile Meals of Toledo, OH. His hobby is thoroughbred horses, in particular hunters and jumpers. He and wife Andi live at 8359 Whiteford Center Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI, and have three grown daughters.

Doug Macbeth, a school administrator, and wife Phyllis visited their exchange student in Finland last January (brrr!). He says, "Cross-country skiing was terrific!" It should be! When they returned home to thaw out, it was to 63 Dogwood Rd., Hamburg, PA. **Victor Ortloff** (PO Box 522, Troy, AL), a retired military officer, is a professor in the Dept. of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences at Troy State U. Vic, who enjoys fishing and gardening and has a grown son and daughter, also travels frequently around the East Coast and Europe. He writes, "I miss my college days at Cornell and Sig Ep."

Suzanne Nazer Golomb (1910 Woodgate Lane, McLean, VA) still enjoys teaching math at National Cathedral School in Washington, DC. She and husband Herb have two grown daughters. Builder **Miles Haber**, ME C '66, and wife Ronnie (3409 Cummings Lane, Chevy Chase, MD) visited South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana in the fall of 1998 where they "witnessed emerging democracies, beautiful countries, and lots of animals."

Arnold and Mary Cantor Hammer also live in the DC-area, 23 Duke St., Rockville, MD. Arnie's an attorney with the Federal Labor Relations Authority; Mary's a human resource consultant specializing in training and development. The Hammers, who have three grown sons, recently traveled in Israel and France. **Barbara Pollack** Adolf is also an independent consultant in human resources, but she specializes in work/life and mentoring issues. She and husband Gerald Jonas live at 70 W. 95th St., NYC.

Linda Brandt Myers, MFA '99, graduated from Cornell (again) last August, this time with an MFA in creative writing. Linda, who started as a painter and spent four years as director of communications for Alumni Affairs and Development, has been a senior writer

with the Cornell News Service since October 1998. She writes, "Never thought I'd end up working for Cornell, but I've been here 18 years now as a writer-editor and like being a part of the university community, which I feel has enabled me to continue learning." Linda and husband Sandy Gutman live at 54 Woodcrest Ave., Ithaca, NY, and she bikes to work.

Richard K. Reed (at 5217 Maple St., Bellaire, TX, with his three teenage daughters) is a retired petroleum geologist who now owns "a small burger shack and a few rental homes and apartments," causing him to describe his occupation as "I wish I knew." Richard also was a senior advisor to a Texas congressman until his defeat. ("Trust it was not my advice what done him in.") Richard enjoys conservative politics and gardening. He recently journeyed to Albuquerque, NM, where he crewed at a balloon festival ("Great fun!"). **Robert C. Simpson**, BME '65, is still in the oil-and-gas exploration business as president of his own small company. He and wife Marcella, who live at 4717 S. Wheeling Ave., Tulsa, OK, have three grown children. In his free time, Robert enjoys golf and computers. **Henry W. Logan**, B CHE '65, ME CH '66, does woodworking in his retirement. He and wife Donna, still living at 506 Rothbury Rd., Wilmington, DE, have four grown children.

That's it for now. More in March. Meantime, keep the news coming and watch for our annual dues appeal. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

REUNION

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Here's to a magnificent millennium for each member of the Class of 1965! We look forward to seeing each of you from June 8-11 at our 35th Reunion Weekend—so, please, mark your calendars now.

To begin the first column of the millennium, I'd like to quote from *The Wall Street Journal*, June 1, '99: "When **Marlene R. Krauss** gave birth to twins 14 months ago at the age of 53, after working at her venture capital firm until her delivery date, some acquaintances couldn't believe it. 'Others thought I was crazy,' she says. And some, aware that she has always been a pioneer, weren't surprised at all. In 1965, when she was 20, Ms. Krauss was among the first trickle of women admitted to Harvard Business School, and one of 11 females in a class of several hundred men. She spent eight years working in investment banking on Wall Street, then switched careers at 30, enrolling in Harvard Medical School and becoming an eye surgeon. She married at 39, had a daughter at 44, and then launched KBL Healthcare Ventures, a New York venture-capital company, with her husband. Her willingness to take risks to pursue her dreams provides a lesson to others seeking new careers or life adventures. She found a way to combine business and medicine with the launch of KBL Healthcare in 1991. The venture firm has funded and overseen the start-up of several health-care businesses. Among them: Cambridge Heart, a maker of heart defibrillators for patients sus-

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CELEBRATE ALUMNAE WITH PCCW

Marking Ten Years of Service

By Karen Rupert Keating '76

Did you know that many of our nation's famous women leaders have a Cornell education? Find out more and celebrate with us in Ithaca on March 10-12, 2000. The President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) proudly presents the conference "Cornell Women: Celebrating Leadership" in honor of our 10th anniversary. Our alumnae have been leaving legacies for more than 125 years; we want to honor those who came before us, celebrate their successes, and look forward to a new millennium of women leaders.

The PCCW was founded in 1990 by then-President Frank H. T. Rhodes with the guiding leadership of Trustees Lilyan Affinito '53 and Patricia Carry Stewart '50. PCCW's mission is to advance the involvement and leadership of women students, faculty, staff, and alumnae within the university and throughout its many constituent communities. A secondary goal is to generate involvement with Cornell among accomplished alumnae who have not been active in alumni organizations.

A panel discussion on the trends in women's lives will get things rolling on the first day of the conference. Diane Haggblom Crispell '81, writer and former editor of *American Demographics*, Andrea Shulman Williams '65, a leadership and collaboration consultant, Lisa Skeete Tatum '89, partner, Cardinal Health

Partners, and Myra Hart '62, a professor of entrepreneurship at Harvard Business School will address the myriad changes as glass ceilings are shattered and women rise to the top.

The First Lady of the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton, whose leadership is recognized nationally and internationally, will be the first keynote speaker. She will speak on women's leadership and the roles women will play in the new millennium.

As with most events on this campus, the conference will be a mix of laughing and learning. Katie Brown '85 will entertain and inspire us in the evening while alumnae have an opportunity to meet, greet, and reflect with their fellow Cornellians. Our dinner keynote speaker President Rawlings will present his vision for the university and join in the celebration of these women.

Day two of the conference kicks off with a panel on leadership diversity in the professions, which will focus on women leaders and leadership. Professors Betta Mannix (JGSM), Tove Helland Hammer '69 (ILR), and Susan Christopherson (AAP) will present research on both the impact of women on leadership roles and the impact of leadership on women. Alumnae leaders Irene Blecker Rosenfeld '75, MS '77, PhD '80, president of Kraft Canada; Judith Areen '66, dean of George-

town Law School; Sheryl Hilliard Tucker '78, assistant managing editor, *Money Magazine*; and Ronay Arlt Menschel '64, president of Phipps House will discuss being leaders, mentoring leaders, and leading in their community.

"Inspiring Women of Cornell," a film commissioned by PCCW with support from Johnson & Johnson and PCCW members will premiere at the Saturday luncheon. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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Mae Jemison, MD '81

VISA CARD: BOON TO STUDENT AID

Since it was officially launched in May, 1997, the Cornell VISA card has marked a number of significant milestones. To date, more than 20,000 alumni have elected to become cardholders. Each time a Cornell VISA card is issued, renewed, or used to make a purchase, royalties are paid to the university. The revenues generated from this card have funded 41 undergraduate scholarships to date and have also supported alumni programs. This year, the program has been the sole reason that 18 undergraduates have received Cornell Alumni Federation (CAF) scholarships for the 1999-2000 year. Here's a snapshot of these outstanding young men and women:

- **Leland Bardsley '00**, a Human Development and Family Studies major in Human Ecology from Scranton, KS.
- **Rachel Barnes '03**, an Architecture student majoring in Urban and Regional Studies from Prairie Village, KS.
- **Jeremy Blanchet '02**, an Engineering student from Barrington, RI, and a two-time scholarship recipient.
- **Danielle Brown, '01**, an Agriculture student majoring in biological sciences from New Orleans, LA.
- **Sarah Davidson '01**, an Anthropology major in Arts & Sciences from Iowa City, IA.
- **Vikas Gupta '00**, an Engineering student majoring in Electrical Engineering from Marrero, LA.
- **Jason Hernandez '04**, an Architecture student from New Orleans, LA.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS / JANUARY 15- MARCH 15

For updated information on Cornell Club events, call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (607) 255-3517.

INTERNATIONAL

CC/Hong Kong, Jan. 15—Symposium with Cornell faculty. "The New World: How Science and Information Technology are Transforming the Global Economy." Visit [www.alumni.cornell.edu/nea/Symposium/HongKong/](http://www/alumni.cornell.edu/nea/Symposium/HongKong/)

NY/ONTARIO

CWC/Cortland, Jan. 18—Extension educator Nancy Potter speaks on "A Polish Experience: History, Culture, and Extension," at the home of Marie Spollen. Call Marti Dumas, (607) 753-7751.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Jan. 28—Socialize at The Dinosaur and attend the Amerk's game. Call Ross Lanzaface, (716) 231-1203.

CAAG/Rochester, Jan. 19—Book club. Call Kristen Hallagan, (716) 242-0199.

CWC/Syracuse, Jan. 23—"The Smell of the Kill" matinee at Syracuse Stage. Lunch following at Phoebe's. Call Janet Fallon, (315) 696-5492.

CAA/Central New York, Jan. 27—Wine tasting to support scholarship fund by local vineyards at Hooligan's in Liverpool. Cost, \$10. Call Jim Miller, (315) 422-4818.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Feb. 12—Ice skating party at ESL Sports Centre. Call Robert Attardo, (716) 231-1101.

CWC/Cortland County, Feb. 15—Reading by Jacob Schuhle at the home of Chris Place. Call Marti Dumas, (607) 753-7751.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Mar. 15—Book club. Call Kristen Hallagan, (716) 242-0199.

METRO NY

CC/Northern New Jersey, Jan. 15—Big Red men's basketball vs. Columbia. Call Michael Sacks, (973) 912-9679.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Big Red women's basketball vs. Princeton. Call Michael Sacks, (973) 912-9679.

CAAA, Jan. 29—Pan-Asian banquet and scholarship benefit. www.caaa.cornell.edu or call Katherine Chen, (212) 783-7233.

CC/Monmouth/Ocean Counties, Feb. 19—Big Red men's basketball vs. Princeton. Call Sean Barry, (732) 224-0146.

CAA/Princeton, Feb. 19—Big Red men's basketball vs. Princeton at Jadwin Gym. Call Bruce Graev, (609) 275-8127.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Feb. 19—Big Red men's basketball vs. Princeton at Jadwin Gym. Call Michael Sacks, (973) 912-9679.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Feb. 26—Big Red women's basketball vs. Columbia. Call Michael Sacks, (973) 912-9679.

CAA/Westchester, Mar. 11—Joint tennis

party with Penn alumni. Call Laura Fratt, (914) 723-5492.

NORTHEAST

CC/Rhode Island & Bristol County, MA, Feb. 5—Big Red men's hockey vs. Brown. Call Jenn Henderson, (401) 849-5337.

CC/New Hampshire, Feb. 5—Big Red men's basketball vs. Dartmouth. Call Chandler Burpee, Jr., (603) 497-2059.

CC/Greater Hartford, Feb. 6—Applicant reception. Contact Bill and Sue Day, (860) 673-5958 or spd6@cornell.edu.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Feb. 13—Bowling and pizza scholarship benefit party. Call Ronni Strell, (973) 731-5260.

Cape Cod Cornellians, Feb. 15—Luncheon at the Riverway Lobster House, South Yarmouth. Call Larry and Ginger Persson, (508) 771-1485.

Vermont Cornellians, Feb. 25—Big Red men's hockey in Burlington. Call Michael Quaid, (802) 878-6675.

CC/New Hampshire, Feb. 26—Big Red men's hockey vs. Dartmouth at Thompson Rink. Call Chandler Burpee, Jr., (603) 497-2059.

MIDATLANTIC

CC/Washington, DC, Jan. 15—CU Glee Club at St. Columbia's Episcopal Church. Cost, \$12; \$6, students. Call Gil Kertlas '86.

CC/Central Virginia, Jan. 18—Board and associates event planning meeting in Richmond. Call Tamara Highsmith, (804) 323-5361.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Jan. 30—Superbowl party at The Wild Onion in Rosemont. Call Rich Wilson, (610) 527-4826.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Feb. 5—Scholarship dinner—Italian menu. Call Hans Maentz, (610) 705-1264.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Feb. 18—Big Red men's basketball vs. Penn at the Palestra. Call John Ungar, (610) 667-7819.

CC/Washington, Feb. 24—Prof. Gary Rendsburg speaks on "Egypt: A Trip up the Nile." Call Gil Keteltas, (301) 652-8210.

CC/Delaware, Mar. 6—Board Meeting. Call Carl Werner, (610) 793-2675.

SOUTHEAST

CC/Central Florida, Jan. 15—Crew practice and picnic with the rowers. Bring a beach towel and your appetite. Laurie Wilson Park, Cocoa Beach, Orlando. Call Doug Vander Poest '74, (407) 259-7844.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Jan. 16—Lunch and "Guys and Dolls" at the Golden Apple Theatre. Call Patty Bettle (941) 371-5038.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Jan. 20—Network-

ing luncheon at Zuckerman, Spaeder in Miami. Call Ron Ravikoff, (305) 579-0110.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Jan. 20—"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" matinee and lunch at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers. Call Neena Lurvey, (941) 495-8576.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Jan. 22—Tour of the Miami Metrozoo, followed by lunch. Call Russ Geiger, (305) 663-6757.

CAA/Atlanta, Jan. 23—Annual post-holiday brunch. Call David Wheeler, (404) 264-2127.

CC/Emerald Coast, Inc., Jan. 27—Dr. John Fitzpatrick, director of the Lab of Ornithology, speaks. Call Jim Brady, (850) 484-1168.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Jan. 30—Annual meeting and Sunday brunch at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Call Joel Schechter, (941) 262-8311.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Feb. 2—Wednesday lunch club at the Vineyards Country Club. Call Mary Leduc, (941) 649-3110.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Inc., Feb. 3—Monthly luncheon. Call Robert Mark, (904) 766-5555.

CC/Eastern Florida, Feb. 9—Dinner at the Colony. Lecture by Frank Robinson, director of the Johnson Museum of Art. Call Esther Bondareff, (561) 585-4000.

CC/Central Carolina, Feb. 15—Presidential reception and dinner at the Washington Duke Inn, Durham. Call Rosemary Sterner, (919) 460-8687.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Feb. 17—David Call, former CALS dean, speaks on bioengineering at Michael's on East in the Ballroom. Call Patty Bettle, (941) 371-5038. Call Patty Bettle, (941) 371-5038.

CAA/Atlanta, Feb. 25—Big Red men's hockey in the ECAC game of the week. Call David Wheeler, (404) 264-2127.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Feb. 26—Habitat for Humanity project. Call Andy Nierenberg, (305) 854-5900.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Mar. 1—Wednesday lunch club at Vineyards Country Club. Call Mary Leduc, (941) 649-3110.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Inc., Mar. 2—Monthly luncheon. Call Robert Mark, (904) 766-5555.

CAA/Alabama, Mar. 7—Entomologist Linda Rayor on "Little Miss Muffit Needn't Have Worried: Insight Into the Natural History and Magic of Spiders." Call Jon Vollmer, (256) 235-8326.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Mar. 10—Prof. Helena Viramontes speaks on the power of language. Call Joel Schechter, (941) 262-8311.

CC/Emerald Coast, Mar. 11—Prof. Helena Viramontes speaks on the power of language. Call Jim Brady, (850) 484-1168.

NORTH CENTRAL

CC/Pittsburgh, Jan. 19—Chinese New Year dinner at Mount Lebanon China Gate. RSVP, Scott Hare, (412) 338-8632.

CC/Pittsburgh, Jan. 28—Monthly luncheon at the Engineers' Club of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. Call Jim Elderkin, (412) 833-3170.

CC/Pittsburgh, Feb. 25—Monthly luncheon at the Engineers' Club of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. Call Jim Elderkin, (412) 833-3170.

CC/Pittsburgh, Feb. 25—Happy Hour at the Sharp Edge. Call Scott Hare, (412) 338-8632.

CC/Pittsburgh, Mar. 7—Korean dinner at Sushi Kim. RSVP, Sara Ende, (412) 681-8000.

CC/Louisville, Mar. 9—Entomologist Linda Rayor on "Little Miss Muffit Needn't Have Worried: Insight Into the Natural History and Magic of Spiders." Call Will Hancock, (502) 451-4982.

MIDWEST

CC/Wisconsin, Feb. 5—Progressive dinner in Milwaukee to benefit scholarship fund. Call John Murphy, (262) 786-7424.

CC/Chicago, Mar. 4—Full Moon Ball at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Call Rob Vernstein, (773) 467-9800.

SOUTHWEST

CAA/Greater Houston, Jan. 22—Rock climbing at Texas Rock Gym followed by BBQ lunch at Goode & Co. Families welcome. RSVP, Michael Greenberg, (713) 266-6729.

CAA/Greater Houston, Feb. 19—Happy Hour with Austin alumni at Woodrow's. Call Christine Hewitt, (281) 752-8527.

WESTERN

CAA/Northern California, Feb. 6—CAAN reception for applicants from Northern California at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. Contact Jane Bessin, (650) 967-5922 or bessein@ix.netcom.com.

CC/Oregon, Feb. 17—Board Meeting at Cassidy's in Portland. Call Morgan Rider, (503) 618-4755.

CAA/Northern California, Mar. 8—Big Red women's lacrosse vs. Stanford. Call Alex Barna, (650) 341-1714.

CAA/Northern California, Mar. 11—Tour of "Women of Taste" at the Oakland Museum, followed by lunch. Call Tom Nemeth, (510) 339-8900.

CC/Oregon, Mar. 15—Prof. Stephen Sass speaks on technology in a historical context. Call Brad Wellstead, (503) 274-1064.

'54, Mae Jemison, MD '81, Abby Joseph Cohen '73, Sheryl WuDunn '81, Jane Brody '62, and Janet Reno '60 will speak about their careers, their lives, and the impact of their Cornell education on their success. The film should inspire and excite young alumnae as well as those already leaving tracks.

Dr. Mae Jemison, MD '81, PCCW's A. D. White Professor-at-Large, will present the second keynote speech on Saturday afternoon. As astronaut, physician, engineer, and educator, Dr. Jemison has worked in many professions and with many leaders. Inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, she is a role model for future leaders and an inspiration for current leaders. Cur-

rently Dr. Jemison is developing a satellite-based project to facilitate health care delivery in West Africa and developing countries, as well as being involved in an International Science Camp. We will hear about her vision for the world of tomorrow.

A Women's Power-Workout to celebrate women's strength and endurance will bring the conference to an energetic end on Sunday morning. Inspired to join us? Contact the Conference Planning Chairs: Karen Rupert Keating '76 at Keating21@aol.com, or Gloria Jacobsen Lang '69, GLang8647@aol.com, or the PCCW office at (607) 255-6624. Bring your sisters, your mother, your classmates, and your Cornell friends.

SOUTHWEST MOUNTAIN MINI-REUNION A SUCCESS

Elizabeth Bello '92

The Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Houston (CAAGH) held its first mini-reunion June 4-6, 1999. The weekend's nine events were attended by 217 alumni, family, and friends. Sponsored in part by a grant from the Alumni Federation, it was an off-campus opportunity to enjoy activities similar to those at the annual on-campus reunions—with Houston extras.

The weekend was dedicated to the memory of Alan Wurts '48, a CAAGH board member and one of the mini-reunion committee members. Alan passed away in February, but his ideas remained as the reunion plans were finalized.

The weekend began with a welcome reception where old friends and new acquaintances mingled. They were then treated to the opening night of the Houston Grand Opera's rendition of *Madame Butterfly* at the Miller Outdoor Theatre. It was a beautiful night and a great opportunity for many young alumni to experience the opera. Saturday there was a terrific breakfast and Cornell news presented by staff member Lorie Hine '82, with local updates from area alumni. Afterwards, the reuners toured the Johnson Space Center, picnicked at Hermann Park, and visited the Houston Planetarium and the Wortham IMAX Theatre, which was featuring the "Mysteries of Egypt." The weekend ended with Sunday brunch and a tour of the Menil Contemporary Art and Antiques collection, an eclectic assortment of sculptures, paintings, and other pieces.

The reunion allowed participants to "taste" the international characteristics of the Houston culture. Attendees came from Dallas, Austin, and Ithaca, as well as Houston. It was a terrific weekend, and a great way to solidify Cornell memories and make new friends.

- **Matthew Lee '02**, an Engineering student from Virginia Beach, VA, and a two-time scholarship recipient.
- **Adrien McElroy '03**, an Industrial and Labor Relations student from New Orleans, LA.
- **Ariana Moore '02**, an Arts & Sciences student from Northampton, MA.
- **Kimberly Moser '03**, an Agriculture Education major in the Ag College from Indianola, IA.
- **Kara Novogradac '03**, a Natural Resources major in the Ag College from Carnegie, PA.
- **Rafael Portillo '03**, an Architecture student from West Covina, CA, and a two-time recipient.
- **Elisabeth Roberts '02**, an Engineering student from Lakin, KS.
- **Marc Taylor '00**, an Arts & Sciences student majoring in Biology and Society from Forest Hills, NY.
- **James Vaughn '00**, an Arts & Sciences student majoring in History from Vestal, NY.
- **Melissa Williams '02**, an Arts & Sciences student from Peoria, AZ.
- **Ryan Williams '01**, a college scholar in Arts & Sciences from Somerville, AL.

These students have expressed their appreciation to the CAF in lovely letters and e-mails. Their comments about the scholarships, excerpted below, indicate the diversity and enthusiasm for the university that these students embody.

Jeremy Blanchet '02, writes, "I have successfully completed my first year at Cornell and it was a challenging and satisfying experience. I am writing to thank you for your continued support in helping me pursue my education at Cornell. Without your financial support, and the sacrifices my parents are making, I would not have this opportunity."

"Knowing that I have received such a great scholarship motivated me to strive for excellence in work and academics," said Melissa Williams, another two-time scholarship recipient. "I am really growing to

love Cornell. Without your help, I would not have been able to attend Cornell and so I am extremely grateful for your generosity." Melissa works at the Gannett Health Center and Bank One, as well as volunteering for the Red Carpet Society.

To Matthew J. Lee '02, the CAF scholarship was particularly gratifying. Having endured his father's unsuccessful battle with cancer three years ago and his mother's 1998 diagnosis of breast cancer, Matthew was especially grateful to the Cornell Alumni Federation. "Cornell was my first choice. I didn't believe that I would be able to attend because of the cost of tuition. You have no idea how much it means to my mother and me. Without it I would not be able to attend such a fine university."

"I certainly do not come from an affluent family; therefore, your scholarship is that much more appreciated," writes Ryan Williams '01. A College Scholar majoring in computer science and mathematics, Ryan nurtured a keen interest in these subjects from an early age. Unable to afford the purchase of computer applications, Ryan started writing them himself. A current project of Ryan's is writing a DOS application for the fire department in his hometown so that they can store their incident reports on computer.

The Cornell VISA card is the only credit card that supports CAF undergraduate scholarships. In addition to the scholarships funded during the 1999-2000 academic year, the card has made possible \$94,775 worth of grants to alumni organizations around the globe. These grants, which have been awarded through the CAF Grant Program, help build and strengthen alumni programs and support the university. For more information on how to apply for a Cornell VISA card, contact Beth Hamilton in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 607-255-2390 or visit the World Wide Web at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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ceptible to sudden cardiac arrest, and Summit Technology, a developer and manufacturer of ophthalmic laser systems to correct vision problems. While aware of the health risks of becoming pregnant in her 50s, she was willing to try the latest fertility treatments to conceive her twins. She predicts that a decade from now, 50-year old pregnant women won't be all that rare."

Dr. **Thomas P. Naidich** has assumed the post of director of neuroradiology, professor of radiology and neurosurgery at Mount Sinai Medical School, New York. Thomas and wife Michele reside in New York City. Another New Yorker, **Judith Rosuck Fox**, writes from Mamaroneck that she has been superintendent of schools of the Byron Hills School District in Armonk for the past two years. She enjoyed a wonderful trip with daughter Lisa to Rome, where Lisa was born 27 years ago. **Stephen Appell**, who resides in Brooklyn, NY, with wife Madeleine, informs us that son Sanford Isaac, 22, received a BS in sports management in May 1999 from the U. of Massachusetts at Amherst; and son Bradley Todd, 18, who graduated with honors in music from Stuyvesant High School and received the outstanding senior award for boys' basketball, is a freshman at Brandeis U. Stephen goes on to tell us that he attended a Cornell Club of New York City dinner on June 14, '99 ("our graduation anniversary") with **Myron Jacobson** and **Kenneth Schneider**, PhD '70, who is president of Teletype Technology Inc. and recently published a book, *Fiber Optic Data Communications for the Premises Environment*.

Susan Weeks Madoff Jackson sends us news from Hackensack, NJ, that she is in her 34th year of teaching English. She is "still enjoying the challenges and rewards of working with teenagers, is a proud mother of four and grandmother of four, and enjoys traveling to

as one of our missing classmates, and I'm delighted to have found her again after almost 35 years. A week later in New York City, I spent the day visiting the Shakespeare Garden in Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum of Art with **Alice Cole** Lichtenstein, MS '69, another first visit in 35 years, although we have been communicating by e-mail. How wonderful to get together again!"

Finally, as we celebrate the millennium and prepare for our 35th Reunion, we hope you will reconnect with "Project K/2K." **Madeline Gell** Handler reminds us, "Our website can become tangible proof that our class has achieved its ambitious goal, 1,000 by 2000! It is easy to lend your support to this class endeavor by logging on to our Web page at www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1965 and clicking on 'Class Directory' to add your e-mail address. If, by necessity or preference, you'd rather share a phone number instead, simply contact our Reunion Chair **Penny Skitol** Haitkin, (212) 986-7202; e-mail, psh3@cornell.edu. Thanks for joining this effort to get 1,000 names on our Web page by Reunion 2000!" ♦ **Florence Douglas** Bank, 6420 Goldleaf Dr., Bethesda, MD 20817; e-mail, rkbank@erols.com.



From Chicago we have learned that **Ted Mandigo** has been elected president of the State of Illinois CPA Society for the 1999/2000 year. Congratulations, Ted. The board leads and advises the Illinois CPA Society and its foundation. It is active in continuing professional education courses, strategic planning, and public relations, and guides the CPAs' public interest group.

The new vice-president of student affairs of the U. of Northern Colorado is none other than **Stuart Tennant**. Until recently, he was vice-president of student affairs at Willamette



"For several reasons, I'm sending you a copy of the *Cornell Daily Sun's* coverage of a teleconference which I arranged between Santa Monica College and Cornell," writes **Dave Burak**, MFA '80, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405. "For starters, it was fascinating to be sitting in a 'distance learning' classroom in Santa Monica, and at the same time, seeing and hearing Dean of Students John Ford, Prof. Helena Viramontes, English, and Prof. Emeritus **Robin M. Williams Jr.**, Grad '35-36, Sociology, speak from a similar (albeit larger) facility in Ives Hall. Seeing faculty friends like Robert Harris, Africana Studies, and Lamar Herrin, English, as they asked questions, gave the event a surreal quality, as if we were in adjacent rooms." Dave, who now teaches writing at Santa Monica College, was organizer and co-moderator, with **Sujata Gadkar '01**, minority liaison to the Cornell Student Assembly, of the Oct. 4, '99, panel discussion, "The Social Ecologies of Racism and Hatred and What to Do About Them." According to the *Sun*, "[t]he panelists addressed a wide array of issues ranging from the growth of racist organizations in America to the involvement of the United States in Vietnam."

Back to Dave's account: "In any case, if we ever do something like this again, maybe more Cornell alums from the Los Angeles area can join us and check it out. It was a great way to visit the campus (or, at least, a part of it) without having to leave Santa Monica. Also, as you can imagine, it was kind of touching to see the event get excellent coverage on the front page of the *Sun*." The story recalled Dave's student activist days at Cornell. He was co-chair of SDS and was involved in the 1969 Straight imbroglio as an organizer of the Barton Hall protest. He was banned from the campus for "trying to make an unauthorized speech at commencement," but was "welcomed back" in 1978 when he returned for a graduate degree in creative writing.

We do have some reports of classmates who were back on campus the old-fashioned way, in person, at Adult University (CAU) last summer: **Marsha Beirach Eisen** and **Larry '66**, ME I '67, **Joanne Edelson** Honigman, **Susan K. Wolman**, **Edward Tanenhaus**, **Kristl Bogue** Hathaway, PhD '76, and **Douglas Shore**. I'd give you the names of the courses, which range from the Birth of Nations and Opera to The Physics of Everyday Things, if I had a few more pages. **Myra Markowitz Carpenter** and **John '65**, BS Ag '66, and **Susan Axelrod** Lemkin attended a CAU program in Annapolis on the challenges for America in the new century, and **Daniel Eitington** went on a CAU-sponsored Mediterranean cruise.

Dr. **Kevin Pranikoff**, 150 Greenaway Rd., Eggertsville, NY, reports that he was the honoree last year at Springfest '98, "an annual dinner dance held by the Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo, where I am clinical director of urology." Also in attendance were **Jim Lopata** (1 E. Schiller #22A, Chicago, IL), **Bob '65** and **Sally Shoolman Mechur** (2415 East

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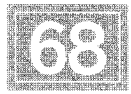
France, Alaska, California, etc., and reading and writing poetry." Susan, who concludes that "life is beautiful," reports that her daughter Lori Madoff, 34, and husband Amir Moussapou live in Larchmont, NY, with their two children; son **Michael Madoff '88** and wife **Marianne Weber '89** live in New York City with their children; son Nigel Jackson, 21, graduated from James Madison U. with a degree in marketing; and daughter Marissa Jackson, 20, is studying urban affairs at Columbia U. She goes on to advise us that "missing classmate" **Harry S. Madoff**, BA '66, now lives at 535 W. 110 St., Apt. 6H, NYC, 10025. **Carol Sacks** Sekura met for dinner with a former "missing classmate," **Erica "Ricky" Rauch** McQuillen in Columbia, MD. Carol, who lives in Key Largo, FL, with husband Ronald, says, "Ricky had been listed

U. in Salem, OR. He started his new job this summer. A direct quote from United States Senator Hank Brown, who just recently became UNC's new president: "Dr. Tennant is known for developing and maintaining strong student-campus relationships, and his skills will be a wonderful match for a university such as UNC, which is very student-centered."

Time does move on. **James Shulman**, BA '67, recently retired, having served as vice-president of Mount Carmel Health Services (a Columbus, OH, hospital system) and as CEO of Mount Carmel Behavioral Healthcare, a managed care firm specializing in mental health services. He writes that he is still doing some healthcare consulting in between travels and his art pursuits. ♦ **Bill Blockton**, 18 Leatherstocking Lane, Mamaroneck, NY 10543; e-mail, rbsfabrics@juno.com.

Ave. #11, Rochester, NY), **Joan Brooks Alexander '72** and **David, JD '72**, and **Julie Pranikoff '00**.

Donald R. Fox, 2687 Hance Rd., Macedon, NY (MrDodger@aol.com) "left the law firm of Hodgson Russ Andrews Woods & Goodyear to set up a new firm, Evans & Fox," as of Jan. 1, '99. Don and wife **Lisa (Wasielewski) '68** also send news of their children. After graduating in 1998 from Scripps School at Ohio U., their daughter Susan got an internship with the AP and covered the South African presidential race. Their son Robert is a junior at James Madison U. **Mitchel S. Ross** has set up a new firm, Sweder & Ross LLP, 21 Custom House St., Suite 300, Boston, MA. He told the *Boston Business Journal*: "Smart clients don't hire law firms, they hire lawyers." He continues to specialize in complex business, real estate, and financial litigation, as well as commercial and real estate transactions. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffmann**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.



Hope you are having a good winter. **Ralph "Bo" Reahard**, BIE '69, recently sold his business in Atlanta and moved to Tampa, FL, so his 17-year-old son could enroll in the Tampa golf program while finishing high school. Bo loves the pace of life in Tampa. Although still working, he finds more time for golf, beach, and friends. **Barry Kohn** and wife **Brina (Seminer) '70**, live in Hollywood Hills, CA, and in New York City. In 1996 Barry started a not-for-profit corporation called Physician Volunteers for the Arts (PVA). Barry volunteers on both coasts, providing free medical care for the uninsured and underinsured performing arts community in Los Angeles and New York. PVA has established a linkage with New York Presbyterian Hospital, and doctors from that institution volunteer time as well. Barry welcomes hearing from any doctors interested in volunteering a half-day a month to provide medical care for members of the performing arts community in Los Angeles or NYC. He can be reached at bakmd@aol.com.

Jane Frommer Gertler reports that while walking through the Daintree Rainforest in northeastern Australia this past summer, she recognized her former Cornell roommate **Diane E. Levin**, whom she had not seen nor heard from since 1968. Diane is a professor in child development at Wheelock College, and was in Australia for a conference. Jane and husband **David '67**, ME I '68, spent two weeks in Australia as a 30th anniversary present. They live in Scarsdale, NY.

Neil Chodorow and wife Susie live in Penfield, NY. Neil is a teacher of gifted education in a suburban school and Susie runs an honors program for inner city teenagers for the Rochester Arts and Cultural Council. They have one son in his senior year at Cornell and another son at the U. of Toronto. **Kathleen Maney Fox** teaches second grade at Groton Elementary School. She is active in Cortland County Cornell Women's Club and political

organizations. Her daughter **Melissa M. Toner '97** is a law student at Boston U. **Julius Gall** lives in Somers Point, NJ, and has visited with **Jim Schatz**, Dorothea, and their daughter **Diana**, who will be Cornell Class of 2003.

A note from my old friend **Joe Gellert**, MBA '71, reports that his oldest son, **Stephen**, is a sophomore this year. Joe is busy with the family cheese business. **John H. Gross**, JD '71, lives in Commack, NY, and has been appointed a member of the newly created NY State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law. **Steve Hamilton** lives in Virginia Beach, VA, and flies as a co-pilot for American Airlines. His daughter Karin attends James Madison U. in a pre-vet program. His son attends Harvard, where he has done some computer work for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Chet Stein lives in Rockville, MD, and practices periodontics in Washington. His wife Rita is a school counselor and son Jonathan completed his first year at George Washington U. Chet's recent travels have included Singapore and Bali, as well as Cuba. **Millicent J. Marcus** lives in Merion, PA, and is a professor of Italian studies and director of film studies at the U. of Pennsylvania. **Randy Koch** has recently moved to Oakland, CA. **Paul Mayer** lives in Dobbs Ferry, NY, and is president of American Housewares, a strainer and kitchen tool manufacturer. Paul likes suburban living, but also enjoys access to the city.

David Weisbrod lives in Greenwich, CT, and continues to work at Chase Manhattan Bank as a senior vice-president in the cash management payments area. He has been at Chase for 25 years. His daughter Chiara attends Johns Hopkins and son Alex is at Greenwich High School. David reports seeing **Sharon (Lawner)**, PhD '71, and **Steve Weinberg**, MBA '70, JD '71, and **Nick '67** and **Cheryl Katz Kaufmann**, most recently at the Cornell Tower Club Dinner. **Judith Winter** Andrucki, MST '69, lives in Lewiston, ME. Her husband Marty is a professor at Bates College and has recently been working in Hungary, so they have had the opportunity to travel in Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic. Judy is a partner in the Maine law firm of Hark Andrucki, practicing predominantly in domestic relations. She is also a trustee of the U. of Maine System and Maine Public Broadcasting, and president of the Board of Maine Music Society. Judy and her family vacation at Islesboro, a beautiful island off the Maine coast.

I'm sorry to report the death of **Anne Gilfoil** Borrusch. Anne lived in Northville, MI, and is survived by her husband Lawrence and two sons.

Steve Balogh, B CH E '69, lives in Portola Valley, CA, and works as a president of an executive search practice (David Powell Inc.) in Silicon Valley. He focuses on building organizational capability for new companies. **Luis Muniz-Arguelles** lives in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and has been working on the revision of Puerto Rico's century old civil code, while teaching at the U. of Puerto Rico law school. He plans to be in Argentina on a Ful-

bright Scholarship next year.

That's all for now. Look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109; fax, (617) 760-8349; e-mail, gordon_silver@putnaminv.com.



After a hiatus of ten years, I am pleased to be your class correspondent again. In the transition there may be some duplication or omission of news items. If I repeat a note, I hope you are like me at age 52 and will not remember it. If you sent news in 1998 and it was not printed, it will be soon. There are about 80 notes remaining from last year, so I will include as many as possible in the next few columns. But better yet, send me an update; we all know how quickly life changes.

Many of you are involved in the science and medical community. **Dr. Richard Stillman**, a general and vascular surgeon, was elected chief of the medical staff at Northwest Medical Center. He writes that roller-blading 50 miles a week keeps him in shape. **Philip Kyle** is now senior naturalist at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History after retiring from teaching biology, anatomy, and physiology. He also roller-blades, runs, and plays hockey. **Dr. Philip Callahan** keeps in shape as a marathoner, running the 1998 LA Marathon in three hours and 52 minutes.

Recently board certified, **Dr. Jakow Diener** tells about his trip to Italy's Umbria region. His son **Jeff Diener '95** is now at UCLA in a combined law/MBA program, and **Michele '98** is working for Toyota doing facilities design. **Dr. Peter Nieh**, MD '73, is still senior staff urologist at the Lahey Clinic. His son Douglas attends Tufts veterinary school, daughter Kristen is at Bowdoin, and wife Brenda teaches middle school English. **Paul Sutherland** is a clinical psychologist and lives with wife Valerie, son Sean, 6, and daughters Jan, 8, and Shannon, 10, in West Palm Beach, FL. **Dr. Carol A. Kavanagh** is a pediatrician and clinical assistant professor at the U. of Rochester school of medicine. She was elected president of the Rochester Pediatric Society for 1999.

An associate professor of microbiology and immunology, **Vivian Lam** Braciale joined the U. of Texas medical branch. She now lives in League City, TX, and mentions her children: Kara (U. of Chicago '98), Michael, 19, and Laura, 16. **Dr. Marsha R. Gold** has published a book, *Contemporary Managed Care: Readings in Structure, Operations & Policy*. **Elizabeth A. Hunter**, BS Nurs '70, is at the U. of Kentucky as an outpatient pediatric nurse. Our science advisor to the commander, US Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain, is **Dr. John Mittleman**.

Nutritionist **Bernice "Bunny" Chase Schorr**, MS '72, works at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, while husband **Alan '66**, PhD '71, is an engineer at Bettis Atomic Power Lab. Both children are Cornellians, **Debbie Schorr '01** and **David, Grad '94-98**. **Kent Nadbornik** is in the hospital supply business in Helsinki, Finland. In

New York City, Dr. **Marianne Goodman** is a psychiatrist in private practice, married to attorney William Norden and mother to Hillary, 12, and Samantha, 9. Involved in healthcare communications, **Barbara Levitz** Lindheim joined Edelman Worldwide in the public relations department.

Several classmates write that they are business owners. **Ingrid Vatsvog** Wachtler, ME '70, owns and manages Woodbrook Nursery, a thriving business specializing in growing native plants. **Judy Lyke** Clarke's business is growing fruit, and it is truly a family-run concern. Her husband Steven, daughter Pamela, and son Brad are all involved. At the time Judy wrote, daughter **Kelly A. Clarke '98** had just graduated from the College of Human Ecology.

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gy. **Harry Furman** has started a private pay-telephone business. If you are interested in cheese, **Rob Kaufelt** is an expert. He and his NYC store, Murray's Cheese shop, were featured in *Food & Wine* magazine. **Alan Howard** is a professor of law, and his wife Lynn is the owner and president of Lynn Propper Associates. Financial planner and business owner **Timothy W. Jones**, MPA '71, is chairman of Cooper, Jones & McLeland, Ltd. Son Brian works in the business, daughter Suzanne is married with one child, and son Allen swims for the Vols at the U. of Tennessee. In New Delhi, India, **Naresh Khanna** writes that he is a hotel investor. His son **Ravish Khanna '91** works with him, and daughter Punam is studying for her second degree in business administration. **Debbie Lull** Brooks is a self-employed CPA who was recently appointed to the board of her local community college foundation.

Linda Pearce Kabelac, BS Ag '70, is a Cornell Development major gift officer, but in her free time, Linda breeds Korat cats and is a floral designer. She has won awards in both areas and is a life flower show judge. **Lorraine Spencer** Capparell sculpts, paints, and does graphic designing. She recently completed *Five Women*, five life-size figures in bronze, which were shown at San Jose City College. Alamo Rent-a-Car's president and CEO is now **George Gremse**. **Ron Schildge**, BA '70, is president of a diversified industrial company involved in machine building and service and has been president of the Rumson, NJ, school board. The president of Action CAD/CAM Inc. in Buffalo, NY, is **Richard H. Greenberg**. **Bob Yancey** reports that he has left the business world, retiring from Ashland Inc. after 25 years. **Saunders Wilson** tells us that his avocation is piloting light aircraft and singing in a barbershop chorus. Before going to Australia on business, representing The Center for Sales Strategy, **Steven A. Marx**, wife Merrill, and daughter Emily traveled to

Japan and China. “Most fascinating trip of my life,” says Steven.

Perry Smith informs us that he and wife Roseanne are enjoying their 5-year-old daughter Meg, whom they adopted in China. **William**, BS Hotel '70, and Cathy **Hopping** have a 2-year-old son, Alec. **Sandra Pell** is busy as a private math tutor and rearing three children. **Michael Wolf** writes, “After more than 20 years, I decided that the ‘thrill’ of litigation was starting to wear thin.” Lately he has been working as a labor arbitrator. He also co-authored a book, *Religion in the Workplace, A Comprehensive Guide to Legal Rights and Responsibilities*. **Pam Thurber** Duncan, MA '85, tells us that husband Charles is an arbitrator at the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague. Last

year, they were able to spend two glorious weeks traveling in Italy. From Kansas, **Meg Peterson** Mathewson invites classmates to call or visit. She has seen **Richard Felder '68**, also living in Wichita, who is “not only successful, but very happy, too.”

Cornell figured in many of the notes I received. **Herb Eisenberg**, MS '69, and **Judy (Ruchlis)** attended Cornell Parents Weekend to visit daughter **Lauren B. Eisenberg '02**. Both of **Mary Clark** Hess's children are Cornellians, **Peter Hess '98**, ME M '99, and **Sarah E. Hess '01**. Mary writes that Sarah's roommate is **Lucie Fougner '01**, daughter of **Jan '67**, BA Arch '70, and **Ragnhild Aagaard Fougner**. **Gwynne Lewis** Movius had a wonderful visit to Cornell where she saw Professors James John and David Bouldin. **Richard D.** and **Barbara Gross Weinberg's** daughter is **Laura J. Weinberg '00**. **Robert Jossen's** son is **Daniel Jossen '02**. **Kathleen E.** “Kate” '00 and **John C. Riley '97** are the children of **John A. Riley**, who has returned to school himself. He writes, “After 25 years as a dairy farmer, I returned to college to get an MBA.” **Christopher E. Clayton '00**, son of **Edward Clayton**, ME M '70, has traveled from his home in Bangkok, Thailand, to be an architecture student on the Hill. **Scott Kelly '02**, the son of **Kenneth E. Kelly**, MA '70, went to Ithaca while Dad and family relocated to Assonet, MA, to be dean of student affairs at Bristol Community College.

If you would like to contact any of the people mentioned in the column, I would be happy to supply information. ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; tel., (603) 673-5369; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.



It's finally here! Enjoy this exciting new year of 2000. Be sure to plan on “Reunion 2000” in June. The dates for the Class of 1970's 30th Reunion are Thurs-

day, June 8 to Sunday, June 11. It will be a grand party with our classmates and with all reunioners. **John and Jane Gegenheimer St. John** (johnstjohn@compuserv.com) say they are still enjoying life as soccer mom and dad. It means not so much traveling, so they ask friends to visit them! Their son Jeff is back at Berkeley getting his master's in journalism. Daughter Rachel is in a five-year fellowship to get a PhD in history at Stanford. Laura and Liz are juniors in high school. Each plays three varsity sports and gets As. Laura placed sixth in the 1600m run (a personal best of 5:12) in the Southern California Regionals in May 1999. Liz was slated to run the 3200m, but a soccer game won out. **Ken Gilstein** is now at 64 Elizabeth St., Guilford, CT 06437. His e-mail is gilstein@gateway.net. His private practice in psychology now focuses on evaluating and treating people with mild traumatic brain injuries (MTBI). His wife Paula is a cognitive rehabilitation specialist who works with EEG neurofeedback in patients with MTBI and other cognitive impairments. Ken continues to coach youth lacrosse and coaches his eighth-grade son Matt, who was selected as an all-state midfielder last spring. 8-year-old son Dylan also plays lacrosse. Oldest son Bryan is a senior and is narrowing down his college choices.

John Boldt (john.boldt@compaq.com) is the director of field marketing programs for the Tandem division of Compaq Computer Corp. Business took him and his significant other, Barbara Runsel, to Cancún and Brazil to train Latin American distributors. Last year John and Barbara vacationed for six weeks in Latin America, including Belize (scuba diving and Mayan ruins), Costa Rica, Peru (Lima, Nazca Lines, Cuzco, Machu Picchu), Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands. This year, it was Venezuela (Isla de Margarita) and Santa Fe, NM, for the Indian Market. **David Novick** has been in Lawrence, KS, (2012 Carmel Dr., 66047; e-mail, enovick@aol.com) for four years. Wife Liz is pursuing a doctorate in educational psychology at the U. of Kansas while working as an elementary school guidance counselor. In May 1999, their daughter Linda graduated from Arizona State U. and is now working in Chicago for an advertising agency. Their son Andy is in his second year at Phillips Exeter Academy where he is a strong wrestler and lacrosse player. **Lois J. “Joli” Adams** and her husband, Claude Bertout, have bought an apartment near the Marais and Place de la République (21, rue Beranger, 75003 Paris, France; e-mail, ljacmrb@aol.com). Joli is now teaching an IB literature course in addition to her usual French/International classes (eighth to 12th) at the Ecole Active Bilingue Jeannine Manuel. Her daughter Saskia is in her senior year in the IB diploma program at the Ecole and plays saxophone in three groups. Claude has added an editorship of astronomy and astrophysics to his research at the CNRS. Joli and Claude's older daughter, Jessica, completed her first year at Yale, and is now in her third year due to extra credits from her French degree. She is in the Yale Bach Society and other orchestras,

and she participates in work study. She even finds time to party. Joli continues to do as much sailing as possible and enjoys her summers as an opportunity to rest and prepare for the next school year.

Ernest I. "Chip" Reveal and his family have now been in Southern California for eight years, after being in Minnesota previously. He and wife Kitty have three teenage daughters, who drive them crazy, of course. They also have four horses (Chip doesn't ride) and a dog, Charlie. In the summer of 1999, their daughter Jenny attended a creative writing workshop at the U. of Virginia. **Mark S. Hoffman** has lots of new number information: 131 Arboretum Way, Burlington, MA 01803; e-mail, mark_hoffman@bigfoot.com, and URL, <http://surf.to/mark.h>.

Patrick D. Kelly is at 40 Arthur St., Suite 1002, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 7T5, Canada. His e-mail is patrickkelly@webtv.net. He earned his master's of education degree in counseling from the U. of Ottawa-Faculty of Education in 1999. He is also a member of the Ottawa Valley Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team. In July 1999, Patrick sailed the Greek Islands, from Samos to Rhodos, aboard a 50-foot sailing sloop. **Matt Schneider** says he is trying to get the hang of the 50s. He had a hip replacement in December 1998, which went well. Last year he became the managing director of the Washington, DC, office of the law firm Garvey, Schubert, and Barer, a Seattle-based firm. He and wife Marjorie have two children. They find that life is interesting and quite satisfying. Their son Adam is in his second year at Washington U. in St. Louis and loves it. Their daughter Emily is a sophomore in high school. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.



STOP the presses! Giving a whole new dimension to Reconnection '71, **Arthur B. Spitzer** and **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas were married on October 10. Among the wedding guests were more than two dozen Cornellians who crowned the festivities by singing "Far Above" in unison! (Or so they boast.) The Cornellian chorus included classmates **Marty Coultrap**, **Sandie Feinman**, **Greg '72** and **Patricia Yuan Zuroski**, **Gayle A. Yeomans**, **Andy Weiss**, **Abe Anolik**, BS ILR '73, and **Bob**, MBA '73, and **Jean Benschop Olney '72**. The older generation was represented by **Alan '44** and **Erna Fox Kaplan '45**, BS HE '44. Also in attendance: **Howard '74** and **Barbara Spitzer Hiller '77**, **David A. Kaplan '78**, **Jonathan C. Kaplan '86**, **Jeffrey S. Abrams '72**, **Eli Savada '72**, **Susan Siegelaub Katz '75**, BA '76, **Fran** and **Rob Morris '72**, and **Bob Platt '73**, JD '76.

Elisabeth and Art, who is longtime legal director of the ACLU of the National Capital Area, are "at home" at 11 Oxford St. in Chevy Chase, MD. Elisabeth's daughter Katherine is in her second year at Brown and works at the *Brown Daily Herald* with Nina and Gabe

Oberfield, children of **Rich** and **Sharon Oliphant Oberfield '70**, MD '74. Son Benjamin Boas organized a chess club at Hopkins, his New Haven high school; daughter Esther is a middle schooler.

Art and Elisabeth and several of their aforementioned wedding guests got to practice their singing and dancing at a small but choice September gathering in Manhattan to celebrate the collective 50th birthday of the Class of '71. **David** and **Tina Beale** came all the way from Boca Raton. Your correspondent and spouse Thom Black jetted in from Ann Arbor and **Linda Germaine** came from Newton, MA. The NY Metro area was so well-represented that I will not attempt to list everyone at once. I especially enjoyed the chance to chat with former class correspondent **Matt Silverman**, **Lauren Procton Meyer**, **Marcia H. Flicker**, **Kal Lindenberg**, **Janet A. Edelberg**, **Amy Pastarnack Hughes**, MBA '74, **Kathy Menton Flaxman**, and **Janice (Pigula)** with husband **Richard Hoff '70**. **Dale Cohen** spearheaded the planning. Thanks to Dale and all the others who arranged good food, good music, and good times for some not-so-old fogies!

In the current dues mailing, more retiring classmates have emerged, in several senses of "retire." **D. Wayne Brewer** wrote to announce his recent retirement after 26 fruitful years with the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. As a DEC law enforcement officer, Wayne helped protect New York's endangered plants and animals, pioneered investigations into illegal hazardous waste disposal, and, in 1997, became director of the 300-person law enforcement division. He and wife Linda live in Glenville, NY, with their teenagers, Marie, Donald, and Douglas. In Chapel Hill, **Thomas J. Chegash**, who retired in 1997, has started a placement firm for the local hospitality field and seeks resumes from classmates "hospitable" to the idea of living and working in North Carolina.

Others are taking up new careers, with or without benefit of retirement. **Sharon R. Schatz**'s "midlife renewal" finds her in Lake Oswego, OR, after 20 years in Los Angeles. She is part of a case management program for people suffering from end-stage kidney disease. Sharon would like to connect with Portland-area Cornellians.

Pamela W. Peterson of Montclair, NJ, writes, "Despite a lackluster career as a Cornell undergrad, I seem to have hit my stride." Last spring she graduated with honors from Seton Hall U. law school and was looking forward to passing bar exams and paying off loans. **Louise J. Wolfe**, who has taught law, described herself as a "novice violinist" in a card from Belmont, MA. Her husband, Stefan Ahlblad, is an architect in Newton and their daughter has begun second grade.

When **Thomas J. Nally**, BArch '72, wrote last May, his son Michael was just 19 months old. Tom and wife Susan "try to keep our sanity and get enough sleep while holding down three full-time jobs—he's the third." They live in Brookline, MA. In Santa Monica, CA, **Lance Gentile** and wife Jacqueline have

sons Rhett, 5 last September, and Jared, who'll be 2 in July.

News from **Mildred Shepard Zien**, MS HE '82, reveals how diverse our class really is. Mildred moved with her husband, **Dewitt '40**, PhD '52, from Tompkins County to Colorado Springs in 1991 to care for their son, **Gary Zien '64**, who died of leukemia in May 1993. Eleven months later, she lost her husband as well. "Although I will be 81 in February, I work every day," writes Mildred, who owns and manages a realty firm. "Love Colorado, but miss our beloved Cornell."

Marilyn Sill Donald writes from Box 324, King Ferry, NY, where husband Dean is supervisor at the Cargill Salt Co. in Lansing. They enjoy backpacking in the Adirondacks with Elizabeth and Seth, ages 16 and 14. After 18 years as a "stay-at-home mom," Marilyn is doing some writing and working at a book bindery.

And who could resist these final words from **Paul Sayvetz** of 201 Elm St. in Ithaca: "Yes, I forgot to pay my class dues. As a matter of fact, I'm flat broke. Could you root around for about \$500 of spare change and send it to me?" Nuff said (for now)! ♦ **Marsha Ackermann**, 1612 Waltham Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; e-mail, ackerm28@pilot.msu.edu.



Happy Y2K to everyone. Since this column is being written in advance of the New Year, I'm hoping that everything went smoothly during the transition to the year 2000 and that you are not reading this by candlelight while cooking dinner over an open fire.

Alan Alexandroff, PhD '79, of Toronto, heads up LECG Inc. of Canada, which keeps him involved in Silicon Valley in the States. Alan is also a partner in a full-service dispute resolution firm called Mediated Solutions Inc. The burst of ADR activity makes work in the firm extremely exciting. Finally, he continues to be involved in the Academy of the U. of Toronto where he runs a program on conflict management and negotiation and directs international projects on China's accession to the World Trade Organization. Alan's wife Carole, a Swarthmore graduate, is a geriatric psychiatrist at the U. of Toronto Medical School. They have two great kids, Rachel, a fourth grader at St. Clement's, and Miriam, a first grader. **Carl Valley**, BS Ag '73, is an investment broker with A.G. Edwards in Corning. Daughter Sarah graduated from the Emma Willard School in June and son Parks attends Elmira Free Academy. Dr. **Stanley Fish**, DVM '75, of Merrick, reports that he visited **Steve**, DVM '75, and **Debbie Lederman Cohen** at their lovely home in Annandale, VA. Stan also met **Kevin Idelson '72** at a reception for Dean Daryl Lund. Kevin is a dentist in Great Neck. Stan's son, **Benjamin Fish '99**, has entered Hofstra Law School.

Patricia Guy is on her third assignment in the Foreign Service. She is a consular and economics officer in Berlin, and has taken tours of Minsk, Belarus, and Kazakhstan. Pat is enjoying the capital of Germany. Dr. **Nancy**

R. Kollisch of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, is married to Dr. Jeff Pressman. Nancy practices infectious disease medicine. She has daughters Mindy, 13, and Shelley, 11, as well as two dogs, bifocals, and more gray hair. **Linda Greer Spooner**, JD '75, has been a practicing attorney since 1975 and completed medical school at Howard U. in 1999. She will practice internal medicine in Washington, DC. Linda's daughter Mary Michelle graduated from the U. of Maryland last year. I hope both graduations did not occur on the same day. **Janice Kulik Schmidt** reports that **Elizabeth Gumm Hewitt** and **W. Robert Higgins** both live in Santa Fe, NM.

Neil Cohen writes from Snowbird, UT, and reminisces about the glory days of Big Red hockey, especially the National Championship season of 1969-70 when they went 29-0. Neil had a hockey mini-reunion last March with **John W. Hughes '70**, MBA '71, JD '74. John and wife **Amy (Pastarnack) '71**, MBA '74, were in Salt Lake City for the US Figure Skating Championships. Their daughter Sarah, 13, competed and placed fourth, earning a spot on the US team at the World Championships in Helsinki. Maybe some of you remember seeing Sarah on TV last year. Neil says that if you want to re-experience Lynah Rink mania, there are various Cornell hockey sites on the Web. He suggests starting with www.hockey.cornell.edu where you can hear Neil play the original Cowbell cheer from 30 years ago, as well as the current version.

Christine Creighton Laubin, BS HE '73, writes from England that she was head of the Montessori department of the A. Christopher School until 1997 when she suffered a head injury in a moped accident in Greece. Christine says she is lucky that her field is cognitive development. She is now working part-time at the Association in International Training College in London. We hope that Christine has a complete recovery. Her husband, **Carl Laubin '70**, BArch '73, is painting full-time—mostly architectural projects in the UK and Europe. He would love some US projects if anyone has any leads. Their eldest daughter, Sophie, 21, is at the Camberwell School of Art, studying ethnographic museum conservation. Son Max, 16, is in his exam year in England, and Lucy, 14, is grappling with an ever-increasing paper route and her exchange program in France. **Perry Heidecker** celebrated his 20th year at Milman & Heidecker, a labor employment firm on Long Island. Daughter Stacy hopes to study plant science and continue the family tradition at Cornell. Perry sadly reports that **Ken Sansone**, whose name appeared on the "Missing List," passed away some time ago.

My daughter, Kelly, is a sophomore at the U. of Oregon in Eugene, OR. She works part-time in the student physical education center. In the evenings she volunteers as a dispatcher and driver for the campus "Safe Rides" program. **Betsy Post Falconi** of Newton, PA, has become involved in local politics and successfully ran her first campaign. She is now a township supervisor. Congratulations, Betsy! Betsy's oldest daughter, Kate,

graduated from Duke last year. Daughter Lizzy is a sophomore at New York U. Betsy reports that she and spouse, **Joe Falconi '70**, enjoy regular visits with **Gary**, BA '73, JD '76, and **Kay Burgunder Stevens**, MRP '75, and their three young boys (all under age 10). Betsy says she feels like a grandmother to the boys. **William Fudeman** graduated from the New England School of Acupuncture in 1997. He is a licensed acupuncturist and certified social worker, practicing in Ithaca and Syracuse.

Gene Weber of San Francisco says that his firm, Bluewater Capital Management, is benefiting from the Silicon Valley economic boom. Wife Angela keeps their daughters in line while she manages her design business. Scotty, 10, has three junior fishing world records, while Paige, 7, works on her skiing and swimming. **Abby Propis Simms** and **Gary**, of Chevy Chase, MD, write that son Dan, 18, has been recruited to play football at SUNY/Albany (Division 1AA). Dan is the first student in his school's history to be both a varsity football player and a Judaic studies major. He plans to be a rabbi. Dr. **Gail J. Povar** completed a term on the ethics committee of the American College of Physicians. She is still in general internal medicine practice and teaches medical students at George Washington U. in Washington, DC. Husband **Larry Bachorik '71** is acting associate commissioner for public affairs at the FDA. The couple's children, Alexandra, 11, and Justin, 16, are both involved in soccer and music (piano, flute, trumpet, guitar, and voice—it's a noisy house!). Gail and Larry spent five days with **Ken Olinger '71** at his home in Ireland.

Dr. **Irwin Rosenfeld** informs us that daughter Elayna is a senior at Loyola Marymount U., majoring in television production and broadcasting. She spent the fall semester in Europe in a special program on European film and television. Son Ethan is a freshman at U. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. He was valedictorian of his high school class and received awards in drama, mathematics, history, foreign language, and fine arts. Ethan is also a professional pianist. Irwin continues to practice psychiatry to pay their tuition. His latest honor was being the first MD at the South Coast (CA) Medical Center to receive the Golden Apple Award. **Raisa Scriabine**, MA '74, married Robert B. Wallace in 1998. She is a consultant in international development and spent much of the past two years working in the Congo, Ethiopia, and India. **Dale Hedtke** resides in St. Paul, MN. Send news. ♦ **Alex Barna**, 1050 Eagle Lane, Foster City, CA 94404; e-mail, abarna@mail.arc.nasa.gov.



Class of '73, welcome to the new millennium! It's been 27 years since we left Cornell! It doesn't seem possible. Well, time hasn't slowed any of us down. We are busy with children, careers, and making a difference, all over the place. Let's get right to it! First, some personal news. I can't tell you what a privilege it is to be able to write this January column. In September 1999, I was diagnosed with cervical cancer. What a wake-up call!

Within two weeks, I had surgery, and I'm grateful to say that my prognosis is good. I have to say this—take care of yourselves. I was really dumb not to have an exam for eight years. Never again! Over the years we have lost some of our best classmates to things that could have been prevented. I want each of you to help keep the Class of '73 as healthy and safe as you can.

Speaking of which, let's talk about some doctors. **Matt Mauro**, MD '77, and wife **Patricia (Marchase)**, MD '77, are living in Chapel Hill, NC, and have two children, David, 16, and Lauren, 19, who is a sophomore at Princeton. You couldn't practice in a nicer place than Chapel Hill. We heard from **Wendy Roberts Michel**, who is a therapist in private practice in Fairfield, CT. Her specialty is couples therapy. **Ralph '72**, MBA '74, is CFO of Omega Engineering. Their son David, 22, is a senior at Hamilton College. **Steven Michel '02**, 19, is a sophomore in the Arts college, and daughter Heidi is 16 and a junior in high school. **Donald Partridge** is in Batavia, NY, with children **Darcy '99** and **Scott '01**.

Let's get some West Coast news: Dr. **Lloyd Brunk** and wife Renée are living in Napa, CA. Lloyd is with Permanente Medical Group in Vallejo, CA. Also in California is Class Vice-President **Richard Bower** with the Evergood Sausage Company in San Francisco. His wife is **Jacqueline Preziose**, MS '75.

Back in the mid-Atlantic region, **Rich Isaacman** from Bowie, MD, had quite a year while son Sibren was getting his driver's license. Nothing like those white-knuckled moments while you smile at them and wave bye-bye! Another son, Gabriel, 14, who is in high school, exhibits a flair for writing and mathematics. Rich is the director of payload applications at Integral Systems, a commercial satellite software firm. Far out, Rich—only kidding. We have some buddies in Virginia: **Fred Falten** started a position with Capital One near Richmond. Another Richmond resident is **Peter E. Barker**. He is at the National Inst. of Standards and Technology, where he focuses on molecular cytogenetics in the biotechnology division.

Back up in New York, **Lawrence C. Brown** argued before the US Supreme Court in the first case of the October 1998 term. What a great experience and honor for you, Larry! Sorry it took so long to tell everyone; sometimes the news gets here by pony express, honestly. **James W. Hamilton**, PhD '83, has had a bit of an exotic time. He's home from Africa with children Helen, 6, and Jay, 3. In one of our next columns we will tell you what James was up to on the Big Continent. From Staten Island, **Randy Barbarash** notes that his son David is in his second year at Virginia Tech, studying landscape architecture. **James Hilderbrant**, in Whitney Point, NY, has a granddaughter who just turned 3. His son is doing well at SUNY Delhi. Is it possible some of us are grandparents? Let's hear from those of you who are. That's exciting news.

Ken Luckow, DVM '78, has owned the Fort Salonga Animal Hospital for 17 years. He

and wife Brenda saw daughter **Tracy S. '99** graduate from the Ag school as a food science major. Daughter **Lori A. '01** is a communications major. Ken and Brenda have two younger daughters, Amanda and Danielle, who look forward to a Big Red education. Howard and **Ann Cohen Rombom** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! They have daughters Sarah, 17, in her senior year of high school, and Rebekah, 13. Both daughters are active in school. Sarah volunteers at North Shore Hospital, and Rebekah sings, wherever and whenever she can.

Well, I'm getting towards the end, but before I sign off on this column, I want to wish you all the best for this year and the years to come on behalf of all the class officers. This is an exciting and challenging time to be alive. It will be interesting to see where we go next and what difference we make in this next age. One thing you can be sure of, Cornell will be there at the forefront, and the Class of '73 will be a part of it. As a class officer, I love contributing to you and to Cornell. Thank you for your contribution to the class and the university. Keep sending me your news. We want to know how you are and what you are doing. I'm out of here. Write soon. ♦ **Thilde Petersen**, 122 Summerset Lane, Atlanta, GA 30328-1666; e-mail, thilde@skirtmotosports.com; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI 48823; e-mail, grummonp@msu.edu.

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An endowment fund has been created by friends and family in memory of **Richard Cleaveland**. The fund is intended to bring writers to the Cornell community for an annual reading. Readers include poets, prose writers, dramatic readers, playwrights, or performance artists. For more information or to make a donation to the Cleaveland Memorial Fund, contact **Charles Ferris** at (413) 528-8900 or Carol True-Palmer, Director of Alumni Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, at (607) 255-9885 or ctp3@cornell.edu.

Bonni Dutcher sent an e-mail saying that she was sorry to have missed reunion, but she was moving that weekend from the Chicago area to Potomac, MD, where her new address is 13304 Sunny Brooke Pl. Bonni writes: "There have been lots of changes in my life. I took a new job as director of medical services with Medimmune in Gaithersburg, MD, and moved back East. I officially became an empty nester, with my two daughters at Purdue. I would love to hear from classmates in the DC area." She can be reached at (301) 315-2619 (home), or (301) 527-4243 (work), or at dutcherb@medimmune.com.

In August 1999, **Bill Ruskin, JD '77**, was named a partner at the law firm of Cummings & Lockwood of Stamford, CT. Bill practices primarily in the areas of environmental, toxic tort, and product liability litigation. Prior to joining Cummings & Lockwood, he was a partner at the law firm of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP in New York City. He is vice-chair of the New York Conservation Educa-

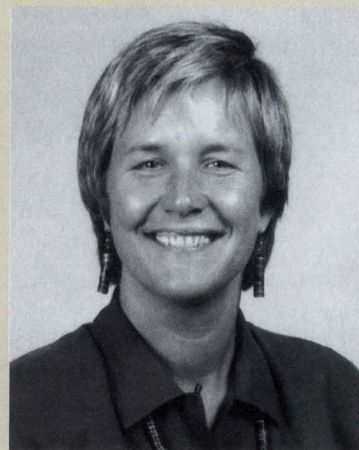
tion Fund and serves on the executive committee of the New York League of Conservation Voters. Bill lives in Riverside, CT. An article on architects in NYC in the Aug. 8, '99 issue of the *New York Times* featured **Ken Brown**. In June of 1999, he was named president of the architectural firm, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. As president, he manages business operations and assists the partners in strategic planning. Ken relocated to Greenwich, CT, with wife Vicky and children Bryson, 20, Charles, 14, Teddy, 11, and Cashin, 3, from Singapore, where he was vice-president of GE Southeast Asia. The Apr. 19, '99 issue of the *New York Times* included a story about **Nina L. Bassuk**, who was explaining the pros and cons of planting Bradford pear trees in cities. Nina is the director of the Inst. of Urban Horticulture and lives in Ithaca.

Dale, JD '77, and Deborah **Lazar** attended Adult University (CAU) last April/May on a cruise aboard the M.V. *Song of Flower* to study nature and civilization in the ancient Mediterranean. They live in McLean, VA. **Nancy Maczulak** Fisher e-mailed to report a trip that she and husband David took in their Cessna 182, from Massachusetts to California and back. Nancy and David stopped at many national parks, including Arches, Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Bandolier National

Teacher's Preacher

CHRISTINE SHIBER '74

Christine Shiber's passion as a Methodist minister extends beyond the walls of her church to the schoolyards of Northern California. For the past four years, the pastor of Montclair United Methodist Church in Oakland has been singing the praises of public education to parents and principals alike. Shiber, who earned an English degree on the Hill, stresses the societal benefits of keeping children of all ethnicities and economic classes in urban public schools. "For me, it is about what God would be doing in the world: bringing justice, creating opportunities," she says. "Public education gives all children access to the wealth in our society."



When Shiber began her crusade, only about 10 percent of the elementary school graduates in her neighborhood chose to attend its public middle school. Since then, she says, that figure has risen about 10 percent annually—and may top 65 percent next year. Despite such progress, she sees parents' lack of faith in the public school system as a significant hurdle. Since they're unwilling to "sacrifice their kids on the altar of public education," Shiber says, they accept the racial and economic segregation of mostly white private schools. "But that," Shiber says, "is another sermon."

— Dan White '02

Monument, Rocky Mountain, Yosemite, and Mt. Rushmore. They also visited Santa Fe, Boulder, Kansas City, and Chicago. While in California, Nancy visited fellow Kappa **Loretta Graziano Breuning '75**, who is a tenured professor in economics in the California State U. system, at Hayward, CA. Nancy also visited **Lou** and **Roberta Bandel Walcer** in Cleveland. Lou recently started his own business, Mediconcepts, which offers business development and marketing services for biomedical companies. Nancy works at Pinpoint (www.pinpointco.com), in the Boston area, where she does business development for the healthcare and R&D industries.

Remember the "25 Years Later" profiles you filled out at reunion? **Beth Saltzman Aaronson** reported that she is living in Lynnfield, MA, and working part-time as an attorney at Management of Medical Care. She has boys Daniel, 19, who is attending Tufts U., Benjamin, 17, and Jonathan, 13. **Arthur Agnello** is a professor of entomology at Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, where he specializes in fruit tree insects. Art spent two years in the Peace Corps in Botswana, Africa, in the '70s, attended graduate school at the U. of Florida (master's) and North Carolina State (PhD), and has taught at the U. of Illinois and the U. of Chile in

Santiago. He lives in Geneva, NY, with wife Ellen and son Mark, who is 12. **Richard**, ME '75, and **Rhonda Cohen August** live in King of Prussia, PA, with their children, David, 16, and Jessica, 13. Rhonda teaches high school biology and serves on the board of Women of Reform Judaism. Richard is a communication design analyst with Lockheed-Martin. **Judith E. Borsher**, MBA '81, has her own CPA business. She lives in Alex-

for Cornell alumni. It was led by yours truly, **Amy Cohen** Banker. **Daniel Beece** now lives at 24 Gleneida Ridge Rd., Carmel, NY, and works for IBM.

Felix A. Beukenkamp lives in Niceville, FL. He is building and managing property in northwest Florida and the Gulf Coast, along with **Paul Tessier**, BArch '76, and **Nancy Dillon Beukenkamp** '76, BArch '77. He says, "We live in paradise!" He has teenagers

of the Essex Falls Foundation for Educational Excellence, and serves on the Board of Recreation and the Board of Adjustments, as well as being a volunteer fireman.

Jeanne Fattori Reinig is interested in the 25th Reunion. She writes from Bernardsville, NJ. **Linda Walz Riggi** went back to college to obtain a New York State coaching certification and is now coaching girls' modified soccer in the local school system. Dr. **Jeffrey Roberts** is a chiropractor and holistic health educator in Peterborough, NY. ♦ **Amy Cohen** Banker, 50 E. 89th St., Apt. 24-D, NYC 10128; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, 49 Fuller Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928; e-mail, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan A. Pease**, 6767 Blanche Dr., Lorton, VA 22079; **Mitch Frank**, 6613 Crenshaw Dr., Orlando, FL 32835; e-mail, nijfgator@aol.com; **Deborah Gellman**, 330 E. 79th St., #8G, NYC 10021; e-mail, dsgellman@hotmail.com; and **Barbara Foote** Shingleton, 43 Chestnut St., Boston, MA 02108; tel., (617) 227-7374; (617) 227-1617; e-mail, bfshing@aol.com.

"We live in paradise!"

FELIX A. BEUKENKAMP '75

andria, VA, with husband Keary Kincannon and their 6-year-old son. She does volunteer work with the homeless through her church. **Bill Baker** is in hospital administration at Massachusetts General Hospital. He and wife Louise and children Nick, 14, and Caroline, 13, live in Boston. **Mira Tetkowski** Berkley is living outside of Buffalo in Fredonia, NY. She is on the faculty of Jamestown Community College, in the human services department. Her oldest son, Jory, entered Pratt Inst. in the fall of 1999.

Jordan Berlin is a managing director at C.E. Unterberg, Towbin, a high-tech investment bank in NYC. He lives in Armonk, NY, with wife Meredith and children Greg, 9, Lauren, 7, and Connor, 6. **Jeffrey Boak** writes: "After looking unsuccessfully for a job (with an English degree) for six months in the 1974-75 recession, I applied to law school and got in. So I became a lawyer. Twenty-five years later, I think I'm finally getting used to that decision." Jeff is assistant general counsel for Howmet Corp., which makes investment cast components for jet engines and industrial gas turbines. He lives in Westport, CT, with wife Elizabeth and children Meredith, 16, and Nicholas, 10.

In May 1999, **Jerry Goff** was killed in a glider-plane accident in Bucks County, PA. Jerry was president of MTS Automation-Performance Controls and was a director and instructor for the Philadelphia Glider Council. He was also a member of the Doylestown, PA, Pilots Assn. and the Civil Air Patrol. Jerry was a finalist in the 1989 entrepreneur of the year competition sponsored by *Inc.* magazine. ♦ **Betsy Beach**, 4 Thoreau Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824; e-mail, ebeach@nortelnetworks.com; tel., home: (978) 256-7294, work: (978) 288-1489; fax, (978) 288-4749.

REUNION

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Susan Todes Perl is president of the Cornell Club, Princeton, NJ. She and husband Barry have two children. Susan recently organized a tour of the Princeton U. art museum

Kate '03, 19, Patricia, 17, Audrey, 15, and Elizabeth, 14, two cats, and one dog. Whew!

John Brewster Jr. writes from Philadelphia, PA, that wife Debbie and children Nonni, Maria, and Kate just returned from two years in Kuwait. **Bob Cartin**, DVM '79, is a regional vice-president of National Pet Care Centers in Oceanside, CA. He is a veterinarian and serves on the board of directors of Canine Companions for Independence, a national non-profit organization which trains dogs for people with disabilities. He enjoys wearing the Cornell track and field sweatshirt given to him by **Pam Hunt** '94. He has children Melodee, Mackenzie, and Griffin.

Joan I. Fabry is an architect and is busy with two sons in Washington, DC. **David Glass** is associate director of the technology transfer office at Massachusetts General Hospital in Needham, MA. He is looking forward to son Jack's bar mitzvah. He and wife Pam, a clinical social worker, also have daughter Tamara, 11. **Karen M. Kaplan** has left academic pediatrics to do clinical vaccine research at Merck & Co. in Philadelphia. She keeps in touch with **Leslie Canfield** Perlman and **Sharon L. Abrams** '74. Karen's children Aliza, 8, and Ben, 15, are thriving in their new schools.

Linda Mendelsohn Rosenbaum just took a new job in the tax department at Delphi Automotive Systems in Troy, MI, in June 1999. She moved her family west to Bloomfield, MI, in July 1999. **Charlotte C. Russell**, Littleton, MA, is a musician, choir director, organist, voice teacher, professional singer, and teacher. She just resigned after 20 years of volunteering for the Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Michael Tannenbaum, PhD, is dean of the school of science, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. **Fred Weingard**, ME NUC '76, is president and CEO of a financial service company and director of three technology companies. He looks forward to the 25th Reunion. He and wife Jan have three children to bring to the festivities. **Elizabeth D. Moore** sends regards from Sleepy Hollow, NY, where she is practicing law.

Gerry Nolan, BS Eng '78, founded and manages a consulting firm specializing in business continuity and recovery planning and information technology. He has four children ages 7-15, serves on the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN), is president



Hope you had a happy new year! Here is some news from the last century. **Teresa Peekema** Allen sent news dated July 1999 saying that she had the interesting experience of taking care of 17 cats, seven horses, and a dog. Her own menagerie is (merely) three kids, three cats, two rats, and a bunch of guppies. Terri enclosed a picture of a sand Pegasus that her two younger daughters helped her make for the Delaware State News sand castle contest. A degree in Fine Arts is indeed useful. **Barbara Barker** Grindrod was appointed to an executive position at IBM in May 1999. She is currently IBM's Global Services senior project executive for the Americas ATLAS project. She continues to reside with her daughter, Elizabeth, on their farm in North Carolina. They are enjoying summer at their home on Topsail Island. She is looking forward to the 2001 Reunion (bjbarker@aol.com). **Joseph Doherty** is a civil engineer with the NY State Dept. of Transportation. Although he does not describe it as a "personal crusade," he is very interested in motivating classmates who were in U-Hall 1 (Class of '17 Hall), Delta Tau Delta, Engineering, or any other activities with him, to start planning now to attend the 25th Reunion in 2001.

Dr. **Steven Garber**, BS Ag '77, moved from NYC's Upper West Side to Prescott, AZ, where he is the director of the School of Arts and Sciences at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (garbers@pr.erau.edu). The website is ecology.pr.erau.edu. After more than 22 years at Lenox Hill Hospital as director of sports medicine research and other appointments, **Gilbert Gleim** accepted the job of Director, Research Inst., Mission St. Joseph's Inc., in the mountains of western North Carolina (Asheville). Now he can put in ten hours a day at work and still have time with his family, wife Terry, and sons Jack and Dan. He feels that he made a major improvement in QOL and professional potential.

Kathryn Foss Castle is a vice president

with Chase Manhattan's credit card services. She and husband Douglas have three daughters. The eldest will be graduating high school in June 2000, so they are looking at colleges. In the fall of 1999, **Joseph Colosi**'s, ME OR&IE '77, daughter Lisa started Cornell in agricultural and biological engineering. A birth announcement: a son, Gregory Huntington Hellman, born Dec. 13, '98 to **Charles** and Holly Huntington **Hellman**.

Todd Hardie is a commercial beekeeper. His e-mail is honeygar@sover.net. **Robert J. Hellman** recently joined Newmark Retail Restructuring LLC, a new venture with Newmark & Co. Real Estate in NYC, as Managing Director, following a 16-year career with Lehman Brothers. **Laurey Mogil** is continuing a successful career as an ophthalmologist in private practice and as assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. She was chosen to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from Midwood High School in Brooklyn. Rob Hellman and Laurey have two children, Evan and Allison. They attend Fieldston and Horace Mann, respectively, in Riverdale, NY. **Robert Hinkel** now lives in Borneo, Indonesia, with wife Linda and family, Lisbeth, Evan, and Lauren. Bob is general manager for an oil, gas, and power development company; e-mail, mhinkel@unocal.com.

Jane (Schwarzschild) and **Bill Hodgents** '74, and their twins Noah and Daniel were excited about returning to Cornell, summer 1999, for Adult University (CAU). Jane took memoir writing, Bill took astronomy, and the boys took cooking. This was their first return in 21 years. They met at Cornell 26 years ago in September. Jane is an independent executive coach in Boston who helps senior executives develop their leadership abilities and fix their performance issues. Bill is director of executive development at Fidelity Investments. After a boring fall, winter, and spring due to illness (cracked rib with coughing from bronchitis), **Carla Holder** got back into circulation. She played the harp at an English Country Dance Ball and danced an evening away at a Scottish Country Dance Ball.

A news and dues form dated July 30, 1999 had this message, but no name, "What happened to my marriage announcement? I sent it last fall." If you recognize this note and it did not get in a column, I'm sorry. There are three class correspondents and we each get a portion of the News and Dues forms; perhaps it went to Pat or Karen. I hope it did get in the column somehow. If not, send it again and be sure we have a name on the form. Congratulations anyway! ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, 31 Ingleside Rd., Lexington, MA 02420; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, 6301 Winding Lane, Richland, MI 49083; e-mail, relf@aol.com; and **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, 29 Margaret Ct., Great Neck, NY 11024-1807; e-mail, krinsk54@aol.com.



There's probably nothing more satisfying in the illustrious career of a class correspondent than to hear from a classmate who wants to get in the column badly

enough to send news not only by snail mail, but also in a follow-up e-mail! **David A. Kaplan**, whose byline is familiar to *Newsweek* readers, lives with his family in Irvington, NY. He published his first book, *The Silicon Boys* (William Morrow & Co.), in July. It has already hit the bestseller lists of the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and Amazon.com. David says that if you buy a copy, you will help support his children's Cornell Tuition Fund, and his mom will be very happy, too.

Brian Meagher writes from Oswego, NY, that his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, recently had a retirement dinner for the fraternity cook of 23 years, Ray Melton. More than 150 people attended, including **Andre Martecchini**, ME C '79, **Mark Todd**, MBA '82, **John Sovocool**, **Eric Jacobs**, and Brian, who really enjoyed getting together with old (hmm, poor choice of words) classmates.

After living in Philadelphia for a number of years, **Diane Kruzansky** Markind returned to her hometown of Danbury, CT, with her husband and three kids (born within 2-1/2 years of each other!). In addition to working part-time as a visiting nurse, she is president of the board of directors at her children's school and keeps busy as a "mommy and wife." **Charles McDiarmid**, BS Hotel '79, is literally at the "end of the road," in Tofino, British Columbia, located on the extreme west coast of Vancouver. He writes, "If this is not paradise, you can at least see it from here." After many years with Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, he followed his dream and opened up the Wickaninnish Inn, a 46-room chateau property with an incredible restaurant and a serene ancient cedars spa. Check it out on the Web: www.wickinn.com. **Elena Goldstein** Lister, MD '82, who lives in Manhattan with husband Phil, is a psychiatrist on the faculty of Columbia and Cornell. She specializes in coping with illness and death. Elena and Phil's children are Molly, 12, and Solomon, 1 year-plus. Sadly, their daughter Liza died two years ago, at age 6, after a two-year battle with leukemia.

Mark McAllister has been living in the Reno/Lake Tahoe area for almost 10 years. He, wife Diane, and children, Emily, 10, and Erik, 8, spend most of their free time in the winter and spring skiing. However, he notes, a busy neuroradiology practice does limit that free time somewhat! **Michael Landau** has resolved his midlife crisis by discovering the joys of motorcycling on the race track. "Five days a week of dentistry for 14 years—I needed something to get my ya-yas out!" His wife, **Kim (Friedman)**, is heading the board of education at their kids' school and is very active in their synagogue. **Derek van Lent** started a new design group, Island Design Collaborative, with several partners, while continuing to run D.V.L. Landscape Architecture Ltd., a landscape design business on Block Island, RI. The trick, he says, is to do well enough financially to keep his family on the Island—no easy task. During the summer they move into one of two cottages on their property and rent their three-bedroom 1880s house. **Marla**

Zinder Lahat is in Silver Spring, MD, working as a manager in a home health agency and specializing in clients with Alzheimer's disease. She is married and has sons ages 15, 13, and 3.

Well, that's about all the news that fits for this month. If you sent news in and it wasn't printed, don't get discouraged. Follow-up e-mails seem to be particularly effective. ♦ **Eileen Brill** Wagner, 4649 W. Carla Vista Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226; e-mail, brillcon@aol.com; and **Pepi F. Leids**, 7021 Boot Jack Rd., Bath, NY 14810; e-mail, pleids@aol.com.



I was pleased to hear that Reunion this past June was such a great success. **Bob** and I were unable to attend because of a hectic school and activity schedule for our children. Our daughter Allison graduated from fifth grade and had her 11th birthday on the same day, during reunion week. She also had a swim meet that weekend. Our son Brandon, who is 13, finished seventh grade. He had final exams in two high school level courses and a piano recital. Needless to say, a trip to Ithaca during that busy time period was not in the cards for the Gould family. We did make it to campus in August and had a great time walking around and visiting the Campus Store. We enjoyed the warm hospitality of **Mary (Maxon)**, MPS CA '87, and **Brad Grainger**. Their children and ours really seemed to enjoy each other's company during the two days we visited. Everyone enjoyed boating on Cayuga Lake, eating Purity ice cream, and having dinner at the old Coddington Restaurant. We also spent two days on Seneca Lake, where we walked the Glen, hiked in the Finger Lakes National Forest, and visited the local wineries. We had a great time and almost felt that we had been to Reunion, without the tent parties.

Frederick Frank invites all Cornellians to visit one of the wineries we missed when we were in Ithaca. His family winery, Dr. Konstantin Frank's Wine Cellars, is in Hammondsport, NY, on beautiful Keuka Lake. He would like us to enjoy the world class wines and ask for the special Cornell alumni discount. You can call (800) 320-0735 for directions and special events, or e-mail the winery at FrankWines@aol.com. Frederick, his wife Mary-claire, and children Meaghan, Gretchen, and Kyle live in Painted Post, NY.

Gale E. Swanka writes that she gave birth to her daughter Allison Karen on Aug. 13, '98. She lives in Bowling Green, OH, and her e-mail address is gswanka@bgnnet.bgsu.edu. **Deseria Adams Ramos** and husband **Rafael** '80, BA '81, also had a baby in 1998. Sadiya Deseria Ramos, born on May 9, joins their other children, Aquilla, 16, and Javier, 13. They live in New City, NY, and can be reached at ajquijab.isis@worldnet.att.net.

Winifred Ho Hughes writes from Ypsilanti, MI, that she has a 2-year-old daughter, Sarah Ana. She can be reached at curcuma@aol.com. **Kitty Brown** is living in Seattle, WA, and writes that she had a great 41st birthday present. It was a beautiful dark-haired baby girl, Emma Ruth. Her son Ben is 7-1/2 and

played violin in the city's new symphony hall last year with 650 other Suzuki violin students. Mom, and dad Jeff Duchin, were beaming with pride. Kitty loves her job as a family practitioner in a large group, and she is enjoying life in the great Northwest.

At the other end of the country, **Robert Rockower** is a family practitioner with Family Care Specialists, in Belleview, FL. He is on staff at Ocala Region and Munroe Regional Medical Centers. Robert lives in Ocala with wife Kristy and children Joshua, 11, Alissa, 9, and Brett, 2. They enjoy living in central Florida and can be reached at rkrockower@aol.com.

Also in the medical field is **Lee Shulman**, MD '83, who moved in June from Germantown, TN, to Chicago. He is a professor and director of the division of reproductive genetics in the obstetrics and gynecology department at the U. of Illinois in Chicago.

Aubrey Charasz is an anesthesiologist and the director of the Pain Treatment Center at Maimonides Medical Center. He graduated from Downstate Medical School, interned in internal medicine, and did fellowships in pain management and cardiac anesthesiology. He is married and has one son, Daniel Jarod. Aubrey lives in Kings Point, NY, where he is active as a Cornell Ambassador.

Bob Dores is practicing dentistry in New Milford, CT. His wife Carol is vice-president of United Distillers and Vintners. They have children Michael, 9, and Josh, 6. They live on Candlewood Lake in Brookfield, CT, and are avid waterskiers. Bob's e-mail address is jizzly@aol.com. Also in New England are **Richard and Priscilla Lanigan Nissi**. They celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in June 1998, and have children Jim, 14, Julia, 11, Cassandra, 7, and Grace, 6. Rich is a CPA and has his own consulting/software sales firm specializing in sales to manufacturing processing companies. Priscilla is active in the community of Duxbury, MA, and has been PTA president for several years. **Philip Raymond**, MS EE '80, lives in Marlboro, MA, where he is CEO at IMCO Electronics. He married Kitty Jin and they honeymooned in China and Korea. He keeps in touch with **Jeff Winston**, ME EL '80, and **Michael J. Rabin**. He can be reached at Cornell@StarBus.com.

Olivia Gollin-Hoepfl relocated to Dayton, OH, after living in Texas for the past 12 years. Her husband is a consultant/systems analyst/logistician who does a lot of work with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Olivia is a special education teacher at the high school level and also a consultant to school districts. She and a colleague offer a classroom education organization course, which teaches teachers, administrators, and parents to use positive reinforcement through token economies to create a 100 percent passing rate and a significant decrease in classroom discipline referrals. You can e-mail her at ogollin@mail.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us if you are interested in the one-day seminar. Olivia and her husband have a 6-year-old son, Lucas, who is enjoying seeing snow in Ohio. She stays in touch with **Jennifer Grabow Brito**, who is a realtor in Ridgewood, NJ. Olivia also writes that **Ed**

Hardy '79, MFA '88, is working on his second novel. His first, *Geyser Life*, is a commentary on family dynamics and a spiritual journey.

Matthew Witte and wife Lizanne are traveling the globe on their bicycles. In 1998 they completed a nine-day bike trip through Tuscany, their third trip in Europe. Previous tours included Provence in 1989 and Dordogne in southwest France in 1995. The Witte family includes children, ages 5, 8, and 11, who are very active in soccer. When they are not biking or at soccer games, they are busy restoring a beach house in South Laguna, CA. They can be reached at Witte@marwit.com. Another avid bicyclist is my former roommate **Denise M. Gilbert**. I received a postcard from her in July while she was in the process of completing a cross-country bike tour. She wrote from Kansas that they were at about the halfway point. I am assuming that she successfully completed the tour and is back home in Portola Valley, CA.

Colin Ogle lives in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and took an educational tour in 1998 to Senegal, where he worked as an English as a Second Language lecturer and studied Senegalese traditional dancing. He also went to London to study modern dance trends, and to Atlanta to study new trends in African American club dancing. During his trip to the US, he visited family in New York and Baltimore. He is very interested in the anthropology of dance and in ESL as a career. He welcomes anyone else who is interested to contact him at PO Box 3126. He is also looking for information on the whereabouts of **Madelon Murphy** and would love to hear from her.

Mike Peiffer is also trying to track down fellow classmates **Wayne Diamond** and **Tony Mazzullo**. Mike lives in San Diego, CA, and can be reached at mike.peiffer@amd.com. In 1998 he went on an eight-week diving and underwater photography trip to Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Burma, Sipadan Island, Borneo, Bali, and Papua New Guinea. He thoroughly enjoyed this company sabbatical, but found it difficult to return to the reality of work.

Class of '79 e-mail is CU79@aol.com. The class Web page can be accessed by <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1979>. Send us your news as soon as you can! ♦ **Kathleen Zappia** Gould 912 Meadowcreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23236; e-mail, rd_KA_gould@msn.com; and **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, PO Box 1413, East Hampton, NY 11937.

REUNION

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I have had so much fun these past few years catching up with classmates through writing the class column with **Brian Myers** and **Eric Meren**. As reunion draws near, my term is expiring. Here is a great opportunity to spend a couple of hours each year penning a column about Cornell friends! If you are interested in carrying the torch, please e-mail or call me.

I had the pleasure of attending a fabulous party celebrating the marriage of Class Treasurer **Lily Chu**, MBA '82, and Joe Bortolussi.

The gala was held at the Coveleigh Club in Rye, NY. Among the partygoers were **Leah Zelmanowitz Jaffe**, **Janice K. Flaherty** and **John Wong**, **Charlie Pevsner**, MS CS '82, and wife Nita, **Wendy Brookes '77** and husband Tim Medland, **Nancy I. Chu**, MBA '78, and husband **Lance Hoboy**, MBA '78, **Liz Kissen '79**, ME I '80, MBA '81, and husband **Rick Solazzo '79**, BS ILR '80, John Styslinger and **Karen P. Gordon '79**, and **Sarah Hewitt**, JD '82. Missing from the affair was my friend **Don Webster '79**, who was involved in a minor automobile accident en route to the party.

Welcome back, **Mario Alfano**, MBA '84! Mario has returned to the US following assignments in Argentina and Hong Kong. He is now heading up digital imaging for Polaroid as divisional vice-president of marketing. Hong Kong was the fourth overseas assignment in his 11 years at Polaroid. **Jill Leichter** and her family have also returned to the US and are now residing in Ithaca. Jill and husband Jon, along with children Anna, 10, and Sam, 8, spent a year and a half in Dunedin, New Zealand. Jill does design work for a publisher of ecological research journals. Jill writes, "At last my Ag degree comes to some good use besides the planting of my own garden. When I can, I paint landscapes in watercolors and oils." Still overseas at this time is **Jarett Wait**, who is chief operating officer of Lehman Brothers Asia in Tokyo.

Joy "Jamie" Horwitz-Fram was named director of the Pew Charitable Trusts legal affairs department. According to Jamie, one of the Trust's four donors was **J. N. Pew, Jr.**, ME '08, a strong supporter of the university. Jamie, her husband **Steven J. Fram '79**, MA '83, and their children, Ben and Brianna, reside in New Jersey. The family has rediscovered Cornell through the Adult University (CAU) program. Jamie noted, "The concept of learning for the pleasure of it, without tests or papers to write, is liberating." Also singing the praises of the CAU program are **Jim and Jenny Wartik Carpenter**. The Carpenters thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Galapagos Islands with CAU last Christmas. They are currently busy in their new home in Ann Arbor. Jim is an orthopedic surgeon with U. of Michigan where, in addition to a busy clinical schedule and research load, he takes care of the university's athletic teams. Jenny takes care of the home team, which includes Ted, 13, Owen, 10, and Emily, 8.

Diane Lurensky Alpern writes: "David and I just celebrated our 11th wedding anniversary. In 1991 we moved from Boston out to western Massachusetts. We love Northampton! I work as a prenatal nutritionist, and David has a solo internal medicine practice. We have lovely daughters, Julia, 5, and Laura, 2. I have lost touch with so many Cornell friends and hope to reconnect at reunion, by e-mail, or by phone." **Bruce Burger** and his wife Cheri Cornell had a second child, Ethan Cornell Burger, on July 9. He writes, "I was impressed that Cheri's college sends a pair of socks with the college logo to each baby and wish Cornell sent something similar (maybe a parka?)."

Steven Benjamin, ME C '81, MBA '82, writes that he and wife Sheri sold their 11-year High Technology PR and Marketing firm to BSML Worldwide. "We're thrilled to have sold. We'll be able to continue to grow aggressively in the business. We have also secured our financial future. Our kids, Megan, 11, and Cody, 9, are growing up fast. The sale will also allow me to spend more time with them. Recently saw **Dave Phelps** '81, BS '82, in Colorado Springs. Had a great time skiing Breckenridge. Also saw **Josh Rosenblatt** in San Francisco. Finally got to do the annual ski trip with **Mike Rolband**, ME C '81, MBA '82, and **Jerry Burke**."

Anne L. Galante finished her year of ob/gyn interning at Albany Medical Center Hospital. She muses, "Never thought this would be part of my destiny! My husband Bruce bears the brunt of it, traveling between here and our home in Vermont. Luckily his job in software development allows him to work here in Albany two days per week. My golf game now shows promise, so I guess life isn't awful." **Peter Newman**, BA '81, completed a joint PhD in psychology and social work at the U. of Michigan and accepted a National Inst. of Mental Health postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA in HIV/AIDS behavioral research.

Karen S. Nielsen, BA '81, completed her doctorate in musical arts in choral conducting at the U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She joined the faculty of Ripon College as assistant professor of music.

Martha Bonthuis Sutyak and husband John happily announce the birth of their first child, Alexis Anna Sutyak, born June 28, '99. Baby Alexis arrived in the midst of a major home renovation. Martha is presently design director for New Balance Athletic Shoe, and John is vice-president/creative director for Hasbro Interactive. The Sutyaks reside north of Boston in Beverly Cove. Martha recently visited **Heather Stewart** Frank '83 in Frankfurt, Germany, where Heather resides with husband Jeremy and son Cameron.

Jennifer Rice Burgin would still like to change the world (especially the economic system), but admits that she is too caught up in it to be an activist. Jennifer teaches science to sixth graders in a public school. She has daughters Cat and Hilary. **Scott Haber**, MBA '83, JD '84, is a partner at Latham & Watkins in San Francisco, where he practices corporate law and is the head of the firm's corporate department for San Francisco and Silicon Valley. Scott and wife Sherry celebrated the birth of Benjamin Harris Haber in June of last year.

Joe Schussler and wife Wendy are staying busy with their seven children. They enjoy living in Tennessee, but hope to make the visit to Cornell someday. **Stephen Kohn** writes that his twin daughters, Rebecca and Julia, are now 12, and son David is 8. His wife, Nancy, teaches yoga in Westchester. Steve works at Paul Sherman & Associates. The Kohns reside in Briarcliff Manor, NY. **Susan Prichard** Mountainspring, BA '83, writes that she completed a second bachelor's degree in music therapy from Willamette U. in May of 1999. After a six-month internship, she will be able

Wigging Out

TRACY THOMSON '80

The New Orleans *Times-Picayune* calls her work "a fusion of Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, and Shirley Temple." Tracy Thomson is a milliner, a designer of hats, wigs, and costumes that are sold around the country—and are especially popular in her hometown during Mardi Gras. Her creations range from red-feathered boaters to a harlequin suit, commissioned by the designer of Mardi Gras's famed Rex parade. "I like to see my work going into the world," she says. "They're nothing profound, but they make people happy."

As a child, Thomson designed hats to wear in plays she mounted in the family garage. A former Cornell fine arts major, she founded her company, Kabuki, sixteen years ago; since then, she's designed and sewn more than 7,200 hats. Says Thomson: "I can't make them fast enough."

— Dan White '02



to practice music therapy. Her son Orion is attending Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Sam Wennberg accepted a job in Irwindale, CA, as vice-president of operations for NDC Infrared Corporation. At the time of his note, he and **Lola L. Cooley** '81 were in the process of selling their homes and moving kids Claire, 13, Lenna, 11, and Maren, 8, to California. Sam is looking forward to connecting with old friends in the Los Angeles area.

Closing on a positive note, I received a rather spirited note from **Stacy West** Clarke who wrote, "I have two great kids, two great businesses [PR consulting and "Carrying to Charity"], and a really funny, fun, and good-looking husband! Yeehaw!" ♦ **Carolyn Louie**, 606 Magnolia St., Windermere, FL 34786; tel., (407) 827-2780; e-mail, cal33@cornell.edu; **Eric S. Meren**, 1040 First Ave., PMB #309, NYC 10022; tel., (212) 799-9656; e-mail, esm11@cornell.edu; and **Brian P. Myers**, 2679 Amesbury Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27103; tel., (336) 765-5742; e-mail, bpmcu80@aol.com.



It's exciting to realize that I'm giving you the first '81 news of the millennium! I hope the beginning of a new century brings great tidings to all. **Allison M. Gunderson** is ready for Y2K. Since moving back to Manhattan almost three years ago, she had been "buried in management consulting work to prepare for Y2K." Now that the project is complete, she is looking forward to traveling in Africa.

Speaking of passing years, **Laura Dake** of West Hartford, CT, was pleased to realize that she "won't be the only 57-year-old mother of a college freshman!" Wow! She reports that

Patty Bahr Breslin of Danville, IN, and husband Stu had a baby boy in April 1999, while **Pam Bulcroft** Moore had Eamon in May. As if having a baby weren't enough, Pam and husband Chris moved from Morristown, NJ, to Avon, CT, where Chris is "on the air" with ESPN.

There is, in fact, a recent abundance of possible Cornellians (or "Camp Cornell" attendees at the 20th Reunion). **Michael Aronson** and his wife, Jody London, had their first child, Sonia, in January 1999. Michael manages a small transportation engineering office in Oakland, CA. James Piccirilli also arrived in January, joining big brother Joseph and proud parents **Vincent Piccirilli** and **Anita Meiklejohn** in Waltham, MA. **Jan Albanese** had her first child, Ethan, in March 1999. Jan is an attorney at Allen, Lang, Curotto and Peed in Orlando, FL. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts. Congrats as well to **Sherri Samilow** Rozansky of Mt. Kisco, NY. She and her husband had a son, Matthew Jared, in October 1998.

Babies, you say? Yikes! **Sue Ann Celen-tano** and husband Tom Haywood, who have their hands full with twins Emily and Duncan, born in March 1999, say, "Thank goodness for having a nanny!" The twins are incredibly cute and fun. Sue Ann also works full-time as a client executive, selling for IBM in Massachusetts. In New York City, **Ken Johnson** and wife Laurie Gordon had their first child, Evan Elizabeth, in May 1998. Laurie also threw a "40th" party for Ken and his friends.

Laura Woods reports from Raleigh, NC, that she and husband Dusty Dunn, a grad of the U. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, had their second child, Connor Reed, in October 1998. They also have an older daughter Fiona,

4-1/2. Laura, you are far from alone. In neighboring Charlotte, NC, **Ellen Rosaschi** Cinares reports that Anna Teresa was born in August 1998. **Lisa Early** and **Credo Sinyangwe '77**, MBA '79, are happy to announce the births of their second son, Noah. Noah joins big brother Nickolas, 9, in Orlando, FL. **Cathy Goldrich** Shepard, husband

ment consulting and professional speaking. Their kids, Monica, 6, and Scott, 3, are adjusting well to the Cleveland area and love playing soccer. **Michael Blab**, MS Vet '83, moved from Spokane, WA, to Pittsburg, TX. He completed his Air Force commitment and is enjoying private practice. **Richard Lovely** pens, "I relocated from Kennett Square, PA,

Read Campbell, 14824 Hunting Path Pl., Centreville, VA 20120-1230; e-mail, RonJenCam@aol.com; **Kathy Philbin** Lashoto, 114 Harrington Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; e-mail, kpl3853@ne.mediaone.net; and **Betsy Silverfine**, 1601 Third Ave., #4E, NYC 10128-3452; e-mail, bsilverfine@brownraysman.com.

“Unfortunately, a lot of my pleasant memories of freshman year involved loud music and general debauchery.”

T O M H E L F ' 8 3

Glenn, and daughter Katie, 5, welcomed David Jakob in Teaneck, NJ, in August 1998. Cathy reports that she is in "temporary retirement," because her company sold her division while she was on maternity leave. She enjoys time at home and volunteering at her daughter's school.

In further reports on the baby patrol, **Tim Shapiro** and wife Karen welcomed their second child, Jordan, in January 1999. Jordan joined older sister Rebecca, 3, in Wynnewood, PA. Tim is a partner in Heart Care Associates, a private cardiology group in the Philadelphia area. **Robert Panzer** and his wife had their third child, Sophie, in February 1999. Sophie joins siblings Ethan, 6, and Hannah, 3, in Maplewood, NJ. Meanwhile, **Robin E. Rosenberg**, husband Bruce Segall and daughters Rena, 7, and Felice 4, welcomed baby Ruth Natalie in April 1999. Robin also informs us that friend **Cheryl Adler** Natbony had her fourth child, Emily Jennifer, in August 1998. See, Laura, you had NOTHING to worry about! I can't wait to hear about the first new babies of the millennium!

Now we've also got a couple of weddings to catch up on. **Vincent Prantil**, PhD '92, of Livermore, CA, married Laura Hansen in October 1998. He received a ten-year service award at Sandia National Laboratories and is a senior member of their technical staff. **Bruce McWilliams**, BA '83, of Arlington, VA, married Susan Shaw, a Washington attorney, in September 1999. Since moving to the Washington, DC, area 16 years ago, Bruce has worked for several consulting and Fortune 500 companies and has earned an MBA from the U. of Maryland. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in economics, as a fellow at George Washington U. His best man was **Bill Treacy '80**, an economist at the Federal Reserve. Bruce also keeps in touch with **Rodney Sobin '82**, BA '83, who works for Concurrent Technologies.

Several classmates have relocated. After spending 12 years in Newport Beach, CA, **Alison Sherman Arkin** and husband **Mike '78**, ME EL '80, moved to Beachwood, OH. Mike is the chief technical officer and vice-president of Pubco Inc., a holding company for various manufacturing companies, including Kroy Inc. Alison does health care manage-

to Cardiff, Wales, in October 1998 for a two-year assignment to start Bank One's UK credit card operation." He and his family enjoy exploring Europe when they have free time.

Steve Fisher, wife Lucille, and children Kira, 11, and Gabriele, 4, moved this past year to London, England, from Prague, Czech Republic. Steve heads up Citibank's European structured trade finance business. He's kept in touch with **Andrew Ritwo**, who Steve says "celebrated his 40th birthday by attending several Bruce Springsteen concerts in the UK." Steve would love to see classmates in the London area. Contact him via e-mail at Steve.fisher@citicorp.com.

John T. Mooney Jr. writes, "I was elected president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists and finished my third year as chapter chairperson of the North Central Massachusetts Chapter of the American Red Cross, serving 46 surrounding communities." John, wife Debbie, and children Jacqueline, 11, and John, 7, live in Sterling, MA.

Michael Troy writes that he has been a managing director at Goldman Sachs in NYC since 1984, after getting his MBA at the U. of Chicago. Mike reports, "After years of doing triathlons and marathons to keep in shape, I have fallen prey to the reality of middle age, children, and commuting. Now I spend my free time coaching T-ball and playing an occasional round of golf." He also reports having the Cornell Endowment Fund as one of his customers. He used to visit Ithaca frequently. Mike works with **Robert D. "Doug" Henderson '80**, MBA '88. Mike, wife Alison, and sons Dylan, 5, and Christopher, 3, live in Greenwich, CT. He informs us that **Bill Dunbar** moved to Los Angeles and works in real estate for William Simon. Bill is married and has one son, Sam, 2. **John Boochever** continues to enjoy life in London with his wife and three children. The Troys keep in touch with many classmates, including **Perry Wyatt**, **Dan Conlon**, BArch '82, (I ran into Dan at a Memorial Day parade in Redding, CT. I just can't forget that beard!), **Bill Wiberg**, **Kevin C. McCarthy**, **Bob Boehringer**, BS Eng '82, **Doug Calby**, **Steve Strandberg**, and **Mike Rantz**.

Keep us posted in the year ahead, and start thinking about the 20th Reunion. ♦ **Jennifer**



Greetings Classmates. Every time I sit down to read these cards, it's like an extra holiday season. It's so much fun to

catch up with all of you and your endeavors! Some of you have roamed far from Cornell. Take **Al Cowger**, who recently finished his one-year stint in Bulgaria (which he calls perfect timing). Al is currently living in New York City. Some of you found happiness closer to Cayuga's waters, like **Tim McCausland**, an attorney in Roscoe, NY, whose office is about 100 yards from the infamous Roscoe Diner (known to those of us taking road trips when we were supposed to be studying). **Sharon Sitrin-Moore** (ses711@aol.com) and her family moved to Elmira, NY, after spending time in Mechanicsburg, PA. Sharon and husband Scott keep in contact with **Reg Evans**. Wherever you are, it's nice to know Cornellians make the world a better place!

Mark Dwortzan (mark.dwortzan.1998@alum.bu.edu) is a free-lance writer in the Boston area. Recent clients include *Hope*, *Technology Review*, and *Inside Technology Training* magazines, and MIT's Laboratory for Computer Science and Industrial Liaison Program. **Seth Hurwitz** (shurwit@ei.enron.com) finished up his MBA in May and began working at Enron Corp. in Houston the following month. He works in the structuring group of Enron Asia Pacific, handling capital pricing, modeling, and risk assessment. **Gregory Williamson** (gwilliamson@walshbrothers.com) writes that he was recently promoted to associate vice-president, director of estimating, for Walsh Brothers Inc. in Cambridge, MA.

For all the "Seinfeld" fans, we have a class of '82 connection! **Michael Eidel**, JD '85, writes that his wife, Melanie Smith, portrayed the character "Rachel" in the series. Michael is a partner in the law firm of Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May, where he specializes in entertainment litigation.

Classmates reporting potential additions to the class of '20 (doesn't that sound WEIRD!) include: **Sam Wolfe** (saw19@cornell.edu) (daughter Laura Jane); **Miriam Honore Akabas** (daughter Ariel Akabas); **Michael Gordon** (mgordon@thelareid.com) (daughter Arielle Rose); **Larry Staib** (daughter Claire); and **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom (cornelltko@aol.com) (son Arie Lane). All parents take note: **Jona Weiss** (drj@asan.com) is a private practice pediatrician just a short walk from the Cornell Medical Center where she is on staff and teaches one afternoon weekly.

Kathleen S. Miller was recently promoted to director of the accounting and finance division and headquarters, Department of the Army, in the Pentagon. She also coordinates the Washington, DC-area Ivy League over-30

singles group. Anyone who is interested can contact her at milleks@hqda.army.mil. **Jenny Howell Pritchard** (jpritch@frontier.net) and family recently spent a weekend with **Ford and Kathleen Flynn Fay '81** at the Fay home near Denver. The Pritchards also visited with **Debbie Scaia** Golick, BA '81, in NY State over the summer. Though they enjoyed a bit of time on the East Coast, Jenny writes that she was happy to get back home to Durango, CO. We also heard from **Caren Brenman** Parker in Wellesley Hills, MA (cbparker@att.net), **Suvir Sachdev** (suvir@sachdev.com), **Michael A. Greenberg**, MBA '83, Houston, TX, **Elizabeth (Hoare)** and **Richard Cowles**, Storrs, CT, **James Magruder**, Baltimore, MD, **Sarah E. Kiefer**, Los Angeles, CA, and **Tricia Kallett**, NYC.

Lt. Cmdr. **Charles L. Stuppard**, BS Eng '83, (cstuppard@aol.com) our class Vice-President, reported onboard the Navy Ship USS *Nicholas* (FFG 47) as the executive officer (XO). As the XO, he is second in command and works directly with the captain of the ship to ensure they are ready for any national level tasks. The ship has 210 personnel. Charles told us that he has been very busy over the past few weeks learning his new job. He lives in Virginia Beach, VA. If you are down there for any reason, send him an e-mail, as he would love to arrange a tour just for you.

Sue K. Buff (skbee@aol.com) recently called from a sabbatical. She has been mentoring an immigrant student in the Bay Area for the past few years. The relationship has become so strong that Sue has become almost another member of the family. She says the most important thing is knowing she can have a positive influence on someone who otherwise might be pulled in a less positive direction.

Here in Arizona, my newsletter on nutrition, mental health, and disordered eating, "After the Diet," was accepted into an export program for small businesses, sponsored by the Dept. of Commerce. We are 300 subscribers strong, circulated in eight countries, and continue to grow! Between that, writing for HeadDocs.com, a new website on addictions and compulsions, and learning how to read Lego instructions, my hands are completely full!

Just a little bit of business: Terry Kilmer Oosterom would like any classmates with ideas for our 20th Reunion to please get in touch with her (e-mail address is above). You are all so creative with your responses to our Cornellian questions, I would love to see some of that energy put into Reunion! As always, it is so impressive to hear about all the places you go, the people you touch, and the things you do. You make this column very easy to write. I hope you all rang in the millennium in a memorable way. Keep those cards and letters coming! ♦ **Monika Woolsey**, PO Box 11985, Glendale, AZ 85318-1985; e-mail, azmioni@aol.com.



Happy New Year to the Class of '83 from Salt Lake City, where we're deep into the countdown to the 2002 Winter Olympics! Thinking back to another

Olympics, I remember being downtown, keg shopping with **John Caltabiano** and **Jimmy Cali**, watching a small black-and-white TV behind the counter while the US won the gold in hockey. In honor of that memory, I've asked some classmates to detail what they recall from that winter. Thank you to all of you who responded so enthusiastically to our last News & Dues campaign. It was wonderful to hear from so many classmates.

Congratulations to **Duane Hanrahan** who married Gina on September 18. Duane reports that they spent "a very romantic and peaceful honeymoon on Mackinac Island in northern Michigan." They live in Ballwin, MO, outside St. Louis, where Duane is in a new job with the conference center management division of Aramark Services, as controller at the new Boeing Leadership Center. He is interested in hearing from other Cornellians who work for Aramark. Contact him at duane.hanrahan@na.boeing.com. Duane wrote, "My only recollection of the winter of 1980 at Cornell was the stunning beauty of the campus during winter. Even though it was cold and snowy, I never got tired of winters in Ithaca (believe it or not!)."

Amy R. Moses wrote: "I recently visited **Karen A. Breslow** in Los Angeles and experienced more than the typical college roommate reunion. Karen went into labor the day we were supposed to get together, and we ended up timing her contractions and spending three hours alone together in the delivery room. Karen had a beautiful little boy named Benjamin." Amy is living in Manhattan, where she is the director of sales promotions for Turner Broadcasting in New York City. Perhaps baby Benjamin will be in the Cornell class of 2021 with Josephine Marie Stummer, born last July 20 to **Wendy Burdick** Stummer, husband Dan, and sister Kelsey, 5. Or perhaps with Heidi Lee, born in Vienna, Austria to **Walter Lee** and wife Heather. Or maybe even with Elizabeth Anne Bik, born June 23 to **Nina Rach**, BS '84, and Marc Bik in Houston, TX. Congratulations to you all, and to **Joe Sarachek** whose wife Heather had a third child, Joshua Reid Sarachek, last April. Joe writes, "I'm too young to have three kids!"

Deborah M. Lader announced that she has moved her printmaking workshop (Chicago Printmakers Collaborative) to 4642 N. Western Ave. in Chicago and invites all classmates to come visit the new workshop and gallery. It seems her work is going well. She was recently awarded the Paul Berger 1999 Arts Entrepreneurship Award. She writes, "I'm in a band (a folk trio sort of thing, but really, we rock) called Sons of the Never Wrong." E-mail Deborah at Ink1101@aol.com to see if they're playing in a neighborhood near you.

From Singapore, **Wai-Leong Chan**, ME E '84, MBA '85, writes, "Been traveling all over Asia as a Booz-Allen consultant. Will likely continue to travel as vice-president of business development and strategy for Gateway Computers in Asia, but hopefully somewhat less than the weekly affairs at Booz-Allen." Wai-Leong is hoping to be able to

spend more time with wife Jerry and two children, a boy, Jia Han, 4, and a girl, Jia Min, 2. Also serving in a new position is **Ronald Dreifuss**, who was recently named chairman of the radiology department at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Queens. His specialty has been interventional radiology. Ronald lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, and enjoys working out at the gym and getting out of the city on weekends. Good luck to you both!

Cari Sherman Enav wrote in from Beijing, China. Married to Doron Enav since 1990, she is mother to Eli, 8, Gil, 5, and Emma, 3, and is working for the State Dept. as the economic officer reporting on the Chinese economy. She has been with the State Dept. since 1991 and has previously served in both Mexico and Israel. When asked to share some news about herself, **Leslie C. Doctor** (another working mother) responded, "I'm just trying to balance three kids (Katie, 2, Sydney, 4, and Zach, 7) with a full-time job as an ophthalmologist." Leslie has been in touch with **Julie Johnson** Brown, who recently moved to Princeton, NJ, and **Joel Malin**, who is living in Newtown, CT, with his wife and two daughters. Leslie reports that Joel "is an orthopedic surgeon by day and some nights, and a small rancher by night with horse, barn, and all that stuff." Leslie lives in Fairfield, CT.

Tom Helf opened a solo law practice in Bethesda, MD, last January, concentrating in commercial lending and real estate. Please don't get the idea that law is Tom's only thing; he is still playing the drums. He has been playing for many years in a local rock band called Cravin' Dogs. This fall they recorded their sixth CD. Tom reports, "I was recently visited by **Andy Dym** and **Turner "Tad" Odell**, who were in Washington, DC, for their 20th high school reunion. Andy is a physician in Seattle (married, three kids). Tad is an attorney with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Harrisburg, PA, (married, one kid)." Tom also had a visit from **John Gaines**, who works for a healthcare software company in San Francisco, where he lives with wife Bonnie and son Ethan, 2. When asked what he could recall from the winter of 1980, Tom wrote: "Unfortunately, a lot of my pleasant memories of freshman year involved loud music and general debauchery, none of which is probably appropriate for mentioning in our class column. I distinctly remember, however, standing in line in the snow for 45 minutes at Johnny's Hot Truck at 1:00 a.m., waiting to be served a PMP before hitting the books for another couple of hours."

Andrew Hahn, JD '86, remembers the streaker in Psych 101 from the fall/winter of freshman year. He lives in NYC with wife Rosa. He writes: "My daughter Jacqueline Soojung Hahn was born May 7, '99. She joins brother Andrew Jr., who turned 2 in September. Two babies in two years—life has been hectic! Professionally, I am still slugging it out as a litigator, specializing in employment law in NYC. I have pretty much lost touch with all my classmates, so I would greatly appreciate any e-mail at ahahn@winston.com." Another classmate looking to get in touch with old friends is **Gerald Kehoe**. Gerald, wife **Chris**

tine Glassman '85, and children Steven, Michael, Lauren, and Mark, have returned to the Boston area after four years in London. They are eager to participate in local alumni events. Find them in Wellesley, MA, or e-mail kehoegi@bingham.com.

Tara L. Messmore is using her animal science degree, working as a K9 officer for the US Customs Service. She is back in Houston after a four-year stint at JFK. She writes: "JFK was a great work experience but [it's] wonderful being home with my husband and 'kids,' two border collies and my quarter mare. In our limited spare time, my husband A.J. and I trail ride for fun. I can't get away from horses; I'm married to a farrier and living at the Houston Polo Club." Tara has not yet joined the computer crowd, but would love to hear from anyone who remembers how to use "snail mail." Her address is 5644 Westheimer Rd., # 344, Houston, TX 77056.

Michelle Rhodes Hennessey was lucky enough to travel last January to Hawaii with husband **Sean** and children Maggie, 9, Declan, 8, and Deirdre, 3, for the wedding of **John O'Keefe** to Kay Town. Michelle says her kids keep begging to go back! The Hennesseys live in Katonah, NY. ♦ **Jennifer Hughes Kern**, 1882 Yuma St., Salt Lake City, UT 84108; e-mail, jenniferkern@juno.com; and **Scott** and **Patty Palmer Dulman**, 109 N. Liberty St., Arlington, VA 22203; e-mail, bigascii@attglobal.net.



Okay, I know we're all in our mid-30s now, but we certainly have not run out of news, right? Even though time is of the essence in your life, please send any and all news to one of the addresses listed at the end of this column. Thanks!

Helaine Aronson Winer is president of the newly renamed Hotel alumni society and travels to many meetings on their behalf. This information came to us from the *Bulletin*, the publication of the Cornell Hotel Society (formerly the Cornell Society of Hotelmen). **Barry G. Lawrence** was recently elected to the board of directors for the law firm of Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough, PC. Barry has been with them since he graduated *cum laude* from Syracuse U. college of law in 1988. He focuses his practice in the areas of employment, construction, insurance, and tort law, as well as general commercial litigation.

Diane C. Matyas, MFA '89, former arts and public programs coordinator for the Staten Island Children's Museum, has been appointed director of education at the John A. Noble Collection. "My new position will be a wonderful challenge and an opportunity to create a new education program focused on art and inspired by New York Harbor and its stories." Diane has taught art at Wagner College and Cornell, and she developed an art/performance program for children at risk at Queens Museum. She has also had a career as a sculptor, painter, and printmaker, participating in solo and group exhibitions nationwide.

David Wiesner is vice-president of two Texas based companies. "We're bringing a

technology to the marine industry that can stop oil spills! Better yet, it can stop vessels from sinking, which will save lives. The technology is (in simple terms) a magnetic 'band-aid' for vessels." **Rita Prusinski** has been promoted from assistant controller to controller at Ulster-Greene ARC. She is a member of the statewide financial managers association of rehabilitation facilities and has been employed at Ulster-Greene for 13 years. For the past three years, **Alan Baren** has worked at Price-waterhouseCoopers in Internet strategy and knowledge management. He also built his own Web company called Train.Net, and he just took his e-commerce learnings and joined forces with TrainingNet in Bedford, MA, as director of product development. TrainingNet is an Internet company that is creating the leading e-commerce marketplace for training and professional development.

Jennifer Schiff Berg is working on a PhD in food studies. She is presently a full-time faculty member in the New York U. food studies department. She and husband Mitchell have children Elizabeth, 5, and William, 3. Dr. **Arie Blitz**, BA '85, just joined the Orange County Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons as a private practice adult and congenital heart surgeon and relocated to Newport Beach, CA. **Karen Loew** Brew and husband Damian had a beautiful daughter, Emily Claire, on Feb. 14, '99—a Valentine's baby! **Ted Clark** had a great ride in his third Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), a 192-mile bike ride to raise money for the Boston-based Dana Farber Cancer Inst. "I was especially proud of my Dad, **Rik Clark** '52, for training and riding so well in his seventh PMC. He does pretty well with fund-raising too." A new book by **Shari J. Cohen**, BA '85, *Politics without a Past: The Absence of History in Postcommunist Nationalism*, was published by Duke University Press in October 1999.

Andrea Chmil Costello is celebrating her tenth year with Prudential Securities in institutional equity sales. Her husband, **Timothy J. '85**, is in private practice as an architect. Their son Toby is 3-1/2. Dr. **Susan Klugman** Gorobetz is an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. "I recently delivered my nephew Joshua, the third child and first son of **Bonnie Rather Klugman** '86 and **Rob** '85." Susan and husband David have children Jake, 8, and Andrew, 6. **David Holtzman** is an assistant professor of brain and cognitive sciences at the U. of Rochester. He spent part of the summer of 1999 teaching a field biology class in Nicaragua. He has children Rebecca Zoe Bostock-Holtzman, 9, and Celin Terese Bostock-Holtzman, 6. Dr. **Jeffrey King** and wife Monique enjoyed their summer with their boys Alexander, 6, and Eric, 4. Recently, they went on a scuba trip to Indonesia, but they love taking trips back to Ithaca, too, especially in summer! Jeffrey is an ear, nose, and throat specialist in solo practice in Binghamton. He often sees **Mike Margolis** on holiday breaks. Mike is an orthodontist in Massachusetts.

Dr. **Ben Leo**, BA '85, and wife Mariley continue to spend time serving as medical

missionaries in Mongolia and Kazakhstan. They have children Corben Douglas Leo, born in June 1999, and Sarah Marie, 6. Ben is a family practice physician in Elk River, MN. Dr. **Jim Mandell**, MD '92, lives in Charlottesville, VA. He has a son, Matthew Noah, who was born in December 1998. **Eileen M. Lewis** began her own natural health consulting business this year, Four Corner's Nutrition, located in Poughkeepsie, NY. It encompasses iridology, kinesiology, and herbs. Dr. **Joseph A. Martino** was recently inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He, his wife, and his son recently moved onto a 65-acre farm, complete with horses and cattle. Their son Jack will be 3 in April. **William A. "Tony" Ryan**, MS E '85, just quit his job at Brookhaven National Lab to stay home with his kids Abby, 5, and Jack, 3. His wife, **Holly Isdale** '86, just left J.P. Morgan for Goldman, Sachs. Tony says he "just finished the Beam Position Monitoring System for the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at Brookhaven National Lab (seen in *Newsweek*), so I quit." Tony reports that **Eric Tilles**, BS '85, **Cathy Herbert**, and **Chrissa Pedersen** are all living in Philadelphia.

Len Rodriguez Cruz is a neurosurgeon, also living in Philadelphia. **Kevin Schneider** is living in Lake Forest, IL, with wife Martha and daughters Mia, 6 and Lily, 2. Kevin is executive vice-president of GE Railcar. **Julie Helitzer** Shubin lives in Flintridge, CT. She has a new baby, Michael Alexander Shubin, born in December 1998. **Elizabeth Honkanen Torres**, MS M '85, and husband **Victor** '81, BS '82, have children Georgg, 12, Richard, 10, Emily, 9, and Victoria, 7. They moved back to the US from Venezuela in October 1998, after living there for 12 years! Elizabeth says they are "still settling in and looking for good jobs." **Miriam C. Vargas** lives in Puerto Rico. Her daughter Ciara Alexis is 15 years old already and graduated with honors from junior high school. Ciara had her first job this past summer and was awarded a scholarship based on her grades. Miriam's son Enrique Jose also graduated with honors from first grade, and her son Jose Antonio started kindergarten in August. "They've inherited their mom's brains!" Enrique Jose and Jose Antonio are gifted natural athletes and play in baseball and basketball tournaments.

David Boyko left Los Angeles for the Bay Area, where he joined the technology transactions department of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati, to work on licensing and technology deals. **Elizabeth Nichols** Mikkelsen lives in Vicksburg, MS. She has three children, 6-year-old twins and a 2-year-old. She is currently a sterling manager with Discovery Toys. ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, 1465 Hooksett Rd., #299, Hooksett, NH 03106; e-mail, klorax@aol.com; and **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, 68 Blackheath Park, London, SE3 0ET, England; e-mail, 106064.1262@compuserve.com. Class website address: www.cornell84.org.

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Welcome to the new millennium and our countdown to Reunion 2000! Our 15th Reunion promises to be the best ever, so clear your calendars for June 8-11. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to lend a hand at reunion, contact **Jennifer Sidell** Comelssen (jms81@cornell.edu) or **Margaret Nagel** Gnegy (mjn15@cornell.edu).

Getting into the spirit of catching up with classmates, **Jon C. Miller** writes: "It's been 15 years since I last wrote, so be patient, a lot has happened." Jon was the banner bearer for our class during the graduation ceremony, and thought that walking into a stadium where 30,000 cheering parents and friends were seated was going to be the most exciting event of his life. He turned out to be wrong. Jon graduated from U. of Colorado law school in 1988 and did a stint at the Dept. of the Interior in Washington, DC. Thereafter, he became a public defender in infamous Roswell, NM. While he was in Roswell, he had an idea for a TV program which was optioned and almost got made into a series (involving UFOs maybe?). He then became a criminal defense attorney in Albuquerque, where his claim to fame was getting a juvenile killer released and sent to live in Albany, NY. In 1998, Jon quit his law practice and moved to Tinseltown to be a screenwriting fellow at the American Film Inst. His first short film, *The Silver Cross*, was shown in early May 1999. Jon is currently working in an "of counsel" arrangement with an entertainment law firm in LA, and is continuing to write. He is also trying to locate classmate **Heidi Hawkins**.

In March 1999, **Brenda L. Dow** joined Sage Marketing Communications as a public relations account executive. Brenda was formerly director of public relations at Utica College, and an editor and publisher of the college's *Pioneer* magazine, which received the 1998 Bronze Shaker award from the Central New York Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. **Larry Kramer** is a television agent for New York's William Morris Agency, specializing in the representation of broadcasters. Larry and his wife, **Wendy (Karlan) '84**, now have three children, Jennifer, Alison, and Samantha, and live in Great Neck, NY. Larry keeps in touch with **Eric Kobrick**, who is in-house counsel at American International Group. Eric, who lives in East Hills, NY, has three children, Lauren and twins Michael and Allison. Eric reports that **Jon Freiburger** has children Nina and Noah.

After being deployed as a peace-keeper in Bosnia from August 1998 to March 1999, **Dave Abbott** was reassigned in May 1999 to the US Strategic Command at Offutt AFB in Nebraska. Dave's wife Chong, daughter Meghan, and son Lincoln will join him after his wife finishes her MBA. When he gets time off, Dave likes to vacation in San Antonio, TX, since attractions such as Sea World, the city zoo, museums, and shops are enjoyable for the whole family. **Nicholas Papp** was commissioned as a Foreign Service Officer with the American Diplomatic Corps of the US Dept. of State, and left in September 1999 to

work at the American Embassy in Abu Dhabi, UAE, for a two-year stint. **Nancy Parkhurst** Lawless writes to announce several life changes, the first being the birth of her third child Sara Marie in February 1998, and the second, her "retirement" from the Army after ten years of service. Nancy is doing critical care work on a part-time basis, as well as home schooling her children. She remarks that "the women's lib movement is wrong—being a wife and mother and raising your own children is very satisfying and much better for the next generation." **Andy Markiewicz** writes to announce the birth of his fourth son, Daniel, who joins brothers, Aaron, Nathan, and Samuel. Andy received the Meritorious Service Medal and finished his Air Force obligation. He has taken a position at UAMS to teach hand surgery.

Karen Tamarkin Glass is living in Ardsley, NY, and working for a trademark research company called Corsearch. Karen has two sons Evan and Jason, and loves to play golf and tennis. Her favorite vacation spot is any place with a great golf course, and if vacationing with the kids, any Club Med. Karen's favorite Ithaca hangout is Helen Newman Lanes. She says that she was on the bowling team and it was a great place to hang out, bowl, drink beer, etc. **Maryellen Fisher** Magee moved to Charlotte, NC, in February 1999, and lives next door to **Eric '84** and **Cindy Cowen Bowman**. Maryellen remarks that Eric and Cindy's sons, Ben and Will, are great playmates for her son, Ian. Besides Eric and Cindy, Maryellen keeps in touch with **Karen A. Magri**, **Patti Yule Nichols**, **Jill Beckenstein Lerner**, **Joyce Zelowitz** Mingorance, **Margaret Vanasse** Vaughan, **Debra Eisenstat** DeRoche, **Elizabeth Mozesky** Langston, and **Donna Micelotta** Pacella, among others. Speaking of Donna, she reports that she is married to "a sweet (usually) and handsome pediatrician." She works part-time at a florist's and is considering part-time work at the local YMCA. Donna says that she is looking forward to reunion and seeing "everyone who helped me get through freshman year (anyone who lived on West Campus and everyone who played on the lacrosse team), my friends from 216

Delaware, and all who I met through **Tommy Martin!**" Donna also writes that she would love to hear from **Randy Musiker**.

Christine Glassman Kehoe writes that she recently returned to the Boston area after living in London for four years. Christine says that she will miss being abroad and having the opportunity to travel in Europe. Her family, which includes four children, is looking forward to exploring America next. **John H. Gabel** recently moved back to Long Island, NY, with wife Lesley and sons Trevor and Tyler. John saw **Jeff Palazzese** during a visit to the Philadelphia area last summer. John went to reunion a year early and saw **Mike Scully '84**, BS Ag '85, **Scott '84** and **Ginny Scarola** Sidman, **Tim Donahoe '84**, and **Mark G. Miller '84**. **Karen Winston** Norman had a mini-reunion last summer with **Debbie Goodman** Davis, **Shelley J. Dropkin**, **Eve Subrin** Williams, and their respective offspring. Karen has children Daniel and Julia.

Dave "Bloomer" Bloom writes that he was sworn in as a reserve police officer in Huntington Beach, CA. So, in addition to being a physician specializing in family practice and sports medicine, he works part-time fighting crime and keeping the peace! When do you sleep, Dave? Dave took time out from his busy schedule to fly to the East Coast last summer to visit **Ed Catto**, BS Ag '84, **Mike Bloomquist**, and **Ed Castillo**, at the Ridgewood, NJ, home of Ed Catto. Ed, Mike, and Ed spent freshman year together on the sixth floor "penthouse" of Donlon Hall. **Joseph Sowka** is an associate professor and physician at Nova-Southeastern U. in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. **Laura Rabinowitz** Lefkowitz is a podiatrist in private practice in Beverly Hills, CA. In June 1999, Laura gave birth to her second child, Talia Rebecca. Son Adam, then 3-1/2, enthusiastically remarked on the way to the hospital, "Hurray, the baby girl is coming. I've been waiting such a long time."

Amy Smith Linton reports that she is still writing and doing quite a bit of competitive sailing. At the time of her writing, Amy and husband Jeff planned to race in the Lightning World Championship in Ecuador in November 1999 and spend New Year's camping in

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the Everglades with their kayaks. Let us know how you fared, Amy! Amy keeps in touch with **Jan Ben '84**, MS Eng '85, **Terry Soyering '84**, BS Eng '85, and **Chad Christine '86**, MD '91, who is working hard in neurology in San Francisco. Amy recently bought a minivan and, every once in awhile, finds herself smacking herself on the forehead and saying, "Oh heck! The kids! I forgot to have them!" Amy's favorite Ithaca hangout is The Nines. She says that the great food and service, which "hasn't improved one iota,"

Tom Sullivan have a daughter, Brynne Alexandra, born April 1998. Ophthalmologist **Betsy Small '85** married Howie Quinn in 1998. **Lisa Ann Taylor** recently earned her MBA in Boston. **W. Duncan Wood** and wife Fiona Houston welcomed daughter Lydia in 1999 and have a 3-year-old son, Adair.

News came from **Scott Scofield**, a human resources director in Louisville, KY, that he wed Vita on Nov. 28, '98, and recently moved to Louisville at his employer's request. He says that **Chris Sheehan** "came to the wedding with pic-

son, Amir Kamran, on Jan. 22, '99. **Mary Ann Rimkunas** Gundel, a computer programmer living in Clifton Park, NY, gave birth to Theresa Marie Gundel Apr. 19, '99, at Saratoga Hospital. She has another daughter, Annemarie Catherine Gundel, age 8. **Vince Ascrizzi**, MD '90, a pediatrician, lives in Great Falls, VA, with wife **Molly Moran Ascrizzi '89** and new daughter Kathleen.

Some moms who have changed gears recently: **Amy (Coene)**, MD '90, a cardiologist and wife of urologist **Gregory T. Bales**, wrote during a six-month leave of absence from the U. of Chicago that she took to be a full-time mom. She has new twins, John Robert and Tessa Alexis, born Apr. 30, '99, and big sister Cayla. As for recent great vacations/travels, Amy writes, "Ha!"

Pamela Schmitt Cary left her 11-year career as a buyer for Aldi Inc., to stay home and raise children Hannah Marie (Feb. 26, '99), Benjamin, 3-1/2, and Miranda, 2. "It's a little nutty, but we are having fun!" Pamela's funhouse is in Wheaton, IL, with husband **Rich '85**.

The summer of 1998 was one of transition for **Karen Gray Kirby**. "After six years at Nabisco and one at Discovery Zone, as part of a turnaround team taking the company out of bankruptcy, I left my New Jersey apartment and moved to Westchester County to enter a new life as a homeowner and full-time mommy to a beautiful baby girl, Alexandra Shayne."

In the "Where are they now?" department, **Marie M. Henseler** is an executive recruiter living in Manhattan Beach, CA. **Charles A. Boorady** changed jobs from Prudential Securities to Goldman, Sachs & Co. **Sandra C. Ceraulo** is an assistant professor of chemistry and physics. She married financial planner/attorney Henry Langer in late 1998, and was back in Ithaca doing research in clinical physics for the summer of 1999. **Andrew F. Sendall**, technology support manager at Wit Capital, recently spent two weeks in southern France, the Pyrenees, and northern Spain. **Raymond Verheul** is a small business owner in Sarasota, FL, and recently completed an 18-month cross-country family vacation in a motor coach!

Philip E. McCarthy II, a lawyer, lives in New York City and is employed at an English firm in its asset finance group. He recently "hopped around England, Italy, and Morocco" with **Susan Kittenplan '85**. Philip lives down the hall from **Amy Underberg** Applebaum, her husband, and their "very cute baby." **Michele Chandler** sold her business and (like many of us) is "trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up!" She saw **Devora B. Lieberman** in Sydney, Australia in August 1998.

Bill Joyce, MBA '93, is director of consulting with Manhattan Associates in Atlanta. "I'm jealous of the new Sage Hall; it puts Malott to shame!" he writes. **Alice Twyne**, living in Hastings, NY, is manager of video communications at International Paper headquarters in Purchase. "In this position I serve as producer of the company's many video productions. I love this job!"

"Be kind to others, give back more than you receive, and brush after meals."

LARRY GOLDMAN '88

makes it seem as though no time at all has passed since she had "a steady diet of pizza, wings, pitchers, and talk."

Please remember that the more dues-paying classmates we have, the larger the space allotment we receive from *Cornell Magazine*, and the more news you get to read about your fellow classmates in this column, so if you've forgotten to send in your class dues and news, make it your new year's resolution to send them in today! ♦ **Lisa M. Bluestein**, 5 Sun Valley Heights Rd., North Salem, NY 10560; e-mail, lawfoot@aol.com; **Linda Messinger** Manos, DVM, 3550 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO 80110; e-mail, lmmderm@aol.com.



Hello, 'mates. I'd like to start off the column with a couple of well-deserved awards. This month's "most romantic news"

honor goes to **Barry Greenberg**, MS AES '89, who wrote of his June 1999 wedding to **Amanda H. Buckley '88**. It was a small ceremony at Amanda's parents' house on the shores of Gull Lake near Kalamazoo, MI. The couple honeymooned at the Homestead Resort near Traverse City, MI. "We originally met at Cornell, went our separate ways at graduation, and reunited after nine years." Beautiful! They reside in Andover, MA.

By far, the honor of "best updates by a noncorrespondent," and my deepest thanks, go to **Susan C. Sturgess**, a nutrition support dietitian for the division of gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition at Winthrop University Hospital and an adjunct professor at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine/NYIT. She reports that **Geriann Grave** Fisher and husband Christopher welcomed daughter Cayla Rose March 10, '99. **Elyssa Katz Hurlbut** and husband **Norm '87** delighted in daughter number three, Jillian Bingham, in April 1999. **Amy Bierman '88** wed Richard Fleiss in June 1998. **Nancy Campa '87** is completing her master's in public health. **Kevin Comacchio '87** and wife Jennifer have children Michael, 3, and Annabelle, 1. **Lisa Feidler**, BA '87, and husband

tures of his three beautiful children." He also says **Greg Alvarez** is doing well with a premier labor law firm in New Jersey.

Down South, Florida attorney **Andrew Epstein**, who lives in Fort Myers, wrote of his annual summer trip (even farther south) to visit friends in Costa Rica. He has also been to New York to see **Evan** and **Jessica Miller Thorne**. Also in Florida, **Ellen Fox-Snider** and **John Fox-Snider '85** make their home in Coral Springs. Ellen is a licensed mental health counselor, "currently a full-time mom," and John is an attorney. Their new son, Dylan Matthew, born Apr. 15, '97, joins brother Aaron. "We took a road trip last December and visited **Gussie Owby '87** in Columbia, SC, and **Charlie Snider** and family in Asheville, NC," she writes, and says that their new home, under construction two miles away in Parkland, FL, should be ready for them in the new millennium.

"Sleepless nights survivor awards" go out to the following new parents: **Roman Schwartzman**, an orthopedic surgeon living in Henderson, NV, who brought home Katharina Louise, born Nov. 25, '97. In Dallas, TX, with husband Bruce Tindall, **Sarah K. Schneewind** had son Leo Franklin Schneewind Tindall, Jan. 2, '98. Sarah got her doctorate in history from Columbia, and is an assistant professor at Southern Methodist U., teaching East Asian History. And **John Tagliaferri** welcomed daughter Victoria Laine, Apr. 6, '98.

Los Angeles-based **Larry Cohen** and wife Martha had a son, Teddy, on Oct. 22, '98. **Dominique A. Torres**, a compensation manager with Ann Taylor Inc., had daughter Brynn Margaret Mulcahy, Feb. 22, '99. **Kelly Kling-Selander**, a clinical psychologist living in Bloomfield, MI, wrote of children Jillian, born Dec. 7, '97, and Kenneth, Aug. 12, '94. Kelly is working part-time in private practice and moved to a new home in December 1997, three weeks after having Jillian! **Emily S. Citrin**'s newest arrival, Samuel Harmon Glauberg, on Aug. 3, '98, brings her child tally to three! **Margaret Bolce** Brivanlou had a

J. Garrett "Gary" Schwendig, a surgeon in San Diego, says his biggest recent accomplishment was "finally getting out of the Navy!" He was also making the transition to staff trauma surgeon at Scripps La Jolla. He says he has enjoyed working with **Seth Krosner '83**, who is also working as a trauma surgeon in San Diego. **Ana L. Arias** is working in emergency medicine at Englewood Hospital in Englewood, NJ.

Sending news my way is now a no-brainer. Come see my new Cornell News online form at <http://www.weblinksco.com/cu86.htm> and fill me in. ♦ **Hilory Feder-green** Wagner, 108 Nicole Dr., S. Glastonbury, CT 06073; e-mail, hilwag@aol.com; **Jeffrey W. Cowan**, 1114 6th St., Suite 10, Santa Monica, CA 90403; e-mail, jwcesq@soca.com; and **Michael Berkwitz**, 230 N. 22nd St., 12A, Philadelphia, PA 19103; e-mail, berkwitz@mail.med.upenn.edu.



Happy New Year! Welcome to Year 2000! I trust that everyone has recovered from the year-end celebrations and all the partying. Hmm, it somehow reminds me of the days after finals in U-Hall 5.

Gary, BS Eng '89, and **Ryoko Okamoto** (gary.okamoto@jp.varian.com) celebrated son Christopher's first birthday on June 18, '98. **John Doucette**, BS Ag '88, wrote, inviting us to visit: "After I married Kellie Mitra in June 1996, we moved to Bermuda. We love it here and love to have visitors, including **Paul S.**, MBA '88, and **Stephanie DeSalvo Miller**, and **David L. Miller**, MBA '88, and his friend Lisa Oliver. I started a new job at European International Reinsurance as vice-president for finite risk actuary/underwriter." From Bangkok, Thailand, we heard from **David N. Keen**: "I married Suki Dixon in March 1998. We honeymooned in Scotland and Bhutan. I am managing director of Keen Publishing, a travel publishing concern in Southeast Asia."

Christina Minuth Norton, MPS HA '88, (christina.norton@icha.ch) was "promoted to director of post-graduate studies at the U. Center Cesar Ritz, a private Swiss hotel school. Sampled the local brew, cheese, and chocolate with **Joanna Nowacki**. Her fascination with Swiss trains, and the rigid laws governing laundry ethics, left a lasting impression." Chris is married to former hockey player **Christopher Norton '88**, BS Hotel '92.

Feleciai C. Favroth (feleciai1@aol.com) sent in her news from across the Bay: "Left corporate America. Obtained a cosmetology license from Vidal Sasson Hair Academy. Working at present as an assistant stylist for Architects and Heroes Hair Salon and Gallery in San Francisco, with plans to open up my own salon one day." **Chet A. Morrison** moved from Asia back to the US: "After a satisfying year commanding the 135th Forward Surgical Team in Korea and practicing as a staff surgeon, wife Maria and I are moving to Baltimore, where I will start a fellowship in trauma and critical care." **Noreen P. Morris** (npmorris@c-usa.org) is still in Chicago, but has been promoted to assistant commissioner

at Conference USA. She added that earlier in the year she ran into **John C. Ehmann**, who lives in Parsippany, NJ. **Michael J. Miller** (michael.j.miller@chase.com) is in Glen Rock, NJ. In May he went to the wedding of **Lawrence E. Phillips** and Sheila Mae Koch, which was held in the Bahamas.

Overseas news and birth announcements: From Thailand, **Aphichart Patrick Assakul** (aphica@mozart.inet.co.th) and wife Pasri proudly announced the birth of their first child, Tatr Peter, who arrived on Aug. 31, '99 in Bangkok. At birth, Peter weighed 3,320 grams (7.3 pounds). In Hong Kong, **Peter von Huene-Chan** and wife Germaine became first-time parents. Daughter Giselle Helena was born on Sept. 10, '99. Peter has been working for FedEx as a senior manager for customer service since 1998. He took a training trip to Memphis that year. Peter and I had dinner together in Causeway Bay almost a year ago. **Tina Immler Lee** (tinalee@ozemail.com.au) must be gearing up for the Summer Olympics down under: "We (Tina and husband **Robert**) welcomed Charles Alexander into the world on Feb. 21, '99. Rob and I took Charles to the US for five weeks in June. We were happy to catch up with **Denise (Korn)** and **Steven Ari Nachmanoff**, **Suzanne Busta**, **Stephanie Day Williams**, **Pete Celone '85**, and **Andrew Place '88**. Rob and I love life in Sydney and look forward to the Olympics." **Gail Stoller Baer** (glsl22@cornell.edu) and husband **Michael '88**, MBA '89, uprooted the family from Potomac, MD, and relocated to Lion City, Singapore, at the end of last year. "Michael and I went to his B-school reunion in June. We had a fabulous time. I miss Ithaca," wrote Gail, who was working for Grant Thornton LLP before the big move. Ex-U-Hall 5 resident **Gennady Gazin** (gennady-gazin@mckinsey.com) married Rose Meshoyrer. They have children Andrew, 4, and Paulina, 1. Gennady has returned to his homeland of Russia and is a partner at McKinsey and Company's office in Moscow. From South America: **Victor Maunicio Levy** (malevy@la.ko.com) wrote from La Paz, Bolivia. He says, "[I] got married and went on my honeymoon to New York and Europe. My new job is at Soft Drink Services Co. (a Coca Cola company) in La Paz. My position in the company is channel head. So enjoy Coca Cola, Class of '87!"

Closer to (my) home, just a few blocks down from my apartment, **Donna Lee McMaster** (markydonna@aol.com) of Menlo Park, CA, wrote that she and husband Mark "are proud to announce that we welcomed our first child, Amanda Claire, into the world on June 10, '99." Donna enjoys being a "stay-at-home" mom, taking time off to be with Amanda. My fellow Stanford colleague and Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) chair, **Rana Glasgal**, ME I '92, (rana@sherlock.stanford.edu) dropped off this note: "I am still working for Cornell-of-the-West, but have recently changed positions. I am now the director of institutional research, providing information on student financial aid, faculty issues, finances, etc., to Stanford's deci-

sion makers. I also got back from a visit to the home of **Alexa (Coin)** and **S. Scott Florence '88** in Davenport, IA. I had a wonderful time with them and baby Benjamin and can't wait to go back!" From Corvallis, OR, **Toni Koch** Doolen (doolen@proaxis.com) left Hewlett-Packard after 11 years, and returned to school full-time in 1999. "I am working on my PhD in industrial engineering. I plan to graduate in 2002! I will be looking for a faculty position as I get closer to graduation."

From Southern California, **Lisa Rathmann Stewart** (lisastewart@mindspring.com) got in touch with me last fall to brainstorm an alumni event that would be co-sponsored by our class. Lisa is president of the alumni club in San Diego. She wrote: "How did I get to San Diego? Well, the short version of the story is that my husband's employer (he's a civilian engineer for the Navy) relocated from the Pentagon to San Diego in October 1997. So, we packed our bags and drove across the country to our new home about 16 miles east/inland of downtown San Diego. In March 1998, our daughter Erin was born, so since the move, I've been doing various free-lance jobs. My priority is raising Erin, so I feel fortunate to be able to work professionally only when I want to. We love the San Diego area. We're not really 'beach people,' but it's nice to be able to enjoy the sand and surf once in a while, as well as the mountains, hiking, desert excursions during wildflower season, and year-round pleasant weather." Lisa has already recruited **Valerie J. Tanney**, **Neal Karsten Blue**, and **Susan M. Lord** to help with programming.

Rena Vogel Corey (coreyfam@juno.com) summarized her life since graduation: "[I] joined the US Navy to pay off student loans. Moved to Maryland. Married (to Lawrence, not Cornellian). Three babies in 1991, 1993, and 1997. All brilliant and beautiful. Lived in California for a year (Monterey). Moved to Reston, VA. Having a great time." **Marguerite "Marnie" Dreifuss** Gelfman moved to Westchester in 1998. She says, "I met up with **Sharyn Ruff** Aviv in Disney World with our children in May 1999. We all had a wonderful time."

Finally, in the "food for thought" department: Not to be outdone by the Hot Truck, **Jodi Y. Auerbach** started a catering company (in Cambridge, MA). Jodi reports, "My partner is John Levins, chef of Cambridge's renowned Green Street Grill. I would love to hook up with anyone in need of funky and upscale catering." Jodi's company is appropriately called Something Savory. Yummy. Send your hors d'oeuvres or class news. ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, c/o Stanford Office of Asian Relations, Stanford University, 301 Encina Hall, Stanford, CA 94305-6076; e-mail, tseng@stanford.edu; and **Debra Howard Stern**, 235 W. 108th Street #45, NYC 10025; e-mail, dstern@acksys.com.



Through no prior planning, I find myself in the enviable (?) position of writing the first Class of '88 column for the new millennium. While our calendars look a

bit different on this side of 2000, I would suggest that the same rules of behavior apply: be kind to others, give back more than you receive, and brush after meals. Oh yeah, and keep sending us your e-mails and letters!

Speaking of e-mail, I would like to begin including your e-mail addresses along with your news, given the permission to do so. E-mail is simple, immediate, and nearly endemic, and many of you have requested to be contacted in this way. Example: **Merih Dagli**, MD (merih16@earthlink.net) recently moved to Jacksonville, NC, and would love to hear from friends. She and her husband, Michael O'Donoghue, celebrated the birth of their first child, David O'Donoghue, on June 17, '99. Also via e-mail came **David Trachtenberg's** announcement of the June 1999 birth of Eric Daniel Trachtenberg. David and wife **Jennifer Brooks '89**, live on Long Island with Eric and his 3-year-old brother Noah. Jennifer is a pediatrician in private practice on Park Ave., and David helps to run the busy Forensic Psychiatry Service at Bellevue Hospital. You can also catch David in a very brief cameo in the upcoming television pilot for the ABC show "Bellevue," which is based on the lives of several forensic psychiatrists. It is due to air on Monday nights, starting in January 2000.

Diane Little Sassano e-mailed the news that she and her husband Frank attended the wedding of **Lori Bianco** and Mike Orr in Rochester, NY, on Aug. 21, '99. **Carolyn Keegan** was also on hand for the celebration. Shortly thereafter, Diane and Frank traveled to Needham, MA, to enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend at the home of **Jim Hirshorn** and **Alison Green**. Diane wrote: "Our 2-year-old daughter Victoria enjoyed playing with their sons, Adam, 19 months old, and Evan, 6 months. After we returned home, Victoria broke her wrist falling out of her crib. Frank and I were more affected than she seemed to be. Welcome to parenthood." Diane also sends the news that **Kirk** and **Elizabeth Somers** were blessed last May 10 with the arrival of Jackson Reed Somers at a hale 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 21-1/2 inches long. The Somers, who live in Alpharetta, GA, also have daughter Sarah Kate and son William.

Clipped from the *New York Times*: **Shari Michels** married Eric Buckvar this past August. Shari works as an assistant district attorney in the appeals bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's office. In July of 1999, **Marla Gottlieb** Zwas was named a shareholder at the Bloomfield Hills, MI, law office of Howard & Howard Attorneys, PC. Marla resides in Southfield, MI, with her daughter and husband Jerold. She is on the board of directors of the Cornell Club of Michigan. **Evan Raskas** Goldfarb, an attorney in St. Louis, joined Thompson Coburn LLP in September of 1999. **Harlan Williams** (Hwilliams2@aol.com) opened his own intellectual property boutique law firm in Arlington, VA, on Apr. 6, '99, after 11 years of working for other firms. Harlan's new practice specializes in patent, trademark, and copyright solicitation.

In July of 1999, **Jon Gertner** moved from his position as senior features editor for *The*

American Lawyer to become a senior editor at *Money*. Jon has also written for numerous publications, including the *New York Times Magazine*, *New York, Audubon*, and *The New York Observer*. This past September, **Michael Borruso** was hired as editor of Intellectual Property LAWCAST, a radio-style news broadcast that covers the wide range of intellectual property issues, including patents, trademarks, and licensing. **Jouel Velasquez** is living in Basking Ridge, NJ, but he returns to the Hill every so often when he recruits for PricewaterhouseCoopers. **Samantha Evans** Ross was in Ithaca last Memorial Day weekend with her family to celebrate the graduation of her brother **Nolly '99**.

Rich Zins, ME EP '89, announced the birth of his first child, Richard Ian Zins, on Apr. 10, '99. Rich, who is now living in Hanford, CA, completed two years as a Navy test pilot and flew the FA-18 Hornet jet from the USS *Constellation*. **Kimberly Coffin** Johnson gave birth to her first child, Amelia, on May 21, '99. She works as a domestic relations and bankruptcy attorney in Nashville. On Oct. 3, '99, **Elizabeth Chamberlin Vignaux** and husband **Jeffrey**, MBA '90, welcomed their son Grant, who is "possibly the most gorgeous baby ever born," according to his proud mother.

Patricia Tan and Michael Openshaw were married on July 31, '99 at San Augustin Church, Intramuros, Manila, Philippines. Patricia's maid of honor was **Menakshi Sehwan** '89, and her bridesmaids included **Cristina Isabella Urbina** '87, MS Ag '91, and **Vicky Yuen** '90. In addition, her guests included numerous Cornellians who flew from around the globe for the nuptials: **Dan Baron** '87, **Cedric Bramble**, **Richard Loh** '90, Jess Lorenzo, **Anna Karina Pena-Gerochi**, ME I '89, **Sonia Parra** Zúñiga '89, **John "Sunny" Phillip Sevilla** '89, and **Maira Villalona** Coutant '89. The newlyweds, family, and guests spent a few days in the Plantations Resort in Cebu, Philippines. The happy couple now reside in Hong Kong, People's Republic of China.

Remember to keep sending news, especially in the late fall and winter, when our supply of News & Dues forms dwindles to naught. Again, let me emphasize how EASY it is to reach us via e-mail! Cheers! ♦ **Larry Goldman**, 3019 Grove St., Denver, CO 80211; e-mail, lig2@cornell.edu; and **Diane Weisbrot** Wing, 727 Anita St., Redondo Beach, CA 90278; e-mail, axel3@aol.com.



First off, happy holidays and a very happy new year. Start the year off right by sending in some news about yourself and your college buddies. As you'll soon see, some of the news is a bit old, but better late than never!

Let's start with weddings . . . **Elizabeth Call Rimer** sent in news that **Tim Dayka** got married in La Jolla, CA, in April 1998. Classmates **Scott Parker**, **Leslie Fiefer**, and **Kevin Bartolotta** were also there. (A side note about Elizabeth, she has a two-year-old daughter, Erin.) **Bill Casswell** married **Carolyn**

DeWilde '90 on July 5, '97. Fellow classmates who attended included **Kai Timmermann**, **Kyle Miller**, **Rick Thornton**, **Ray Weymer**, and **Bryan Williams**. They honeymooned in France, England, and Scotland.

Becki Fadel recalls that the first week of November 1997 was very busy . . . she got married to Greg King on the first, found out she passed the bar exam on the second, went to Tahiti on the third and turned 30 on the fifth. Classmates **Cheryl Donnelly** Burgess and **Shari Jaffess** Davidson were bridesmaids. Becki is currently an attorney in Detroit.

Ellen Toporoff Noteware wrote about another wedding, in which she was a bridesmaid. **Randi-Sue Rimerman** married Howard Serota on July 4, '98. Ellen also reported that she moved to the Philadelphia suburbs a couple of years ago with husband David and kids, Madison, 5, Cammy, 2-1/2, and her dog Sheba. She is working as an attorney doing health effects litigation primarily for the pharmaceutical industry.

Kristine M. Surette also sent in news about fellow classmates' weddings. **Jennifer Porter** married Dan Freed in September 1998. Also, **Bill Sheldon** married Colleen Corbett in April 1998. Kris saw **Jim Dworkin** and **John Sakers**, BS Eng '91, at the wedding. Kris is a senior media relations representative at the Museum of Science in Boston. She says "it's a place where learning science is fun (unlike Chem 207!)."

Eileen Rosen married Ethan Miller in January 1999. Eileen is a marketing manager at Godiva Chocolatier in New York City. **Tamra Diamond** updated us on what she's been doing since graduation. She met husband Alex Korotkin in law school and they were married in August 1994. On Sept. 18, '97 her daughter Jenna Elise was born. In February 1998 she started her own law practice and is currently working from her home office in Rochester, NY.

Now, for the rundown on potential future Cornell legacies. **Robert B. Fogel** has a 2-year-old daughter, Olivia Anne. Robert finished medical school at Columbia, did his residency at Mass. General Hospital, then did a pulmonary/critical care fellowship. **Leslie Scheidt** Redd has sons James, 3, and Andrew, 1. Leslie sent updates on a bunch of people. **Melinda Hammer** Lehman has a son Matthew, 2. **Amanda Edelbaum** Moszkowski has two sons and is living in London. **Karyn Geller** Lipsky had son Harrison in March 1998 and lives in Rhode Island. **Robert David** and wife **Lisa (Baylor)** '90 had their first child, Robert III, on Jan. 30, '98. **Karl Tibor Toth** and his wife had a third child, Emilie, in April 1998. He said she is being well received by older siblings Alexander, 6, and Katie, 3-1/2. **Kevin Henry** and his wife had their first child, Tyler Alan, on Oct. 14, '97. **Tom Yan**, MS CS '93, and wife **Linda Lee** '90 had their first child, Susanna Elizabeth, on Feb. 6, '98.

Allison Freedman and husband **Jeffrey Sacher** '87 have a 2-year-old son, Jacob Henry, who was delivered by Dr. **Michele Silverstein** '88, and sees Dr. **Jennifer Brooks** as his pediatrician. Jacob likes to play with

Benjamin Fiedler, son of **Jodi Rosenbaum Fiedler**. **Christine Hollands** Tokish had her first baby, Hannah Christine, in November 1997.

Now, let's talk about who's doing what in the real world. **Jordan Yeager** is a partner in the law firm Boockvar and Yeager. He concentrates on employment law and civil rights litigation. He is married to his law partner Kathryn Boockvar. **Elliot Sokoloff** is a partner at the law firm Sokoloff and Weinstein in Royal Palm Beach, FL. **Karen Conant Rindner** works at PBS as an assistant general counsel in the legal department. As the mother of Emily, 2-1/2, Karen says "it's nice to have a more predictable day than in a law firm."

Kuantai Yeh, ME '90, graduated from Cornell's Johnson School with an MBA in May 1998 and then started working as a corporate finance associate at CIBC Oppenheimer's Technology Investment Banking Group in California.

Glenn Pacchiana, BS '90, runs Thalle Construction Co. Inc., based in Westchester County, NY. He recently opened an office in Chapel Hill, NC. He has purchased other companies across the country and is now pursuing projects in Italy, Turkey, and Eastern Europe. He talks frequently with his roommate **Alireza Takesh** who is living in Geneva, Switzerland. **Julie Salles Schaffer** is the owner of an architecture firm called Salles Schaffer Brainerd Design in Manhattan. Her work has been featured in *Interior Design* magazine and the *New York Times*. **Alex Martin** is a vice president of sales and marketing for an Internet start-up company. He reported that **Nick Fowler** is in the HBO hit series "The Sopranos."

Unfortunately, that's all the space we have for now. Please send us your news. Have a healthy and happy holiday season! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, 5 Glenwood Rd., Plainview, NY 11803; e-mail, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Lauren Hoeflich**, 10822 Otsego St., Apt. 214, N. Hollywood, CA 91601; tel., (818) 766-8528; e-mail, lahoefflich@aol.com; **Mike McGarry**, 9754 Burns Hill Rd., West Valley, NY 14171; e-mail, mcgarrm@wv.doe.gov; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, 105 Overlake Park, Burlington, VT 05401; e-mail, ac98@cornell.edu.

REUNION



Happy Y2K! At least, I hope it is happy, and everything is functioning properly now that 2000 has begun. I can conveniently blame the Y2K bug for news that somehow slipped through the cracks. Truthfully, however, it's usually too much news and not enough column space, and not computer glitches that are at fault.

Getting to the better-late-than-never-reported news, **John '91** and **Jennifer Henze Otto** are the parents of Emily Margaret, born July 6, '98. Jennifer is working as a nurse practitioner with the bone marrow transplant program at the University Medical Center in Tucson, AZ. John is a systems engineer for Raytheon and does a lot of traveling to Sweden and England on business. The Ottos attended the wedding of **Andrea Lee** and

Charles Carboni in Sonoma, CA, in August. Several Cornellians were there, including **Rachel Korn Goldberg**, **Laura Walsh Kern**, MRP '91, **John Hutt**, BA '91, **Peggy**

Cavalieri '91 and **Susie Mrozek** were my kind hosts in San Francisco for the weekend. I got the tour of Jim's temporary office at the new Internet start-up company he joined last

"Molly Wrobel spent four days in September heli-hiking in the Canadian Rockies. Where can I find a job like that?"

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Maloney, **Doug Bryant '91**, **Jonathan G. Martin**, **John O'Bryan**, and **Donn Vanderploeg**, ME I '92. Andrea and Chuck are now living in Coppell, TX. Thanks to Jen and John for their patience and for an e-mailed update on their alumni sightings.

Some very belated birth announcements include: Zachary (June 1993) and Luke (November 1995), sons of **Alissa VanZutphen** Caton of Voorheesville, NY; Victoria Avonlea VanVleet (July 1995) born to Dr. **Marcia A. Wenner** VanVleet of Warwick, RI; Emilio Alonzo Correa (August 1997) to **Ivette Rodriguez**-Correa of Jamaica Plain, MA; Matias Jose Pineiro (June 1997) to **Rodrigo** and **Julie (Clark) Pineiro** of Bethlehem, PA; Lydia Edith (July 1994) and Sarah Jane (August 1997) Nevin to **Karen Goetchius** Nevin of Syracuse; Cameron John Barr (July 1997) to **Tara McCaffrey** Barr of Beverly Hills, MI; Jacob Zaben Kohen (August 1997) to **Marshall Kohen** of Columbia, MD; Jared Austin Meyer (May 1997) to **Randi Freedman** Meyer of Dunwoody, GA; Emma Julia Gomez-Rivas (July 1997) to Andres and **Melyssa Plunkett**-Gomez of East Greenwich, RI; and Meghan Anne Krizar (October 1997) to **Anne Marie Carnevale** Krizar. Meghan has an older sister, Catherine, who was born in 1994. Congratulations to our classmates on their future Cornellians! There will certainly be a lot of toddlers on the Hill at Reunion 2000 in June.

Lisa R. Lilienfeld (psylxl@langate.gsu.edu) married Lawrence Riso on June 27, '99 at Wagner's Winery on Seneca Lake. In attendance were **Beth A. Rosen**, **Tricia A. Kammerer**, BS Ag '91, and **Erica P. Lemcke**, all of whom were roommates of Lisa's at one time or another. Beth, a genetics counselor with a Boston autism research project, signed Lisa and Lawrence's *ketubah* as a witness at their wedding. Beth and Lisa have been friends since their days as Ithaca High students. Lawrence and Lisa are enjoying "Hot-lanta," as their hometown of Atlanta, GA, is affectionately known, and love working down the hall from each other in the psychology department at Georgia State U.

In other wedding news, I had a chance to become acquainted with **Christy Consler** last July at the reception of **Jill Rosenberg** and **Marc Engel '91**, who recently moved from Los Angeles to take new jobs in San Francisco. **Jeff O'Dwyer**, JD '93, one of Marc's ushers, was also seated at the Cornell table. **Jim**

summer. It was right below Coit Tower, with a beautiful view of the bay. Susie is getting a multiple subject teaching credential at San Francisco State U. and is student teaching elementary school. I also enjoyed *dim sum* with Shawna Liu and **Paul Tauber**. They kindly dropped me off for the Engel wedding in Burlingame, on their way to Stanford to watch my sister Tammy play at the Bank of the West Classic tennis tournament.

In the last column, I mentioned that **Amy Wang** was an editor at *The Oregonian*. Well, make that "Pulitzer Prize-winning editor." Congratulations, Amy! She was on a team that won the Pulitzer for *The Oregonian*, its first since 1957. Well, that's what happens when you have a Cornellian on staff. She is also working part-time, training the news reporters of tomorrow as a journalism instructor. Amy attended the Las Vegas bachelorette party of **Anna Chan '91** and caught up with **Greg Manning**, **Paul Hunt**, and **Aileen Kelleman**-Band in Celebration, FL (what an appropriate town to visit!).

Brenda Dively Zanny, MBA '91, (zbrenda@aol.com) left a career in consumer products (Procter & Gamble, Kellogg's) to co-found Sparrows' Haven Inc. with her partner Kathryn Taylor. Brenda's organization is a Christian residential treatment center for women with eating disorders. "We will be raising the \$2 million we need to build the facilities. I would love to hear from anyone who is interested in learning more about or in helping Sparrows' Haven. We are especially looking for some advice on human resource and non-profit management issues. I must say, I miss Cornell and I wish everyone the best!" We also wish you the best, Brenda!

Molly Wrobel has found paradise in Bozeman, MT, where she bought a house last summer. "There are lots of great outdoor pursuits, like hiking, fly-fishing, cross-country skiing, etc., right outside my door, which is the real reason I'm here. I've been performing with a women's comedy troupe, Broad Comedy, for the past year. We do improvisational games, original sketches, and satirical songs, and sometimes get paid for it as well! I have a 'real' job to cover the mortgage, though. I'm still working for Off The Beaten Path, a custom travel planning company for the Rocky Mountains, Southwest, and Alaska. As part of my job, I spent four days in the beginning of September heli-hiking in the Canadian Rockies!" Where can I find a job like that?

Molly keeps in touch via e-mail with **Katrine Bosley**, **Margaret M. Mordy**, and **Jeff and Jami Waisburd Clott**.

Reunion 2000 is only months away! Don't miss any announcements—join the Class of 1990 e-mail list TODAY. Just send an e-mail to nt28@cornell.edu with your full name and e-mail address. It's as simple as that, and you'll know all the latest about what's sure to be the party of the millennium! See you on the Arts Quad in June! ♦ **Rose Tanasugarn**, 5419 La Mirada Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029-1010; fax, (323) 850-0969; e-mail, nt28@cornell.edu.



Greetings from the Hill. My plea for news has paid off. We've received tons of news and e-mails this time around, so let's jump right in.

We have many new marriages to report. **Jonathan Goodman** and **Deborah Kroll** were married on May 30. Attending the bash were **Greg Bournia**, **Jason Belice**, **Rehan Mirza '92**, **Jason Spector**, **Beth Chartoff Spector**, **John C. Small '90**, **Kathy Hanrahan '94**, **Andy Isikoff**, **Merwyn Kroll '57**, and **Ed Berry**. **Anna Chan** and **Jason ReKate** were married in beautiful Vermont. **Amy Wang '90** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance at Anna and Jason's wedding were **Andrew Galligan**, **Josh Albert**, **Andy Genser**, **Jason Wexler**, **Joelle S. Tessler '93**, **Darcy Pietropaolo**—Strauss, MA IN T '92, **Joe Genier '92**, **Kate Rudy**, **John Gauch '90**, and **Greg Manning '90**. **Fern (Yocum)**, BS '92, married **Arthur Kanitz** in October 1998. Fern is working as a biological laboratory technician at the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center in Madison, WI. **Rachael Przybyla** recently finished her ob/gyn residency at the U. of Michigan, and in July 1999, she married **Richard Mayoshi**. Rachel has started in a private ob/gyn practice in Austin, TX, and Richard is starting a prac-

tice in general dentistry. **Julie A. Lewis** married **John Rickert** in April 1999 in Jamaica with the company of a small group of family and friends. It was a wonderful and romantic experience! Julie is currently employed as a psychologist in Minot, ND. Congratulations to all our newlyweds!

I received an e-mail from **Helena K. "Kate" Lange**, who wrote to tell us that she just moved to Atlanta, GA, from New York. Kate is currently continuing a strategy job with IBM. In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with **Rachel M. Cassidy** (Hotel) and her husband **Tracy**. Rachel just had eye surgery and can see without glasses/contacts for the

first time in years! Kate also recently heard from **Michelle "Shelsea" Schorr '92** (Arts) who just celebrated the first birthday of her little boy, **Alexei**.

Isabelle A. Kagan wrote to tell us that she completed her PhD at Michigan State back in December of 1998. Isabelle's dissertation was on camalexin biosynthesis in *Arabidopsis*, during her advanced studies in botany and plant pathology. She is presently completing a post-doctorate at the Institut de Botanique in Strasbourg, in the molecular and cellular enzymology department. **Roberta Matern** finished a family medicine residency at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ, this summer. She is currently working in the family medicine department at the U. of Tennessee, in an obstetrical fellowship. While Isabelle and Roberta have finished their studies, **Stephen K. Lo** is just beginning. Stephen sends us news that he has recently begun his MBA studies at the U. of Michigan. **Melanie A. Bloom** is currently working as a television producer in South Beach, FL. Melanie traveled for six weeks in July and August to ten different Caribbean islands, shooting a variety of commercial spots, and proving that she has one of the greatest jobs in the world. The islands she visited were Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Jamaica, Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Antigua, San Juan, Nassau, and St. Thomas. She says, "Living in South Florida feels like living in the Caribbean. I just love it down here! Just last week, I returned from a trip to Alaska, also for commercial productions. It sure is beautiful, but a huge change in climate (as I sit here blowing my nose and sucking on throat lozenges!)."

Melanie also has been kind enough to pass along news of other classmates. "**Judi (Germano)** married **Michael Bonarti '87** on Sept. 5, '98. The beautiful ceremony was in Sage Chapel, and the reception at the Statler was a most elegant, yet incredibly fun celebration! I was Judi's maid of honor and **Mark Mandarano '87** was Michael's best man."

Melanie also had brunch with **Jennie Tenser** Cammeyer when she was in Florida in May. Baby Emily, Mom, and Dad are doing just fine.

Since returning to Los Angeles after graduation, **Michael Aushenker** has been residing in west Los Angeles, where he spent most of the 1990s working as an entertainment industry writer, doing script and movie poster coverage. His work includes *I Know What You Did Last Summer* ("If you want to bury the truth, make sure the truth stays buried") and *Eve's Bayou* ("Love can lead you to a dangerous place"). Michael has also worked steadily as a cartoonist, writing and drawing his own books (*Chipmunks & Squirrels*, *El Gato*, *Crime*

Mangler) and contributing to magazines such as *Heavy Metal* and *Duplex Planet*. His latest book, *Holy Ghost El Gato*, was to be shipped nationwide in November. Michael has also written to tell us that for the last two years he has worked as the community editor and staff writer at *The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, the West Coast's most prominent Jewish weekly. As staff writer, Michael writes singles columns and covers local entertainment and community events.

Andrew Puzio, MPA '92, sent an e-mail giving us the highlights of his very eventful summer. For starters, Andrew graduated in June from the honors MBA program at the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College in New York City, with a major in finance and investments. He delivered a speech at graduation (not the valedictory speech, but a speech nonetheless). Andrew also remarried (he tells us that "the second time's a charm") on June 19 in NYC. His wife, **Dawn La Clair**, is a self-employed speech-language pathologist (speech therapist, for short). **Jeff Marks** and **Karen Rosenberg** attended their wedding. Andrew and Dawn honeymooned in Spain and the countryside of southern France. They currently reside in Brooklyn, NY.

Sally A. Mason was promoted to vice-president/chief financial officer of Massachusetts General Hospital. Congratulations! We heard from **Olga Tsoudis**, who tells us she is suffering through the tenure process: "Don't ever put yourself through that." AAGH! The tenure clock has one more year to tick for me. Hang in there, Olga, you'll make it! Olga also brings us wonderful news about the birth of a daughter to **John Beccari**, DVM '95, in January. John and his wife, **Justie Reimann**, DVM '94, are both veterinarians in San Diego.

Jeffrey Weintraub, MD '95, and wife **Robyn (Lipsky)** gave birth to their first child, **Bryan Andrew Weintraub**, on June 30 (7 pounds, 12 ounces, 21 inches). Jeff tells us that parenting is sure fun ("We wouldn't trade it for anything."), but boy, is it a whole lot of work. Life does change with a newborn around! Never one to renege on his duties, Jeff would like to remind us all that it is never too soon to plan your trip to Cornell for our 10th Reunion. The dates are June 7-10, 2001 (Thursday-Sunday). Within the next two months, Jeff and the other officers are going to begin preliminary planning, including getting the class website up and running (with the help of **Dan Kim**), and re-establishing the class e-mail list. We'll keep you posted on those details as we know more.

Finally, my apologies to all who sent me correspondence by e-mail in the last few months, but did not find their updates in this column. I included your notes in the first draft of this column and deleted your messages from my e-mails before sending the column for printing. I had a complete hard drive failure and lost, among most of my personal files, the first draft of the column. Please send me your correspondence again, and I promise to include your events in the next column. Apologies once again.

I would like to wish you all a happy holi-

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day season. I hope that the New Year brings health and prosperity to all classmates and their families. Thank you to everyone who mailed in updates and alumni sightings! Keep smiling, stay happy, and keep the news flowing! ♦ **Linda Moerck-Cisz**, 264 Carpenter Ave., Sea Cliff, NY 11579; e-mail, cisz_mark@jpmorgan.com.

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Ah, my first column of the millennium, or the year before the millennium, depending on how you look at it. Hmm, shall I start with news of weddings, births, graduations, jobs, or travel?

With the large number of births to our classmates, this is going to read like the birth announcements in the newspapers. You'll see why in a moment. Among the new parents: **Jennifer Grindle Clemens**, whose son Michael was born Dec. 4, '98. Jennifer is working as an HR consultant for Mobil in Fairfax, VA. Other ILR grads working with her are **Kathleen I. Facey**, **Farrell Redwine '93**, and **Sara K. Smith '93**. **Kathleen "Kasey" (Connelly)** and husband **Mike Zanolli '93** have a son, Vincent, who by my calculations, must be about 2 now. Kasey is working in the Las Vegas area sales office for Marriott Hotels. **Jocelyn Torrance Kavanagh** is the daughter of **Jessica (Torrance)** and **J.R. Kavanagh**. **Jocelyn**, born Sept. 23, joins brother **Eric**. **Eliana Beth Stein** was born to proud parents **Amy** and **Peter Stein** last January. Pete was ordained as a rabbi at the Hebrew Union College in New York City, and moved to Pittsburgh to serve Rodef Shalom Congregation as an assistant rabbi. **Michael L. New** and **Rebecca (Holland) '96** had a daughter, **Cassandra Jean**. They missed reunion because **Cassie** was born at that time. **Michael** is the wrestling coach at Princeton and is a special agent for Northwestern Mutual Life.

Seth and **Karie Klein** moved from Hawaii to San Francisco, where Seth works for Andersen Consulting. They had son **Isaac** on Dec. 29, '98. **Diane F. Hernandez-Kinsch**, BS Ag '95, is a stay-at-home mom in Syracuse, having previously been a veterinary pharmaceutical rep. Not too far away is **Heather O'Hara Jaquay**, her husband **Kevin**, and 3-year-old daughter **Lauren** and baby **Kallie**, all living near Colgate U. **Heather** started her eighth year as a territory manager for Cargill Animal Nutrition Division and Nutrena Feeds. Having married in 1995, **Pamela Caringi Herbig** had a baby girl, **Madelyn**, on Aug. 8, '98 and is getting her PhD at Georgia State U. in organizational behavior. **Meghan DeGolyer** and **Frederic "Rick" Hauser** announced the birth of their son, **Abraham Francis**, on Mar. 6, '99. **Rick** works for Doran Yarrington Architects in Rochester, and is an assistant professor of architecture at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva. **Meghan** is balancing work on her family's dairy farm with her new job as mom. **Rick** recently had **Phil Soffer** and **Paul Schulhof** as guest jurors for one of his design studios.

Suzanne (Laforge) and **Paul Greeley** welcomed their third child, **Olivia**, last Febru-

ary. I got to meet Paul when I was still living in New Hampshire. He opened a new Chili's restaurant in West Lebanon. **Brian** and **Karen Pearse Apgar** enjoyed a trip to Australia in June 1998. They had daughter **Sophia** on March 7. **Brian** continues to write computer games for Dynamix Inc., and **Karen** has taken a leave of absence from her job as a school psychologist. **Karen** attended **Elizabeth Weinreb Feeley's** wedding back in May 1998 and has visited with **John** and **Janine Blanchard Huber** and their young children, **James** and **Brian**. **Christine Borelli**, a pediatric psychologist, had a boy, **Maxwell**, on July 25, '98. **Jeannine Polito** Centanni and husband **Vinny** had a girl, **Abby Catherine**, on May 7. Just a few days before her birth, they attended the May 1 wedding of **Linda (LaMagra)** and **Jim Holmes**. Also in attendance were **Erica (Widmer)** and **Jason Meier '93**. **Pete** and **Anne Christ** are celebrating the first birthday of daughter **Della Anne**, born Jan. 4, '99. **Pete** was building a new facility in Montana into which to move his restaurant/wine bar. **Janet Cilli Christiansen**, DVM '92, now has daughters **Sarah Rose** and **Kathy**. Finally, **Michael** and **Angela (Cheng) Cimini** had a baby girl, **Christina Ning** (Chinese for peaceful), on March 16. **Angela** is the national benefits manager for Perrier.

So how was that for baby news? Ready for some weddings? Let's start with **Wendy L. Werblin**, who married **Doug Donaldson** Sept. 6, '98. **Jeff Diehl** was wed to **April** in St. Maarten last January and moved to London to work for the summer as a consultant for Parthenon of Boston. **Jeff** mentioned that **Doug Petillo** got married in Philadelphia over Memorial Day weekend. **Lucinda Strycker** married **Occhio Orsini** Oct. 2 in Glens Falls, NY. They're now living in Somerville, MA, where **Lucinda**, a podiatrist, is working for HealthDrive, a company that contracts with nursing homes to provide dental, podiatry, and optometry services. Wedding bells rang for **Deborah (Church)** on July 17 when she married **Christopher Worley** and honeymooned on St. Thomas. **Deborah** serves as the associate pastor for youth ministries at the United Church of Los Alamos, and **Chris** is an analytical chemist at the Los Alamos National Lab. **Wendy (Griffen)** and **Jonathan Valente** married in Saratoga, NY, on May 8. **Wendy** said it was wonderful reuniting with many Cornell classmates she had not seen in years. The couple purchased a home on City Island in the Bronx. **Wendy** works for MSA Inc. as a technology consultant, implementing intranets and training clients on sales data analysis.

Not everyone in our class has gotten married or had a baby. **Liz Chiasson Bello** started her own company to provide diabetes services to hospitals in July. She also coordinated the Southwest Regional mini-reunion in June, attended by 65 Cornellians of all different class years from across Texas. **Sarah Ballow** and **Mark Clauss**, MBA '93, moved just outside Annapolis, MD. **Sarah** is continuing her training as a pediatric cardiology fellow at Johns Hopkins. **Mark** is busy building up a media and e-commerce start-up company. Back in

school is **Ruth Herzog Pack**, doing a one-year master's program at Dartmouth. And, having finished a residency in emergency medicine, **Jennifer C. Cobb** is enjoying "real life" in South Carolina. And congratulations to **Neil Zwiebel** who received his DPM in June. **Nadya C. Khatchikian** is in her fifth year of graduate school, working towards a PhD in clinical psychology, at Georgia State U.

Glenn Zieve's post-Cornell story: "After finishing my podiatric surgical residency at Mass General Hospital in Boston last summer, I decided that medicine wasn't for me and have since gone into the computer field. I recently started working with Actium, an IT consulting company outside of Philadelphia, and am liking this job so much more." **Rob J. Silver** graduated from New Jersey Medical School in May and moved to Philadelphia to begin a residency in internal medicine at Thomas Jefferson U. **Steve Will** is working as an editor/producer for the *Dallas Morning News* website in the sports department. **Mark D. Meritt** is a marketing analyst at Doctors Without Borders, the international humanitarian organization. **Mark** reported that **Benson Martin** finished his second year of law school at Fordham, and that **Leslie J. Pelton** graduated with a master's from Columbia. **David B. Spencer** is in the Air Force. He is stationed in Los Angeles, where he lives with his wife, but was on assignment in Saudi Arabia. **Mark** also mentioned that **Linda L. Coye** was making plans to move to LA last summer with her company, and that **Todd Stern** finished his first year at Stanford Business School.

David Toth and I are settling into married life, living on a dairy farm outside of Charlottesville, VA. **David** is enjoying his fellowship in endocrinology at U. of Virginia, and I started a job in the fall doing marketing for LEXIS Publishing; so all you lawyers can think of me when you do legal research! I'd love to include your news in a future column, so send your events and announcements to me. ♦ **Renée Hunter Toth**, 3901 Thomas Dairy Lane, North Garden, VA 22959; e-mail, rah24@cornell.edu; and **Debbie Feinstein**, 6114 Temple St., Bethesda, MD 20817; e-mail, dfeinstein@cromor.com.

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Happy New Year! Welcome to the first class notes of the new millennium! Given the number of wedding announcements I received, it seems that many people chose to close out the old millennium by getting married. **Jay Graber '47**, BA '48, writes that **Dr. Jonathan W. Wong** and **Juliana Chan** were married on Mar. 8, '99. **Jonathan** is a pediatric resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital, and **Juliana** is the head fashion designer at Due per Due in New York. They were married at the St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church.

The New York Times brought news of a few more weddings. **Deborah Pearlstein** married **Christopher Chyba, PhD '91**, on May 29, '99. **Deborah** is working as a clerk for Judge Michael Boudin of the Federal Court of

Appeals in Boston. **Audrey E. Thurm** married Edward Seiler on June 27, '99. Audrey is working towards a PhD in clinical child psychology at DePaul U. **Debra Silverman** married Jeffrey Rothschild on July 25, '99. Debra is working as a lawyer in New York City. **Gregg Klein** married Julie Schupper in Manhattan. Gregg is an orthopedic surgery resident at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital in Philadelphia.

More news comes to us via e-mail. **Samer Solh**, ME CS '94, writes, "I have just completed my MBA from the Sloan School of Management at MIT and am moving to New York to work at Citigroup's Corporate and Investment Bank, Citibank/Salomon Smith Barney." **Christopher Dewan** writes that this summer he was performing *Eden*, a play about three women facing the battles of the 90s. It was a production involving several generations of Cornell alumni. A news release brought news that **Meredith L. McAlear** received an MBA from the Darden School at the U. of Virginia. She will assume a position with Andersen Consulting in Boston, MA.

Finally, we head into the News & Dues forms. **Lewis McCarthy** writes, "In May I graduated with a master's in computer science from the U. of Massachusetts. After some farewell visits with **Sage Boerke** (in Vermont) and **Ellen (Johnston)** and **John McDonnell** (in New York) I drove cross-country to the Silicon Valley region of California. I'd enjoy hearing from classmates in the San Jose area!" **William H. Andersen** writes: "This past winter, when I wasn't working, I was busy skiing. I met up with my Cornellian roommate, **Vincent Cheng**, and fellow landscape architect classmate **Cheng Lee** and friends, for a white ski weekend at Killington, VT. Another ski weekend was in New Hampshire with **Kim Ashton** and her family. I tried to see the Cornell hockey game at Dartmouth, but Dartmouth unexpectedly changed the start time. Rats! This year I became an associate landscape architect at the firm—only took four years. I am busy with implementing Riverwork/Park design in Shelton, CT, on the Housatonic. There soon will be rollerblading and biking on the new walk system." **Jessica A. Graus** writes: "This is the summer of change for me. After living in Washington, DC, for three years and working as a health policy consultant, I have decided to pick up my life and move to Cincinnati, OH. I will be starting a PhD program in epidemiology in the fall."

Denise A. Kramer writes that she married **David Brooks Kitchel** '92 in September 1996. Many Cornellians were present, including sister **Emily A. Kramer** '91. Denise is "working as marketing manager of Duffey Communications, a public relations, marketing, and public affairs firm based in Atlanta. Brooks is a manager at the Atlanta-based consulting firm Kurt Salmon Associates." **Melia S. Kimura** is working at Andersen Consulting in Chicago, IL; **Stanley Matusz** is working at Nixon, Hargrave, Devans and Doyle in Rochester, NY; and **Benjamin Downing** is working at Desimone Consulting Engineers in NYC. Finally, **Amy Swapceinski** Merco-

vich writes that she recently opened a second chiropractic office in Rochester, NY, and gave birth to a daughter, Celia Anne, on Mar. 28, '99. Congratulations!

As for myself, I just returned from a fantastic trip to Israel and am now back at the daily grind. Best wishes for a wonderful new century to all! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, 310 W. 95th St., #7A, NYC 10025; e-mail, yberkowitz@buckconsultants.com; and **Gregg Paradise**, 96 Fifth Ave., Apt. 9E, NYC 10011; e-mail, gparadise@kenyonlaw.com.



Welcome to the year 2000! If you are reading this, then we all survived Y2K and lived to tell about it. More importantly, we all survived the Y2K hype. Hope everyone had a great New Year's celebration, and that you are all ready to face the new millennium (never mind that it doesn't officially start until 2001) and the next five years, leading up to our 10th Reunion. With our increasingly busy lives, it's not too early to mark your calendars now for June 2004. With reports from all over the world in this column, our class is definitely taking globalization in the next century quite seriously.

Sean Alexander is living in Bangkok, Thailand, and working in marketing communications for automotive companies in Southeast Asia and China. His big projects have included bringing America's beloved Bigfoot Monster Truck to Bangkok. He gets to spend a lot of time traveling in Southeast Asia and Thailand. In February 1999, **Kai-Wen Kevin Chiu**, MC CH '95, moved back to Japan to work for LSI Logic in Tsukuba. First, however, Kevin took advantage of the ski season in Oregon.

Scott Aronson got his MBA from the Darden School at U. of Virginia and is now working for Booz-Allen & Hamilton in New York. **Seth Webber** did the same, and accepted a position at Deloitte Consulting in Detroit. While at Darden, Seth won the C. Stewart Sheppard Award for exceptional service to the Darden School, and a faculty award for academic excellence. **Michael Hohmann** is in the midst of his second year of MBA studies at Harvard U., and **Diane Dubovy** graduated from Columbia.

Aaron Daniel Sasson earned his MD from Baylor in the spring, and after a transitional internship at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, CT, will start a radiology residency at Stanford. **Raechele Cochran** started her dermatology residency in July 1999 after graduating from U. of Michigan med school in June 1998. **Sylvia P. Emmerich** took an international route after graduating from Cornell Medical College in May. She spent a month studying neurology in Vienna and traveled in Tunisia, Italy, and France for six weeks. She's now settled into a psychiatry residency.

Mark Birta is enjoying spending time traveling, playing golf, and watching the stock market, along with, oh yeah, work: he oversees beverage operations at Bellagio, Las Vegas's luxurious \$1.6 billion hotel. **Anthony**

Papageorgiou is currently working as corporate training manager at the six-star Crystal Cruises. He conducts training on board the two six-star vessels of the company, the *Crystal Harmony* and *Crystal Symphony*, as well as at the Los Angeles corporate offices. He says he is living a very international life. He is based in Los Angeles, has family in Greece, and his *amore* is in São Paulo, Brazil! Not to mention a visit last spring with **Raffi Hirsch** '94 in Jerusalem.

Heading to Boulder? Look up **Rod Clough**. He's having a great time working for HVS there, and says, "Come out for a visit! We HVS Hotelies, **Phil Baugh** '96, **Carter Wilson** '92, **Dick Williams** '70, **Bethany Cronk** '86, and **Greg Hartmann** '86, are all gracious hosts!" **Lisa M. DeLeo** is still producing advertisements, both for print and television. She has recently produced spots for such luminaries as KPMG, Partnership for a Drug Free America, Eagle Hardware, Nancy Lopez Golf, Bailey's Irish Cream, and e-Bay. **Daniel Weinberg** is also enjoying the television lifestyle, as an associate producer at ESPN television. He has the opportunity to travel all over the country during baseball season. He and **Michelle (Feldman)** '93 are happily married and living in a suburb of Hartford, CT. **Rebecca Clear** writes for Louis Rukeyser and gets to go on location with "Wall Street Week" to such exotic locales as Dallas, London, and Cleveland. She hangs out in Washington, DC, and New York regularly, but "charm city" is definitely home for now. From her base in Baltimore, she traveled to Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, and São Paulo with the show, and also managed to visit an old friend in France for two weeks, all in 1999.

Maricarmen Martinez recently took over as principal of Upstairs Studio, a firm of architects in Miami, FL. She was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Miami Fellows Initiative, a leadership program modeled after the Kellogg National Leadership Program. She and husband **J. Mikael Kaul**, **March** '82, recently taught at a summer school program for international architecture students in Finland. Also in Miami, **Tomasz Mroz** works for Corgan Associates as a project designer for the north terminal development at Miami International Airport. So far, his contributions to the \$1.2 billion project have included co-designing the APM stations, ramp control tower, building nodes, and sterile circulation cores. I don't know what all that means, but I am sure the rest of you architects do, and are duly impressed.

Heading north again, **Derek Bloom** started the Baker Design Group, an architecture firm in Boston which specializes in high tech environments for universities and businesses. The firm also does exhibit work. Up in Stanford, CT, **Donald Nguyen** has his hands in several big projects as a civil engineer for STV Inc. He's working on the I-95 reconstruction in the area, as well as the design for a light rail system for JFK airport. He also keeps busy with snowboarding, tennis, tai chi, and studying for PE exams and the GMATs. If all goes well, the next report on Donald will be that he is going to business school.

It seems that instead of reporting weddings, I get to report one-year anniversaries. **Kathy Chan** married Andrew Chen on Jan. 3, '98 in Princeton, NJ. The pair recently bought a house in Bridgewater, NJ, and Kathy works as a human resource specialist at EDS (Electronic Data Systems), while Andy works at AT&T. You may remember Kathy from her days as a member of the Cornell Chorus, and you can still find her singing in a community choir and acting as music director at her church. **Michael G. Reed** recently celebrated his one-year wedding anniversary with wife Jane. The pair married on Oct. 17, '98, and soon after a 2-1/2 week honeymoon in Ireland, moved into the new home they had built. Michael is busy at work (and with the new house, of course!), but still has time to pursue his PhD at U. of Maryland.

Susan Bryan is back in school again, working on her master's in landscape architecture at the U. of Michigan. She notes, "You would think the weather here would be worse than in Ithaca, but no! But I do miss that spectacular climbing wall. **Mary Travaglini '95** is also in my program, and we climb together in Detroit's Planet Rock." **Margaret M. Elliott** returned from Poland, got a master's at George Washington U. in museum education, and is now working at the Albany Inst. of History and Art and having a blast. She reports, "I've got the student loan blues, but I know I'm fighting the good fight." **Don**, ME E '95, and **Sandy Lean Patterson** moved back to the States this summer, after traveling all over Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland, and of course, Italy, where the Navy had stationed Don.

And finally, sad news to report. In April, one of our classmates was killed in a tragic accident while serving our country. Capt. **Matthew B. Thomas** was one of four people killed when his CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crashed during a training mission in the Pacific Ocean near Okinawa, Japan. Our belated condolences to his family and friends.

Please note that I have moved yet again, to take a job as an associate with Wiley, Rein & Fielding in Washington, DC. This time I plan to stay put for a while and give the P page in everybody's address book a rest. ♦ **Dineen M. Pashoukos**, 1111-A N. Taylor St., Arlington, VA 22201; tel., (703) 312-7031; e-mail, dmp5@cornell.edu.

And take a look at our "lost classmates" section too; if you know any of their current addresses, please send them to alumniaffairs@cornell.edu, so we can update them and make sure that as many classmates as possible receive all our mailings about our upcoming reunion. We want to see as many of you there as possible (not to mention break the class of '94's record of almost 600 attendees!)

Now on to the news, which consists of (you guessed it) weddings, weddings, and, yep, more weddings! I guess being close to five years out of college turns on the nesting device or something.

Michelle Wasserman writes that on May 30 she was married to David Smith, a Brandeis alum, at Temple Judea in Massapequa, NY. Along with her sister and sister-in-law, the bridal party included: **Amy M. Leitner**, **Melanie L. Lieber**, and **Jennifer Witrock Fenster**. Also celebrating with the happy couple were **Matthew Fenster** (Jennifer's husband), **Carrie Fox** and **David Shechter** (who were married in early 1999), **Alana Banikiotes** (also recently married), **Tara K. Sotsky**, **Amy L. Berlin**, and **Robert H. Friedman**. Michelle also mentions a friend who was unable to come: **Arielle Beriman**, whom Michelle never knew at Cornell, even though they had the same major. Arielle and Michelle ended up in the same graduate program in clinical psychology at Loyola U., Chicago, after they both spent two years doing research work in Boston. Writes Michelle, "We actually met each other for the first time while interviewing for graduate programs! It's a very small world!"

Speaking of small worlds, and classmates who married non-Cornellians (if you can imagine that!), **Farra Schweibish**, who happens to be the daughter of my ninth grade band teacher (because I know you all care so much about that!), sends news of her August 1998 wedding to Princeton alumnus Mark Isaacson. Now, happily married for well over a year, Farra is applying to dental residencies.

A veritable cavalcade of Cornell wedding news was sent via e-mail by **Howie Kubel**, a "newlywed" himself, having married Amy Genin, a Binghamtonite. Howie knew Amy because their mothers teach in the same school

in Queens, NY, and according to Howie, "set us up about six months after we both graduated in 1995. The rest is history!" The wedding was on July 25, at the Hewlett East Rockaway Jewish Center on Long Island. The couple now lives in Forest Hills. Howie commutes into Midtown Manhattan for his job with Aramark Corp.

Among those in attendance at Howie's wedding were **Lawrence Shulman**, a fourth-year med student, who got married about a year and a half ago; **Adam Sosinsky** and **Laura Stout**, who were married around the same time; and **Paul Bustany**, who is not married at this time, but has just moved into a new apartment in New York after spending last summer in Iceland (which, by some people's definitions, might be just as good, if not better!). Howie reports seeing **Debbie Van Savage**, MA IN T '96, and **Lynn Leitner Hickey** (both of whom are also married) at Adam and Laura's wedding.

On August 7 of this past year, **Maryruth Harbeck** married **Rob Norway**. Maryruth writes: "Rob and I met in—somewhat nerdy—microbiology lab! He spent four years in Army field artillery for his ROTC scholarship and joined me in Gainesville, FL, where I'm attending my fourth (and last) year of veterinary school. Rob was just accepted into a dual degree (MS/JD) program at the U. of Florida and will begin law school in the fall of 2000." At their wedding were **Cecily B. Tatibouet** (who now works for the Cornell regional office in Boston), **Whitney A. Will '94**, **Stella Chin '94** (a bridesmaid), **Kristen S. Kayser '96**, **Bill Gjestvang**, **Magdalena Mantia Peltier '92**, and **Karen Tschanz '62**. "I made them sing the 'Alma Mater,'" adds Maryruth.

In other, non-wedding, news, another veterinary student, **Nicole Paccione**, DVM '99, writes that she graduated in May from the Cornell Vet school, along with lots and lots of undergraduate classmates. The list reads like part of the Class of '95 yearbook: **Wendy Breckenridge**, **Eric Christensen**, **Heather Danboise**, **Clare Fahy**, **Meg Nalevanko**, **Celia "Cindy" Shafer**, **Lillian I. Good**, **Mark G. Huber**, **Sue Hunter**, **Christine S. Liu**, **Stacie M. Minnier**, **David Rockwell**,



Happy New Year, everyone! To kick off the new millennium, here's a formal invitation to all '95 classmates for Y2K, the year of our 5th Cornell Reunion!

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Marlene E. Schaeffer, Katrina A. Scuderi, Rebecca E. Seacord, Shana C. Silverstein, Tara L. Sparks, Keith Weingardt, Tristan Weinkle, Chris Weisner, Karin C. Wilson, and Sarah E. Wilson.

Recently relocated to our beloved Ithaca are **Michelle "Mikki" Knudsen and Matt Winberg '96**, who left the wilds of New York City life to "come home." Mikki is spending her time free-lance editing and writing. Nearby, **Meghan E. Hayes** recently finished her final year at SUNY Syracuse College of Medicine, while **Jed Axelrod** transferred there from St. George's to finish his studies. Further west in upstate New York, **Courtney A. Goldstein** is finishing up her law degree at the U. of Buffalo, where she often sees sorority sister **Kristen E. Gutenberger '96**, a second-year student.

Back to the big cities, **John Cokinis** writes that he recently joined the leveraged finance department of Lehman Brothers in Manhattan, where he was previously working for Citibank.

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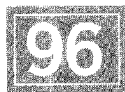
In similar career tracks, are **Chris Chouinard**, doing equity research at Sanford Bernstein, and **D.J. "Sona" Sanganee**, doing fixed income research at JP Morgan, both in New York.

Richard Kwun is in his third year of med school at New York Medical College, and says he'd be happy to hear from classmates and old friends via e-mail (richard_kwun@nymc.edu). Richard also recently completed a 330-mile bike tour from North Carolina to Washington, DC, as part of the AIDS Ride 4. Writes Richard, "All 1,700+ riders had to raise a minimum of \$1,900, yielding a total of \$4.8 million for AIDS charities. More information on the ride is available at www.aidsride4.org." **Priscilla Yu** relocated from Boston to Philadelphia, where she, **Letitia W. Chan**, and **Chris Wilkerson** attend Wharton, in hopes of getting an MBA in May 2001. Also in town is **Edmund Tori**, who was awarded a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree in June from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Now on to somewhat more "exotic" locales. **Joseph Capuano** checked in with me via e-mail from Italy, where he is continuing his studies in Bologna for the year. **Victoria Schmidt** is in her second year of working as a managing principal consultant for Oracle in New Zealand. And **Stephen Church** sends word that he has recently returned from the Peace Corps in Ecuador and is now pursuing an MS in food and resource economics at the U. of Florida.

That's it for this month. Keep the updates coming. If you would like me to include your e-mail address in the column so that classmates can get in touch with you, let me know! I

won't print anyone's address without permission, but if you want me to, I'm happy to oblige. ♦ **Alison M. Torrillo**, 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Apt. 203, Washington, DC 20036; e-mail, amt7@cornell.edu.



If you can even think about raising a glass after all that (drunken) millennial madness, it's cheers to the dozens of classmates who are writing to tell us how nauseatingly adult they are, with important-sounding jobs and degrees, weddings, and, yes, kids. Yikes! You guys are scaring me.

Anna I. Castro, a health educator for the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health, and (judging from the sheer amount of boldface names in her letter) the de facto head of our Boston bureau, writes that she's "happy as a clam in Boston." Anna goes on to say, "I love seeing Cornell buddies **Claire A. Hogarth** (who always has great stories about the Boston Public School kindergartners she teaches),

Maureen C. Mellett (who has all the answers about birds because she works at Franklin Park Zoo), **Pablo G. Garcia '97**, and **Julie B. Ross**. **Daniel J. Caffarelli** just graduated from Boston U. law school and will move to New York City this fall to work at a corporate law firm in the World Trade Center. **Ariella P. Benger**, a 'missing classmate,' is also in NYC, working for a human resources firm."

Tara (MacLean) and husband Kevin Sweeney are living in Alaska with their 2-year-old daughter, Caitlin. Kevin is a public relations specialist at Natchiq Inc., Alaska's largest oil field support company, and Tara is putting her ILR degree to good use as the labor relations manager at Houston Contracting Company, the state's largest pipeline construction company. **Wendy J. Verret**, a clinical research associate at Genentech in San Francisco, reports that **Tamar Y. Duvdevani** is at Fordham law school and **Maureen M. Richardson** just graduated from Georgetown law. **Erin E. Sullivan** is a human resources manager at Procter & Gamble in Mehoopany, PA. "This is quite a different path from a civil engineering degree," she writes.

Haseeb Ahmed is working toward a PhD in econ at the U. of Minnesota. "I really have something going for cold weather," he jokes. **Emily R. Lusk**, **Karen M. Apollo**, and **Levina Wong**, MS E '98, are back in Ithaca for a second tour of duty: law school. Levina reports that she's "glad to see that most things are the same, sad to see Straight from the Oven gone from the Ivy Room." She also says that **Brian Wolkenberg** is completing his MS/MBA at MIT.

Kim (Ackerman) and John Koepke '95 recently celebrated their third wedding anniversary. They're in Wisconsin, where John manages the family business, Koepke Farms, a dairy operation with more than 300 cows. Kim just switched jobs. She's now working for Morgan & Myers, a marketing communications consulting firm. **Keri A. Salzillo** is an investigation supervisor at Georgetown law school's criminal justice clinic. She writes that **Jason Schick** is at Microstrategy in Vienna, Va., **Juan P. Uribe** is working for FMCG in New York City and **Jessica R. Paige '98** is also in NYC. Other classmates in the Big (wormy) Apple: **Nicholas Grego**, a financial analyst at Salomon Smith Barney; **Jennifer M. Tishman**, at PricewaterhouseCoopers; and our class correspondent extraordinaire **Allie Cahill**, whose new job as an exalted associate editor for *TV Guide Online* actually involves getting paid to watch television. And you thought liberal arts degrees were useless.

Public service announcement (at least for the women): If your engagement ring squeal isn't in top form, you'd better start practicing. No doubt half your friends are going to get engaged this year or next, since I could easily have filled this entire column with Wedding Watch. For those of you flaming me for not mentioning your engagements, let me remind you once again that magazine policy says we're mum until the rings are safely on your fingers; in other words, news of engagements will never appear in this column. Sooo, zap me a note after the reception, and I will gladly print every last Cornellian guest and whether the bridesmaids' dresses matched the tablecloths. Or whatever.

And here we go: **Jennifer (Hale)** married Jarret Rackoff September 4 in New Jersey. Jennifer is an associate at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett; Jarret is a senior product manager in the technology department of Big Star Entertainment, an Internet company that sells videotapes of movies. **Catherine S. Simpson** married **John Bueker, JD '97** on August 7 in NYC. **Lora L. Levy**, **Deb Huret**, **Lisa E. Heuer**, and **Ilana Preuss** were bridesmaids. Catherine's getting her PhD in sociology at Brown.

Lori (Giovina), BS HE '97, and **Jeffrey Haubrich '97** married in E. Northport, NY, on July 25, reports Jeffrey's grandfather, **John Leslie '35**. **Ashesh Badani** married Radha Mehta on July 18 in Tarrytown, NY. Bride and groom are getting MBAs at Penn. **Prumeh E. Lee** married Eumin Kim on June 26 in Chicago. Guests included **Suzannah S. Park '97**, **Jan Kim '97**, **Young Rok Shin '98**, and **Eugene Oh**, who showed up in full second lieutenant uniform. Prumeh is a recent DC transplant; she's getting a PhD in American history at American U. **Selena (Veach)** married Eric Crandall on Mar. 6, '99 at Bear Trap Ranch in Colorado Springs. **Elizabeth I. Bard** reports that she saw **Joanna F. Citron** and **Wendy Meredith Hunter** at the summer 1999 wedding of **Maya R. Holmes** and **Daryl Merritt**.

New Year's Resolution: Keep the news coming. ♦ **Courtney Rubin**, 1727 Massa-

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This column kicks off with an all-points-bulletin for news. Any random tidbits, big news flashes or general updates on your lives are urgently needed to ensure the Class of '97 continues to use this space to our advantage, by filling it in every issue! E-mail news to ejb4@cornell.edu or go on line at www.cornell.alumni.edu!

Here's some news from last year. **Mira E. Sullivan**, MS M '98, used her mechanical engineering degree to secure a position on the new product development team at Cordis, a Johnson & Johnson company that manufactures interventional cardiology medical devices. Mira lives in New Jersey and sees **Cherilyn D. Nadal** regularly.

In July 1998 at Sage Chapel, **Marshall Stocker**, MBA '99, married **Alexandra (Sanderson) '86**, BA '87. **Michelle K. Lim** (mkl17@cornell.edu) married **Dustin Van Winkle** in January and moved from California back to Albany, NY, where she works for Sprint PCS. **Alyssa N. Goodman** (bgood9575@aol.com) went in the opposite direction, moving from the East Coast to San Francisco, where she works for an Internet start-up company, www.goldenparachute.com. Also in California, **Erik Mulet** (erm23@att.net) is living in North Hollywood and working in an art department creating TV commercials. **Neal Rubin** (nrubin@earthlink.net) was promoted to director of organizational development, sales, and marketing for Hilton Grand Vacations at the Flamingo Hilton, while wife **Lisa A. Enkoff**, M ILR '97, is a human resources generalist at Citibank. They've enjoyed traveling through the Southwest and hosting **Nabil Moubayed**, MMH '97, and **Candace A. Chase** '93, MMH '97. One more wedding: **Jasmina Burdovic** and **Peter Andreas**, PhD '99, got hitched in August 1998. Jasmina has since entered a graduate program in psychology at Brandeis U.

Shawn Tripp (ShawnTripp@aol.com) has spent time in Dallas and Providence since graduation; he planned to open a new restaurant in the Columbus, OH, airport with Anton Air Foods. Shawn has seen **Ben Tsai**, **Jon Eisengart** '96, and **Randy Koss**, in addition to "practically everyone" at Homecoming.

On the West Coast, **Joshua Steiner**, MS I '98, took a position with Deloitte and Touche in San Francisco. **Justin Newman** (jen1@cornell.edu) and **Tamarra L. Strawn** (tls5@cornell.edu) are midway through law school at Cornell; Tamarra planned to study this past summer in Paris. **Melinda E. Minear** (mem6@cornell.edu) worked as a seismic surveyor, spending alternate shifts in Ithaca before returning to Cornell full-time in the spring to complete coursework for her M Eng. Melinda

traveled extensively, offering a caveat to travelers in Norway: "Avoid eating Lüdifiske—foul stuff!" She rued her return to academia, noting she'll sorely miss sleep as she jumps back into the Cornell grind as a "suffering, starving, sleep-deprived student." (Sounds like a Psych 101 experiment!)

After seven months in Hong Kong working for Chase Manhattan Bank's Asia IT department, **Jo Hamburge** (jo.hamburge@chase.com) was back in NYC in May working on a systems project for Chase Investment Bank. **Joshua S. Golden** returned to the United States after living and working for nine months in a small town in Costa Rica, and is now working for Buck Consultants, an HR consulting firm in Atlanta. In May, **Geoff Hasley**, MMH '97, (glh4@cornell.edu) was beginning his third year as executive vice-president and general manager of Green Tree Country Club in Midland, TX. Geoff ran into three Hotel alums at a Dallas meeting: classmate **Richard Scott Lese** and meeting presenters **Robert C. James** '71 and **Frank T. Stover** '65. In January 1999, **David Gogolak** (gogolak@mindspring.com) shared news of the July 10, '98, opening of Hobson's Choice, a "rum bar" on Haight Street, and noted that **Charlie Skipsey** '95, **Greg Medow** '95, and **Mike Moran** '95 have also been enjoying careers in beverage management. Regulars include **Gus Warren** '94, **Dave Goodridge** '94, **Dan Anderson** '95, **Brian Ott** '93, and **Ashley Jordan Wallens**. Charlie, **Mark Nicandri** '94, BS Hotel '95, and David shared plans to open their first restaurant.

This summer, **Aaron Wightman** earned a master's degree in industrial forestry operations from Virginia Tech; he and wife Valerie call Wellsville, NY, home. **Scott Hatherley** completed his MS in biochemistry in June at the UMass Medical Center and accepted a job as a research associate at Equinox Group in Lexington, MA. The company designs forecast models for pharmaceutical companies seeking to develop new drugs. Scott says he's met some Cornellians through the Cornell Club of Boston. In February 1999, **David Makharadze** (makharad@yahoo.com) reported that his Wall Street restaurant marketing company had a successful second year. He said he would be looking for some Cornellians to help him expand the business. David has kept up with a lot of classmates. In Los Angeles, he visited **Jeff Hulett**, **Dan Sommer**, and **Justin Wills**. In Vegas, he saw **Braeden Ziegler**. In San Francisco, he met **Melissa Montalto** and **David Gogolak**. David M. has also seen **Art Kopittke**, **Sabato Sagaria**, **Dan Vené**, **Nick Rizzo**, **Nicole L. Viglucci**, **Leslie F. Macdowell** '99, and **Maren H. Siegel**. **Christine Booss** (cb30@cornell.edu) worked for Symantec Corp. in Oregon before leaping into advertising in New Haven, CT. Meanwhile, **Andrea Sciberras** (asciberras@studentns.kcom.edu) is happily pursuing a career in osteopathic medicine as a first year medical student at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. She encourages anyone with questions about the profession to contact her.

Now, a healthy dose of wedding news: **Beth A. Kellerman** (Beth_Kellerman@brown.edu), a grad student in psychology, married **Robert Pattison**, an associate biochemical engineer at Genzyme Corp., in April 1999. The wedding party included **Alicia Pattison** '00, **Francesco Noschese**, MAT '98, and **Daniel Wynne** '95. Guests included **Dan Brachfeld** '95, ME I '96, **Jonathan Barber** '95, M Eng '96, and **Elise (Kellerman)** '79 and **Joe Wojciechowski** '79. **Jill (Akst)** married **Craig Sheflin** in June 1999 and the couple now live in New York City; Jill works for an Internet consulting firm in Union Square and Craig received a DO from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 1999. Wedding guests included **Robin L. Ebenstein**, **Caryn P. Feinberg**, **Matthew Stauffer**, **Stephanie H. Shaps**, **Angie K. Datta**, **Sandy Loeb**, **Carrie A. Brown**, BS Ag '98, **Kelli M. Clare**, **James Kirsztot**, **Alex Dyner**, and **Roland Scahill**.

In late 1998, **Laura B. Steigerwalt** (steiger@ptd.net) was working for MetaChem Technologies in technical sales. She claimed New York State as her territory, selling liquid chromatography columns to pharmaceutical and education researchers. Meanwhile, **Nick Robbins** was living in Manchester, MA, and reported continuing his work in film and television production and screenwriting. Also in Fall 1998, **Kristi K. Snyder** (KristiSnyder@hotmail.com) entered a PhD program in biological anthropology at Binghamton U. Kristi spent a summer working as a naturalist on whale watch tours departing from Boston Harbor where she was conducting behavioral research on humpback whales in the Gulf of Maine. After that she planned to study late-onset degenerative neurodegenerative diseases like ALS and Parkinson's.

Finally, I've received an update to news printed in a recent column: **Tracey Cornell** will be working as an assistant coach under Julie Sasner, former head coach at Cornell and currently head coach for the U. of Wisconsin-Madison's first-ever women's ice hockey team. ♦ **Erica Broennle**, 7681 Provincial Dr. #103, McLean, VA 22102; e-mail, ejb4@cornell.edu.



Baby on board! We have a winner! **Erin Schmalz** Herndon and **Joseph Herndon** are the proud new parents of **Israel Naiomi Herndon**, who was born Oct. 16, '99, in Reading, PA. The seven pound, one ounce girl (and future ice hockey star like her mom) is happy and healthy and has a head full of hair. Congratulations! Speaking of ice hockey (am I showing my bias?), **Janna M. Dewar** has returned to Ithaca to assist **Carol Mullins** with the Cornell women's ice hockey team. She spent last year playing and coaching in Switzerland, and we're lucky to have her back in Ithaca!

I am continually impressed with the entrepreneurs in our class. **Kristiina E. Lalor** started a home-based mail order and soon-to-be Internet retail business selling artistic and intelligent gifts. It's called **Kristiina Company**. She started it while recovering from a horrible car

accident. Kristiina wrote, "Take my advice and avoid performing any acts of vehicular ballet on I-90 . . . a shattered 15-piece pelvis and hip joint is about as much fun as midwinter exams." I think I'd rather take the exams. Still taking exams regularly are **Elizabeth B. Harned**, who attends the U. of Michigan law school, and **Jennie A. Guttery**, who completed her master's in social policy at the London School of Economics in June and is pursuing law school. **Amy R. Levitt** just started her first year of graduate school at the U. of Florida. She is studying the history of science and living with **Jonathan Talbot '97**. **Justin**

ment from Pearl Harbor to the Arabian Gulf aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS *Chosin*.

On July 17, '99, **Rachel Joy Valente** wed **Matthew Sherman '99** at Sage Chapel. In attendance were **Kristen M. O'Hara '01**, **Stephanie A. Perticone '99**, **Frances M. Nicastro** (the maid of honor), **Robert J. "Jake" Mincemoyer '97**, JD '01, **Judy Hui-lan Chou**, MHA '00, **Tina Shiao**, **Maureen M. McCormick**, Adjunct Law Prof. **Stephen Yale-Loehr '77**, JD '81, Prof. **John Siliciano '75**, **Rosanne M. Mayer '75**, **James D. Young**, JD '94, **Marianne W. Young**, JD '91, **Hilary T. Fraser**, JD '91,

thing every day that scares you. Some of our classmates have decided to see what the world has to offer across the ocean. **Tetsuo Tanemura** works for Motorola Japan in Yokosuka. **Joanna Huang** and **Melody Ou** spent time in the same corner of the world on a missions trip in Taiwan. The two spent a month teaching English to adults and children. Joanna even managed to use her good old Cornell chemistry skills to design a "magic trick" illustrating the gospel. And you thought you'd never use your molecular modeling set again. **Jaime B. Zins** has started graduate school at Yeshiva for her PhD in developmental psychology. She's also found time to work as the assistant director of sales at the Israel Tour Connection, and to tutor high school students for the SATs. Oh, the feeling of nostalgia. Doesn't it seem like just yesterday that we were all freshmen comparing SAT scores in the U-Halls?

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard. Cornellians continue to flock to the Big Apple in search of fame, fortune, and, of course, classmates they never thought they would see again! **Cristen Viggiano**, biometry major extraordinaire, has returned from her three-month vacation, oops, I mean intensive training experience, at PricewaterhouseCoopers, conveniently located in Tampa, FL. **Sean Campbell**, our very own Class Treasurer, is in New York working for Ambrose Employee Group. We were all a little worried that **Chiann Bao** might not take to the city so well, given her propensity for losing her wallet, her keys, and even her car. But this legal assistant at Cravath, Swaine, and Moore has taken the city by storm, and we all know that if she can make it there, she can make it anywhere. **Ben Robins** is at New York U. law school. Word has it that he's actually been smiling regularly. Nearby, **Samantha Muhlrud** is learning to distinguish beta-carotenes from alpha-tocopherols while studying for her master's degree in nutrition at Columbia U. Despite a demanding work schedule at the architectural firm of Kohn Pedersen Fox, **Luis Fernandez** tells us that there's been lots of time for playing in NYC. This Miami native was part of a winning team of architects for a project in Paris. Sadly, he doesn't think he'll be the first one sent to France, but at least he was part of the startup. After interning for the Mostly Mozart Festival last summer, **Meg Ballard** now has a permanent position as production assistant at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. She lives on the Upper West Side, and we've heard she's hosted some truly amazing parties.

Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but your living room. Unless you're **Amy Sandra Lee** or **Yvonne M. Cooper**. Recruited from the streets of Manhattan, these two nascent superstars rocked their audition for MTV's "Say What? Karaoke" show with a rousing rendition of Limp Bizkit's version of "Faith." Neither has quit her day job. Yvonne is a graduate student at NYU, and Amy's a legal assistant for Milberg, Weiss, Bershad, Hynes, and Lerach.

Live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft. Is it the sun-

"Take my advice and avoid performing any acts of vehicular ballet on I-90."

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Yorio is studying at the National Theater Conservatory in Denver, CO. Also in Colorado, **James W. "Jay" Billings** is happy teaching high school history and English at the Vail Mountain School. Fun!

News from the East: **Tamim Quam** is a research fellow in diabetic retinopathy at Children's Hospital in Boston and **Tomasz Hasinski** is working in a help desk position at Rogers & Wells in New York. Tomasz is looking for work related to Poland, his country of origin. **Nathan Green** writes that he is still working for Andersen Consulting, and after purchasing an apartment on the Upper West Side expects to be in the New York City area for a while. **Taron E. Wade** is a reporter at Institutional Investor covering the real estate market. Moving west, **Scott Meyers**, MC CH '99, is working on developing an HIV vaccine at Merck & Co. in King of Prussia, PA. **Karen Appell** writes that she loves her job as a wetlands engineer in Lakewood, OH. In Chicago, **Maggie Moore** is working in financial futures trading for Prudential Securities and **Ginger Page** is back from Ireland, working for CiNTAS, and applying to graduate schools for a degree in counseling.

In Memphis, TN, **Sarah E. Maggi** is writing her way toward an MFA in creative writing. We're all awaiting her first novel. San Francisco finds **Angela K. Driller**, MMH '98, working as director of catering at Pluto's (sounds fun!). In Los Angeles, **Pep Charusanti** is in graduate school at UCLA, studying chemistry after working for a chemical company in Finland. **Jesse E. Lefton** is also in L.A. after being abroad. She is currently pursuing two master's degrees (in Jewish education and Jewish communal service) and writes that **Miguel Schwartz** and **Adina R. Saperstein** also spent last year in Israel. **Agnes C. Galvez** is a trainer/implementation specialist for Computrition, a nutrition software company in Chatsworth, CA.

Our classmates in the Navy keep us well-informed. **Chris Johnsen** graduated from Navy Supply Corps school in September, and **John Baird** recently departed on a six-month deploy-

ment from Pearl Harbor to the Arabian Gulf aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS *Chosin*.

Karesha A. McGee wrote last week with great news! She recently tried out for a dance group called "Culture Shock," and made it. They have troupes in San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco/Oakland. The coolest part is that she's a sponsored dancer, which means she's one of the billboard/poster kids who is sponsored by Nike. She says, "I get to perform at extra-hyped stuff, wear great clothes, and get paid for certain gigs, depending on the type of performance." Her former co-worker **Lynne B. Gadowski** has big news as well. Lynne, who works for the State Department, will be going to Fiji in June for a two-year assignment in the Foreign Service. She currently spends her days learning Hindi, which, by the way, isn't easy. Random fact: the word for wax in Hindi is *moum*.

I'll finish up with my own news . . . I have returned to Ithaca (it's great to be here) to lead the department that I worked for as a student. I am thoroughly enjoying my awesome staff (of 57) and plan to be with Campus Information and Visitor Relations for a while. Stop by if you're in town, and give me your news in person. Until then, keep writing! ♦ **Molly Darnieder**, Cornell University, 114 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853; tel., (607) 269-0525; e-mail, mbd4@cornell.edu.



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Class of 1999, have you been wearing sunscreen? Enjoying the power and beauty of your youth? The now immortal words from Baz Luhrmann's song "Everybody's Free to Wear Sunscreen," seem an appropriate checklist for us, now that we're a whopping seven months out of college. That must mean that sooner or later we're going to stop wishing for school to start again so that we can count down the days to spring break. At least this January no one had to go to Barton for that nightmare called Course Exchange!

Now for the news, and also some advice to live by in the new millennium: Do one

shine? Maybe the bright lights of Hollywood? California's pull on newly-minted alumni seems to grow stronger as the weather here on the East Coast gets colder. **Scott Roby** works as the revenue analyst for the San Diego Hilton Resort on Mission Bay. Another Hotelier, **Susie Crego**, moved from upstate New York to California last summer to work for Aramark Uniform Services in the human resources, training, and development department as a project manager. She works alongside **Jeffrey L. Young**, M ILR '83, and **Ed Evans** '74, MBA '75, and reports having a ton of fun.

Far from all things Hotel, **Daanish Khan** is working with a software firm in San Jose, CA. After traveling to Stockholm, Sweden as part of the team that went on to win the 1999 World Championship of robotic soccer (I bet you didn't even know that existed, did you?), **Lars Cremean** is now a graduate student at Caltech. The talented Lars spent a few post-graduation months in Ithaca doing research in the Mechanical Engineering department through a grant from Space Sciences/NASA. It must be the beauty of their quad that keeps the engineers around Cornell for so long. **Adam Mikolajczyk** spent last summer working on the SOFIA (to us lay people, that's the Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy) at Cornell's Space Sciences department, where he helped design a forecast instrument. He also worked as a part-time computer support specialist at Roberts Hall. **Margaret Adame** is back at Cornell for more. This time, she'll graduate with a master's in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Then it's on to law school for environmental law, after which Margaret thinks she'll probably be ready to enter the "real world." **Bethany L. Pattee** lives in Washington State and works for Hewlett Packard as a manufacturing engineer.

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. At long last, I (**Jennifer Sheldon**) have actually secured a source of regular income and settled down in Cambridge, MA. At the Cadmus Group, a small environmental consulting firm, I'm learning to save the world, one glass of water at a time. Nearby, **Daniel E. Smith** attends Harvard U., where he's studying for his PhD in developmental genetics. Daniel received a National Science Foundation graduate fellowship. **Laurel A. Singer** is working for McDermott/O'Neill & Associates in Brookline, MA. The Hub is also home to **Kenneth Leaver**, who works for Gemini Consulting near Harvard Square. Last summer, Kenneth accompanied **Matt Ticknor** on a two-month journey throughout Europe. Some highlights of the trip were the Pink Palace in Corfu (Greece), a booze cruise to Helsinki, and camel riding in Morocco. Ultimate frisbee star **Sam McHugh** lives in Allston, MA, and works at Kaplan's SCORE! Program.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them. Directions are particularly important when you're doing graduate-level research, like the kind **Laura A. Torbert** does. Laura accepted a research assistantship with the U. of Minnesota as she earns her master's degree in dairy nutrition. **Nathan Ramsey** at-

tends Washington State U. for the master's program in plant pathology. The soon-to-be-Dr. **Evan Waldheter** is at U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for a PhD in clinical psychology. **Cinda H. Merrill** headed south of the Mason-Dixon line and is attending Duke U. law school. No word yet on whether "y'all" has become a staple of this Philadelphia-native's vocabulary. **Ruti Guterman** is back where we knew she would end up, in Washington, DC. She works at the US Attorney's Office, volunteers at a shelter for battered women, does domestic violence research with her professor, and, oh yes, did I mention she's in law school at George Washington U.? Ruti is happy to report, "Life is really good here. For the first time in a long time, I feel like everything is just coming together." You go, girl. Ruti's not the only one giving back to her community: **Ben Duda** has just begun his tenure with the Americorps Program in Washington, DC. Another generous classmate, **Aida Samaniego**, ran the Dublin City Marathon on behalf of 15-year-old leukemia patient Allison Robertson of Dryden, NY.

Your choices are half chance. So are everybody else's. Who would've guessed that **Meg Karamitis** would ever end up further south than lower Manhattan? This statistics legend now lives in Richmond, VA, and works for Capital One. Before moving south, Meg spent her summer hiking and island-hopping in Hawaii. Her most memorable trip was a 22-mile Kalalau Trail hike through the jungle on the Isle of Kauai. Other new members of the working world: **Harriet E. Pimm**, Oakton, VA, who works as a communications specialist for the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative. On the other side of the Beltway, **Blair Lee** works at Andersen Consulting in Rockville, MD. **Craig Gross** works for Deloitte and Touche in the human resources strategies division. Former varsity crew captain **Nick Barnard** headed back to his native Texas after a trip to Europe. He lives in Austin and works for Aim Technology. Our energetic Class President **Lindsay A. Raymond** is the student activities coordinator at the Culinary Inst. of America in Hyde Park, NY.

By the way '99ers, CONGRATULATIONS! The final results from the Class of 1999 Campaign are in, and they are AMAZING. Our Class achieved a spectacular rate of participation, and we have officially endowed the Class of 1999 Scholarship at the \$100,000 level. This is remarkable. Usually a class takes five years to finish endowing the scholarships they set up. We did an outstanding job, and this scholarship set a lot of firsts at Cornell!

Ladies and gentlemen of the Class of 1999, welcome to the millennium. We, your dedicated class columnists, are glad to be along for the ride with you and wish you the happiest and healthiest of New Years. Keep us posted!

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ALUMNI DEATHS

'24—**J. Clifford Morrow** of Fort Collins, CO, January 17, 1999; interior design company owner; active in religious and civic affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'27—**Leslie A. Schade** of Old Lyme, CT, exact date unknown. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'30—**John P. D. Garges** of Southold, NY, May 30, 1997. Theta Chi.

'30 BA—**John A. Laird** of Honolulu, HI, and Louisville, KY, December 5, 1998. Sigma Chi.

'31 B Chem—**Lester A. H. Baum** of Cherry Hill, NJ, October 6, 1998.

'31 BS Ag—**Elizabeth Wheeler Crosby** (Mrs. Richard C. '31, PhD '41) of Beaufort, SC, and Charleston, SC, May 22, 1999.

'31—**Martha Williams Havell** (Mrs. Robert B.) of Washington, DC, exact date unknown.

'31 BA—**George Kanstroom** of Phoenix, AZ, and Perrine, FL, February 1999. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'31—**Joseph D. Leon** of Brooklyn, NY, January 3, 1999.

'31, BFA '32—**Louise Stevens Proctor** (Mrs. Ralph F. Jr. '31) of Parker, CO, formerly of Aurora, 1998. Alpha Phi.

'31 BS Ag, PhD '35—**Eduard I. Strongin** of Shelter Island, NY, exact date unknown.

'31, ME '32—**Wilson G. Walters** of Prattsburg, NY, January 20, 1999.

'32 BA—**Emil P. Kraus** of Schenectady, NY, May 25, 1999; retired comptroller; active in civic and alumni affairs.

'32 EE, MEE '33—**George K. Williams** of Marietta, GA, July 1998; active in alumni affairs.

'33 BS Ag—**Seth A. Coombs** of Cortland, NY, June 3, 1999; agriculture teacher and farmer.

'33, CE '35—**Harold C. Erdman** of Poquoson, VA, May 29, 1999; retired storekeeper, Bethlehem Steel Corp.; active in

civic and religious affairs.

'34—**Arthur A. Reed** of East Concord, NY, May 17, 1999. Army veteran. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'35—**Warren W. Clute Jr.** of Watkins Glen, NY, May 16, 1999; retired chairman, Watkins Salt Co.; active in civic and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'35 BA—**Ethel Shapiro Cook** (Mrs. Leonard J.) of Elkins Park, PA, June 1998. Sigma Delta Tau.

'35 BS AEM—**C. Donald English** of Little Silver, NJ, and Fort Myers, FL, exact date unknown; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'35—**Edwin D. Patrick** of Dansville, NY, formerly of Homer and Skaneateles, May 22, 1999.

'35 BS Ag, MS '39—**Charles A. Taylor** of Larkspur, CO, and Brookings, SD, July 27, 1998; retired botany professor, South Dakota State University.

'35 BS Ag—**Wallace E. Washbon** of Plant City, FL, May 19, 1999; retired agricultural agent; active in religious and alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'36 BS Ag—**Norman W. M. Englander** of Brownville, NY, exact date unknown.

'36—**Richard N. Hoar** of Birmingham, AL, and Destin, FL, December 14, 1998; director, Hoar Construction, Inc.

'37 BS Ag, DVM '38—**Robert O. Allen** of Binghamton, NY, May 28, 1999; retired veterinarian; active in civic and alumni affairs. Army veteran. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'37 BS Ag, MS Ag '38—**Frank V. Beck** of Port Haywood, VA, April 11, 1999. Alpha Zeta.

'37—**Le Anna Wheaton Groh** of Dresden, NY, May 8, 1999.

'37 BA—**Lloyd G. Mount** of State College, PA, March 23, 1999.

'37 BA—**Arthur F. Neumann** of Hernando Beach, FL, and Spring Hill, FL, exact date un-

known; publishing representative; active in religious affairs. Army veteran.

'37—**Royden K. Sawyer** of Cleveland, OH, June 1, 1999; physician. Army veteran.

'38—**William B. Knight Jr.** of Malvern, PA, exact date unknown. Alpha Delta Phi.

'38 BS Hotel, JD '41—**Robert J. McDonald** of New York, NY, June 8, 1999; attorney; active in alumni affairs. Navy veteran. Wife, Kay Austin McDonald '39.

'39, BS AEM '40—**C. Mortimer Durland** of Rochester, NY, February 25, 1999; director, Eastman Kodak Co.; active in alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'39 CE—**J. Gordon Dye** of Camp Hill, PA, exact date unknown.

'39 BS Hotel—**John F. Farr** of Chicago, IL, May 11, 1999; retired food service executive; personal mess sergeant to Gen. Eisenhower during World War II.

'39 BS Hotel—**Bruce D. Tiffany** of Spokane, WA, December 15, 1998.

'40 BS HE—**Margaret Catlin Leonard** (Mrs. Edwin) of Tully, NY, May 28, 1999; active in religious and alumni affairs. Husband, Edwin Leonard '40.

'42 BS Ag—**Edward J. Hickey** of Lebanon, PA, exact date unknown; manager, Wengerts Dairy Inc. Alpha Zeta.

'44 BEE—**David B. Shaw** of Longwood, FL, exact date unknown.

'45, BS Hotel '47—**Richard H. Demmler** of Cincinnati, OH, March 24, 1999; accountant, Paintyme, Inc. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'45 BS ME—**James R. Kirwin** of Pinehurst, NC, formerly of East Greenwich, RI, May 1996.

'45—**Eugene Van de Mark** of Holland, MI, exact date unknown.

'46, BA '49, PhD '57—**William A. Gillcrist** of Manasquan, NJ, May 27, 1999; school administrator. Army veteran. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'47 MS Eng—**Reil S. Crandall** of Cromwell, CT, May 24, 1999; retired colonel, Army Corps of Engineers; active in civic and religious affairs.

'47 BA—**Pauline Laughlin**, exact date unknown. Chi Omega.

'48 MD—**William B. A. Bentley** of Naples, FL, and Las Vegas, NV, March 13, 1999; active in alumni affairs.

'48 BCE—**Ferris R. Conklin** of Delray

Beach, FL, April 29, 1999; retired senior vice president, Merrill Lynch. Delta Chi.

'48—**Virginia Williams** Huyler (Mrs. David E.) of New Paltz, NY, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the November/December 1999 *Cornell Magazine*.

'48 BME—**D. Robert Yarnall Jr.** of Philadelphia, PA, May 27, 1999; chairman, Envirite Corp.; active in religious and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

'49 BS AE—**David R. Siedenburgh** of Homer, NY, May 19, 1999; retired investment broker; active in religious, civic, and alumni affairs. Army veteran. Chi Psi. Wife, Joan Sutton Siedenburgh '48.

'51 BS Ag—**Frederick J. Dyroff** of Hendersonville, NC, and Harrington Park, NJ, August 9, 1995.

'51—**Wellington Rounds** of Warren, NJ, exact date unknown. Alpha Chi Rho.

'51 B Chem E—**Howard M. Smith** of Wilmington, DE, May 1999; retired consultant; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'51 MS—**Ernest W. Swegler** of Hinsdale, IL, October 27, 1998; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'52 PhD—**Bob M. Brown** of Georgetown, TX, exact date unknown.

'53 BS Hotel—**Thomas J. Finnegan** of Pasadena, CA, formerly of Upland, exact date unknown.

'53 MS—**Mary Hansuld Moore** of Ames, IA, May 28, 1998.

'54 EdD—**Albert E. Lawrence** of Cape Coral, FL, exact date unknown.

'54 BS Ag—**Chester C. Welch** of Nampa, ID, March 27, 1999; retired from Musser Seed Co.

'56 BA—**Marjorie Langsam** Feldheim (Mrs. Daniel H.) of Brooklyn, NY, exact date unknown.

'56-'58 Sp Ag—**James A. Moore Jr.** of North Bennington, VT, September 12, 1997. Phi Kappa Psi.

'57 BS Nurs—**Nancy M. Brink** of Dunmore, PA, exact date unknown.

'57—**Tauno M. Nyberg** of Helsinki, Finland, exact date unknown.

'58 BS Hotel—**Thomas P. Root** of Hamilton Square, NJ, formerly of Perrysburg, OH, exact date unknown; retired manager, Princeton Caterers.

'58 BA—**L. William Stevens Jr.** of Battle

Creek, MI, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the November/December 1999 *Cornell Magazine*.

'59 PhD—**Lekh R. Batra** of Greenbelt, MD, May 20, 1999; retired mycologist who discovered thirty-eight new fungus species; active in community affairs.

'61-'62 Grad—**Anthony T. Kirsch** of Ithaca, NY, May 17, 1999; retired professor of anthropology and Asian studies at Cornell. Army veteran. Wife, Yokho Tsuji Kirsch, PhD '91.

'61 BA—**David E. Orseck** of Longwood, FL, and Lake Mary, FL, 1998. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'62—**Bernard D. Broecker Jr.** of Bethlehem, PA, exact date unknown. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'65 BA—**Judith Russell** Davidson of Orleans, MA, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the November/December 1999 *Cornell Magazine*.

'65 BA—**Marga Wells McLeod** of San Anselmo, CA, April 28, 1999. Delta Delta Delta.

'66 BS HE—**Susan H. Sprague** of New York City, formerly of Amelia Island, FL, 1998; director of planning, TGB, Inc., NYC.

'67 DVM—**Christopher Dillmann** of Williamstown, MA, exact date unknown; owner, Greylock Animal Hospital; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma. Wife, Susan (Isler) '65.

'68—**William Oestreich** of Rochester, NY; exact date unknown.

'69 MA—**Kenneth E. Amerman** of Can-dor, NY, June 8, 1999; divinity student.

'69 BS ILR—**James I. Mervis** of New York City, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the November/December 1999 *Cornell Magazine*.

'70—**Randall S. Budington** of Old Greenwich, CT, and South Hadley, MA, exact date unknown.

'70—**Carol Hanson** Strommen of Inkom, ID, formerly of Kenosha, WI, and Pocatello, ID, March 23, 1998. Husband, Dennis P. Strommen, PhD '71.

'72 JD—**Ellen Schneiderman George** of Berkeley, CA, May 26, 1999; attorney, California State Auto Assoc.; active in alumni affairs.

'91—**Jordan M. Westerman** of Rye, NY, December 15, 1995.

'92 MPS—**Rene Massamba** of Brazzaville, Congo, exact date unknown.

'97 JD—**Jerry Marti** of Forest Hills, NY, exact date unknown.

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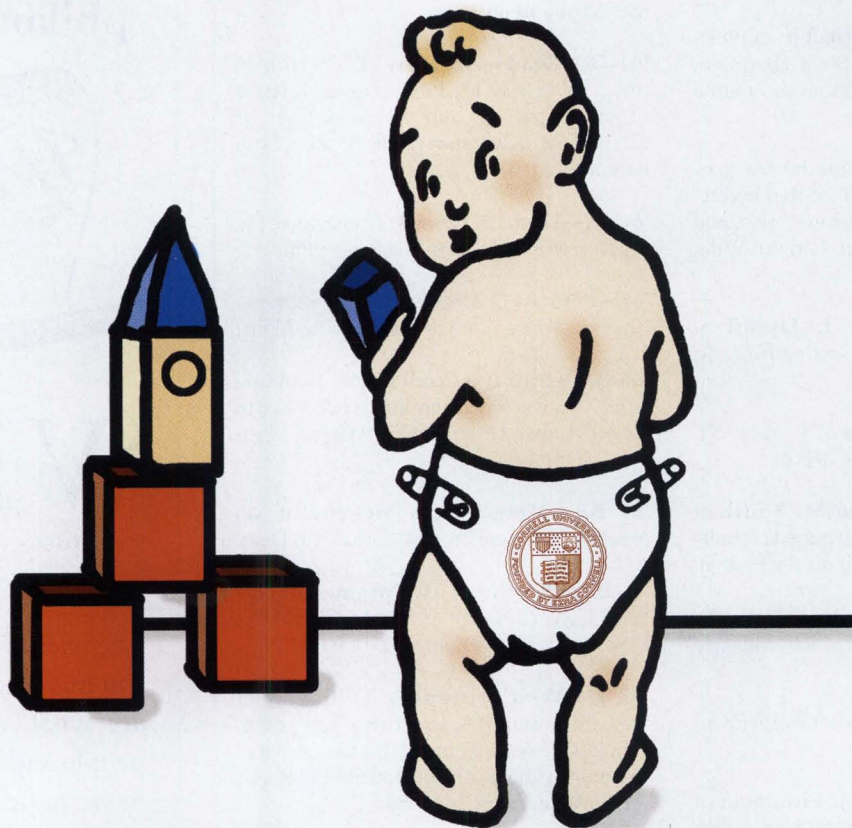


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glasses, license plate frames, espresso cups, McGraw Tower Christmas ornaments, playing cards, ice scrapers, baby bottles, flags, dog collars, pompoms, afghans, needlepoint pillows, individually wrapped chocolates—not to mention the usual T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, shorts, and other assorted apparel.

The products are all officially sanctioned by Cornell via the Collegiate Licensing Company, an Atlanta-based firm the university hired in the mid-1980s to protect its name and trademark. “We make very little from it, be-

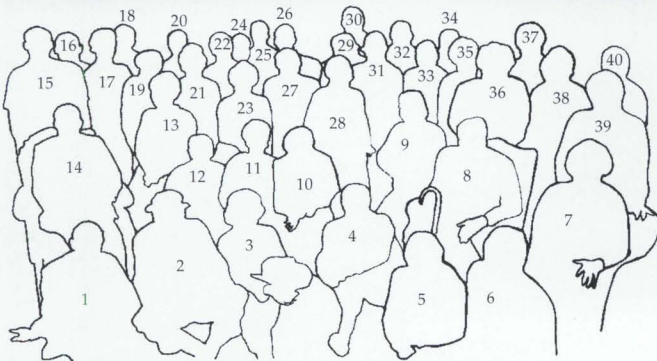
lieve me,” says university community relations director David Stewart, who pegs Cornell’s annual royalty take at \$15,000–\$20,000—a low figure, in part, because merchandise sold in Tompkins County stores is exempt from licensing fees. “We’re not in the league that the Final Four basketball champions are. We make in a year what some of the biggies make in a day.”

The licensing company, which represents about 170 schools, goes after anyone selling unauthorized merchandise; it has been known to stake out

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Before a product gets the Cornell stamp, university officials review it for quality, design, and appropriateness. Alcohol and tobacco are out; so are electronics and medical devices, which might have product liability issues. Merchandise is also screened for tastefulness; while supporters of the Big Green can sport ladies panties declaring “I’m behind Dartmouth!” there is no Big Red equivalent. Stewart isn’t sure if the university has ever been approached about a CU toilet seat, but his office has already decided it’s a no go. And what of one company’s pitch for the university’s own brand of condoms, dubbed Big Red Rubbers? Says Stewart: “We politely declined.”

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David Curtiss '38, '40
Reeshon Feuer '56
Rita Carey Guerlac '37
Sylvia Muller Hartell '23
Keith Kennedy '40
Barbara Kennedy '40
Katherine Krauskopf Orcutt '35
Elmer Phillips '32
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