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Within a week of America's entry into World War I in April 1917, 575 Cornell undergrads had registered for military service; by the end of the war, almost 9,000 students and alumni would enlist. Meanwhile, many on campus contributed from the home front—leading initiatives in ag management, food economics, household thrift, and more. As the U.S. marks the centennial of joining the “war to end all wars,” CAM looks back at some of the most compelling Cornell-related images, tales, and characters of that era, from flying aces to heroic nurses.

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Online networks have opened up vast new opportunities for researchers in the social sciences and other fields to study how people think, feel, behave, interact, and form opinions. Among the prime movers in this research revolution: Cornell's Social Dynamics Laboratory, which has made headlines for such intriguing work as leveraging the Twitter data of more than two million people in eighty-four countries to figure out how mood fluctuates hour by hour.

60 A Dog Named Ezra

After CAM heard that several alumni had dubbed their furry friends in honor of the founder, we reached out via social media to see what other Cornelian monikers have been given to Big Red pets. And, as it turns out, the phenomenon isn't limited to the animal kingdom: we were introduced to two little-boy Ezras and a current undergrad named Tjaden, plus Willard the turtle and Davy the fish.

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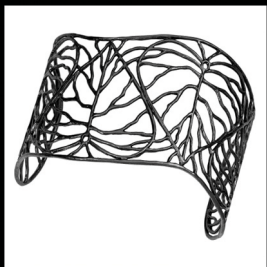


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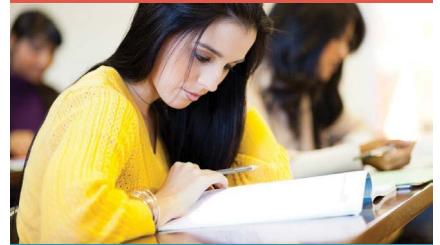
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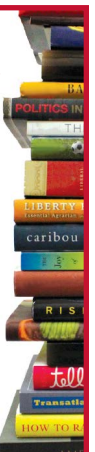
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Continuing Big Red Traditions (Ice Cream Included)

By the time this issue reaches you, my husband, Ken Gottschlich, and I will be settling in to our new lives at Cornell. We are eager to connect with the University's worldwide community, and I hope these regular columns will spark your ideas and continuing involvement.

When I was interviewing for this job, a faculty member described Cornell to me as "an Ivy League school with a Big Ten heart." I have been at both types of institutions, and I knew his description was apt. The University has a rare confluence of qualities that make leading it tremendously exciting.

Cornell combines excellence in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines with an abiding commitment to the public good. The University has an enduring focus on the creation and curation of knowledge—of learning for its own sake. That pure scholarship is complemented by the application of knowledge to make a real and lasting difference in the world, in ways that are only possible because of Cornell's remarkable intellectual breadth and global engagement. One of my key responsibilities will be to ensure that the University continues to recruit and retain the very best faculty, students, and staff and provide the environment in which they can do work of the highest quality. Outstanding teaching and discovery are traditions that I'll work to keep strong.

Cornell has had an egalitarian spirit since its founding: every Cornellian knows Ezra's vision of a university where "any person can find instruction in any study." Our students will graduate into a highly diverse world, and preparing them to work across cultural differences is one of the most important things a university can do. Beyond that, there is a large body of evidence showing that better solutions to challenging problems are achieved when multiple perspectives are brought to bear. On my watch, we will continue to honor and support the rights of people of all backgrounds and perspectives to be part of Cornell.



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I value the University's strong tradition of championing free speech while upholding community norms of respect. Freedom of expression is fundamental and inviolable. We cannot possibly advance knowledge if we don't entertain challenging ideas, and we must allow the expression even of views we find highly offensive. At the same time, we must develop a culture of respect, so that productive discourse can occur. Achieving those two goals simultaneously is not always easy, but doing so is essential both to the academy and to our democracy.

Another attribute that drew me to the University is its openness to innovation, evidenced most recently by Cornell Tech and the increasing possibilities we now have to stimulate radical collaborations across all of our campuses. Institutions that are willing to try new things are the ones that will survive, and Cornell will not just survive but thrive.

Universities deal with serious matters—complex research, student well-being, budget concerns—but, in general, better results are achieved when work, even serious work, is done in a setting

of laughter and joy. And the Cornellians I've met so far clearly enjoy having fun. In that spirit, I intend to honor one long-standing tradition right away by sampling the many ice cream flavors at the Dairy Bar. Of course, I may then have to honor another tradition—climbing all 161 steps to the top of McGraw Tower—to work off the effects.

I invite you to join us in Ithaca (or to watch the livestream) on August 25 for my inauguration as Cornell's fourteenth president. It will be an occasion to reflect on the role of higher education. We'll also laugh a lot and have fun. And, yes, for those on campus, there will be a new ice cream flavor to mark the occasion, and I promise we won't make you climb 161 steps afterward! ■

— President Martha E. Pollack
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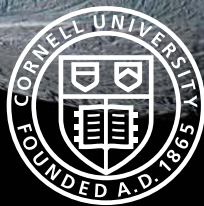
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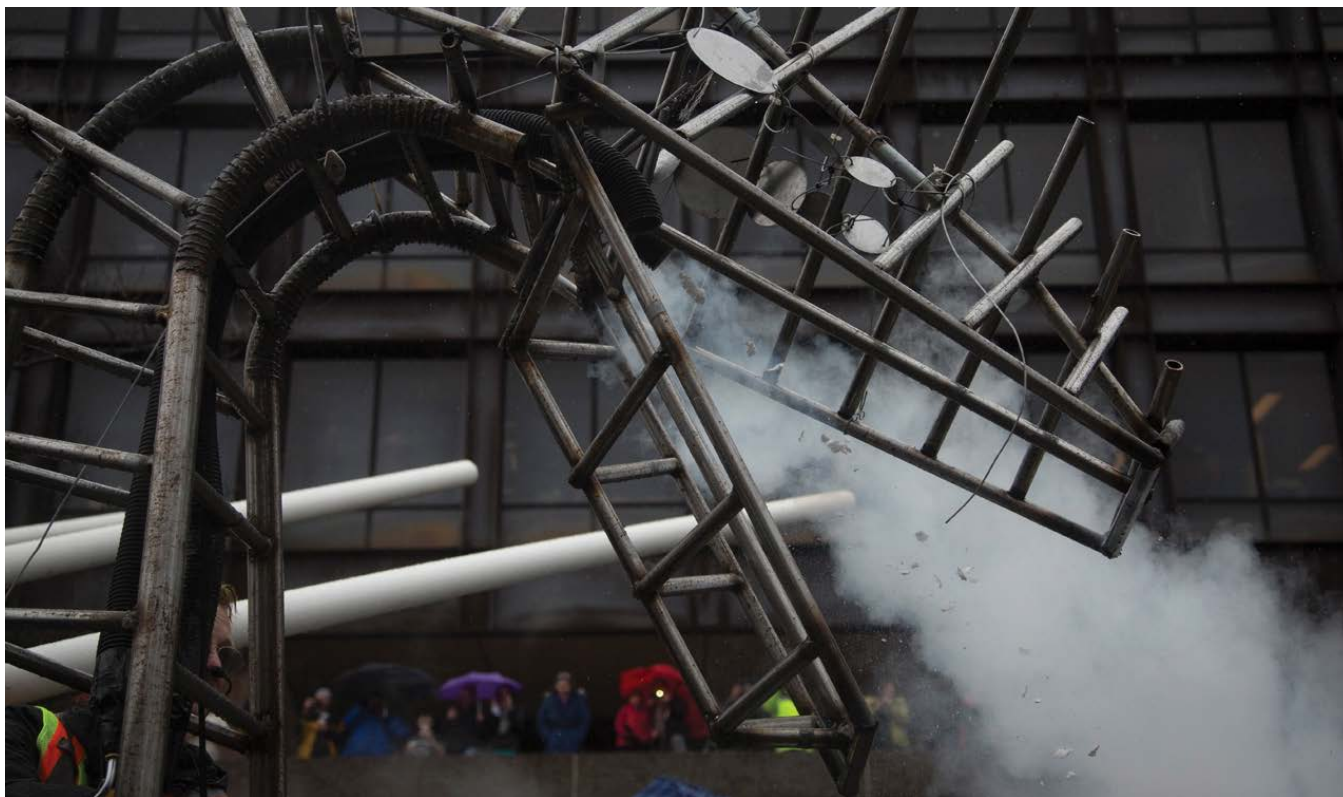
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From the Hill



THERE BE DRAGON: Rainy skies couldn't dampen enthusiasm for the annual Dragon Day festivities, complete with creatively costumed architecture students and numerous other revelers.

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Tech Campus to Include Hotel

In addition to its academic and residential buildings, the Cornell Tech campus will have a full-service hotel. Set to open in 2019, the Graduate Roosevelt Island Hotel (seen above in a rendering) will include 196 rooms, a restaurant, a rooftop bar, and panoramic views of Manhattan.



Did You Know . . .

That a Cornellian has her very own Lego? Mae Jemison, MD '81—the first African American woman in space—is among five NASA pioneers honored in an all-female Lego set. Going on sale in late 2017 or early 2018, it also includes Legos of fellow astronaut Sally Ride and Katherine Johnson, a mathematician depicted in the recent film *Hidden Figures*.



Dyson School Names New Dean

A professor and senior associate dean at the University of Michigan's business school has been tapped to lead the Dyson School in Cornell's College of Business and CALS. Lynn Perry Wooten, who holds an MBA from Duke and a doctorate from Michigan, assumes the deanship in July. Her

husband, David Wooten, will join the faculty as a professor of marketing; their son, Justin, is a Hotelie in the Class of '17.



A majority of Americans—60 percent—favor legalizing marijuana, says a survey study by communication professor Jeff Niederdeppe.

Breast cancer patients may no longer lose as much hair during chemo, thanks to a scalp-cooling system long available in Europe. A study at the Medical college found that wearing caps cooled to low temperatures during treatment helped 66 percent of women retain at least half their hair.



'It's exactly what we do with Lake Source Cooling, but in reverse.'

— Engineering Dean Lance Collins at a community forum on Cornell's proposed geothermal project, 'Earth Source Heat'



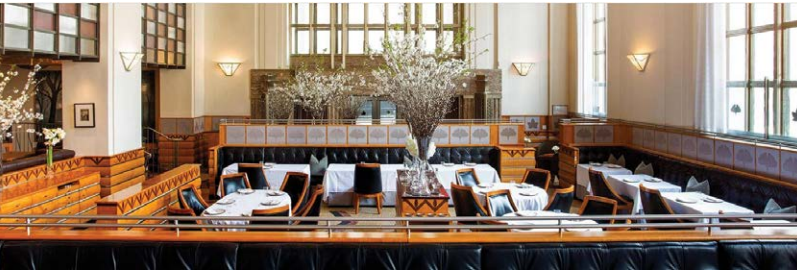
Cornell has received more than 90,000 books and documents on the early textile industry. One of the largest single additions in the University Library's history, they come from the American Textile History Museum, a Smithsonian affiliate that closed in 2016.

University engineers have won a four-year, \$1.7 million grant from the Office of Naval Research to improve security by studying how robots can be used to monitor and integrate information from surveillance cameras, including tracking faces and looking for specific objects.



Alum's Restaurant Named Top in the World

Eleven Madison Park, the Manhattan restaurant co-owned by Will Guidara '01 (left), has been named the finest on the planet by the World's 50 Best Restaurants organization—moving up to first place from the number three spot the previous year. The high-end eatery offers elegant multi-course tasting menus, often with a focus on New York State ingredients. "The restaurant tries as hard as any I know to bring delight to the table with every course," *New York Times* food critic Pete Wells wrote in a four-star review in 2015. "It succeeds so often that only the most determinedly grumpy souls could resist."



CLASS OF '21 BY THE NUMBERS

For another year, the incoming class has broken admissions records on East Hill. Some facts and figures:

Total applications received:
47,038 (the most ever)

Number of admitted students:
5,889

Wait-listed:
5,713

Acceptance rate:
12.5 percent

Percentage of admitted students who identify as underrepresented minorities:
30.2 (another record)

Percentage who identify as people of color:
52.5

Number of nations represented outside the U.S., by citizenship:
96

Number of first-generation college students:
700-plus

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



New York Times senior writer **C.J. Chivers '87, BA 88** (left), winner of the Pulitzer Prize in feature writing for his depiction of a Marine's struggle with PTSD.

The **Bloomberg Center**, the main building of the new Cornell Tech campus set to open this summer on Roosevelt Island, named one of the top nine new university buildings worldwide by *Architectural Digest*.

Faculty members **Stephen Coate** (economics), **María Cristina García** (American studies, right), **Suzanne Mettler, PhD '94** (government), and **Fred Schneider '75** (computer science), elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Breaking Bread, a Cornell program that brings together different communities for open discussions, winner of this year's James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial and Intercultural Peace and Harmony.



New Rural Care Residency for MDs

The Medical college is planning a residency program in Ithaca to train new MDs in providing healthcare in rural communities. The program, which will undergo an accreditation process and could begin as early as 2019, is a collaboration between Cayuga Medical Center, Weill Cornell Medicine, and Gannett Health Center. Participants would spend one year at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell in New York City and two in Ithaca. It expands on an existing program that brings residents and med students upstate for several weeks.



Rating Off-Campus Fire Safety

The University's online database of off-campus housing will soon include fire safety ratings, Interim President Hunter Rawlings announced in March. In a statement, he noted that due to being grandfathered in by older fire codes, some units "lack what many would consider basic modern safety features." Planned to launch this summer in collaboration with the City of Ithaca, the new system will aggregate such details as whether a unit is equipped with sprinklers and/or smoke detectors wired to the fire department.



HELLENIC SEND-OFF: The Big Red Bear donned a toga for a Greek-themed dinner in March honoring Hunter Rawlings—classics scholar and three-time Cornell president—as he wound down his second stint as interim leader in advance of President Martha Pollack's arrival. From left: Rawlings, Touchdown, fellow honoree Elizabeth Rawlings, and board of trustees chairman Robert Harrison '76.



NOTABLE NORA

Nora Stanton Blatch Barney 1905 (above) was a suffragist and the first woman in the U.S. to earn a civil engineering degree. What did a NYC agency recently name after her?

- A. A machine to fix a damaged aqueduct
- B. An irrigation system in Central Park
- C. A track at Grand Central Terminal
- D. A pedestrian bridge in Manhattan

[ANSWER: A]

CU Spearheads Chile Telescope

Cornell will lead a consortium of academic institutions in the U.S., Canada, and Germany in building a powerful new high-altitude radio telescope in Chile. Capable of mapping the sky at submillimeter and millimeter wavelengths, the Cerro Chajnantor Atacama Telescope-prime is hoped to give unprecedented insights into such phenomena as how stars and galaxies form and what lit up "cosmic dawn," the first stars after the Big Bang. Slated for completion in 2021, the instrument will be located on a mountaintop in the Atacama Desert.

Biden to Give Convocation Speech

The Class of '17 has snagged a high-profile speaker for graduation weekend: former Vice President Joseph Biden. While the University's president traditionally gives the annual Commencement address, the Convocation speaker is chosen

by a student committee drawn from the graduating class. As chair Matthew Baumele '17 told the *Daily Sun*: "We considered many candidates and, given the incredibly weighty issues present in our world today, we sought someone who, throughout their career, exhibited particularly outstanding character, leadership, and service."

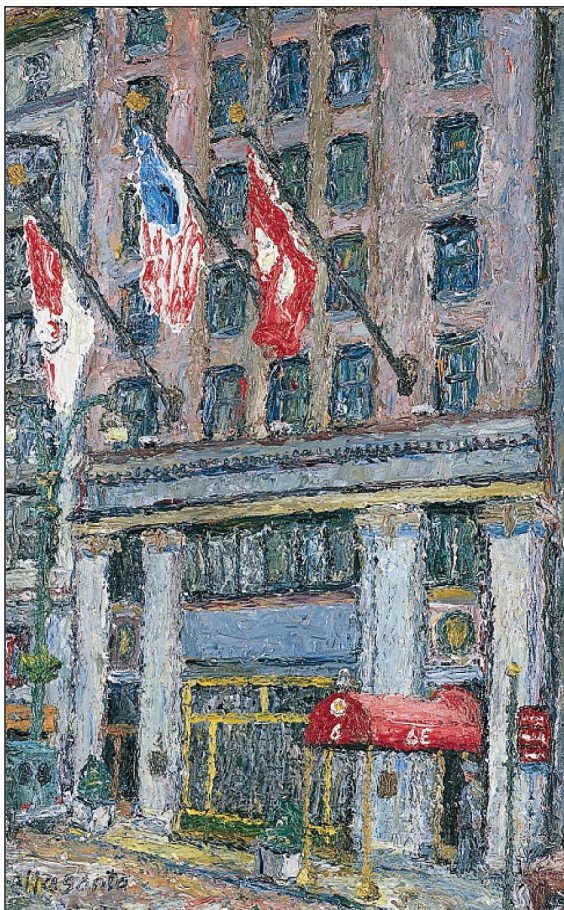


'It was the hellish orchestra of several hundred beetles, scraping their serrated legs on the hard exteriors of their fellow captives.'

— Environmental and sustainability sciences major Nicole Tu-Maung '17, in a blog post about collecting and counting dung beetles at a South African nature reserve

With CU Vet School's Input, Animal Terminal Opens at JFK

The new purpose-built terminal for animals that opened at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport this spring was designed with guidance from experts at the Vet college. Dubbed the ARK at JFK, the facility—which includes quarantine spaces, a vet clinic, and a "pet oasis"—is aimed at transporting animals in optimum safety and comfort. Cornell veterinarians and scientists consulted on the terminal's design and operating protocols, particularly in terms of large animal handling.



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THE LADY VANISHES

A Cornell-based project hunts for New York's much beloved—and rarely seen—state insect

In 2011, a search party of volunteers aged six to eighty-one discovered a very special critter at work on an organic farm on Long Island. Images sent to researchers at Cornell confirmed the good news: it was *Coccinella novemnotata*, the nine-spotted ladybug and New York's official state insect. Not seen in its homeland for twenty-nine years, *C. novemnotata* was feared to be extinct. Staff members from Cornell's Lost Ladybug Project headed to the site, where at least twenty more were found. "That was a major discovery for us," says John Losey, a professor of entomology and the project's director. "It not only confirmed the existence of the nine-spotted in New York, but proved the value of citizen scientists in contributing to basic research." >

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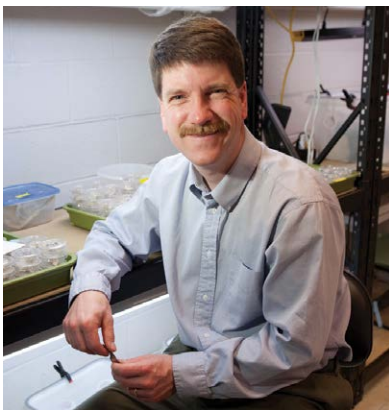
ON THE DOTS: The nine-spotted ladybug



NET EFFECTS: Recruiting citizen scientists—of all ages—to collect, identify, and record ladybug species has been critical to research efforts.



The effort is run largely through an interactive website that includes kid-friendly info, teaching materials, data maps—even a ladybug theme song.



WELL SPOTTED: Since the project was founded in 2000 by entomology professor John Losey, over 38,000 ladybug sightings have been reported.

Ladybugs are beetles, members of the order Coleoptera. There are roughly 5,000 species of them in the world, about 500 native to North America. They're revered by farmers for controlling aphids, mites, and other pests, saving the agriculture industry billions annually—and they're just plain cute. But around the late Seventies, native ladybugs started to vanish, likely due to the introduction of imported species that muscled them out. Bigger, hungrier, and more aggressive, many were introduced to increase pest control; others may have hitched a ride on imported plants. Either way, they now outnumber native species by a factor of ten. In fact, aside from the Long Island discovery, the only other collection of nine-spotted ladybugs—once the most common of all North American species—in the Empire State is located in the Old Insectary on East Hill, home to about forty of the creatures.

Losey founded the Lost Ladybug Project in 2000 as a way to recruit the public to help survey populations in general, and native species in particular. The effort went viral in 2008 with a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation that vaulted the “lost” nine-spotted ladybug to celebrity status. (Other native species, like the extremely rare two-spotted, are also on a conservation watchlist.) Scads of citizen scientists—or “spot-ers”—of all ages joined a nationwide dragnet popularized by extensive media coverage, and project materials appeared on



public school science curricula. “People, and especially kids, love to search for lady beetles,” says Losey. “Whether or not there are actual sightings of the nine-spotted, we like to see the samples. It’s just as important to know where ladybugs are not, as where they are.”

The effort is run largely through an interactive website that includes kid-friendly info, teaching materials, charts, guides, data maps—even a ladybug theme song composed by children’s musician Ilene Altman ’89. Participants have included Kathy Gleason ’79, a professor of landscape architecture who surveyed ladybugs with her son and a neighbor’s grandkids on Cornell land outside Ithaca a few years back. As she recalls: “Different children found something of interest in each step—finding ladybugs, capturing them, helping the younger children participate, photographing the ladybugs, and releasing them back into the field.”

To date, more than 38,000 ladybug sightings have been reported from almost every state in the continental U.S. While they include only a few hundred “lost” nine-spots—in such far-flung places as Virginia, Colorado, and Oregon—the project has helped construct a broad map of overall distribution and confirmed the widespread presence of non-native species. Their proliferation is a serious concern, Losey says, because non-natives are more vulnerable to parasites that could wipe them out, causing a pest-management crisis. In the worst case scenario, a collapse of those now-dominant ladybug colonies could result in worldwide food shortages, he says.

And these days, the Lost Ladybug Project is itself endangered. The NSF grant is over, and while Losey has applied for additional funding, it’s by no means certain. Private donations have kept the effort going, and research is still under way, but Losey says the project is “at a crossroads”: visits to discovery sites are on hold, as is a nine-spot restoration program that sold starter kits of larvae to New York State residents in 2016. “Nine-spotted ladybugs persist here and there,” says Losey, “but they have been pushed to the brink.” Or, to quote Altman’s catchy tune: “Ladybugs have important jobs / Eating aphids that destroy our crops / We need lots of different kinds / But some species are now hard to find.” ■

—Franklin Crawford

SPOTTERS’ FIELD GUIDE

While the endangered nine-spotted *Coccinella novemnotata* is the prize find, Losey and his team welcome reports of any species—whether native or invasive. Here, some key identifying characteristics and distinctions:

NATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA



COCCINELLA NOVEMNOTATA

- 9 SPOTS
- BLACK AND WHITE MARKS ON FRONT
- RARE



HIPPODAMIA CONVERGENS

- 13 SPOTS OR FEWER
- CONVERGING WHITE LINES ON HEAD



ADALIA BIPUNCTATA

- 2 SPOTS
- VARIETY OF COLORS AND SPOT PATTERNS
- RARE



HIPPODAMIA PARENTHESIS

- 2 PAIRED MARKS RESEMBLING PARENTHESES
- SMALL



COLEOMEGILLA MACULATA

- OFTEN PINKISH
- LONG AND THIN

INVASIVE: FROM EUROPE



COCCINELLA SEPTEMPUNCTATA

- 7 SPOTS
- COUSIN OF 9-SPOT



PROPYLEA QUATUORDECIMPUNCTATA

- 14 SPOTS (SQUARE-LIKE)
- NOT RED
- SMALL

INVASIVE: FROM ASIA



HARMONIA AXYRIDIS

- VARIETY OF COLORS, PATTERNS, AND NUMBER OF SPOTS
- LARGE
- ROUND
- OFTEN WINTER INDOORS
- VERY COMMON

FASHION FORWARD

For celebs and Saks shoppers alike, designer Adam Lippes '95 creates clothes that are 'luxurious yet approachable'



BLUE TUBE: A form-fitting dress from Lippes's Spring/Summer 2017 collection

New York Fashion Week is known for over-the-top productions, and this February's shows were no different, with Ralph Lauren turning a Madison Avenue store into a tropical garden—complete with mechanical butterflies and 100,000 white orchids—and Philipp Plein kicking off his event at the Public Library with Elvis impersonators, women dressed as the Statue of Liberty, and a performance by the rapper Nas.

But in presenting his new collection, designer Adam Lippes '95 opted for something much more low key. He hosted a cozy affair at his Washington Square Park townhouse, where models in pink velvet pantsuits, high-waisted culottes, and gold-fringed, floral-print dresses mingled with tea-sipping guests. "I want people to be able to feel and touch and see the clothes," he says, sitting down at his busy Manhattan studio to chat with CAM less than two weeks before the show. "It brings back this intimacy to fashion that has been lost."

Lippes applies the same understated approach to his designs, creating refined garments that are sold at such high-end retailers as Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus. But these aren't your average wardrobe staples; his offerings range from \$400 knit tank tops to \$600 cigarette pants to \$2,750 cashmere coats. In September, *Elle* pronounced his eponymous label "rarified yet personal; luxurious yet approachable," while *Vogue* recently noted that Lippes "has an eye for divine materials and he elevates his essentials with very special touches."

Lippes describes his creations as sophisticated items that a woman can wear every day, not just on special occasions. So while "Scandal" star Kerry Washington sported his white tuxedo dress on the red carpet before the "Saturday Night Live" fortieth anniversary celebration, stylish celebs are just as likely to be seen in his clothes when they're off duty; Lippes notes with delight that Amal Clooney (wife of George) was recently photographed at LAX airport wearing his fur-collared, military inspired trench coat. And though the designs are fashion-forward, Lippes insists they're not one-season trends. "Hopefully," he says, "they're pieces you'll have and wear for a long time to come."

Wearing a slim-fitting gray crewneck sweater from his menswear line, Lippes takes a break



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STAR POWER: From far left: Adam Lippes '95; his Instagram post showing Amal Clooney in his trenchcoat at LAX; Kerry Washington wearing one of his tuxedo dresses on the red carpet. Below: Outfits from his Fall/Winter 2017 collection.

from a packed schedule to describe how he launched the Adam Lippes label in 2013 after nearly two decades in the business. A Buffalo native who studied psychology on the Hill, he'd originally planned to be an investment banker, since his dream career seemed out of reach. "In my head, I'd always wanted to be a fashion designer," he recalls, "but that was like saying you wanted to be a movie star." But Lippes was inspired by his time in a study-abroad program in Paris—the epicenter of the industry—and went on to take an executive assistant position at Ralph Lauren after graduation. He then moved over to Oscar de la Renta, where he rose quickly to become one of fashion's youngest creative directors. Having never gone to design school, he learned much from the legendary de la Renta, who offered an unexpected piece of advice. "He said our job is to make a woman smile," says Lippes. "He didn't take this all too seriously. I mean, we're making dresses."

In 2004, he struck out on his own with ADAM + EVE, an upscale collection of cotton basics. The company took off fast—with Oprah Winfrey declaring his T-shirt with hand-finished seams as one of her "favorite things"—and expanded into a full line of sportswear under the name ADAM. In 2010, apparel group Kellwood Co. acquired the brand, but Lippes walked away a year later. "We were making more, more, more, and that wasn't what I set out to do," he says. "I wanted to make clothes that had a lot of thought and quality." He traveled the world for a few months and briefly toyed with buying a hotel in Brazil. But Lippes soon realized that designing was in his blood and formed a comeback plan. He sold his home—a Greenwich Village penthouse—and used the proceeds to buy back his trademark and set up his current venture. This time, he had a different focus: to establish himself exclusively as a luxury fashion line. (One exception was a limited-edition collection for Target in 2015,

which included ponchos, jackets, shirtdresses, and accessories—all in plaid or checkered prints—that ranged from \$10 to \$130.)

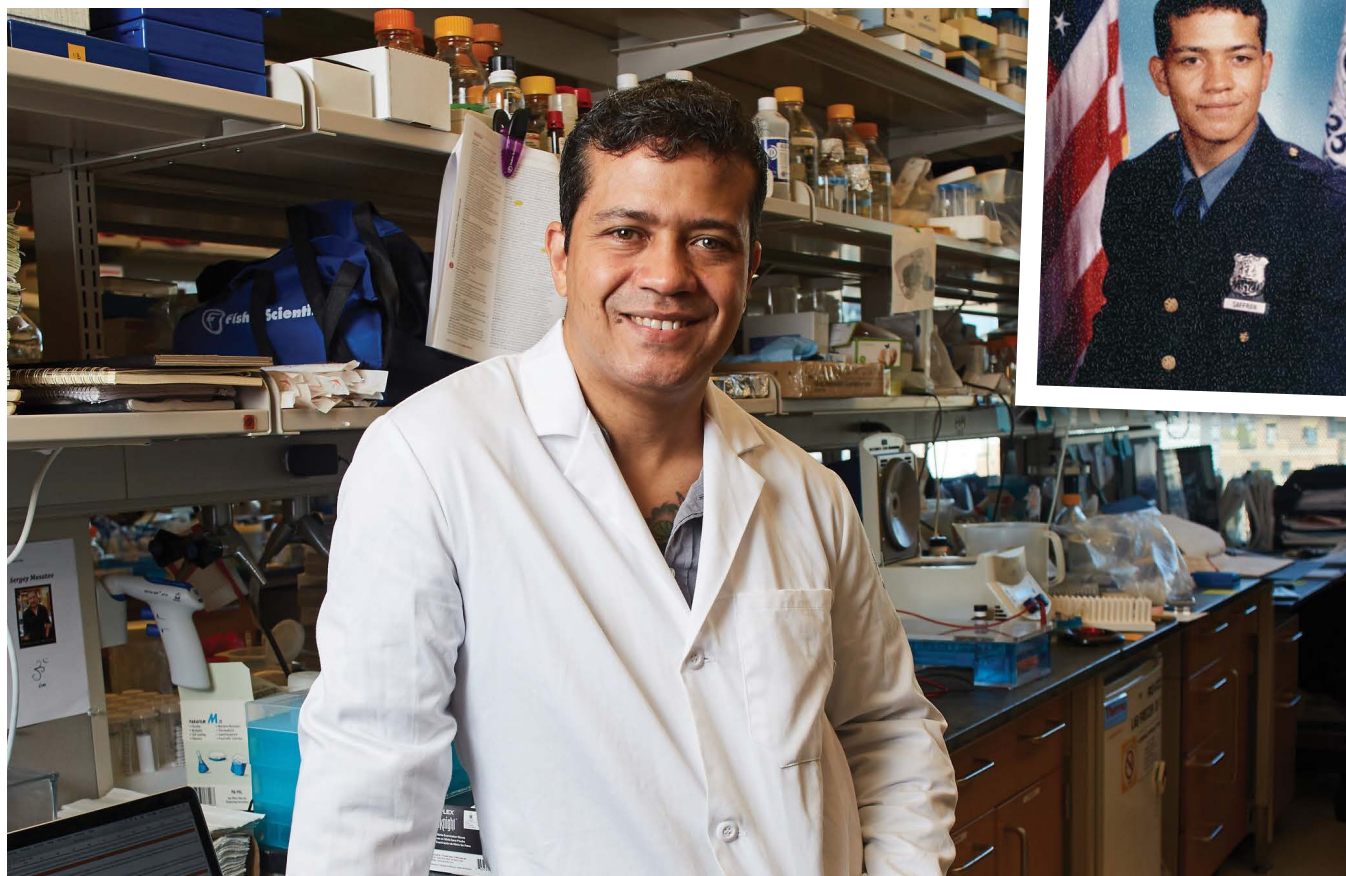
Recently, Lippes hired a new CEO—the former head of North America e-commerce for Coach—in the hope of growing direct-to-consumer sales. He's also working on lines of rugs, furniture, and paint, a potential first step toward becoming a lifestyle brand; Lippes has long been passionate about interior design, with magazines like *Architectural Digest*, *W*, and *Vogue* featuring his Manhattan residences and 100-acre farm in the Berkshires. Brimming with antiques and contemporary art—mixing items like Art Deco chairs and a nineteenth-century Japanese screen with paintings by Robert Motherwell and Milton Avery—his residences have been touted for their elegant, yet eclectic, vibe. "I'm so much about how I live and where I live," he says. "You might even see more press about my homes than my clothes. So I'm really excited about that 360-degree lifestyle, where clothes are just a part of it." ■

— Heather Salerno



EARLY DETECTION

Former undercover cop Christian Saffran applies his investigative skills toward earning an MD-PhD



ON A NEW BEAT: Weill Cornell Medicine student Christian Saffran in the lab today and (above right) during his time as an NYPD officer two decades ago.

The doctor was trying to convince his patient to stop using tobacco—touting the many health benefits of quitting—but the diehard smoker was having none of it. Then a colleague stepped in and took a different tack. Didn't the man want to live to see his kids graduate from college? Didn't he want to meet his grandchildren someday? It worked. "In about five minutes, he had me eating out of his hand," the patient recalls. "He knew just how to approach a difficult encounter and begin to make headway."

That "patient," in fact, was B. Robert Meyer, a professor of clinical medicine at Weill Cornell who was conducting a role-playing exercise in a class that introduces first-years to physicianship. The "doctor" was one of his students: Christian Saffran, newly matriculated in the college's MD-PhD program.

Saffran's skill at getting through to his ersatz patient—which got a round of applause from his classmates—was hard-earned, but gleaned from a different métier. A former detective, Saffran

spent ten years with the NYPD before opening his own private investigation agency. While medicine and policework may seem worlds apart, Saffran notes they have a fair amount in common: both professions require the ability to deftly observe and ask the right questions, to put people at ease and get them to open up. "Part of being a physician is learning how to interact with strangers in the context of very serious things," he says. "As you're listening to your patient, you're thinking about a differential diagnosis; you have to know when to let them speak and when to get them back on track, and I've honed those instincts over twenty years in investigative work."

At forty-six, Saffran is old enough to be the dad of his fellow first-years—and actually, his daughter is about to graduate from Columbia this spring. (While he says that his classmates don't treat him any differently, he allows that they've made a few well-placed jokes about his planned research focus: the biology of aging.) At a time of life when many people are nearing >

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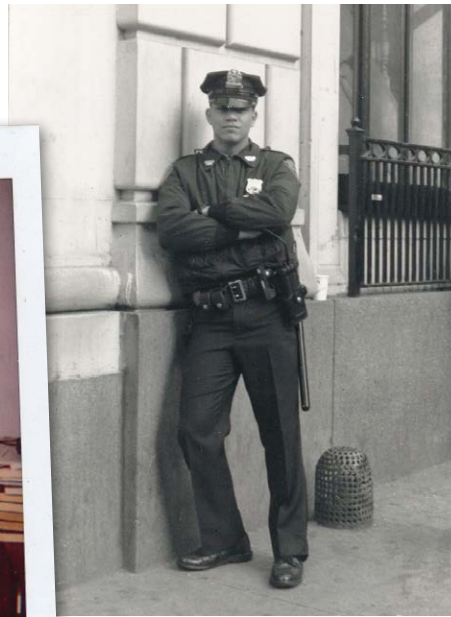
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**TO PROTECT AND SERVE:**

Saffran in uniform. Far left: With his daughter, Alorah, during his perilous days as an undercover detective; she's now about to graduate from Columbia undergrad, three years after her father did.

the apex of their careers and planning for retirement, he's looking ahead—happily—to more than a decade of medical school, PhD studies, residency, and fellowship before he's fully trained. "When I started, I needed to make the decision: am I focused on the long-term goal, or can I derive enough life satisfaction from being wherever I am at any moment? Can I be journey-centric? And I decided that I could be," Saffran says. "This is not something I'm trying to get through. This is who I am now."

The path toward two doctorates has been windy and interesting, both academically and otherwise. Saffran excelled in math and science in school, but struggled with undiagnosed learning disabilities that made reading so difficult that college seemed out of reach. He joined the NYPD, he says, because he wanted to help others, and he was "willing to be the person running toward danger when other people were running away from it." He eventually joined the department's Organized Crime Control Bureau, where he did undercover work that he describes—in strikingly casual tones—as "extremely dangerous." Sporting numerous tattoos and long dreadlocks, clad in smelly thrift-shop clothes, he'd often play a heroin or crack addict for low-level "buy and bust" operations; other times he'd pose as a smartly dressed trafficker of drugs and guns. "Sometimes I shake when I think about what I used to do on a daily basis," he says. "Infiltrating drug cartels and having a gun put to my head or in my mouth and being interrogated, constantly having to talk my way out of situations. When you're undercover, if you pull your gun it's never going to end well. You're always going to be outnumbered and have to shoot your way past four armed guys and their two Rottweilers."

Saffran was a single dad, having gained sole custody of his daughter when she was five; when the undercover life became incompatible with parenthood, he retired from the force and opened his own P.I. agency, specializing in child-protective investigations. (Sample case: surveilling an alcoholic dad who was using his young child to defeat his car's DWI-prevention breathalyzer, then endangering the toddler by driving drunk.) When his daughter was diagnosed with learning disabilities—but received help that enabled her to thrive in school—he realized that higher education might be an option for him after all. He earned a 4.0 at a community college and transferred to Columbia for a BS in biophysics; his senior year, his daughter was a freshman. After graduation he went to work in the lab of Michael Kaplitt, MD '95, a professor of neurological surgery at the Medical College whose research includes gene therapy for Parkinson's disease.

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"He's both a practicing neurosurgeon and the principal investigator of the lab," Saffran says. "In addition to the researcher's instinct, he has a strong clinical foundation. He was always asking, 'How does this work with a human being?' and that spoke to me strongly. That's when I realized I wanted to do an MD-PhD."

He started classes last fall. It's typically a seven- to eight-year program: after two years of medical school, students take three or four years to do PhD coursework, conduct research, and write a dissertation before returning to complete the MD. But with the aim of focusing on research when he shifts to his doctoral studies, Saffran piled on some grad school classes this year as well. "I'm doing well, and I'm really happy—I'm just not getting a lot of sleep," he says with a laugh. "For twenty years I felt like this is a life I could not have. Now, to be able to make learning my principal occupation—it's the most exciting thing in the world." ■

— Beth Saulnier



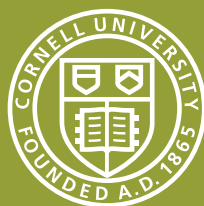
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PRIME SUSPECT

For three straight decades, Catherine Russell '77 has starred in Off-Broadway's *Perfect Crime*



"I've never been a big vacation person," says Catherine Russell '77—demonstrating that along with her talent for acting, she has a serious gift for understatement. The star of the long-running Off-Broadway whodunit *Perfect Crime*, Russell has appeared in all but four of the show's more than 12,000 performances since it opened thirty years ago. And to be clear: she only missed those to attend her siblings' weddings.

In December 2008—more than 3,400 shows ago now—she broke the Guinness world record for the most theater performances by a woman in the same role. Perhaps inevitably, *People* has dubbed her the "Cal Ripken of Broadway."

Since April 18, 1987, Russell has played eight shows a week as one Margaret Thorne Brent, a brilliant and intense psychiatrist who may or may not be a killer. Over the course of several fraught days in her well-appointed living room in a tony Connecticut town, the high-strung Margaret copes with—and this is just for starters—a dangerously unhinged patient; a distant and eccentric husband; a vanished cook; a mysterious connection to a murdered girl; and the

attentions of a police inspector who's as persistent as he is alluring. "The older we get, the wiser we get, so in some ways I think the character has more layers now," Russell observes. "Over the years, everything that has happened in my own life has given me a better sense of how to play her."

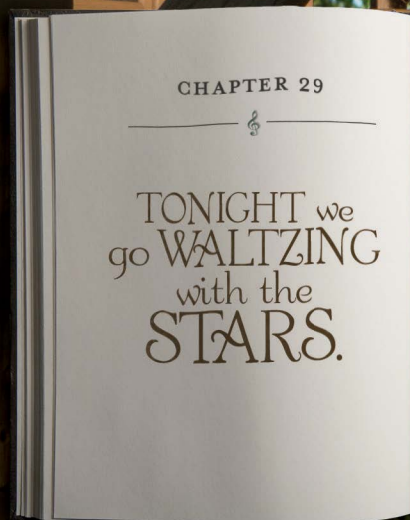
The play itself has also evolved. When it opened—to a *New York Times* review that, while mixed, said it had "the makings of a crackling thriller"—it was three hours



MURDERERS' ROW: Russell (clockwise from above) in the current production with costar Richard Shoberg of "All My Children" fame, and with castmates in 1999 and 1987

long. Actor-playwright Warren Manzi spent years reworking it, Russell says, often making changes at the last possible second. "He would literally give me rewrites right before I went onstage—he'd grab me and I'd have to shove him away," she recalls with a laugh. "He'd give me a speech and say, 'Put it in the second act; it doesn't have to be verbatim.' But that was good. I got to live with the part." While the script has stayed roughly the same for more than twenty years, it has been updated for changes in technology and pop culture: car phones became cell phones, and Phil Donahue gave way ▶





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to Oprah. "I didn't start out saying I was going to do it for years and years, but I like security," Russell says. "On the Internet, people are like, 'She must be a crazy, poor, tragic person. Can't she do anything else?' But I like doing the same thing over and over, and I've been lucky enough to find something where I could do that."

Russell has worked with—and shot at, and kissed, and been slapped by—dozens of co-stars over the decades; her current foil as the dogged detective is Richard Shoberg, a 1978 Emmy nominee for the soap opera “All My Children.” Last fall, movie star Gary Busey did a two-week run as Margaret’s disturbed patient, with the understanding that he could adapt the part to his persona. “He was really good—what a lovely man,” Russell says. “He probably said 25 percent of the lines and the rest were paraphrased, but things like that make still doing the show fun. Having different people come in makes it interesting, so I’m not bored. If I ever felt like, ‘Oh my God, I don’t want to go onstage,’ that would be the time for me to stop. But I haven’t gotten there yet.”

As in all live theater, there have been surprises and malfunctions. There was the time that a kid in the second row projectile-vomited onto the stage. Or when the show went on as paramedics treated an audience member for a suspected heart attack. Once, the play had to be restarted because the stage manager forgot to set a gun backstage. "Now the gun's in my dressing room," Russell says. "And we have backup guns." The set had a glass table, until an actor dropped

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a gun on it and it shattered mid-performance. Back when Russell used to bring her dogs to work, one of them ran onstage at intermission and ate a coffee cake that is key to the plot. "I've tripped down the stairs and I've fallen flat on my face," she says. "I've had my dress fall off. I was younger then, and I wasn't wearing a bra."

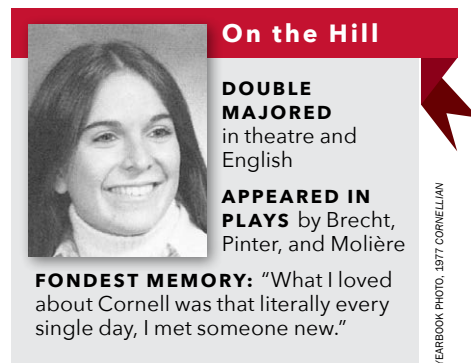
At sixty-one, Russell is still able to knock out the 180 consecutive push-ups with which she starts each day. She credits the fact that she has never called in sick to a strong work ethic, her faith as a Christian Scientist, and a “really good immune system.” In addition to her gig as Margaret, Russell—who earned a master’s in educational theater from NYU after graduating from Cornell—teaches acting at NYU, CUNY’s Baruch College, and the Theater Center, the multi-stage venue near Times Square where *Perfect Crime* is performed. She also manages that facility, home to another famously long-running show (*The Fantasticks*, which is set to close in June) as well as rehearsal spaces used by Broadway musicals like *Hamilton* and *School of Rock*. On the Wednesday afternoon in March when Russell chatted with CAM after the show, she not only starred in the two o’clock matinee, but sold tickets for *The Fantasticks*, made arrangements to have the building’s boiler fixed, and took out the trash.

In short: if there is a term that means the opposite of “diva,” it describes Russell to a T. “In the *Guinness Book*, I’m listed next to the world’s tallest horse—and the horse got a picture and I didn’t,” she says with a chuckle. “So I really know my place in the universe.” ■

— *L. P. Drew*



THE SHOW MUST GO ON: A sampling of the press coverage that Russell's record-setting run has drawn over the years



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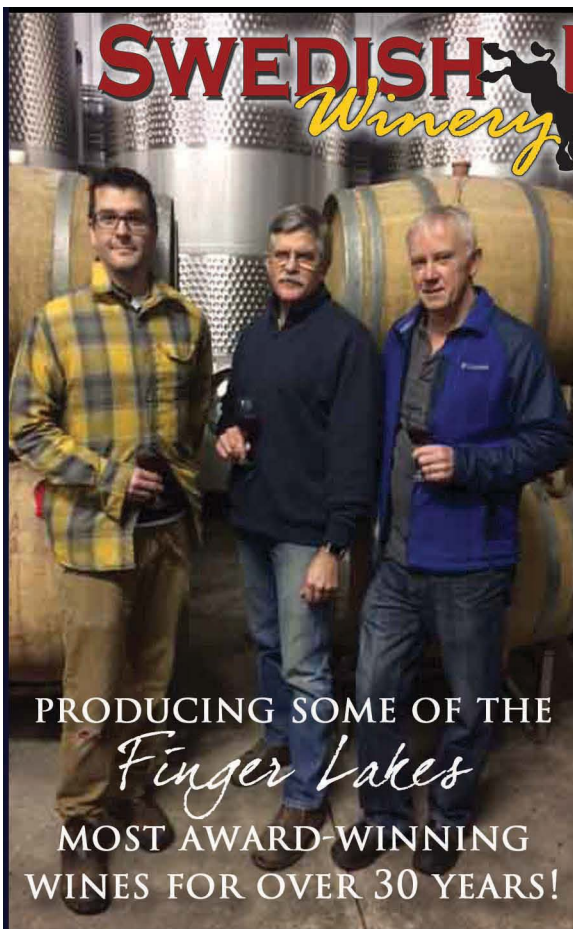
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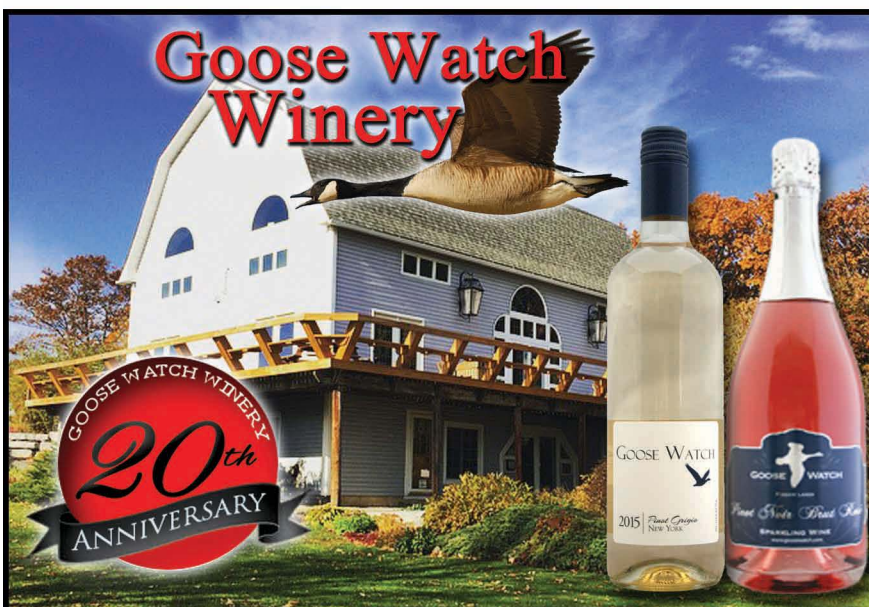
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ISLAND SPIRITS



After fifteen years in finance, Jason Brand '93 is making rum (and lettuce) in paradise

TROPICAL DRINK
(clockwise from far left): Jason Brand '93, a flight in the Kunia tasting room, a bottle of Ko Hana rum, the distillery's sugarcane fields, and a brilliantly colored stalk of heirloom cane

For Jason Brand '93, the decision to retire at age thirty-six from the Wall Street rat race—with its 100-plus-hour workweeks and constant travel—came when his five-year-old daughter pointed to a phone and called it “Dad.” “Because that’s what Daddy was,” Brand says, with a sheepish shake of the head, “a voice on the telephone.”

Nine years later, Brand is still a driven businessman—but nowadays, the father of three has time for surfing and soccer practice. Living and working on the Hawaiian island of Oahu, Brand runs a craft distillery that makes high-end rum from local heirloom sugarcane. Dubbed Ko Hana (Hawaiian for “work of the cane”), the libation is made in small batches—generally from only one plant variety at a time—and sampled by the public in the island’s only tasting room for spirits. “We thought this is the perfect way to express what we think are very noble canes,” says Brand, noting that it took six years of scouring the state to collect and genetically sample the thirty-four varieties grown on his twenty-four-acre farm, which also hosts an aquaponics operation for lettuce and fish (see sidebar).

Named for the first type of cane it grew, Brand’s Manulele

To distinguish itself from mass-market brands that cultivate a dissolute, Captain Jack Sparrow sort of image, the company ‘made a big effort not to be piratey.’

Distilleries produces a type of rum that accounts for just 1 percent of the global market. Known as *rhum agricole*, it’s made—in the Franco-Caribbean tradition—from fresh-pressed cane juice; by contrast, Brand explains, most of what’s sold worldwide is *rhum industriel*, made from molasses. (Since molasses is a

byproduct of the table sugar industry, he says, “that’s why rum tends to have off-putting flavors.”) Intended to be sipped straight or have a starring role in craft cocktails, Ko Hana is pitched as a fine beverage—the antithesis of what’s splashed from a plastic bottle into a Cuba Libre. The aim, Brand says, is to elevate rum in the vein of other spirits—like tequila, whisky, gin, and vodka—that have enjoyed a quality surge in recent decades. Indeed, to distinguish itself from mass-market brands that cultivate a dissolute, Captain Jack Sparrow sort of image, the company “made a big effort not to be piratey.”

To that end, Manulele—the name translates as “flying >



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bird"—eschewed conventional round bottles in favor of elegant square ones, sourced from a French glassmaker and labeled and filled by hand. The distillery's offerings include a clear, 80 proof White Agricole Rum (\$30 for 375 ml) described as having notes of banana, fresh cream, and butterscotch; other varieties, ranging in price from \$45 to \$75, are reminiscent of a fine tequila or a smoky whiskey. (The latter is aged first in Chardonnay barrels of French oak before being moved to barrels that contained Laphroaig Scotch.) Manulele's Kokoleka rum (\$50) is blended with cacao and raw honey; it can be sipped as a dessert cordial, poured atop a piña colada, or reduced into a sauce for anything from pancakes to braised pork.

The distillery and farm are located in Kunia, about half an hour from the Honolulu airport, on property with views of Diamond Head and Pearl Harbor. The tasting room, which opened in 2015, is housed in a Fifties-era building, complete with a rolled-steel roof, that was once the general store for workers on the now-defunct Del Monte pineapple plantation. Visitors are greeted with a glass of fresh-pressed cane juice before touring the operation and cozying up to the bar to sample the spirits and some of the other products the distillery sells, which include local honey, cake, coffee, and chocolate—all infused with rum in one way or another. Out back is a garden showcasing each of the thirty-four types of cane grown on the property—plants that are not just the familiar green, but also jewel-like tones of yellow, purple, and red. The farm has been working with researchers at the University of Hawaii to preserve the island's native varieties, Brand says; he notes that the last of the state's cane plantations—which grew imported types favored for industrial sugar production—shut down in December. "Even at our small size," he says, "we've become one of the largest sugarcane growers in the state."

How did a Miami-born, Ithaca-educated financier wind up in Hawaii in the first place? Brand explains that when he was living in Tokyo and running Merrill Lynch's Asia operations, his now-wife was still based in New York, where she worked as an actor and producer. "Hawaii," he says, "became our meeting place." ■

— Kitty Kemp



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About 90 percent of the food consumed on the Hawaiian islands is imported, Brand notes—adding that if shipments were interrupted, the state has only about three days' worth of supplies. So when he and his family moved to Oahu, one of his aims was to build companies that could help the state become more food independent. His first venture: Kunia Country Farms, which grows lettuce and raises fish using aquaponic technology. Founded in 2010, Kunia currently sells three types of head lettuce (including Manoa, a green-leaf variety developed at the University of Hawaii) as well as baby salad mixes, sold in the state's major grocery stores; it also supplies the salad greens for Zippy's, a popular local restaurant chain.

Brand's operation produces a quarter-million pounds of lettuce a year, using environmentally sustainable techniques: it's irrigated by rainwater and powered via solar panels. As an aquaponic system—which leverages the symbiotic relationship between plants and fish—it gets natural fertilizer via the waste from the thousands of tilapia and catfish that swim in adjacent pools. (The fish also provide another crop for sale.) Overall, Brand says, the aquaponic system is five times as productive as conventional soil-based cultivation. "Even though this is only a three-acre farm," he says, "I'm producing fifteen acres' worth of lettuce."

The hole-dotted Styrofoam panels that hold the lettuce plants are supplied by a local company; they're made from the same material as surfboard cores. The beds are salvaged from shipping pallets; coconut husks (which would otherwise be discarded as agricultural waste) are used to keep the lettuce seeds from falling into the water as they grow; even the farm's roadways are covered in ground-up asphalt recycled from local construction projects. Part of Brand's mission is to educate schoolkids about sustainability: an outreach program brings about 1,000 students to the farm each year on field trips.

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Meet Olivia Corn '19, leader of CU's College Republicans at a memorably divisive time



'I'm pro-choice, I'm pro-LGBTQ rights, and I don't like a lot of what Donald Trump stands for, but I still consider myself a Republican.'

CAMPUS CONSERVATIVE: Olivia Corn '19 at the Law School in February. While last fall's presidential election made for a contentious atmosphere on the Hill—with talks by Rick Santorum and a Tea Party founder sparking disruptions and discord—by spring semester the mood had calmed down considerably, and a speech by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was held in March without incident.

Manhattan native Olivia Corn '19 says she was “blissfully ignorant of politics” until high school, when she was assigned to watch an Obama-Romney debate—and got hooked. The daughter of lawyers Ruthanne Kurtyka '70, JD '73, and Harvey Corn, JD '73, Corn is chair of Cornell's fifty-member chapter of College Republicans, serving during one of the most divisive political moments in American history.

She made headlines when the New York Federation of College Republicans revoked her chapter's membership for endorsing Gary Johnson—but swiftly reversed itself after the Cornell group threatened a lawsuit. Her visible role has had its upsides: getting quoted in a New York Times piece on campus conservatives; being featured as one of the “students standing up to Trump” on MTV News. But it has also had downsides, from being assaulted on Libe Slope to being insulted by Ann Coulter '84, BA '85 (in a tweet to the radical-right pundit's 1.4 million followers).

This spring, Corn ran unsuccessfully for student-elected trustee. The history major—who plans to earn a JD and pursue a career in politics—talked with CAM in one of her favorite spots on campus, the Law School atrium. The following are excerpts.

We're in a remarkably incendiary political moment. Do you feel lucky or unlucky to have this job this year?

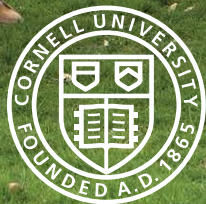
Really lucky. It opened up a lot of opportunities. I got to speak at a Gary Johnson event in New York City in front of 3,000 people, participate in a millennial panel on CBS, and talk to a lot of national media. None of that would have happened if this election cycle hadn't been so crazy and controversial. Yeah, it was difficult at times, >

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and there were certain things that I wish hadn't happened. But it opened up so many doors and showed me what the world of politics could be like.

What's it like to be a conservative on a predominantly liberal campus?

It's frustrating, because people conflate Donald Trump with the Republican Party. I understand that; he's the president and he ran on the Republican ticket. But I'm a very moderate Republican. I'm pro-choice, I'm pro-LGBTQ rights, and I don't like a lot of what Donald Trump stands for, but I still consider myself a Republican.

You've argued that conservative views should be more widely represented on the faculty. Why do you think that's important?

As a conservative, having faculty members who are liberal has given me the ability to engage in debate and possibly challenge my own assumptions. There are thousands of people on this campus who aren't exposed to that kind of opposite opinion.

How have your politics affected relations with your peers?

I've lost a lot of friends because of my position on campus. I've had people berate me on Ho Plaza. I do feel ostracized sometimes.

Do you feel that people treat you differently in your position because you're both female and an underclassman?

I've talked to some of the past chairs and they said I've had, by far, the hardest time. I think it does have to do with the fact that I'm female. A lot of people don't think conservatives or Republicans are supposed to be female, so I threaten their stereotypes. I think it also has to do with the fact that I'm young and people think they can push me around. But I love challenging assumptions. I always say, "If you don't understand why I'm a Republican, come talk to me. Let's have a conversation."

Campus protesters disrupted Rick Santorum's lecture last November.

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What were your thoughts about this?

We thought he'd be a good person to help explain how Donald Trump became the nominee and won the election, but all anybody wanted to talk about was that he had certain views on gay people and abortion. I understand that his views don't align with a lot of the views on campus—they don't align with mine—but that wasn't why he was there. He could barely get two words out without someone screaming at him. When I was getting up to introduce him, people called me fascist and racist, told me I was a disgrace to women. I was really saddened. I think he should at least have been given a certain degree of respect.

As you reported to CUPD, you were assaulted on Libe Slope the night after the presidential election. What happened?

It was six or seven, and I had just gotten out of a meeting in Goldwin Smith. Out of nowhere I felt two hands grab me and throw me down, and the person yelled that I was a racist. I remember being shocked. I knew people were upset that Donald Trump had won, but I didn't support him and wasn't thrilled at the outcome. It was scary, and I now walk with an alarm in my bag at all times.

What advice have your parents given you about dealing with all this?

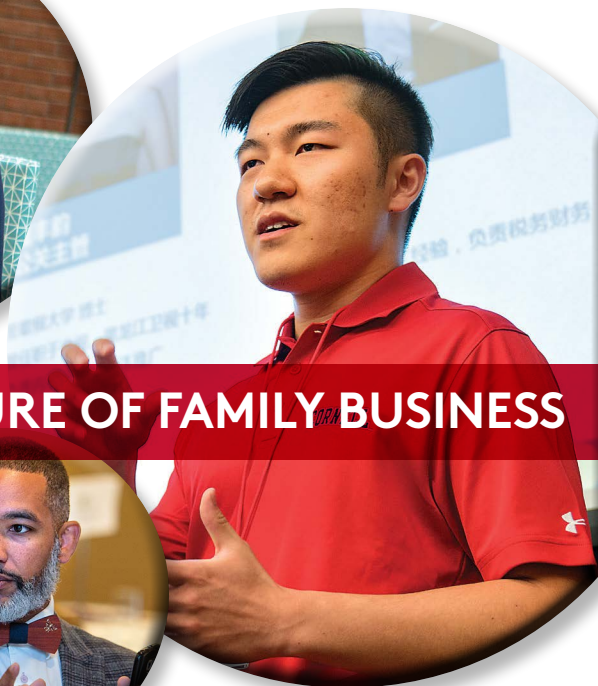
That I need to have a thick skin and be prepared that this is some of the backlash I'm going to receive as a Republican. They said, "Get ready, because this is only the beginning. If you become a national politician, you're going to have people from all over the country disagreeing with you and saying horrible things."

Given Cornell's liberal bent, what made you want to come here in the first place?

My mom and dad are Cornellians, and I've wanted to go here since I was a little girl. It's heaven on earth to me. So even though I've had some issues on campus, there's no place I'd rather be. ■

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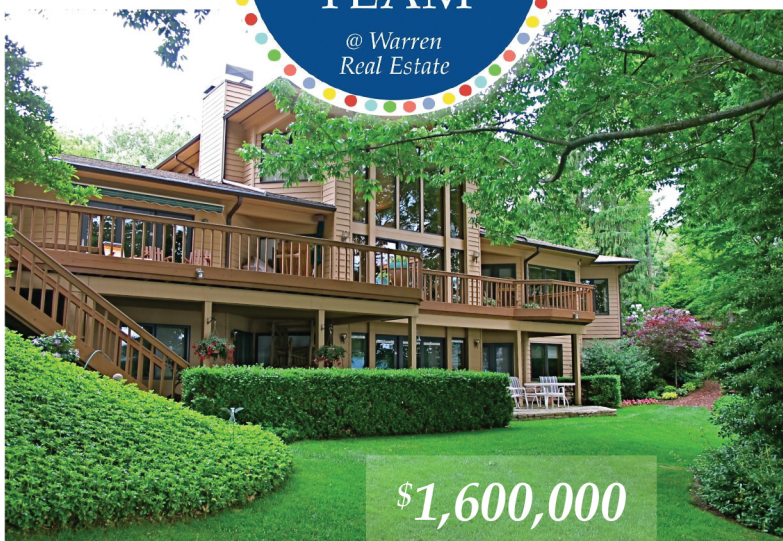
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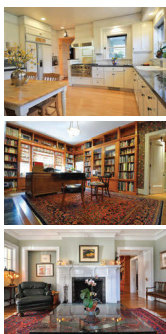


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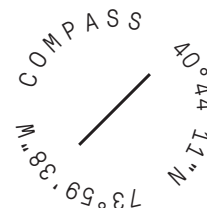
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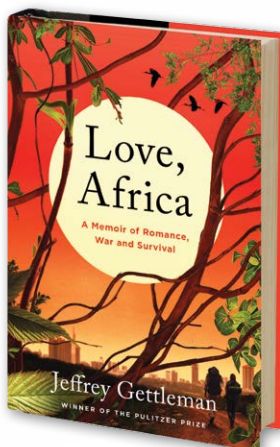
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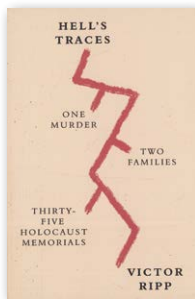
In a memoir that *Kirkus* calls “a stark, eye-opening, and sometimes horrifying portrait by a reporter enthralled by the ‘power and magic’ of Africa,” the *New York Times* East Africa bureau chief describes his struggle to balance marriage with a profession that requires constant travel and potentially deadly risks.

Gettleman, who won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting, organizes his chapters by regions and years, from Ithaca to Somalia to Kenya and beyond. He covers domestic upheavals—offering a frank discussion of his own infidelities—and personal and professional dramas, including being kidnapped by Ethiopian soldiers.

At nineteen, Gettleman went on what he calls a “homemade” service trip, in which he drove from Nairobi to Malawi to bring aid to refugees. The experience made him fall in love with Africa and long to return someday. But that plan was complicated when he met his wife-to-be, Courtenay Morris '94, on the Hill. Their relationship put Gettleman's dream of permanently relocating to Africa at odds with his desire to be with Morris, who became a criminal lawyer in the U.S. Throughout the book, and over the years, the couple alternates between having a long-distance relationship, living in the United States, and traveling together through war-torn countries for Gettleman's reporting assignments. “These were the same exotic locales I used to stare at longingly on airport screens,” Gettleman writes of the nations from which he was assigned to report. “Now I was waking up in them, with Courtenay.”



COURTING DANGER: Jeffrey Gettleman '94 and his wife, Courtenay Morris '94, in Ethiopia, shortly before being kidnapped

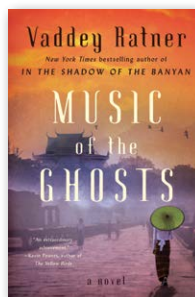


Hell's Traces

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When Ripp was a young child, he and his immediate family fled Nazi-occupied Paris for the United States. But other members of his extended clan—including a cousin close to his own age—were not as fortunate, ultimately being murdered at Auschwitz. Seven decades after his migration, the scholar and fiction writer

travels through Europe and visits thirty-five Holocaust memorials to learn more about his relatives, in an effort to understand how his family's experiences fit into the broader scope of history. With an emphasis on the tragic fate of his cousin, which he himself narrowly avoided, Ripp pays tribute to the millions of lives lost. “Ripp is an engaging and empathic writer,” says *Publishers Weekly*, “who has found a unique, moving way to tell his extended family's story during the Holocaust and to memorably honor his martyred cousin.”

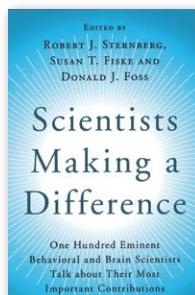


Music of the Ghosts

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father, Teera is drawn back to Cambodia in search of answers about her absent parent—and to understand what has become of the place she once called home. “I came raging against the loss, against this land,” Ratner writes, as Teera reflects on her return, “only to be embraced by it as if I'd never left.”



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Big Red Highlights



WOMEN'S HOCKEY The Big Red achieved an undefeated Ivy League season, a 13th Ivy title, and a trip to the NCAA tournament. The team was also runner-up at the ECAC Championship, losing to Clarkson 1-0 in the final before falling again to the Golden Knights 3-1 in the NCAA quarterfinals. **Micah Hart '19** was a first-team All-ECAC pick after leading a Cornell defense that allowed only 1.7 points per game. Goalie **Paula Voorheis '17** was named the ECAC's Student-Athlete of the Year, honoring achievement in the classroom and on the ice. **Doug Derraugh '91**, was named the ECAC Coach of the Year for the third time.

MEN'S HOCKEY The Big Red qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time in five seasons. Cornell earned a spot in the playoffs—where it lost 5-0 to UMass, Lowell—after going 18-6-5 in the regular season and then finishing second in the ECAC playoffs. **Jake Weidner '17** was named ECAC Defensive Forward of the Year while defenseman **Yanni Kaldis '20** was named to the league All-Rookie team. Kaldis was also a first-team All-Ivy pick while goalie **Mitch Gillam '17**, defenseman **Patrick McCarron '17**, and forward **Mitch Vanderlaan '19** were named second team All-Ivy.

WRESTLING **Gabe Dean '17** became a four-time All-American by finishing second at the NCAA Championships in St. Louis in March. Dean, who lost the title match at 184 pounds by one point, finished the season 30-1 to become Cornell's all-time leader in wins with 152. Three other Big Red wrestlers earned All-American honors—**Brian Realbuto '17**, fifth at 174; **Dylan Palacio '17**, sixth at 157; and **Brandon Womack '19**, eighth at 165. As a team, Cornell was eighth and is one of only two schools to finish in the top ten each of the past 10 seasons. The Big Red also won an 11th straight Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association title and a 15th straight Ivy League championship.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD Two Cornell athletes earned All-American honors through their performances at the NCAA indoor track and field championships.

Rudy Winkler '17 received first-team laurels after finishing fourth in the weight throw. He was also named the Northeast Region Field Athlete of the Year for the second straight season after a record-breaking weight throw of 75 feet, 7.75 inches at the Heptagonal Championships, helping Cornell to a second-place finish. **Austin Jamerson '17** was a second-team All-American after placing 13th in the heptathlon at the national meet.



WOMEN'S SQUASH **Michèle Garceau '18** (above) earned All-American honors by qualifying for the top flight of the College Squash Association Individual Championships. **Margaux Losty '18**, earned second-team All-American honors by winning one of four B-flights contested at the tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL **Nia Marshall '17** led the Big Red in scoring for a third straight season to finish her career as the team's all-time leading scorer with 1,685 points. Previous record holder **Karen Walker '91** (1,650 points) was on hand to see Marshall

break her record during a 55-44 win over Princeton, Cornell's first over the Tigers in 17 tries.

Marshall averaged 15.3 points per game to earn first-team All-Ivy honors for a second time, becoming the first player in program history to do so. **Megan LeDuc '17** earned honorable mention All-Ivy after averaging 12.1 points and 3.5 assists per game.



WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS The Big Red finished second at the ECAC championships and cleaned up in the awards department. **Lyanda Dudley '19** (bottom) was crowned ECAC Gymnast of the Year after winning the all-around at the title meet. **Kaitlin Green '19** was second in the beam and walked away with Specialist of the Year laurels. Meanwhile, **Alex Bourgeois '17** and **Kelsy Kurfirst '19** shared the Scholar-Athlete of the Year award and Melanie Dilliplane was named Assistant Coach of the Year. Earlier in the season, Cornell won its second straight Ivy Classic title and 12th overall.

WOMEN'S FENCING **Victoria Wines '17** became the first Cornell fencer to earn four All-Ivy honors after placing fourth in the epee competition at the Ivy League tournament. She then took home a second place finish in the epee at the NCAA Northeast Regionals for the second straight season to earn a spot in the national championships.

MEN'S SWIMMING **Alex Evdokimov '18** (above left) swept the Ivy League breaststroke titles for the third season, winning the 100 breast with a conference, meet, pool, and school record time of 52.13. In the 200, he pulled away late in the race to win with a time of 1:53.72. Earlier in the season, Cornell extended its non-conference winning streak to 14 with a win over St. Bonaventure.

Alumni News

WRESTLING **Mack Lewnes '11** was inducted into the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Hall of Fame during the Eastern championships. Lewnes left East Hill as the Big Red's career leader in wins after going 150-12. He was also the ninth four-time EIWA champion in tournament history and a three-time All-American, helping Cornell to four Eastern titles and a pair of NCAA runner-up finishes.

BASKETBALL **Jeomi Maduka '09** and **Garry Munson '66** were named to the inaugural class of Ivy League hoops legends. Maduka was the league's player of the year and an honorable mention All-American in 2008 when she helped the Big Red to its only Ivy League title and a trip to the NCAA tournament. Still ranked among the top 10 rebounders in school history after 50 years away from the court, Munson led Cornell to a 49-24 overall record and 30-12 in Ivy League play—the best three-year total until the 2000s.

MEN'S HOCKEY The 1970 team is still the only unbeaten, untied team in NCAA Division I men's hockey history, and it's now part of the ECAC Hall of Fame. The Big Red went 29-0-0 that season, capped off by a 6-4 win over Clarkson in the championship game. Established in 2015, the ECAC Hall of Fame recognizes former student-athletes, coaches, administrators, teams, officials, and support staff for outstanding achievements, service, dedication, commitment, and contributions to the league.

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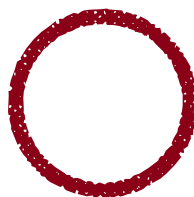
READY FOR DUTY:
ROTC drills on the Arts
Quad in 1917



LIFE DURING WARTIME

A century later, remembering Cornell's contributions to WWI

BY ALEXANDRA BOND '12



ne hundred years ago this spring—on April 6, 1917—President Woodrow Wilson signed the declaration that would launch the nation into war, and propel the University to action. Within a week, 575

Cornell undergraduates had registered for military service; by the end of the war two and a half years later, almost 9,000 students and alumni would enlist. Of these, more than 4,500 were commissioned officers, comprising 2 percent of all officers in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps—more than from any other single institution, West Point included.

The University's strong military roots trace back to the Morrill Land Grant Act that enabled its founding. That law, enacted during the Civil War, mandated that land-grant schools provide instruction in military tactics along with subjects like agriculture and engineering. Military training has been part of the Cornell curriculum ever since, first through the Cadet Corps and now in today's Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Though the war raged thousands of miles from the Hill, it had dramatic effects on campus. In September 1917, the incoming freshman class was almost a third smaller than usual. Fraternities were nearly half empty. Sports were cancelled and clubs went dormant. Tensions sometimes ran high. Students vandalized the home of a Swiss-born, pacifist faculty member who declined to buy Liberty bonds; a Latin professor moved to have a colleague in the German department expelled from the Town and Gown Club—on the grounds, as Morris Bishop 1914, PhD

1926, wrote in his *History of Cornell*, “that any reader of the *New Yorker Staats-Zeitung* was a traitor.”

Many on campus worked to aid the war effort from the home front. Cornellians observed “Meatless Mondays” and “Wheatless Wednesdays” to conserve food for the troops. The College of Agriculture took a leading role in ag management statewide—running a campaign for food economy, maintaining “victory gardens,” and organizing an agricultural census. The Department of Home Economics helped lead the movement for household thrift, demonstrated home canning techniques, and disseminated recipes adapted for wartime shortages of staples like sugar. In 1917, Cornell became one of six campuses nationwide to host the Army's School of Military Aeronautics, which taught subjects like radio engineering and aerial photography, and hundreds of male undergrads juggled coursework with ROTC drills. “In the muddy middle of the roads marched the columns, the army boots stamping the rhythm, the sergeants barking ‘Hep,’ the campus dogs also barking in their own rhythm and bounding with delight,” Bishop wrote. “The quadrangle was the scene of incessant reviews, with pup tents rising and promptly struck, with rifles neatly stacked, with packs ever rolled, unrolled, and rerolled.”

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BOOTS ON THE GROUND: Marching around Beebe Lake (top) and parading in front of a crowd in Schoellkopf Stadium (bottom). Middle: Pitching tents on the Arts Quad.



Medal of Honor Winner

In September 1918, things took a turn for the worse for the 107th Machine Gun Company near Le Catelet, France. After being separated from their platoon, Alan Louis Eggers 1919 and two fellow soldiers were taking cover in a shell hole in enemy territory when they heard calls for help coming from a disabled tank thirty yards away. The three left their hiding place and made for the tank under heavy German fire; one was mortally wounded before reaching it. Eggers and his companion then removed three wounded men and deposited them in a nearby trench before returning to the tank to retrieve a machine gun. They used the weapon to hold off the enemy until nightfall, when they were able to escape with their wounded comrades. All three rescuers were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor; Eggers's was the only one given to a Cornellian during World War I.



FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR
You came here seeking Freedom
You must now help to preserve it
WHEAT is needed for the allies
Waste nothing

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Nutritional Value

Martha van Rensselaer and Flora Rose, co-founders of Cornell's Department of Home Economics, were active wartime volunteers for the U.S. Food Administration. With the slogan "Food will win the war," the agency's focus was to meet the nutritional needs of both soldiers and those at home, and to educate the public about food conservation, preservation, and cultivation. While van Rensselaer went to Washington, D.C., to direct the administration's home economics division, Rose became deputy director of the New York branch.

French Twist



Three Medical College alumnae were the first American women to obtain army rank—albeit in the French forces. "The U.S. Army would not commission women doctors, only women nurses," explains Elaine Engst, MA '72, the University's archivist emerita. "So these women became contract surgeons as civilians." Caroline Sanford Finley, MD 1901, Anna von Sholly, MD 1902, and Mary Merritt Crawford 1904, MD 1907 (second from left, seen with some of her patients), were made lieutenants in the French army after being decorated by that nation's government for their work under heavy bombardment.

First Casualty

A Canadian citizen, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Beckett 1892 went to war sooner than most of his Cornellian peers. Credited with recruiting more than 1,000 men for his battalion in just three weeks, he was renowned for instilling bravery and courage in his fellow soldiers. For roughly a year, Beckett came out of numerous battles unscathed, until he died outside Carenty, France, in March 1917—the first Cornellian killed in battle.



Military Memorabilia

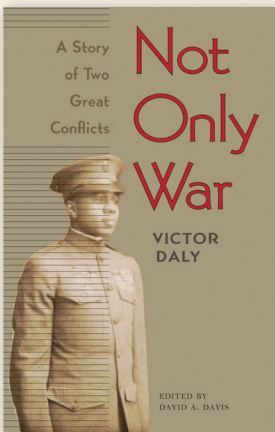
On the fourth floor of Barton Hall, a small museum highlights Cornell's extensive military history with displays of memorabilia, photographs, uniforms, and more. Established in 1973 and managed by ROTC, it's named for Howard Wortham 1914, who served as a captain in WWI. The museum is open by appointment only; for more information, call (607) 255-4006.





Honoring Their Sacrifice

Erected to commemorate 264 fallen “sons of Cornell,” the West Campus’s War Memorial was dedicated in 1932. At the time, a debate arose surrounding a 265th casualty whose name does not appear: Hans Wagner 1912, who died fighting for Germany.

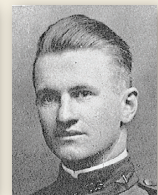


Art Imitates Life

Decorated for his combat service, Victor Daly 1919 went on to pen a novel after returning home that was partly inspired by his experiences as an African American in the U.S. forces. Entitled *Not Only War: A Story of Two Great Conflicts*, it describes life in a segregated army, in which black soldiers suffered racial insults and violence at the hands of their comrades. Published in 1932, it's believed to be the only World War I novel written by an African American veteran.

Five Aces

Coined during World War I, the term “ace” distinguished airmen who shot down at least five enemy aircraft. Five Cornellians earned that honor (clockwise from top row, left): Leslie Rummell 1916, Laurence Callahan 1916, James Meissner 1918, Jesse Creech 1920, and John Donaldson 1921. Donaldson was further decorated when he became one of only twenty-five pilots in the war to earn the title of Military Aviator.



First on the Scene

A senior forestry major and a member of the varsity track team, Edward Tinkham 1916 was among the first Americans to volunteer for the war effort. In February 1916, before the U.S. had entered the conflict, Tinkham left his studies to become an ambulance driver in France. In early 1917, after earning a Croix de Guerre from the French government for bravery in the Battle of Verdun, he returned to Ithaca and recruited thirty-five Cornellians for an ambulance unit. By the time they arrived overseas, America had declared war and the unit was tasked to drive ammunition trucks up to the front lines; on May 24, 1917, theirs was the first unit to carry the American flag into the war. Tinkham, who later flew as a naval aviator in Italy, died in a military hospital in 1919 of spinal meningitis.



Statistics of Service

Cornellians in uniform: 8,851

Commissioned officers: 4,598

Decorations/citations: 526

Doctors: 417

(260 CUMC alums)

Nurses: 201

Casualties: 265



WAR IN THE SKIES: Students receive instruction in Barton Hall on engines (top) and planes (middle). Bottom: A lecture on engine function.



HEALING THE WOUNDED: A training session in an operating room at Base Hospital No. 9 (top). Bottom: An elegant train car pressed into service to transport military patients.

The Med School Deploys

In early 1916, the American Red Cross began to organize base hospital units to be deployed in Europe when the nation entered the war, each to be staffed by a university hospital from around the U.S. When the call went out to New York Hospital—which had become affiliated with Cornell University Medical College four years earlier—there were so many volunteers that its board decreed only the oldest and youngest staff members would be permitted to go, leaving the middle cohort to stay home and run the hospital.

In August 1917, dozens of doctors and nurses boarded the USS *Finland*, bound for France. By September, they had arrived at Base Hospital No. 9, a former insane asylum in Châteauroux, France. There, they staffed a 500-bed clinic that would become the center of orthopaedic care for the entire American Expeditionary Forces. Among its core principles was the requirement that every capable patient was put to work—policing the wards, farming, doing carpentry, making surgical dressings, and more. Over the course of a year and a half, the hospital grew to 2,250 beds. By the time the staff received their orders to go home in January 1919, they had admitted 15,219 patients—and lost only 133.



ON VIEW: A recruitment poster that's part of the Johnson Museum's current show. Right: The Medical college exhibit includes this 1914 photo of nursing alumnae Anne Reutinger 1904 (left) and Robert Lee Cromwell 1909 on a Red Cross ship en route to Europe.

Images of War

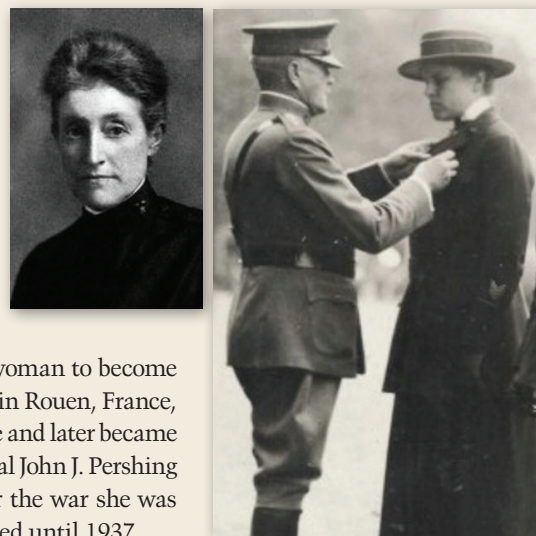
Current exhibits on two campuses commemorate the centennial of the U.S. entry into the Great War. The Johnson Museum's "The War to End All Wars: Artists and World War I" features vintage art, propaganda, uniforms, and even stereoscopes depicting 3D images of soldiers in trenches. At Weill Cornell Medicine, archive staff have mounted an exhibit in the lobby of 1300 York Avenue. Housed in two vitrines, "We Heard the Call: Our Doctors and Nurses in World War I" honors the 417 physicians and 201 nurses who served in the war from the Medical college, New York Hospital, and what would become Cornell's nursing school. Both exhibits are on view until summer.

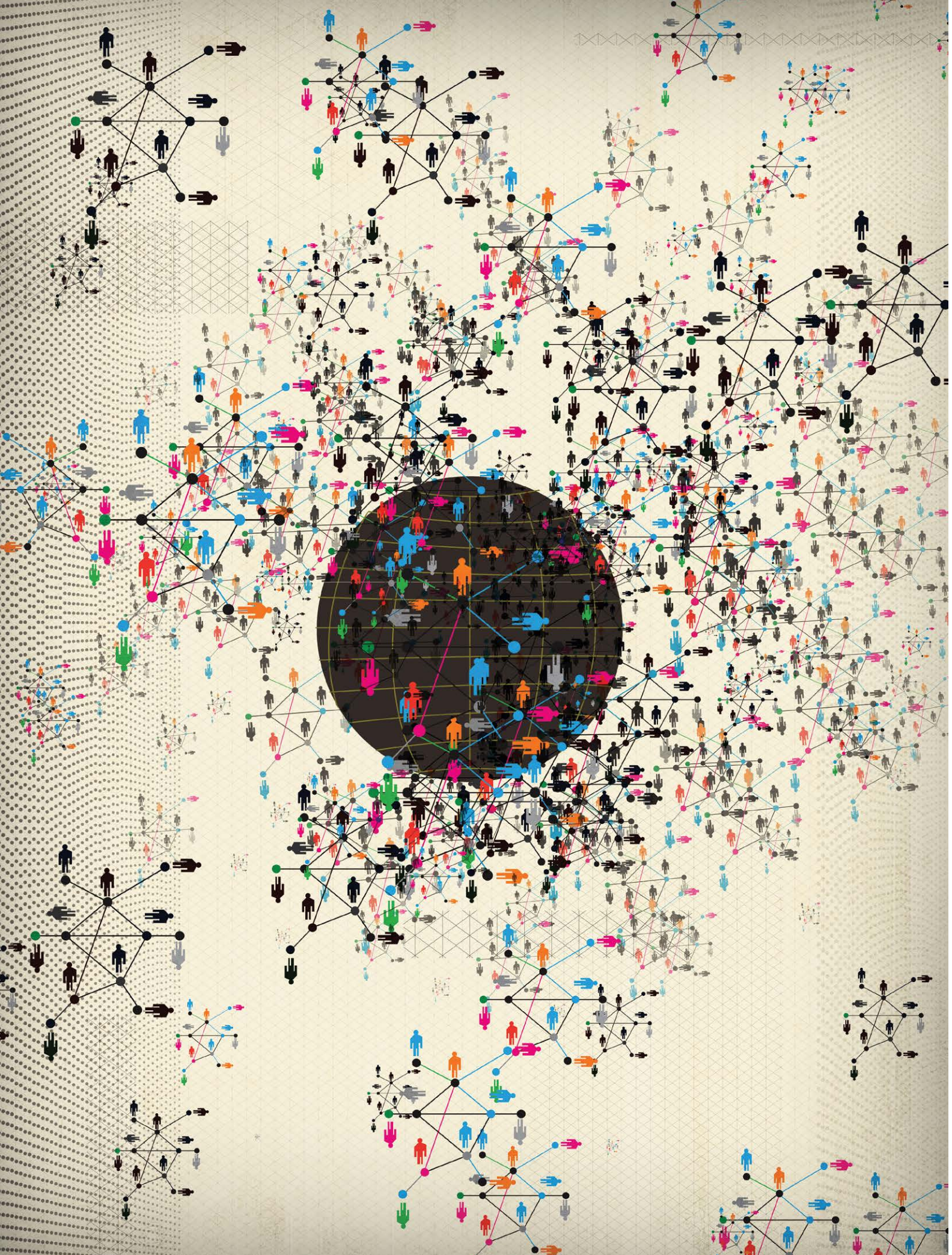


Heroic Nurses

Among the many Cornellian nurses who served in the war, two in particular stand out. Annie Warburton Goodrich 1892 (near right), an alumna and former superintendent of the New York Hospital Training School for Nurses (the antecedent of Cornell's nursing school), was named chief inspecting nurse of the U.S. Army's hospitals in early 1918. In this role, she became acutely aware of the demand for nurses during wartime and helped develop the Army School of Nursing, serving as its first dean. Within five months the school had more than 11,000 applicants; it remained operational into the Thirties.

Another nursing alum, Julia Catherine Stimson 1908, was the first woman to become a major in the U.S. Army. After serving as head nurse at a base hospital in Rouen, France, she was promoted to chief of nurses for the American Red Cross in France and later became director of nursing for the American Expeditionary Forces. In 1919, General John J. Pershing himself awarded her the Distinguished Service Medal (far right). After the war she was appointed chief of nurses in the Army Nurses Corps, where she remained until 1937.





THE WIDE WORLD

Researchers at Cornell's Social Dynamics Laboratory use online networks to study human behavior at a once-unimaginable scale

By Beth Saulnier

Let's say you wanted to study millions of people worldwide with the aim of understanding how mood fluctuates throughout the day—and from day to day, month to month, and season to season. How would you go about it?

If you had unlimited resources, maybe you could deploy a vast army of trained researchers to observe your subjects in shifts, 24/7—but that would be a huge logistical undertaking, and the privacy issues would inevitably get thorny. You could send out surveys and ask people to recall how they felt from minute to minute—but those kinds of retrospective recollections are notoriously unreliable. You could hand out devices that allow people to report their moods in real time—but what if that very action interfered with how they're feeling? And what if they just forgot to do it?

On a practical level, in other words, such a large-scale study was impossible—until the advent of social media. Those networks, which have upended so much of everyday life, have opened up new opportunities for researchers in the social sciences and other fields to study how people think, feel, behave, interact, form opinions, and more. Among the prime movers in this research revolution: Cornell's Social Dynamics Laboratory (SDL), whose headline-generating work has included a 2011 study leveraging Twitter data to explore the mood cycles of more than two million people in eighty-four countries >

Latte Loving Liberals?

In 2004, a now-infamous ad by the conservative Club for Growth decried Howard Dean's supporters as a "tax-hiking, government-expanding, latte-drinking, sushi-eating, Volvo-driving, *New York Times*-reading, body-piercing, Hollywood-loving left wing freak show." The idea of the "latte liberal" stuck—and it eventually inspired researchers in the Social Dynamics Lab to study how well the red-blue divide correlates to seemingly non-political choices like what hot beverage to drink. Tapping existing data from a large national social survey, grad student Daniel DellaPosta and colleagues reported in the *American Journal of Sociology* in 2015 that there were indeed marked contrasts between lifestyle preferences for liberals and conservatives. They built on that work by studying five million people who follow the Twitter feeds of 553 current and former members of Congress, and looking at which lifestyle feeds those people also follow; Ben & Jerry's and Starbucks are favored by liberals, for example, while Chick-Fil-A is a conservative darling. Among the team's more recent discoveries: beer is favored not only by conservative men, but by liberal women.

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LIBERALS

CONSERVATIVES

MOST FOLLOWED:

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Football



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"Real Time With Bill Maher"

"The Walking Dead"



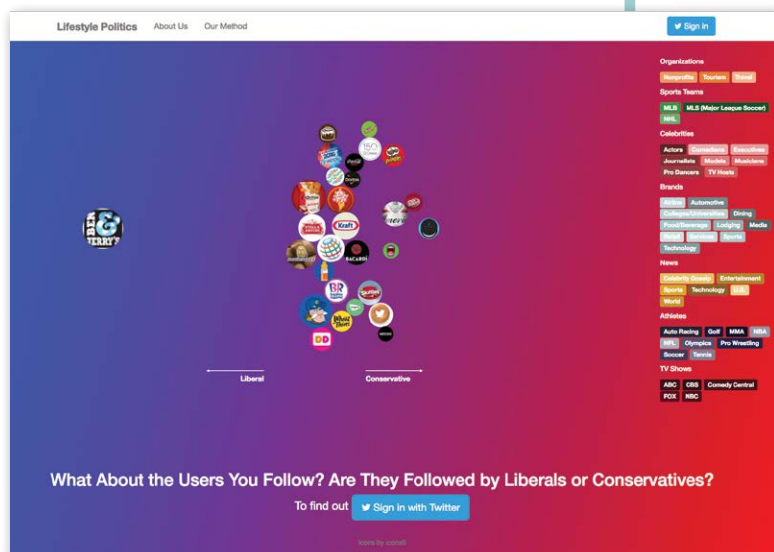
MUSIC

Jazz and R&B

Christian and Country/Western



To see where the Twitter feeds you follow fall on the political spectrum, go to the lab's interactive website lifestyle-politics.com (seen at left).



by parsing their tweets hour by hour. “We just couldn’t do these things before, because social life is really hard to observe—it’s fleeting,” says Michael Macy, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Arts and Sciences and the lab’s director/founder, who has appointments in sociology and information science. “It’s hard to be at the right place at the right time, to see things when they happen. A lot of it happens in private. You just can’t send enough people out into the field to track all this stuff down.”

As Macy explains, the advent of the Internet and social media isn’t just important to sociology because of the vast amounts of data it generates—and in fact, he doesn’t favor the term “big data” to describe it, because its value lies not just in its quantity but in its quality. “These digital traces from social media provide detailed, time-stamped indicators of what people are thinking and doing at a granular level, and on a global scale,” he says. “It’s pretty remarkable.” Tweets are inherently public—the modern equivalent of sounding off in the town square—and Twitter makes its database available in a research-friendly format. Reddit data is similarly accessible, as is that of public group accounts on Facebook and Instagram. With the appropriate oversight from the University’s human subjects committee and the cooperation of the relevant companies, SDL researchers have also accessed anonymized data on one-on-one communications; this does not comprise actual content, but includes such information as logs of e-mail traffic (from Yahoo!) and phone call patterns (from British Telecom). “The field of computational social science has really taken off in the past few years,” says sociologist Duncan Watts, PhD ’97, noting that the discipline will have its third annual international conference this summer, in Germany. “It’s generating a lot of excitement, particularly among younger scholars, and Cornell is one of the best places in the world for this type of work.”

An early pioneer in the field—he did groundbreaking research on the “six degrees of separation” problem as a grad student under applied math professor Steve Strogatz—Watts is now at Microsoft’s research division. Something of a legend among Macy’s students, Watts has spoken to the lab numerous times and visited campus in his role as an A.D. White Professor at Large; Macy also teaches Watts’s 2011 book *Everything Is Obvious* in his popular course on social science prose, Six Pretty Good Books. As Watts notes in it: “Just as the invention of the telescope revolutionized the study of the heavens, so too by rendering the unmeasurable measurable, the technological revolution in mobile, Web, and Internet communications has the potential to revolutionize our understanding of ourselves and how we interact . . . Three hundred years after Alexander Pope argued that the proper study of mankind should lie not in the heavens but in ourselves, we have finally found our telescope.”

Watts points out that when he and Strogatz sought a quarter-century ago to establish whether everyone on the planet was indeed connected by six or fewer other people, “the obvious way to answer that question was to construct the network of the world and count how many links there were.” And as he notes with a laugh: “We thought about that for thirty seconds and realized it was impossible—it could never be done, it was inconceivable, there’s no way it would ever happen, and we had to think our way around the problem.” But lo and behold, today such a network exists and is available for study. “Now we have Facebook,” he says. “There actually is a network of almost a couple of billion people, and you really can count the links between everyone and everyone else—and it turns out to be less than six. So the brute force approach works after all, but only because this super hard problem that we couldn’t even imagine solving got solved through this unexpected route of the Internet leading to the Web leading to social networking sites leading to networks of that scale.”

The trove of online information allows researchers to go where they’ve never gone before. They can travel back in time—virtually speaking—to witness the formation of a community or movement; they can track the spread of a piece of information, trend, or other cultural phenomenon from its genesis. And while the >



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NETWORK ANALYSTS: Sociologists Duncan Watts, PhD ’97 (above), and Michael Macy (top).



Going Viral?

A story, video, meme, or hashtag that becomes wildly popular is said to “go viral.” But does it really? As Watts points out, “All the metaphors that we use to talk about social contagion come from biological contagion; they have an underlying assumption that things spread through a multigenerational branching process, where I infect a few of my friends and each one of them infects a few of theirs, and this grows exponentially to infect a large number of people.”

That is indeed how diseases like Ebola spread. But at Microsoft Research, Watts and colleagues examined more than a billion tweets, drilling down to ones that got at least 100 retweets. While rare—about one in 3,000—they still numbered in the hundreds of thousands. “We were able to look systematically at the structure of these big cascades and found that stuff doesn’t really go viral at all,” he says. “Most things don’t spread—and even the things that do spread do so mostly because they get retweeted by some big hub, what we used to call the ‘Justin Bieber effect.’” For something to become hugely popular, in other words, it must generally be propelled by a celebrity or other super-tweeter with millions of followers. “This should change your intuition about how things spread on social networks vis-à-vis biological networks,” Watts says. “But the other thing that’s interesting is that you couldn’t have done this study if you didn’t have all these tweets to start off with. If you’re studying rare events, you typically only have one of them—and in this study we had hundreds of thousands. That’s the kind of study that just wouldn’t have been possible a decade or so ago.”

Demographic Data

For many people, the relative anonymity of the Web is one of its attractions, but that lack of data can be a bane to researchers. SDL has been working on ways to parse demographics from tweets and other online data—and those online clues can be even more revelatory than standard self-reporting. Not only do they sidestep the chance that a person won’t answer honestly, but they can offer a more accurate picture: a rich vocabulary, for example, indicates a level of intelligence for which education was always just a proxy. “All this data created as a byproduct of people’s online interactions and use of things like smartphones give us an unprecedented window into social life at a fine-grained scale that wasn’t possible with survey research,” says third-year grad student Tom Davidson, whose dissertation work has included studying political polarization during the run-up to the Brexit vote in the UK.

Some of those tactics:

- Education levels can be divined by tallying the vocabulary words used in posts.
- First and last names can inform gender and ethnicity.
- Age, race, and gender can be guessed through facial recognition analysis of profile photos.
- If users have “location services” turned on, researchers can track where they spend their nights and weekends and extrapolate what neighborhood they live in, then use GPS data to identify average home value via sites like Zillow—offering a proxy for income and net worth.



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often-anonymous nature of online communication can be an impediment, investigators have devised ways to tease out information on individuals, from net worth to education levels. “This is a really exciting time,” says Milena Tsvetkova, PhD ’15, a lab alum now at the London School of Economics. “A lot of people are jumping into social science in general; physicists, computer scientists, mathematicians are now doing social research, applying their skills to these enormous amounts of data online and looking at social problems. It’s the best time to be a researcher looking into this area.”

What’s more, the Internet has enabled experiments on a much larger scale, using platforms like Amazon’s Mechanical Turk, a virtual marketplace for piecework labor. “By recruiting online you have this vast participant pool,” says Macy. “Plus, it’s a much better cross section of the population: you’re not just picking up the idiosyncrasies of college sophomores taking intro psych, who’ve just read about the thing you’re studying.” As information science grad student Wei Dong, MS ’16, notes, such traditional campus-based surveys skew toward subjects who are well-educated and at least middle class. “It misses a lot of people who are not necessarily going into universities or don’t speak English,” says Dong, whose dissertation work includes analyzing cross-cultural social networks within a large corporation and trying to predict which hashtags will go viral on Twitter. “So we’re widening our scope a lot.”

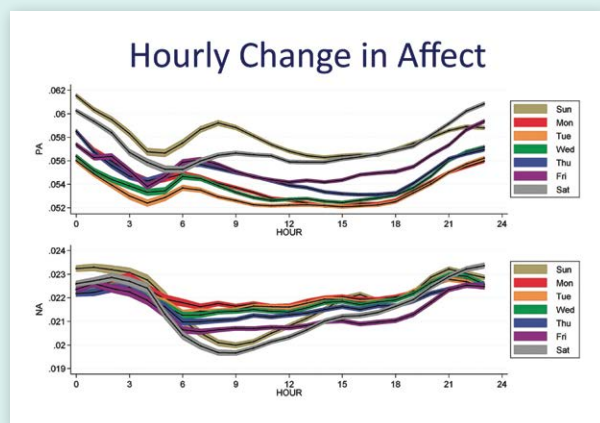
Macy stresses that one of the biggest advantages of the social media revolution is that it facilitates not just the study of the individual—what he terms an “atomistic” view of the world—but the larger networks that influence us. This, he says, can offset the perils of so-called streetlamp bias, which he describes as “the tendency to look where the light is pointing, not where the answer lies”—in other words, to seek explanations where you already have data, such as that gathered through traditional survey methods. “The data from surveys is all about the individual,” he explains. “It’s your education, gender, race, income, religion, age. That’s what we use to explain things; we say that your behavior, political opinions, cultural choices, and lifestyle preferences are somehow shaped by these individual characteristics—forgetting that all of that is affected by your friends, neighbors, and other people who influence you.”

Since the SDL was established a decade ago, it has fostered research on a variety of topics, from hate speech to how information spreads online to the effects of identity-reinforcing “echo chambers,” in which people tend to communicate with others who are like-minded; one team of undergrads is currently trying to figure out if “fake news” can be identified not by its content, but by the network of people and groups that link to the stories. Highly interdisciplinary, the lab brings together grad students and undergrads from numerous fields—not only sociology and information science but psychology, applied mathematics, computer science, economics, and more. “It’s really great—people are excited to learn from others with different backgrounds, and they ask interesting questions,” says George Berry, MA ’16, a fifth-year grad student in sociology who’s using Twitter data to study patterns of interaction on social media across lines of gender, race, and income. “There’s active sharing of information about a new method or piece of research, and we frequently workshop each other’s papers. Professor Macy does a really good job of fostering that. He’s always looking for people who can bring a fresh perspective, teach us something new, or help us understand something that might be difficult. I’ve learned a ton from that environment.” >

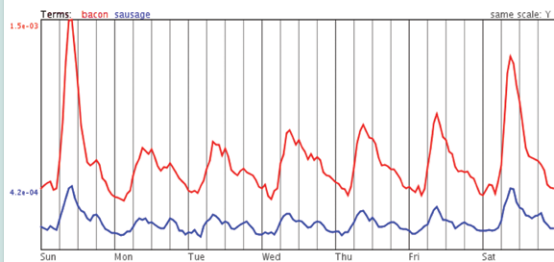
‘A lot of people are jumping into social science in general,’ says Milena Tsvetkova, PhD ’15. ‘Physicists, computer scientists, mathematicians are now doing social research, applying their skills to these enormous amounts of data online and looking at social problems.’

Rhythms of Life

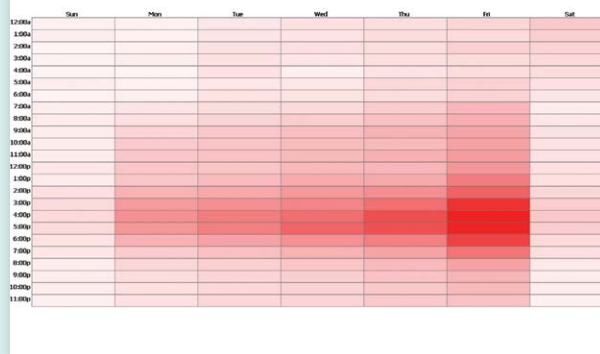
To track moods using Twitter, Macy and colleagues studied 530 million messages by 2.4 million users worldwide. They divided the tweets into “buckets” representing the 168 hours of each week, then counted the words that denoted positive affect (hilarious, fantastic, awesome) or negative affect (anxious, embarrassed, depressed). The upshot: mood peaks early in the day and more or less goes downhill until evening—regardless of day of the week, season, or culture. The researchers also parsed how often people tweeted words like “bacon” and “sausage”—they found, for example, that the former is a cherished weekend leisure food—and even showed that the idea of a “happy hour” is literal: people are jolliest on Friday afternoon and early evening. The work was published in *Science* in 2011, with grad student Scott Golder as lead author.



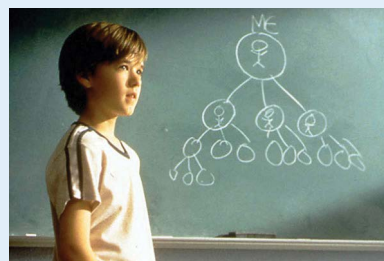
“bacon” vs. “sausage”



Heat Map of “Happy Hour”



WITH FEELING: The top illustration depicts how mood fluctuates during the day, color-coded by day of the week; tweeted words denoting positive affect are shown in the first graph, negative affect in the second. Middle: The incidence of the words “bacon” (red) and “sausage” (blue) in tweets. Bottom: The frequency of tweeted words denoting happiness, which is strongest on Friday afternoons.



LITTLE HELPER: Haley Joel Osment as a boy who does good deeds in the movie *Pay It Forward*.

The Greater Good

The 2000 film *Pay It Forward* explored the idea of how spontaneous generosity can spread in an ongoing chain. Macy’s lab decided to investigate the phenomenon with two large-scale online experiments. “We tested the hypothesis that when a stranger does a favor for you, you become more likely to do a favor for another stranger—and they become more likely, and it ripples down, a cascading effect of good behavior,” he says. “But we went beyond the movie, and looked to see if bad behavior also has this cascading process.”

With funding from the NSF, researchers recruited nearly 2,000 people via Amazon’s Mechanical Turk platform. Each player got a stipend of actual money; in the first experiment they could share some of it, while in the second they could steal from others. Tsvetkova and Macy (who went on to co-author an op-ed in the *New York Times* about the study) found that just observing largesse didn’t necessarily make a person more generous—evidence of the “bystander effect,” in which we assume that if others are helping out, we don’t need to—but actually benefitting from generosity did make them more likely to pay it forward.

On the flip side: not only did being stolen from make players more willing to do a bad turn themselves, but just *observing* antisocial behavior made them more likely to do so—evidence of the so-called “broken windows effect,” which holds that a negative environment engenders misdeeds.



COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH: Macy in the lab with grad student Dana Warmlesley, MS '15 (left), and undergrad Pujaa Rajan '17 (right).

Berry's work, basic research funded by the National Science Foundation, is aimed at understanding whether the Internet promotes communication across disparate groups. "We always hear about political polarization and income inequality—and if the Internet is facilitating interaction across class boundaries, that's really important to know," he explains. "And if it's not, we want to know that, so we can think about how we can better facilitate conversations among everyone." This fall, Berry will become the latest alum of the lab to join Facebook's Core Data Science team—what Macy calls "the Bell Labs of social science"—where he has interned the past two summers. In early April, he went to Australia to present a paper based on research he conducted at Facebook on how the quality of comments within a discussion—essentially, whether they're civil discourse or all-caps rants—can affect the tenor of subsequent postings. "Sociology has a huge number of compelling perspectives on a lot of different aspects of social life," he observes, "but for a long time our discipline has been in the position of wanting to ask really big questions that we didn't necessarily have the tools to answer."

Pujaa Rajan '17, one of SDL's undergraduate researchers, came to the lab via a circuitous route; the Nebraskan started out as a math major, then switched to computer science, but found it too theoretical. She settled on information science, and is currently doing an honors thesis on her work under Macy, including her contributions to an ongoing project using Twitter to see how cultural preferences are polarized based on political identity. "What's really special about the lab is that it combines the computational and quantitative aspects of looking at data with the social aspect of it," she says. "This lab is really good at using technology, the newest coding algorithms and all that, to research how people interact with each other. You're not just trying to discover a new math formula—you're using those methods to come to conclusions about the way people live their lives." ■

PHOTO: ROBYN WISHNA



Battling Hate Speech

At SDL, online hate speech—and how to discourage it—is a hot topic. Doctoral student Dana Warmlesley, MS '15, is devoting her dissertation to the subject. "Especially now, with the recent climate of hate speech in American politics, we thought this was really interesting," says Warmlesley, who majored in math at CUNY's Hunter College. "We're hoping to illuminate the hidden population of hate speakers, those who aren't part of a big group or organization."

Collaborating with Davidson, Warmlesley has been trying to find efficient ways to identify hate speech on Twitter using keywords—but that can be more complicated than it sounds. "The definition of hate speech has to do with the intention to humiliate, degrade, and even threaten people based on their characteristics, whether it be age, race, gender, things like that," Warmlesley explains. But as Davidson points out, "Particular words are often used in different ways, so even those that sound sexist or racist might have different connotations. For example, someone quoting lyrics from a rap song is using that language differently from a white supremacist."

The researchers tried to account for such ambiguity by having volunteers read tweets and decide whether they contain hate speech or simply offensive language. "After having people evaluate tens of thousands of tweets, we were able to train a machine learning model to use this data to accurately identify hate speech in other tweets," Davidson says, "many more than we would be able to get people to actually read." The team is also analyzing the demographics of hate speakers—"age, race, gender, political affiliation, education level, even personality traits," Warmlesley says, and studying their networks: "how they interact with other users on Twitter; are they connected to other hate speakers, or just to the average Joe? How are they spreading hate, and what kind? Who are their targets?"

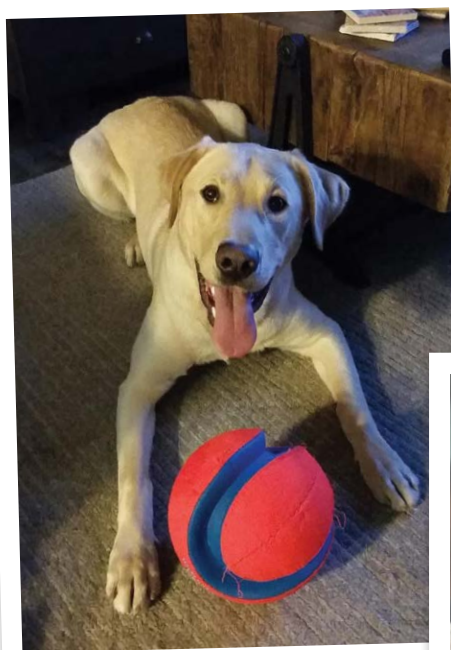
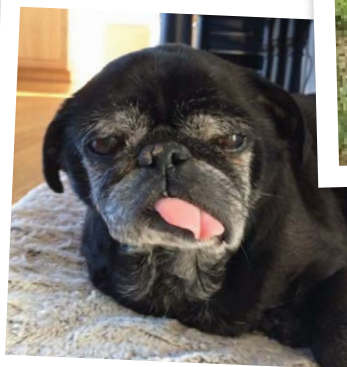
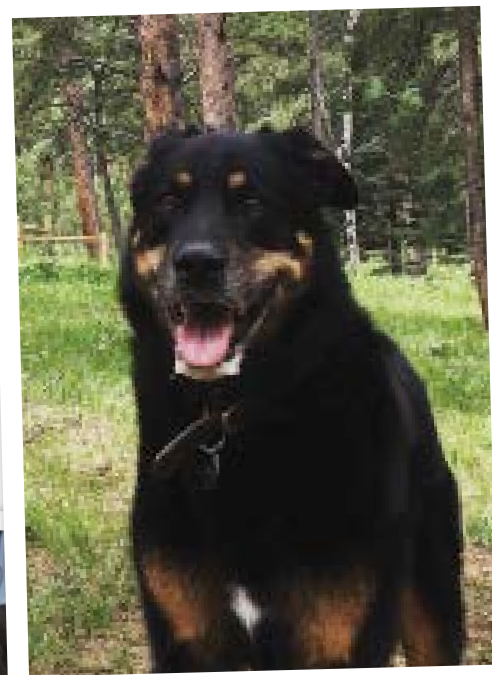
One aim of this kind of work, Warmlesley says, is for social networks like Twitter and Facebook to efficiently and accurately identify hate speech by their users. "You want to be able to detect when people are being harassed," she says. "Given all the tweets, you can imagine how long it would take for humans to go through them and take the proper actions."

A DOG NAMED EZRA

(and a cat named Lynah, and a turtle named Willard, and a fish named Davy...)

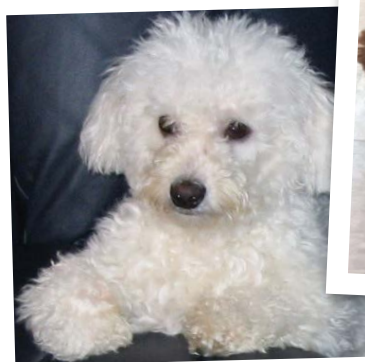
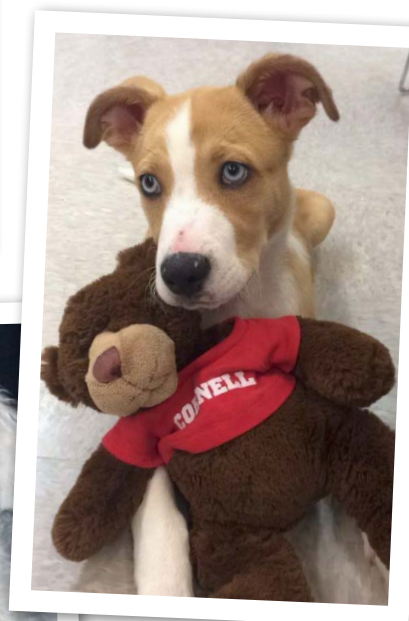


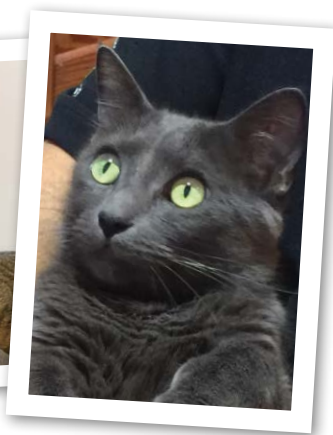
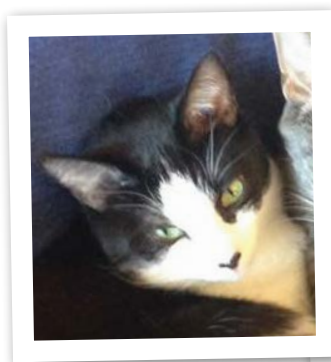
After CAM heard that several alumni had dubbed their furry friends in honor of the founder, we reached out via social media to see what other Cornellian monikers alums have given their pets. The response was overwhelming: not only Ezras and Cornells but Baileys, Lynahs, Sages, and more. There's an Alaskan sled dog team named after Big Red hockey stars, a cat dubbed in memory of a departed Collegetown watering hole, even a pooch ("Ruth Barker Ginsburg") named in honor of our own Supreme Court justice. Then there's the two-Cornellian couple who called their son Tjaden, after the hall. Want to guess where he goes to college?



Cornellian Canines

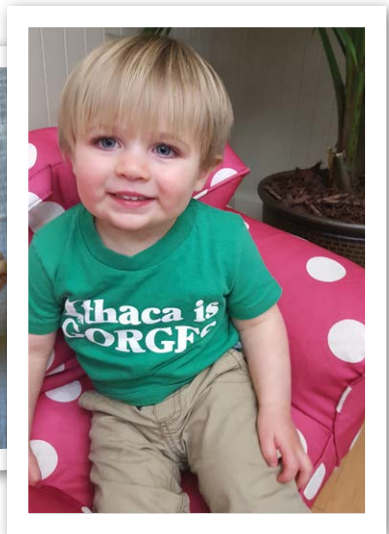
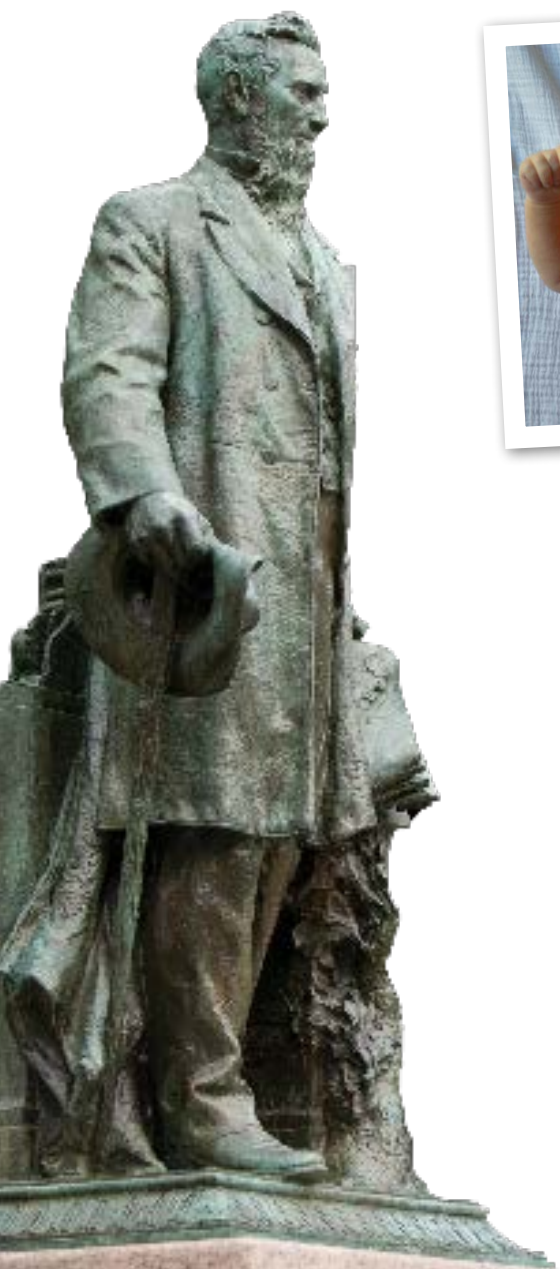
Four-footed *Ezras* owned by (top row, from left) Zachary Renfro-Wallace '06; Monica Han '00 and Gil Hoang '97; and Jenny Niesluchowski Scrivens '10 and Ben Scrivens '10. Center: Lyssa LaCount '12. Bottom row, from left: Kerri Lavallee '11; Marc Weissman '88; and Karen Wolcott '16, BS '15. Opposite page: Eric Rosario '91 and Neha Khanna, PhD '98.





Feline Friends

Ezra kitties owned by (from left) the parents of Mitchell Belisle '07 and Renee Belisle '09 (the Belises also have a cat named Nell, for Cornell); Amy Sommer '03; and John Swanson '61, BME '62, MS '63.



Namesakes

Ezra Heching (left), son of Rachel Malamud-Heching '08 and Howard Heching '03, MD '07, and **Ezra** Rosenfeld, son of Laura Lee Peyton Rosenfeld '01 and her husband, David.



Fine Feathers

Ezra, East Hill's much-beloved red-tailed hawk and the mate of Big Red. Sadly, Ezra died this spring after being injured in an accident.

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Two Cornells

Cornellie (owned by Jennine Ropke '10, DVM '14) on the Slope. Above: **Cornell**, owned by Stacey Lowery Bretz '89, PhD '94, and Richard Bretz, MS '91, PhD '94, seen here as a puppy being held by daughter Suzannah, who's now a Hotelie in the Class of '17.



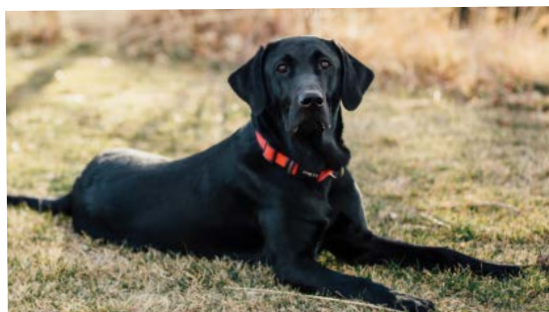
Scaled Up

Davy the betta fish, owned by Erika Varble '00, BS '02, named after the title character in the fight song "Give My Regards to Davy"—David Hoy, the turn-of-the-last-century Cornell administrator known as a strict disciplinarian.



Paws For The Law

Ryan Lee '16 named his pooch **Ruth Barker Ginsburg** after Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54.

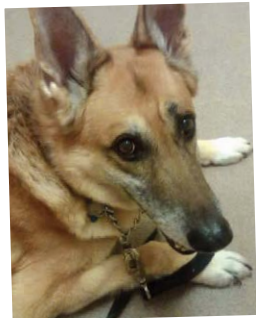


Human Nature

Martha the dog, named by Elizabeth Barbieri-Banko '91, MPS '93, and Peter Banko, MHA '92, in honor of Human Ecology pioneer and campus building namesake Martha van Rensselaer.

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Names inspired by Big Red buildings



Corinna Ross '97 named her German shepherd, **Sage**, after the chapel.

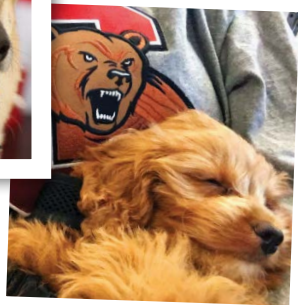
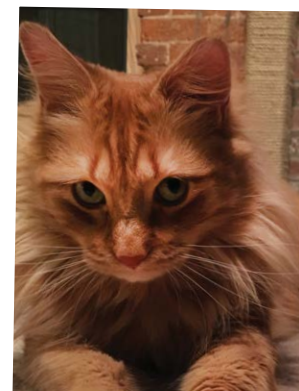


Jenny Fitzgerald '12 named pooches **Corson** (right) and **Mudd** after Corson/Mudd Hall.



Willard the turtle, named by Sandy Alexander '96, and Seth Kibel '96, in honor of Willard Straight Hall.

Dunbar, named by Hollie Marcelle '15 after the now-departed Collegetown bar.



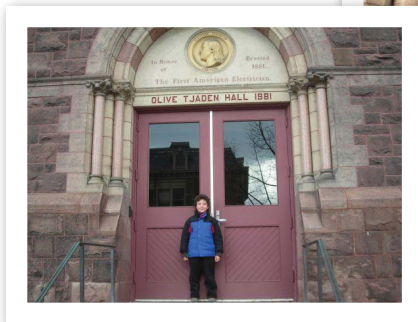
Bailey dogs, named for the concert hall by (top) Debika Bhattacharyya Sharma '97, and Laura Anderson '13, MS '14.

Katie Nelson Schoenberg '03, PhD '10, and Jonathan Schoenberg '03, MEng '03, PhD '11, honored both buildings when they named their cats **Anabel** (left) and **Bailey**.

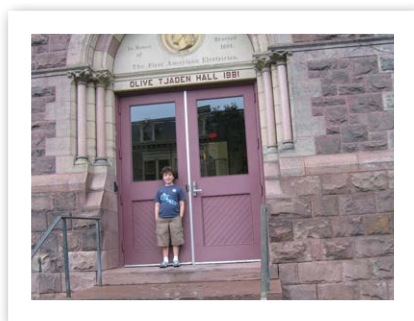
Anabel, owned by Jennifer Vourlos '05, named after Anabel Taylor Hall.



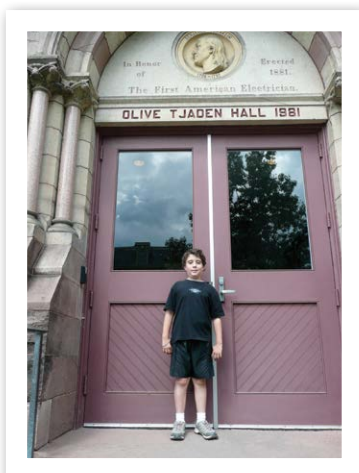
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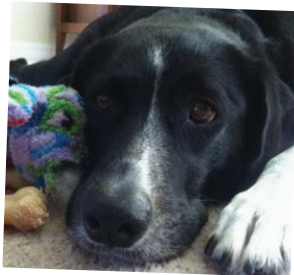
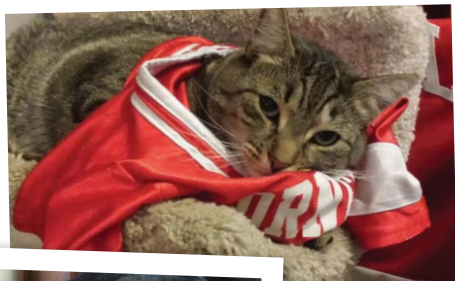
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All Grown Up

Tjaden Hess '20, son of Jenn Leeds '91 and Rob Hess '91, in front of his namesake building on the Architecture campus, when he was an eighteen-year-old freshman in fall 2016 (above right) and throughout his childhood.

HOCKEY HOMAGES

Honoring players and a beloved rink



Lovely Lynahs

Alums who have named their pets after the iconic rink include (clockwise, from top) Vanessa Matsis-McCready '04 and Shaun McCready '04 (whose kitty is seen sporting Big Red colors); Kate Eldredge '13; and Vikki Parker '93, DVM '97.



Go, Team!

Eleven years ago, the mother of siblings Andrew Moderow '05 and Hannah Moderow '06, who is an avid musher in Alaska, named four of the puppies from one of her sled dog litters (**Topher**, **Abbott**, **Pokey**, and **Mugford**) after players from the 2005–06 Big Red hockey team: Topher Scott '08, Cam Abbott '06, Sasha Pokulok '08, and Tyler Mugford '09; a fifth dog is named **Lynah**.

Athletic Prowess

Kristi Snyder-Baust '97, BA '98, and John Baust '97 named their dogs **D'Agostino** (the yellow Lab mix at left) and **Bitz** after Cornell hockey players Nick D'Agostino '13 and Byron Bitz '07. They also have a third dog, **Buckles**, named for player Matt Buckles '17.



Sit, Shake, Share!

Have you named your pets (or kids) after Cornellian people and places? Upload photos to CAM's Facebook page or go to the comments section of this story at cornellalumnimagazine.com.



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

COLLABORATIVE STARTUP WILL MONITOR PATHOGENS IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS

*Biotia, a startup offering microbial surveillance for hospitals, is a joint venture between researchers at Weill Cornell Medicine and the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute at Cornell Tech. Founded through the Jacobs Institute's Runway Startup program, Biotia is led by experts in genomics, bioinformatics and applied evolutionary biology: **Chris Mason**, Weill Cornell Medicine associate professor of physiology and biophysics and of computational genomics in the HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud Institute for Computational Biomedicine; and **Niamh B. O'Hara**, a researcher and startup postdoc at the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute. The Jacobs Institute gives financial and mentoring support to Ph.D.s in tech fields who have recently graduated and are interested in launching a tech-related startup. Biotia (www.biotia.io) has already received some funding and anticipates a seed round of funding in mid-2017.*

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“... I REALLY THINK OF IT AS ALL THE MICROORGANISMS INTERACTING WITH EACH OTHER, AND THAT THIS IS THE HOSPITAL ECOSYSTEM.”

On average, one in 25 people who check into a hospital gets an infection – and one in nine dies of that infection. For patients with compromised immune systems, such as cancer patients and the elderly, the rates are even higher. Biotia’s aim is to provide an ongoing service to hospitals: to swab and genetically sequence their high-risk environments, monitoring hygiene, identifying pathogens and tracking antibiotic resistance. Mason and O’Hara are collaborating to create high-throughput, sequencing-based microbial surveillance technology and software, and commercializing it with the goal of decreasing the number of hospital-acquired infections.

The full conversation is available at www.news.cornell.edu/MasonO'Hara.

How did you both meet and become involved in this project?

O’Hara: It was about two years ago – Chris and I were both giving talks at a population genomics conference at the New York Genome Center. Chris gave an inspiring, engaging talk about the work he had been doing in the subway [creating a “pathogen map” of microbes and bacteria throughout the New York City subway system]. I had finished grad school and was doing a short postdoc, and I was looking for research positions, so I actually went up to Chris and asked him for a job in his lab. It coincided with my applying for the new Runway program at the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute, a business-focused, academic-business hybrid; they take people who just got a Ph.D., and they provide support for you to work on a startup.

I talked to Chris about my interest in business and using this concept of metagenomics – doing research similar to his subway study [and his related Global City Sampling Day]. We talked about different applications for that and came up with [the business plan for] an application in hospitals, and we basically proceeded from there.

Mason: Niamh was coming from this great background of evolutionary modeling, suggest-

ing that we use some of the tools she’s created through her thesis work and methods in the field to model the movement of genetic material in a hospital setting – where you could actually study its evolution and movement just as you would a species in any environment.

We wrote the application to the Runway program with that approach, and launched as co-founders.

How have each of you been collaborating?

O’Hara: I have found a lot of crossover from my thesis work on plant evolution, but then, of course, there are also differences. As a grad student, I was working in California along the coast, sampling populations of plants, and now I’m working in a hospital swabbing toilets, so that’s slightly different. [laughs]

The work I’m doing now is metagenomics ... When we sample, we’re collecting DNA from lots of different species all at the same time. It adds a layer of complexity to the analysis because we have to disentangle all those genomes first and identify what’s there. It’s computationally challenging.

Mason: Even though the subway study was a first snapshot of what’s in a city, it has opened our eyes to this invisible world around us. The study of DNA on surfaces with which we interact is as complex as the totality of Earth’s DNA. You have to catalog, map and characterize the movement and types of DNA and what they mean to accurately place their potential relevance for health and disease. So that’s a long-winded way of saying: it’s complicated.

In my perfect world, we could see every room with genetic lenses, and it would be like that scene in “The Matrix,” where he can see not just the world but also the code behind the world. In my world, you would open your eyes and you would see every single thread of DNA in the entire room and potentially where it comes from. ... That is the closest analogy, at least in popular culture, of what we are creating.



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Ultimately, what is the safest or ideal microbial environment in a hospital setting?

O'Hara: I have an evolutionary biology and ecology background, so I really think of it as all the microorganisms interacting with each other, and that this is the hospital ecosystem. There is a ton of beneficial bacteria, and neutral bacteria – and that's a good thing, because that means those microorganisms are hopefully outcompeting the pathogens and that might help prevent the spread of pathogens.

Mason: Theoretically, although it is not practiced in hospitals, you wouldn't want to just kill everything; you wouldn't want to bring a flamethrower to the hospital, because while that is one way to remove pathogens, that opens the room up to other organisms coming in that can then recolonize that surface and might be worse than what you got rid of. In a perfect world, the best idea would be to have a persistent and defensive living system that is your ally. Just like your own body is, with your immune system and your own microbial allies. In addition to our applied work, these are some research questions we are modeling.

What stage of development are you in, and what comes next?

O'Hara: What we're providing for hospitals is surveillance of what's going on in their environment, so that we can say, "In this room, on this surface, we found *Staphylococcus aureus*, and it looks like it's antibiotic-resistant," so that hospitals can then do targeted intervention – go in and clean that surface specifically and appropriately.

Right now, we're working with two hospitals, a pilot project with NewYork-Presbyterian and another one with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. We are testing the products in the hospital, and we've built the metagenomic software to use in the analysis to identify what's there, in regard to both species and microbial resistance.

We're focusing on the pilot projects for now, and over the summer we'll be putting out a beta version of the software.

Mason: Longer term, we are also working on the technological side to make the informatics even faster. The goal is, when someone checks out of a hospital room, within the few minutes that they've cleaned and processed the room to get it ready for the next person, we will have characterized the room and validated its safety. Or, we can also have it available for people who check in who are long-term care patients, the most vulnerable, so that we can monitor them ... we want to be able to make the data genesis and analysis as fast as the organisms colonize and evolve – which is continuously and ubiquitously. [This is] the first company



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dedicated to this idea of rapid, adaptive and comprehensive monitoring of hospitals.

We're both happy and proud to be working hard on this and staying up late at night on something that could save lives and make the hospital a safer place to be.

What support and resources do your respective institutions give you that neither of you would have had access to alone?

Mason: On this project, it is good to have Cornell Tech, which has a very strong engineering and computer science focus, join forces with Weill Cornell Medicine, which of course is much more medically focused but also has an entrepreneurship lab. It is a good match of backgrounds. And resources at both places so far have been wonderful.

O'Hara: The Runway program provides a lot of business resources, so I was able to do a mini-MBA there; we take business classes with the MBA students. And we also have access to all the professors in the program; they have a network of investors, lawyers and just lots of connections in New York City. They set us up with mentors and go over each stage of setting up a startup, working through the business model, and doing customer development and all of that. So it would have definitely been much more challenging to transition into business without them.

Opposite page:

Niamh O'Hara, a researcher and Runway Startup postdoc at the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute.

Above left: Chris Mason, Weill Cornell Medicine associate professor of physiology and biophysics and of computational genomics, swabs a New York City subway car handrail in 2016 during "Global City Sampling Day."

Above: O'Hara speaks at a Cornell Tech Open Studio.

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the number of alumni, parents and friends who gathered March 7 at the SFJAZZ Center in San Francisco for CSV17, hosted by Cornell Silicon Valley, to learn how emerging technologies are affecting people's lives.



Alumni (and soon-to-be alumni) together at CALC 2017 included, from left, Lindsay Liotta Forness '84, Rhodes scholar Ahmed Ahmed '17 and E. Eric Elmore '86, J.D. '89.

Alumni volunteer leaders shine at CALC

After being snowed out in Philadelphia in 2016, the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference roared back into action Feb. 3-4 in downtown Baltimore, with a turnout of nearly 700 alumni, students, staff members and university leaders.

The annual two-day conference brought together alumni volunteer leaders from hundreds of Cornell alumni organizations for plenary sessions, breakout groups, coaching sessions and hands-on training programs.

“As trustees, everything we consider is from the perspective of all the constituencies: students, administration, faculty and alumni. There’s a broader scope, a broader sense of duty.”

– Alumni-elected trustee Katrina James '96 on her first months serving on the Cornell University Board of Trustees.

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANs

37 We were sad to learn of the death of our classmate **Ludmilla Uher** Marin Jenkins on February 6. Her son, **Rich Marin '75**, MBA '76, sent a wonderful essay on her life, some of which is below:

"In 1946 while Rosy the Riveter was taking her shop apron off and setting down her wrench for the last time, Millie Uher '37 (Home Economics), got in a US Army surplus Jeep and drove up into the hills southwest of Maracaibo, Venezuela. She had just learned Spanish in an intensive language program sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation and was off to set up programs for improving the lives of rural women and children. She worked in Venezuela for 11 years and there met her first husband, Andre Silvano Prosdociami (which he later changed to his mother's maiden name, Marin), an Italian of considerable ambition and charm who gave her three children (Kathy, Barbara, and me).

"Millie was born in Lansing, NY, to an immigrant Slovak mother and father. Her father had worked in the Cayuga salt mines in Lansing and had bootlegged enough liquor during prohibition to buy some land and open a gas station and roadhouse at the corner of Rt. 34B and Meyers Road. Her mother was a homemaker who birthed seven children and raised five. Millie put herself through Cornell with her mother's help and despite her father's disapproval to become the first college graduate in her family."

Her career with various organizations including the NYS Welfare Dept., the Rockefeller Foundation, and, ultimately, the UN took her to Italy, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Brazil, and various cities in the US. She finally settled into retirement in Las Vegas in 1980. "After her 50th Reunion, she got a call from her old Class of '37 pal **Irving Jenkins**. Irving, a 6 ft., 4 in. ex-Golden Gloves boxer and member of the heavyweight crew at Cornell, had spent 40 years on horseback running a pineapple plantation on the big island of Hawaii. Millie and Irving married in 1992 and spent 17 years traveling the world together. They were a foot apart in height, but equals (and originals) in every other way. Irving passed away at 95 with a smile on his face and a smile in all of our hearts.

"Five of Millie's seven grandchildren have now attended Cornell. The last of those, my son, **Thomas Marin '17**, is graduating this year. Millie was a true icon to her gender, to her nationality, to her heritage, and to humanity. She dedicated her life to helping those in need and did it with gusto and true grit. One of my proudest moments came in 2000 when she and I had our names placed on the McGraw Terrace in stone as Foremost Benefactors and Builders of the University." **Class of 1937**, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

41 **Robert Mueller**, BArch '42, keeps busy with state and federal income taxes, paying bills, going to doctors and hospitals, and staying home. "Old age has caught up with Betty and me," he says.

The first person Bob met at Cornell was **Jack "Swift" Borhman**, who had the room opposite from him in Sheldon Court. When asked who had the greatest impact on him during his time at Cornell, he said structure faculty in Civil Engineering, his fraternity brothers, and the admin and faculty of Architecture—"excellent people without work, in part due to the Depression."

Eleanor Slack Randles, MS Ag '78, is residing at the Oaks, a senior living center in Fort Edward, NY. She writes, "I take part in exercise programs, Bible study, pinochle, and three book groups. Calling on people in nursing homes or the dining center is my favorite outside activity. This year, for the first time ever, my grandchildren are planning a family reunion for this June at Lake George in memory of **Clarence 1916** and **Alda Deibler Slack 1917**, my father and mother. We will sing songs of Cornell." The first person Eleanor met at Cornell was the male student working at the girls' dorm carrying in suitcases and other luggage. She says that Miss Flora Rose had the greatest impact on her during her time at Cornell. Please send news to: **Cornell Class of 1941**, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

46 I have received no news these past weeks. I hope that you have responded to our class mailing with dues and news! I am currently busy rehearsing the TPRias (the Peninsula Regent glee club) where I call "home." We are working on an interesting spring program—popular songs from European master musicians. It was fascinating researching the many melodies we are singing originally composed by Mendelssohn, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Borodin, Elgar, etc. We are a group of members here who just enjoy singing. I do not hold auditions! Singing is great for your health! It improves your breathing and memory and is just so enjoyable. Send news! **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

Lloyd Slaughter is planning to attend the Class of '47 Reunion. Just as our class advocated for '47 V-12 veterans to join '46 V-12 veterans at last June's Reunion, Lloyd thinks our group should join theirs at this June's Reunion. Classes of '46 and '47 V-12 vets share a special kind of history and deserve the special thrill of a massive get together on the Hill during all or any part of the June 8-11 gala. Phone or e-mail Lloyd (304-599-4431; LSlaughter594@aol.com) to tell him that you are interested. He will be glad to insure that you get all the details. **Bob Nist**, our Reunion chair, put together and showed an excellent video on the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of being a Navy V-12 at Cornell. Perhaps we'll be able to persuade him to do a reprise next June.

CAM's January 2017 issue revealed the March 29, 2016 death of **Robert F. Brodsky** (Claremont, CA). He was one of my most faithful and printable correspondents. His prize submission was

published in CAM's Sept/Oct '08 column as follows:

Bob remembers playing jazz cornet in a Greenwich Village bar mainly for tips and drinks in '47 and '48. That gig ended when the bar replaced him with a high school kid who played better and cheaper. Chastened, Bob decided the time was ripe to take advantage of his WWII US Navy benefits. He used the GI Bill to add to his Cornell credentials, gaining a master's in aeronautical engineering and a doctorate in science from NYU in 1950.

In 1969 Aerojet General promoted Bob to chief of their European operations, headquartered in Paris. The office's primary mission was to support a major NATO contract wherein Aerojet licensed the manufacture of proprietary rocket engines to three European manufacturers. He was assigned, also, to peddle a very unusual product to health ministries of all local Western nations, as well as to the World Health Organization in Geneva. In the early '60s, Aerojet had developed a device to detect deadly micro-organisms in the atmosphere in time to counter most of their harmful effects. When the Nixon administration was able to negotiate mutual cessation of biological warfare, Aerojet's product was no longer needed.

The company faced huge losses. But Aerojet would try to make that lemon into lemonade. They successfully adapted the research from the biological agent to a peacetime product that promised great demand. The product was an instrument with which one relatively unskilled technician could test for syphilis at the astonishing rate of 800 slides of blood-smear specimens per day. The then-standard method required a qualified doctor and an expert technician to produce only 40 tests per day. And, best of all, the serum needed to run the machines was available exclusively from Aerojet, a huge potential profit center!

Bob noted consistently adverse reactions from health ministries he visited. They all claimed no one was in charge of controlling venereal disease because, "Our country has no VD problem!" Bob's persistence in his smatterings of the local language led inevitably to the concealed VD official. But the \$7,000 per unit price was an obstacle because that was a formidable budget figure then. Undaunted, Bob convinced the high corporate brass to rent the machines and, finally, to give them away provided that the user agreed to operate exclusively with Aerojet's serum.

Eventually, Aerojet sold the business division and rights to Fischer Scientific, which, Bob speculated, continues the business to this day. He has had many top jobs since with fine companies and outstanding universities, but fondly remembers this caper and developing his taste for Paris's finest cuisine and wine. **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, plevine@juno.com. Class website, classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 Happy spring! We hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/>

classes.cfm. We look forward to publishing your news in an upcoming column! **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

48 **Sylvia Kilbourne** Hosie, MNS '49 (Northport, NY): "I had a great week in summer 2016. Before my 90th birthday, two friends hosted a party after Sunday services that included a delicious cake. On my actual birthday, I had tea with my daughters and my great-granddaughter Bridget at Robinson's Tea Room in Stony Brook. Then, on September 3, my daughter **Cynthia Hosie** Gorman '73 hosted a party at her house on Eatons Neck for all my children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren and their spouses, and two great-grandchildren. Then on September 4 (our wedding anniversary), my granddaughter Amanda and Mark were married. Beautiful day!"

Phyllis Flyer Kavett (MA Columbia; EdD Rutgers) (Union, NJ): "I'm professor emerita, mathematics and education. I'm currently writing my autobiography, swimming, strolling at the oceanfront, watching classic movies at home and occasionally in theaters, cooking, listening to early jazz and classical music, and reading the *New York Times*. I no longer do needlework, tennis, and farm animal husbandry. I recently recovered from hip surgery and walk better than before. I soon hope to dance as well. I enjoy the sun and wildflowers in my backyard. My three children and six grandchildren keep busy in academia, theatre, product marketing, industrial archeology, public relations, market research and financial data analysis, and internet entrepreneurship. Since becoming a widow of Prof. Hyman Kavett, I'm the preserver of family archives, books, photos, records, and original art documents. I had a brief political career as mayor and committeeman in Howell, NJ, and now limit my political involvement to reading election returns. Looking forward to our 70th Reunion in 2018."

Dick Peelle (Corning, NY): "After my BEE degree at Cornell, I earned an MSEE at Purdue. Now I do woodworking, making tables, boxes, etc. I had my 90th birthday party in April. Five kids, 11 grands, and 16 great-grands (total of 17 boys and 15 girls). Including in-laws, 48 people in total were at the party. Corning Inc. is now producing many new products, such as Gorilla Glass." **Bart Holm** (West Grove, PA): "I had a fun time at Cornell graduation in 2016. Newest Cornellian **Spencer Holm** '14, BA '16, enjoyed the event with **Shannon Holm** '11, **Craig Holm** '76, MBA '78, and the old one (me). The university is a great host. I'm enjoying life at my retirement community. Westie [His dog?—Ed.] is good company. I spend summers in Plattsburgh, NY, on Lake Champlain. I'm looking forward to Reunion in 2018. Hope we have a big crowd."

We received the sad news that **Barry Feiden** '49, husband of classmate **Barbara Cole** Feiden, died in October 2016. Shortly before that, Barbara (White Plains, NY) had sent the following entry: "Our days of exciting adventures—Galápagos, Kenya, Russia, trips throughout South America, Thailand, the Falkland Island—are behind us, but we still hope for some warm weather jaunts. We've been retired for a number of years now, and until recently I did freelance writing and Barry worked as an arbitrator. Biggest recent event: our 67th wedding anniversary. News of our children: Doug

and his wife are reporters; Karyn is a freelance health writer and her husband is retired and a poet; Wayne is a municipal planning director and his wife is a school psychologist; and granddaughter Lisa will be studying Chinese this summer and will soon be a junior at Smith College."

Gerry Haviland (Norway, ME): "I had the privilege of working with Lyle and Clessie Cummins on the development of the 'Jake Brake' (engine brake) for heavy trucks. This was a device that converted a diesel engine braking mechanism from mechanical to electric to help slow the vehicle. I was coming down a 3,000-ft. mountain in a truck with a volcano exploding behind us. The engine was braking all the way down. Safely down, the driver said, 'I've gotta have one of those Jake Brakes.' I have three daughters, all successful with organizing and making a good living in their businesses. Mary supervises 100 employees in a fundraising organization. Her business card has 'Esquire' after her name. Daughter Suzanne, DVM, owns Well Point Veterinary Service. Two grandsons are currently attending Cornell. I recently read *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors* by James Hornfischer. I was there when the Japanese came down the Philippine Sea toward our position in Tacloban, where we were stationed on a repair ship. We were scared out of our minds, but just made it into the harbor. We had good warning from our buddies. The Japanese had seven battleships, including two of the world's largest. Young US aviators flying the newest planes were able to take out the battleships using torpedoes and depth charges instead of bombs. They saved my day." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 Our class welcomes **Daniel Emerson** of Vero Beach, FL, as our new class treasurer.

The announcement was made by our class president, **Jack Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@msn.com), who tells us that Dan is a longtime friend of his, dating back to fall 1942 when they began at Cornell and both joined Theta Xi. The fraternity no longer has a presence on campus. Dan replaces **Kenneth Murray**, who passed away October 31, 2016. Ken is survived by his daughter **Sarah Murray White** '81 of Annapolis, MD. Jack notes that he is in touch with class VP **Jack Rupert**, JD '51 (Lakewood, OH; Rup18129@aol.com) from time to time.

Our class president tells us that he is "very quiet." He has the *New York Times* delivered to his home seven days a week: "I'll read it. There's an awful lot of political news they're writing up." Jack, whose wife, **Inger (Molmen)**, died after a long illness, tells us that he misses her very much but that he is "surviving." He says he is searching for a companion, but it is not easy. "You forget the moves and words you had to use for courtship 60 or 70 years ago. As for the Internet, you have to be careful. There are good people and bad people out there." Jack tells us that many years ago he got interested in finding the dates on which members of our class had died. Cornell's records were incomplete. He was able to find correct dates at the Alumni Office, and was able to correct many

records. "Cornell should have a pretty good list, although the person whose job it was to keep track of alumni deaths for the Class of '49 retired."

Mary Heister Allison (Lady Lake, FL) tells us that she is playing lots of bridge and is also enthusiastic about a game that's very popular where she is living, bean bag toss. **Carl Schwarzer** (cschwarzer@twcny.rr.com), our Reunion chairman, has moved from Manlius, NY, to Fayetteville, NY, but at this time is in a convalescent home. He wants to say hello and let everyone know that he is still alive, though he was worried about his

possible demise for a while there. "I'm doing fine and want to make my next Reunion! Missing that would be the worst thing in the world." Plus, Carl adds, "It's very important to me to get to Ithaca in May to talk to the woman in charge of Reunions at Alumni Affairs. We'll probably pick up good parts of past Reunions, although nobody doubts that just being there is the best

reward of all. I'm looking forward to being there to visit old friends and professors, and to make some new friends." Carl hopes to re-establish contact with our immediate past president, **Dick Keegan** (rjk27@cornell.edu). The two old friends were close until Dick moved and they lost touch with one another. Dick and his wife, **Joan (Noden)** '50, who have been living in a Masonic Village in Wallingford, CT, for the past 12 years, are eager to renew their contact with Carl. The Keegans have two children, **Steve** '80 and Janet, a graphic artist.

Reunions give us the opportunity to connect with old friends. This column can serve the same goal! Tell us where you are living and what you are doing. Someone who has not been in touch with you for a while will see this and say, "We can get together again—whether in person or by letter, e-mail, or telephone!" Classmates, send in your news! **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; tel., (570) 948-9107; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Here we are with a February due date for our May/June class column. And no classmate news on hand. Solution? A story about Iowa, where I live and have had the good life.

At our 55th Reunion I lunched with a classmate from Connecticut who asked why a reasonably bright Cornell grad would, at age 39, voluntarily move from the State of New York to Iowa. "Because I love the sea and love to sail," said I. To counter her bewildered look, I went on: "Iowa is as close to both oceans as you can get."

I then described Iowa's deep blue Lake Okoboji, the lakes of the Upper Mississippi River, the 1,000 lakes of Minnesota, and Great Lakes Michigan and Superior, as well as the rocky shores of Door County, WI, so like the rugged coast of Maine. All within one day's drive or less. I didn't tell her about skiing in Colorado and bicycling the scenic trails of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Iowa is said to feed the world. Maybe. First or second in corn, soybeans, chickens, eggs, and pork, but no fruits or veggies. The stereotypical farmer in bib overalls, with straw in mouth, is long gone; successful farmers are now businessmen and women. Forty miles northwest of Des Moines

"Iowa: people and land in rare harmony."

Paul Joslin '50

resides a four-generation family that farms 9,000 acres of which they own 4,000 acres currently worth \$32 million. The rest consists of about 20 former farms owned by non-farming heirs. About half of all Iowa farmland is so owned. Theirs is one of the largest, but is not atypical in operation. More typical is 640 acres or one square mile. Each field has been surveyed for terrain and soil types, with a map of each in the farm office computer as well as in a computer in each tractor. The tractor maps communicate directions to the sprayers and planters, for example telling a planter how many seeds to sow per linear foot based on the predicted yield of various parts of the field.

When spraying for weeds, insects, or diseases, and when harvesting, the farmer turns the machine around at the end of a row that may be a mile long. He or she activates the GPS, which then steers the machine with an error of less than 14 inches. He or she then relaxes in the air-conditioned comfort of the cab, to listen to radio crop reports, commodity prices, news, and weather, or, alternatively, to read *War and Peace* or listen to classical music on the public station. In a very few years the field machines will be operated remotely from the farm office.

Not well known about Iowa is that more than half its gross domestic product output (\$160 billion) comes from non-farm sources: insurance, finance, publishing, and high-tech manufacturing. Some are well known: *Better Homes and Gardens*; John Deere, the world's largest manufacturer of farm and golf course equipment; Rockwell Collins, the number one developer and supplier of avionics for domestic and military aircraft; Bandag truck-tire retreaders; Blue Bunny ice cream; Pella windows; Amana radar ranges and refrigerators; Winnebago recreational motor homes and trailers; DuPont/Pioneer, first in genetically modified corn, soybean, and other seeds.

Not surprisingly to us, Google, Microsoft, and Facebook have all come to Iowa with total investments exceeding \$8 billion, all located in Iowa for our well-educated and competent workforce, and wind-powered electrical energy (now 34 percent of our total needs).

Most intriguing of Iowa's manufacturers are its national (also international) firms started by native-born entrepreneurs: Dobson Organs, number one in the world, with elegant organs in Los Angeles and Philadelphia concert halls and King's College in England, and with contract to rebuild the organ in our capital's National Cathedral; Musco Lighting, first choice for major sports stadiums, the Olympics, and the last eight presidential inaugurations; Vermeer, number one in specialized earth-boring equipment; Ryko, number one in car washes; Gomaco, in the small village of Ida Grove, premier maker of specialized concrete paving equipment and builders and restorers of vintage trolleys; and Midwest Industries, premier maker of boat trailers and boat docks.

Iowa: a place of subtle landscapes and calm and balance in topography, culture, politics, and farm vs. town. People and land in rare harmony. More a state of mind than a place. We dwell on undulating prairie landscapes between endless horizons, and the high, arching sky above is our blue ocean, clouds constantly shifting and swirling, capable of great calms and equally raging storms.

Iowa may not be a place at all. Recall the well-known line from the film *Field of Dreams*: "Is this Heaven? No, it's Iowa." Iowa lies between a lot of things. Halfway between the North Pole and the Equator. Halfway between two great oceans. Between two great rivers, the Mighty Mississippi

on the east, and the lazy Missouri on the west, with more coastline than Connecticut! Thousands of lakes to the north, the open prairie and undulating, green Sand Hills of Nebraska on the west. Vibrant, bustling major cities on all sides: Chicago east, Kansas City south, Minneapolis north, and Denver west.

From the solitude and serenity of our farm retreat in southern Iowa. Pat will be doing the next column. Do your duty; send her news and views. ☐ **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Patricia Carry Stewart**, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com.

51 Shelly Epstein Akabas (NYC) writes, "I'm excited to have two more grandchildren (**Ariel Akabas Kaminsky '19** and **Lev Akabas '19**) at Cornell. Two of my grandsons are graduating college this year—Eli Akabas Kaminsky from Brandeis and Reuben Akabas from Columbia. All happy events. Am serving as a lifetime honorary trustee on the Cornell Hillel board, as well as class membership chair, hoping everyone will renew their class membership, which brings them a copy of this magazine as well as supporting class activities. Fondest memory is walking across campus as the chimes are playing—what a visual and auditory treat. Winter in Grand Cayman—how lucky can I get?"

Steve Rounds (Princeton Junction, NJ) is "still living in the shadow of Princeton U.—concerts, sports events, etc. I continue to oversee a summer cottage in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and Julia's family house in the rugged mountains of Greece on the Albanian border. At age 87, I participated in the Class-B world championships of indoor rowing in the 80-89 year category. Managed to come in second place." His fondest memory: "Standing on the terrace of Theta Delta listening to the library chimes play the 'Evening Song.'" **Larry Smith**, BArch '52 (Northport, NY) is "still enjoying retirement. Spending time with son **Mark '87**, daughter **Tami '89**, and their children. Also playing golf and tennis and traveling abroad. I had a great trip to France with Cornell alumni in September and am looking forward to a couple of weeks in St. Lucia in March."

David Fielder (Copley, OH) is "taking life easy—traveling. I also won a local art contest with a 3D string abstract." David wishes he could be going on a river cruise in Europe—"but having knee problems." He'd like to hear from **Norm Kirchner**. So would we. **Carol Wood** Woodyard says, "Retirement is wonderful. Lots of clubs to attend, church groups, bridge, and tons of gardening. We're not traveling as much as in the past. Hubby has MD and can't walk like he used to—thus no fun to go places. Miss it. I still go occasionally: this past summer to Great Falls, VA, to visit daughter, then to Poughkeepsie, NY, for a GREAT-grandson's high school graduation."

Adele Mongan Fasick (San Francisco, CA) writes, "I am still working with the League of Women Voters to get out the vote, and I am still writing mystery stories for my Charlotte Edgerton Mysteries series. Hope to have a new one out before the end of the year. My family is thriving and we are all watching as various nieces and nephews make their way through college and on to careers." Asked who had the greatest impact on her at Cornell, she answered, "Too many people to mention by name, but they live in memory." **Sabra Baker Staley** (Arlington, VA) sent her

annual Christmas "Staley Standard" while recovering from surgery, with her daughter's help, explaining why she left Cornell after two years. She joined a Church of the Brethren tour for a week on the Appalachian Trail, met Dan West, and took a volunteer assignment teaching school in Puerto Rico (\$7.50 a month) for her junior year. In her senior year she helped purchase, for nickels and dimes, a Guernsey heifer named "Nickel," for shipment to a family in Germany for the Heifer Int'l Project. In 1952 she was back at Cornell.

Last year, **Louise Squire** Bishop went on a Cornell's Adult University study tour to Alaska from Juneau to Ketchikan to study the Inlets and Coves of the Inside Passage. **Charlie Smith**, MEd '64, and **Patricia Steele** Wilson did the London Theatre: The Play's the Thing course with David Feldshuh and **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76. And **Ernest Grant**, MBA '52, and **Elliott Siff** went to Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY, for the 2016 Presidential Election with Glenn Altschuler and Nick Salvatore. Please send your news to: ☐ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 It is not too late. If you haven't already, you can still make arrangements to come to our 65th Reunion, June 8-11, 2017, in Ithaca, NY. It should be glorious with: headquarters at the Statler; class banquets there and at the Lab of Ornithology; reminiscences, both your own and at a class forum with the man who wrote the book *Postwar Cornell: How the Greatest Generation Transformed a University, 1944-1952*; a celebration of Class of '52 veterans and other Cornell veterans at Barton Hall; and all the Reunion staples, concerts, and lectures. Memories and old friends. As **Paul Blanchard**, BCE '53, rather ungraciously reminded me, "We're all well into the back nine." Housing? At this writing, the Statler is booked up and waitlisted. Rooms are still available at the Best Western, which runs shuttle service to campus. Need details? They are at our website, class of 52.alumni.cornell.edu. Or call **Dick Dye**, (914) 769-1532; **Sue Youker Schlaepfer**, (607) 227-6080; or **Lauren Coffey**, (607) 255-6582.

Now I am going to empty the Class Notes mailbag. First up is **Jerram Brown**, MA '54 (East Berne, NY; bjerram6@aol.com), who e-mailed that he is gardening, and that he is the only person in the world who has a master's in Ichthyology (scientific study of fishes) and that he could not have done that without the mentoring of Dr. Edwin Rainey. One of the best decisions he ever made? "Marriage." Cornell classmates he would like to hear from: "Any." When **Evelyn Hoffmann Huffman** (Kansas City, MO) wrote, she was getting ready to take a trip to Europe. She had been to New York for her birthday in January and got there just in time for the big snowstorm. "It was beautiful, fun, and a bit scary crossing streets, but I'd go back again next year for more wind, snow, ice, museums, great pizza, and the NYC Ballet." Other thoughts: "What happened to WSGA? Are all rules gone? Report, please." [Good questions. If anyone in the class—or in the university knows—please do report. JG]

Tom Weber, PhD '63 (Williamsville, NY; twweber@buffalo.edu) continues to live at Canterbury Wood, where he is secretary of the Resident Council and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. He is joined there by a number of Cornellians and former colleagues from the U. of Buffalo. He swims and exercises at the university.

Tom had been rehabbing from spinal surgery to correct for leg pains that handicapped him on the few trips he took. He closed, "I plan to attend the annual Conference of Torch Int'l at Columbus in June. I run into **David Thomas** at these conferences. None of us has changed a bit—ha!" **Thomas Arnold** (tarnold14@cox.net) would like to hear from **Roger Glassey**, PhD '65.

Henry VerValen III (Sparks, MD; henrycvv@gmail.com) was rebalancing his life and downsizing—"too much old stuff around." He had been selling his "collector" cars and had sold five when he wrote, but still has his last one—a 1957 XK140 Jaguar. He planned to attend this year's Cornell Reunion with the CRC, and as many old car shows as he could handle driving to. His other thoughts: "Local Cornell events always seem to be held in areas with poor parking and in areas of difficult (for me) driving (downtown Baltimore)—except for the annual crab fest held in a Maryland farm area."

Carol Singer Greenhaus (Mamaroneck, NY; carol.greenhaus@gmail.com) e-mailed, "My main interests are cooking, reading, beadwork, fixing things, and tennis. (Yes, tennis at 85! Don't tell my legs how old they are.)" Her family was expanding—six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. "Nice," Carol says. Anything else she wishes she could be doing? "I'm content." Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her? "The Government department, mainly **Clinton Rossiter '39** and Robert Cushman, and my Geology professor."

George Vlahakis (Nashville, TN; gvlahakis@att.net) moved from his home to assisted living at Morningside at Belmont. He was 90 last July. He was suffering frequent falls and in October 2015 broke five ribs and fractured his vertebrae. He recovered after back surgery, hospital stays, and rehab. He planned to continue recovering and regaining his strength. His other thoughts: "I don't think I will be able to attend Reunion and will regret not being able to see all my old friends."

Barbara Schlang Sonnenfeldt (Port Washington, NY; barsonn@aol.com) was teaching English as a Second Language at her local library, and enjoying ballet, theater, opera, and museums in NYC and locally. Bobbie writes, "In May 2015 I attended the graduation of my granddaughter **Ellen Kaminski '15** (Phi Beta Kappa) and loved returning to campus. Very proud of Ellen. Just spent a week in Florida with my five children and seven grandchildren celebrating two major birthdays. Playing lots of bridge and enduring old age."

That, my friends, is the end of the mailbag. There is nothing left to write except that I envy all of you who will be in Ithaca on June 8. I will be in Pittsburgh as our oldest grandchild graduates from high school that day. You know how that goes. I won't be in Ithaca, but **Mike Scott** will kindly do the column for me. I plan to read all about it, but you should plan to go and have fun, learn, and enjoy. As the mailbag is now officially empty, I encourage all of you to send me your impressions and anecdotes of Reunion. Don't wait for the dues notice to write or e-mail me. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

53 Interim CU president Hunter Rawlings III admitted to a packed Maryland Ballroom of the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel that he had a fondness for B-more, where CALC, the midwinter Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, was in session over Groundhog Weekend. And why the attraction? Because when he was a teenage baseball pitching prospect, Baltimore's

Orioles invited him for a tryout. The O's pitching coach, Harry (the Cat) Brecheen, was impressed by Rawlings's fastball and so informed his boss, manager Paul Richards, who invited Rawlings to gain 35 pounds and go to Puerto Rico for training. Rawlings called his mom to report what he considered supergreat news. Her reply? "You're not going to Puerto Rico; you're going to college." And so he did. He took with him an abiding admiration for the O's and their hometown.

Caroline Mulford Owens, **Bill Gratz**, and moi declared a quorum of three for a '53 class meeting at CALC, along with advisor Lauren Coffey of Alumni Affairs. We were assured that our exchequer was in flourishing health, Homecoming will be mixed with Trustee Council weekend on October 19-21 (football vs. Brown), and that we celebrate our 65th Reunion at the Statler June 7-10, 2018. We invite all hands to attend—and to volunteer to help. You'll be hearing much more about this ere long from experienced co-Reunion chairfolks **Caroline Owens** and **Dick Halberstadt**.

On the golf course, Halberstadt (Cincinnati, OH) shot a stroke under his age (an 83 at 84) and, after 14 years, has finished writing a novel. There were five different endings, we're told. He's not the only athlete in the family. Matthew Symmes, brother of son-in-law Will Symmes, is a graduate assistant football coach for the South Carolina Gamecocks football team. Spouse **Peg (Jones) '56** took a class in Japanese art history at the U. of Cincinnati last spring and went to Japan in May. She says she tries to stay out of trouble. The Halberstadts have taken up duplicate bridge. "So I don't stay out of trouble. He is by far the stronger player." C'mon, Peg.

John Nixon (Phi Kappa Psi) and **Lea Paxton** (Kappa Kappa Gamma) were well known Far Above, but not to each other when we were very young. John sang with the men's Glee Club and Cayuga's Waiters, played lacrosse, and was a Freshman Camp counselor among several extracurriculars. Lea was a VP of Panhel. When John finished his NROTC commitment he found himself reunited with a number of old bros in a young NYC alum group that included Lea. Before very long, she had become Lea Paxton Nixon. John's Deloitte career took them to Houston, Japan, and Atlanta. They became travel-abroad-addicted. One high point was rhino hunting on elephant back in Nepal. They trekked widely in Asia and did not omit a taste of Tahiti and Saudi Arabia among many, many faraway places. As fund chairs together, they rounded up beaucoup dinero for Mater. John still sings with two groups and joins **Jack Brophy** and **Al Packer**, Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, at Reunion in June. Lea does tai chi "several times a week." She was the subject of an Atlanta TV spot describing how she and other Parkinson's victims use boxing to fight the effects of the disease. "She was delighted to find she had mostly white hair," they reported. "When she went natural, you saw!"

Ruth "Chris" Christoff Landon (Roanoke, VA) is "mostly well, kind of active in church (teaching Sunday school to kindergartners—after years in nursery childcare), book club, etc., and sort of still taking care of my home. Not as much energy to multi-task as I once had. I watch and listen to my children as they pursue their attempts at making the world a better place." Barbara, in Grenada, secures grants and trains a staff to teach parents to love their children. Kathy has parenting classes in Portland, ME. Peg works with challenging children in an Upstate New York school. Rich teaches skiing to autistic children in Steamboat Springs. Mike has a family counseling practice in

New Hampshire. Tom is a virtual teacher of human geography in Virginia.

Chuck Berlinghof, an M.E. by training and trade, is deep into managing the construction of an opera house for Newport, RI. From **Richard Hayes**, a frequent contributor to this space, "We have been here in the Pacific Northwest for 15 months (as of January 2017) after living in Brazil for 51 years. Getting used to the climate, culture, and political environment is not too difficult as we do speak the language and have made frequent visits to the US during the years. We live on Whidbey Island, WA, about 30 miles north of Seattle, and about an hour and a half from our daughter and Jane's sister, who live in Bellevue."

John and Nancy Egan Webster (Madison, WI) "moved to a retirement home while we could still climb stairs" after selling their home of 34 years. It's near a nature conservancy with an oaken grove, where they stroll almost every day to enjoy its natural wonders. They were greeted by people of the new neighborhood whom they knew from their Unitarian church congregation. They also received visits from former electrical engineering students that John taught at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. John now buses to the UW campus twice a week to teach biomedical engineering design. Nancy volunteers at UW and community groups.

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54 A trained, highly developed curiosity can occupy many hours and days. I blame it all on Ezra Cornell and . . . that motto. If it had not been possible to take courses all over the campus, from Nabokov to food chemistry to statistics, and we'd been confined to learn one discipline in depth, the curiosity might have been contained. But alas, it was not and still is not. For that I shall always remain grateful, as it leads one to appreciate the experts in their various fields, and it makes theatre work an unending fascination.

As the weather and barometer fluctuate, so does the brain from one topic to the next. I live downriver from Reagan Airport and follow the path of planes arriving and departing from DCA. I have timed the pacing of their landings and take-offs, listened to the sound of their engines to know if they are landing or just beginning their journey, and on very clear days, searched the skies for their contrails. Contrails are as varied as the planes' routes, their engines, the moisture in the air, their fuel, and their altitudes. Some days I can count five trails of varying makeups; others there are none. Reading about contrails and their composition led me to think about our lives. We have left contrails in the past 80 years. Some are high and straight, and others are a bit puffy and varied in their makeup. Looking at a clear blue sky without clouds some mornings I can see over five paths headed in different directions of totally differing textures. Amazing that Ezra prepared us to successfully plot our own routes with an appreciation and respect for those whose interests lay in totally different directions.

This month I have letters from three classmates who have successfully followed different paths. For years, **Karen Wylie** Pryor followed her dream of working with our fellow critters. She has worked with everything from dogs and cats to dolphins and elephants, written books, consulted with zoos on target training zoo residents, lectured widely, and now has taken her flight plan in

a different direction, along with writing another book. She is not exactly retired. She is still mentoring grad students in New York once a month. She is also involved in a research program in a New York hospital, using positive reinforcement to train surgical residents in orthopedics and other surgical specialties. Karen says it works great and defends them from being bullied and picked on. What does this busy lady do for fun? She dances. Karen took up competitive ballroom dancing a couple of years ago, dances three nights a week, and has much better posture and lots and lots of new muscles. Is that not an inspiration?

Mimi Cohen Levine and I are having lunch when she returns from their new rental abode in Palm City, FL. She and Len live in Alexandria, so they are close by. They sold their Florida home last year and celebrated by flying to Auckland and taking a two-week cruise around New Zealand and Australia. They enjoy shipboard vacations, thus they have planned to take the entire family (i.e., sons, wives, and grandkids) on an Alaskan cruise in June, after which they will head for Ithaca and CAU, which they have been doing for years. Mimi has shifted course after closing her antiques show business in 2013, which allows more time for travel.

Joan and **James Symons** have contrails that are of a circular nature as they seemingly have been constantly traveling in all directions since James's retirement. Trips to date number in the 60s. Presently, Bay Village in Sarasota, FL, is home base. Jim has graciously put many of his photographic memories on our website for all to enjoy. They are a great source if you are planning on taking a trip anywhere. Not letting the decades impede their wanderings, they are planning to celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. Congratulations and enjoy the sun, sand, and surfboarding.

I will sign off with the reminder that it's only 24 months until our 65th Reunion. **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** are already pondering any number of ideas. It's not too early to let us know your thoughts and wishes. Please mark your calendars as we all know June can be a very busy month. **Jan Jakes** Kunz has done a great job on the website; take a look see when you can. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 My grateful thanks to those who keep us informed; without your input there's no column! We had a note from **Dan Sachs** with the following update: "In May 2015, we moved to Riderwood, an Erickson retirement community outside of Washington, DC. It's the largest continuing care retirement community in America, and, in our judgment, we made the right move. I am again teaching at the Osher Lifelong Learning Inst., affiliated with American U. The course is entitled "Fairy Tales—Not for Kids Only." I've come a long way from my Industrial and Labor Relations training at Cornell and my career as a lawyer . . . but isn't that what retirement is for?" Dan adds his best wishes to classmates for a healthy and tranquil year.

Ruth McDevitt Carrozza enthusiastically endorses Life's a Trip bus tours out of Orlando. She enjoys the "40-passenger coach with kitchen in the rear, leather reclining seats, wifi, and TV." Ruth started traveling with the group ten years ago and usually does three trips a year. "All the fun and none of the work!" **Joan Fellerman** Hartz—

when asked "why Cornell?"—explained that she'd "previously attended, and loathed, an all-girls high school." She added, "The size of the libraries at Cornell reflected its many options, opening the world to me intellectually and socially." Reflecting on her travels, Joan said that the most spectacular destination was Egypt—"without a doubt. I found my niche as a travel agent and I continue to explore and revisit."

Pete Romeo, BArch '56, says he's happy with life these days. His wife, Terry, has taught elementary school kids, focusing on mentally disadvantaged children, but Pete admits that her "most challenged ward" in terms of today's learning is

‘I’d go back again for more wind, snow, ice, museums, great pizza, and the NYC Ballet.’

Evelyn Hoffmann Huffman '52

Pete himself. "I enjoy exchanging barbs with my wife of 60 years, trying to convince her to cook fish more often, continually praising her homemade pasta sauce, and begging forgiveness for my too-frequent coarse lingo." Pete meets fellow retirees from "the firm" and high school classmates, some of whom he's known since first grade, for monthly luncheons, and also tends to his coin collection. "My sons introduced me to numismatics at the time of my retirement; it's a hobby geared to be passed on to my children and never to be sold." He adds, "Pray that my pacemaker keeps pace for not less than 4-1/2 more years." We'll look forward to seeing you in 2020, Pete!

Word reached us from Cornell's Adult University that several classmates attended CAU recently, either on campus or on-site: **Elinor Rohrlrich** Koeppel, **Pete Eschweiler**, MRP '57, **Jane Binder** Binkoff, **Leonard Bebchick**, **Bob Cowie**, MBA '57, **Ronald Ganeles**, **Bill Haponski**, PhD '67, and **Florence Sandler**. Class topics and locations ran the gamut from the Arctic to Mohonk Mountain House, and even "Inside the Smithsonian" (with talks by ex-president David Skorton).

Dave Levin says, "We must be neighbors." He lives in Bryn Mawr, not far from where I'm settled in Kennett Square. Here's Dave's news: "I'm probably one of the few people in the class still working pretty much full time. My wife, Carol, and our three kids (now grown) and I moved to the Philadelphia area in 1986 when I became chairman of the Dept. of Radiology at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital. I held that post for 16 years and then semi-retired. I have subsequently remained in my old department doing economic research in radiology, teaching, and doing some cardiac imaging, some consulting for several companies, and lots of publishing and speaking. It keeps me busy just about five days per week, but since all this stuff is more of a hobby, I'm happy doing it. One of my most momentous memories of Cornell was of freshman registration day, when I had to sign up for ROTC. My choice was Army or Air Force. I noticed the Air Force line was shorter—so that's the one I chose. That chance decision led to me eventually becoming a fighter pilot in the USAF, where I flew F-86 Sabrejets with two different fighter-interceptor squadrons in Europe during the height of the Cold War. It was probably the most fun I ever had. Being a fighter pilot left me with a lifetime of memories: some funny, some

scary, but all of them exciting. I later decided to go to med school, and that too was a good decision." So rewarding to look back at the personal and professional choices you've made, and know they were the right ones.

Judith Silverman Duke writes, "After more than 30 years editing (and for the last ten years, publishing) *Advanced Technology Libraries* (previously owned by **Eliot Minsker**), I've ended its publication and am currently deciding what to do next." Let us know, so we can keep your Cornell friends in the loop! **Danny Krouner** stated that Cornell fulfilled his expectations. "Especially being on the basketball varsity and becoming

president of my fraternity; I met the finest people." After 35 years in the hospitality field, he's now working as a tax specialist for New York State, so he had to join the computer age—and fast—at 58. Danny put four kids through Ivy League schools and one through med school. "That's why I'm still working at 82 years old!"

Remember to keep checking our class website (classof55.alumni.cornell.edu) for current news about the class and upcoming events. One you can mark in your Blackberry right now is June 4-7, 2020! ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancy.savagepetrie@yahoo.com.

56 In case you missed it, there was an article in a recent edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* featuring a company founded by our classmate **Bernard Ross**. The company, Exponent, analyzes all manner of mishaps, employs 28 Cornell graduates in engineering and sciences worldwide, and is based in California. The mishaps have included airline crashes and pipeline breaches that resulted in a massive fire. While most of their business involves studying mishaps to prevent future ones, a growing segment of its business aims to help their clients forestall failures in the first place. Bernie, we missed seeing you at our Reunion in June. Hope you will come East for the next.

"James Bond of Philanthropy Passes Out Last of his Fortune" was the headline of an article in the *New York Times* at the beginning of this year featuring our classmate **Chuck Feeney**. Chuck and his Atlantic Philanthropies donated "the last of his fortune" to Cornell to support students doing community service work. All together, Chuck had contributed \$8 billion through his foundations, which supported higher education, public health, human rights, and scientific research. Chuck did most of this in complete secrecy, leading *Forbes Magazine* to call Chuck the "James Bond of philanthropy." In the 1990s Chuck met secretly with paramilitary forces in Belfast, Northern Ireland, urging them to drop guerrilla conflict if they embraced electoral politics. Other grants paid to create a public health system and provide access to antiretroviral treatment for AIDS in Southern Africa. Please send in your news for our next columns. ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

57 If you don't want to enjoy the finest Maryland crab cakes your palate will ever experience, then don't ask **Bob Shirley** to be your houseguest. For the last few years, he has visited Harriett and me in conjunction with the annual 4-H meeting in Louisville, where he serves as mentor and judge. Over a certain Kentucky beverage, we revive stories about the times we took turns doing bodily damage to **Jimmy Brown** on the lacrosse field. A short time later the package arrives, to our delight.

‘It’s been quite a biographical journey following your lives.’

Judy Reusswig '57

Al Collard sends along word that his granddaughter is in her first year in Cornell Engineering, representing the third generation of Collards on the Hill. Her parents (Al's daughter) attended in the late '80s. A June 10 high school graduation will result in Al's attending Reunion solo.

Ten years ago, 18 of 21 living Delta Upsilon brothers had a pre-Reunion reunion in Ithaca. This year, **Tony**, MBA '58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen** have arranged a follow-up, this time in Watkins Glen, on the two days prior to the class Reunion. I hope everyone is looking forward to being in Ithaca June 8-11 as much as I am. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Another month and it will be time for—can-you-believe-it?—our 60th Reunion! The class officers met in Baltimore in February to finalize details. **Marcia Wishengrad Metzger**, JD '60, and I came up from the Low Country, she by car while I took a most interesting train ride from Savannah.

After the weekend, Marcia visited with D.C. resident **Rachel Hecht**, who hasn't retired completely from her work as a government attorney. **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, and **Chris Zeller** Lippman, our historian who brought with her the newest '57 scrapbook, took Amtrak from NYC. A number of the '57 scrapbooks, compiled by our previous historian, **Martie Ballard** Lacy, will be set out for your viewing in Mews Hall during Reunion. **Bill** and **Jan Charles Lutz** drove from the Philadelphia area with **Bert Grunert** DeVries, our Annual Fund representative. Last year Jan and Bill took an around-the-world trip to a number of countries to celebrate their diamond anniversary. **Connie Santagato** Hosterman, our secretary, flew from Schenectady and used her tablet to take notes on the class meeting. **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, Reunion co-chair, drove from Kennett Square, PA, where she has a new place in Kendal at Longwood. Dori is still skiing and had plans to take her great-grandchild to the New England slopes later in the month. **Betty Starr** King, who is part of the Reunion committee and organized a Friday night dinner for the class, came over from Washington. Since **Phil McIndoo** was on a trip, our VP, **Marj Nelson** Smart, who had endured a seven-hour bus ride from Ithaca, led the meeting. Everyone is looking forward to enjoying the long weekend, June 8-11, and it's not too late to join your classmates. You can contact Dori at DGA3kids@aol.com. And if you still need to be persuaded to return, check out the special video at the Class of '57 home page.

Sue Davidson Braun has her plane reservations ready to fly from San Diego, and **Bobbie Redden** Leamer writes that **Bob** and **Jo Eastburn Cyprus** are planning to attend as well as **Jan Nelson** Cole. Bobbie plans to meet up with **Anita Wisbrun** Morrison in Albany and drive to our accommodations at Mews Hall, where her grandson spent his freshman year. I received an e-mail from **Susie Howe Hutchins** with both sad news and happy as well. Her son **Bob Hutchins Jr.** '82 passed away unexpectedly last August. But on the day of his burial a great-granddaughter was born. She

joins the other three great-grandchildren of Susie and **Bob Sr.** '56, BME '57. "We are fortunate to have all of them nearby so we'll be able to watch them develop into future Cornellians," writes Susie, who plans to be at Reunion.

At our 15th Reunion in 1972, **Betty Ann Rice** Keane said the class was looking for a correspondent for our class column in the *Alumni News*. I signed on and after 45 years at the typewriter and then the computer keyboard, it's now time to sign off. It's been quite a biographical journey following your lives from post-college careers and motherhood through to retirements and great-grandchildren. I thank all of you who took time to fill out those news forms or send e-mails through the years. As a result, I've "met" a number of classmates by way of the written word. I look forward to seeing many of you in June far above Cayuga's waters, o'er the dreaming lake and dell, at our own, our fair Cornell. ☐ **Judy Reusswig**, JCRauss@aol.com.

58 **Herb Whittall** is the technical director of Electrical Generating Systems Assn., which is "the voice of the on-site power industry" in Vero Beach. He writes a 500-word article about standards every two months for the association magazine. He also goes to two conventions and NFPA and UL meetings as required.

Phillip Dattilo is a judicial hearing officer in the Supreme Court of New York and a most active traveler. He has visited Brazil, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe! **Fred Sherman** wrote last summer from Laguna Woods, CA, that he just returned from a delightful two weeks in the Adriatic Region (Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Slovenia). He traveled with **Midge Yelon** Lefkowitz '60, BS HE '59. Otherwise, he is enjoying retirement, seeing lots of live theatre and refereeing youth soccer. **Ann Gaffey** Coyne has been working on a master's degree in social work in Nicaragua. Her son just got a doctorate in law and policy.

Glenn and **Maddi McAdams Dallas** participated in a CAU trip last summer in Washington, DC, entitled Inside the Smithsonian with Secretary David Skorton. "Classmate **Bill Lehr** and his wife, Patsy, were with us as we visited three museums with inside tours led by museum conservators. We heartily endorse CAU trips; they are well-planned and fun in meeting Cornellians and renewing friendships. David Skorton spoke twice, and Prof. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, traveled with us and interviewed Dr. Skorton." **Gerald Freedman** is a

retired radiologist and is now sculpting in Hillsboro, FL. Two of his best decisions ever made were switching from engineering to radiology and seeing the wonderful concert at Cornell with Peter, Paul and Mary!

Stephan Wittkowsky, MA '60, has a new address in Guatemala City, where he's busy with management consulting and university lecturing. He has two Cornell-graduate daughters. Stephan wishes he was "getting younger" and would like to hear from **Mike Young**. He feels that his fellow Willard Straight Hall Board of Managers companions had the greatest impact on him as an undergrad. We heard from **Stefan Belman**, BS Ag/DVM '61, last year and he is still caring for his Montana ranch. Lots of timber and all the fencing wire were removed to allow free range for elk, deer, and moose. He and his wife, **Anita (Lesgold) '60**, MS '61, divide their time between NYC and Montana, as Anita continues one pediatric-neuro project at NYU. Their daughter and son are busy in their professions, and four grandchildren are also busy, with two juniors in the Arts college. **Fred Berlinger** leaves a short but appropriate note: "Still alive at 80 and that's good news!" Hooray for that!

There is an online class directory that has the most current e-mail addresses for many classmates. You will need your Net ID and a password to log in at this link: <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu/?message=directory>. ☐ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

59 **Bill Kingston** was honored by the Cornell Rowing Assn. at a dinner at the Cornell Club in NYC on February 4. **Bill** and **Carl Schwarz** '57 were recognized for their financial support of Cornell rowing for 44 consecutive years, longer than any other alumni. Bill, who has endowed scholarships for Cornell students with financial need, is a Class of '59 officer, Cornell Council member, and CAAAN volunteer interviewing applicants. He came to Ithaca via a Cornell National Scholarship. After earning his bachelor's in Electrical Engineering in 1960 and a master's in engineering from Yale, he worked for Norden Labs, then a division of United Technologies, for almost 30 years, becoming COO. In 1988, he established his consulting company, WK Systems. Bill and his wife, **Jackie (Grimm) '61**, live in Wilton, CT.

One of Cornell's preeminent professors during our time on the Hill was Karel Husa, the internationally acclaimed composer and conductor, who died in December. The Class of '59 honored Husa with a practice room and piano in the newly renovated Lincoln Hall during our 40th Reunion in 1999. **Dale Rogers** Marshall's mother made a gift to Cornell for the atrium of the building. Husa was also honored at our class dinner during the 40th Reunion with music especially composed for the occasion by **Thomas Duffy**, DMA '86, who had studied composition under Husa. Trumpet players **Patricia "Paddy" Hurley** and **Brian Lipton**, both Husa's students in the '50s, were joined by members of the Ithaca College brass department to perform the quintet, titled "HUSA." For more on Husa, go to <http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/12/composer-and-conductor-karel-husa-dies-95>.

Paddy Hurley, who resides in Essex, CT, continues to be involved in the musical endeavors that featured so prominently in her life at Cornell and during the ensuing years. She is the director of the New Horizons Band in Centerbrook, CT, which is part of the nonprofit New Horizons Int'l

Music Assn., an organization that provides “entry points to music making for adults, including those with no musical experience at all and those who were active in school music programs but have been inactive for a long time.” Paddy’s New Horizons Band performs at senior centers, libraries, and other venues. Paddy also teaches trumpet students and performs with local community choruses and opera companies. All this plus five grandchildren keep her busy. And if she’s too tired to cook, she has an “in” at some of the most highly rated restaurants in Connecticut. Her son, Jonathan Rapp, now has three places: Wright’s Steakhouse in Centerbrook, River Tavern in Chester, and Otto Pizza, also in Chester. He also is the creator and co-founder of Dinners at the Farm, New England’s original farm dinner series.

Seen around town: **Dave and June Warner** warming up to Thai Cuisine in Wilkes-Barre, PA, with **Carl** and Nancy **Hedden** while the Warners were passing through from their summer home in Maine to their residence in Charleston, SC. A few months later, Carl was with **Art Wise**, who had recently retired from his Long Island plastic surgery practice, at Lehigh U.’s “Snake Pit,” cheering the Big Red on to its thrilling come-from-behind 21-20 victory. Notes Carl: “This is the same venue where **Dave Dunlop’s** Chi Psi brothers saw him win at heavyweight (imagine, Dave a heavy-weight) in 1958.” Also: SAE’s **Dick Hyde** and **Ron Demer** lunching at Thai Chile in Atlanta. Ron picked up the tab to satisfy a marker on his account with Dick dating back to 1958, when he borrowed Dick’s baby blue Dodge convertible with the short-lived Chrysler push button transmission to return an “import” to Cortland State. If you do not recall what a New York marker is, Ron suggests, “Google Nathan Detroit/*Guys and Dolls*. Better still, watch the flick on Netflix.”

For most of us, this is the year we hit 80. I hope you’ll share with readers of this column how you celebrated—or chose to ignore—the big day! And I thought you might be interested in some recent class statistics: there are 1,834 living ‘59ers, of whom 1,329 are degreed alumni and 505 are non-degreed; of these, 780 are reachable by e-mail, 1,055 by phone, and 1,287 by postal mail. We had 382 duespayers in 2016—let’s increase this to 400-plus in 2017! 📧 **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Our class officers had a productive meeting during the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held this year in Baltimore in early February. **Sue Phelps Day**, MEd ‘62, **Linda Jarschauer Johnson**, MS HE ‘63, **Bill Flanagan**, and **Don Milsten** were there in person, and **Gale Jackson**, **Ginny Seipt**, **Carl Johnson**, **Jack Keefe**, and **Gail Taylor** Hodges joined them by conference call. They shared the excellent news that members of the Class of 1960 made gifts to the university during 2016 that totaled almost \$15,000,000. They also decided that the class treasury will cover the cost of the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* subscription increase for duespayers, and discussed plans to have local lunches for classmates in the years before our next Reunion. Gale, Gail, Linda, and Sue all offered to host one; if you are willing to coordinate a luncheon in your area, please contact Sue Day (spd6@cornell.edu) or **Alan Garfinkel** (elg222@aol.com).

Ron Demer ‘59 sent along a holiday letter from **Paul** and **Barbara Grannis**, who report that their year included a trip to Switzerland and

Venice, a guided tour of Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks to view the wild animals, and visits from their four children and eight grandchildren. Paul, now Distinguished Professor of Physics Emeritus at SUNY Stony Brook, also reports that he stayed on Long Island during the summer, and that “despite its reputation, it is a lovely place. We enjoyed canoe rides on the Nissequogue River and Smithtown Bay and bodysurfing at Fire Island with visiting grandchildren.” **Tom Hunter** sent the sad news from Raleigh, NC: “Our family and I have lost the rock of our family, **Constance Purick Hunter ‘63**.” She died in April 2014 after struggling for years with Parkinson’s disease, leaving four daughters and 13 grandchildren.” Tom says he is staying busy with “age group softball, both travel and league,” and that he would like to hear from **Gardner Lewis ‘61**.

Ron Maierhofer reports that he and Sandra recently relocated from Virginia to North Myrtle Beach, SC, where he is working with Barefoot Resort and Golf. Ron, who is president of Sports Club Management LLC, says he is also expanding his soccer training company to the Carolinas under their brand, “Kinderkickit.” He would like to hear from **Tom Webb ‘59**. **Bob Lockard** has also moved, from Glen Allen to Mechanicsville, VA, because he “built a new house in 2015 to have everything on one floor,” undoubtedly a wise decision like others of us will be making soon. Bob is still actively involved with his work as a Red Cross disaster volunteer. **Adrian Mercado** writes from San Juan, PR, “I am still coming to the office daily.” He is an attorney with a private law practice, but admits that sometimes he’d rather be traveling.

Allison Hall is in San Leandro, CA, where she makes good use of the free time that retirement from teaching made possible. “I continue to train my service and therapy dog, and take him kayaking locally and in the mountain lakes. I walk and swim almost daily at least one mile each and have become a big Golden State Warriors fan. I’ve attended several playoff games. Caring for my drought-tolerant gardens and sharing theatre events with friends have been special treats. My son, Chris, was recently promoted to Colonel, USAF, and will continue working in the Pentagon in a staff position.” **Carolyn Carlson** Blake writes, “I’m pretty content with my life. I’m in a great community, Allendale, NJ, sing in two choruses, have good friends and ready access to NYC, and live close to my children and grandchildren.” Of her 12 grandchildren, seven are currently in college or recently graduated, three are in high school, and two are just entering their teens. Carolyn has enjoyed recent visits to Cape Cod and New Hampshire and is “planning a trip to Scandinavia. Because I’m half Swedish, I will explore my roots.” She would like to hear from **Sandra Tower Kelley**.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Bob Cohen**, who died in late 2016. “Reunions will never be the same,” said one classmate, remembering his participation in the performances by Cayuga’s Waiters alumni that enlivened each June gathering. During his long career in higher education, Bob continued to perform with many vocal groups and as a solo cabaret singer and, after retirement, expanded his artistic efforts by acting in a number of plays. He is survived by his wife, two children, and two grandchildren.

Please remember to respond to the Class of 1960 annual mailing by renewing your membership and paying your dues. Also be sure to send your news to: 📧 **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Good news for this edition of Class Notes. At the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held in Baltimore, **Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank** were announced as the recipients of the **William “Bill” Vanneman ‘31** Outstanding Class Leader Award. This award recognizes Cornell alumni “who, in their capacity as class officers, have provided long-term, exemplary service to the university and to their individual classes.” Our remarkable classmates Marshall and Rosanna were presented this award for their many contributions to our class and to the Cornell community, the first recipients younger than the classes of the ‘50s. In her remarks, Rosanna urged young alumni to participate in Reunion activities and, with her usual wit, promised that on our 75th Reunion she would make a circuit of the Arts Quad with the “Grand Marshall” piloting her wheelchair. With his characteristic precision, Marshall commented that in our graduating class, 326 classmates married Cornellians, with 38 couples both from the Class of ‘61. Congratulations and sincere thanks go to Marshall and Rosanna.

Now, more comments on CALC from class president **Dick Tatlow**: “I arrived on Thursday evening for CALC. I was picked up by **Robin Bissell** and wife Sandy. After checking in at the Renaissance Hotel, we went to dinner, joined by **Alex Vollmer ‘62**, MCE ‘54, and **Jeanie Lahey Johnson ‘60**. Starting the festivities by being with longtime old friends was perfect. Alumni Affairs hosted the opening session Friday afternoon, followed by a cocktail reception. All totaled there were 675 people at the meeting. The reception was followed by a Class of ‘61 dinner attended by six people including **Kate Freyer**, our engagement officer, **Dick Tatlow**, **Pauline Sutta Degenfelder** and husband **Joe ‘60**, and Marshall and Rosanna Frank. The class meeting followed Saturday breakfast with our four classmates and **Carol Gittlin Franklin** by phone.”

A major topic of the class meeting concerned Reunion planning. Reunion chair **Pauline Degenfelder** provided the following summary: “Our discussion included a review of the post-Reunion survey findings. Respondents highly rated our 55th in areas of opportunities for catching up with friends, programs, food, event venues, and pre-Reunion communications. As for programs for our 60th, respondents urged emphasizing the many substantive university-sponsored events, with the possibility of a class-specific event such as a faculty member presentation or a panel of classmates who have written books. Carol Franklin and I welcome your ideas and interest in working on reunion planning (pdegenfeld@aol.com and cgfranklin@aol.com).” We can also add that **Pauline** and **Carol** have been joined by **Jim Moore**, LLB ‘64, as a Reunion co-chair. Jim attended our pre-Reunion get together last fall in Savannah and was part of our 55th on campus. Welcome, Jim!

Recently, an e-mail arrived in my inbox from **Jon Greenleaf**. “I’m a counselor with SCORE, an organization dedicated to counseling small and startup businesses by retired executives. I serve on the board and executive committee of the Santa Barbara Symphony and also manage our small real estate investment company with properties in Charlotte, NC. As a hobby I build dollhouses, which are donated to the Teddy Bear Foundation, an organization aiding families with a cancer-afflicted child. Finally, I am a serious photographer constantly trying to find a creative niche for myself and become reasonably proficient

in Photoshop. My wife, Barbara (Vassar '63), recently retired from Antioch U. She now writes a blog titled 'Parents of Grown Offspring,' to provide a forum for parents to discuss their relationships with their adult children. Our older daughter is a homemaker in Northridge, CA. The younger one is a TV personality with WNBC-TV in New York. Her program, 'Talk Stoop with Cat Greenleaf,' interviews A-level celebrities on the stoop of her Brooklyn brownstone, and is broadcast over the NBC and USA networks. I've recently been in touch with **Ed Furtick**, **Dave Klein**, **Peter Greenberg**, and **Peter Brandeis** from our class, and will soon be visiting **Kent and Rita Milkman Gershengorn '62** in the Bay Area." An additional comment from your class columnist: "I have also been engaged with SCORE and was presented, this morning, with a 15-year service award. This has been a fine volunteer organization."

Another e-mail arrived from classmate **Hank Dullea**, Cornell VP for University Relations Emeritus. "I've just concluded a four-year term on the board of trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. In the year ahead, I'll be working with the Rockefeller Inst. of Government in Albany, making presentations in support of the upcoming November referendum on holding a state constitutional convention." **Gus Kappler**, MD '65, contacted me concerning alumni data. It turns out Gus was hosting a book signing in late March at Shakespeare and Co. He sent an electronic copy of the event invitation. I found the topic to be moving. I have included the text. "AUTHOR'S TALK: Welcome Home from Vietnam, Finally. Gus Kappler is a former Army surgeon. Drafted during the Vietnam War, he saw first-hand the devastation of war on body, mind, and soul. His deeply empathetic and sometimes humorous account of this period forms the basis of his memoir. Dr. Kappler understands the conflicting moral codes of war and peace better than anyone and the wrenching anxieties of veterans who have to adapt anew to civilian life. He is now actively involved in Veterans Affairs and in the prevention of PTSD and suicide." Keep your notes and e-mails coming to us for future columns. **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams Stevens**, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 It's 55th Reunion time! For breaking news, check out the class website, www.cornellclassof62.org. Your registration packet should have arrived. If not, please contact **Neil Schilke**, MME '64 (neroschilke@aol.com). Highlights for our 55th Reunion, June 8-11, include:

—**Class Symposium** featuring Dr. Stephanie Wiles, Director of Cornell's Johnson Museum, who will discuss "Engineering, Chemistry, Soil Sciences & More—Unexpected Links to the Johnson Museum"
—**Class Artists Exhibit** in the Bibliowicz Gallery during Saturday evening dinner festivities in the spectacular Milstein Hall

—**Ken '61**, PhD '67, and **Margie McKee Blanchard**, MA '65's **Refire Workshop** to help inspire us toward re-firing our lives

—**Class Photography Collection** viewing in the Johnson Museum

—**Networking and relaxing in Class Headquarters**, Alice Cook House, one of the newer lower West Campus dorms

—**Dancing and listening with the wonderful music of the Backtalk Band**

Don and **Carol Juran** plan a busy travel schedule this year, with trips to Brussels to meet son

Adam '94's fiancée and her family, to Ithaca for our 55th, and back to Brussels for the August wedding. "Life is full!" for Bud and **Gail Strand** Wiley (cuscowillagail@gmail.com), who split their time between Asheville, NC, and Gresham, WI, with nearby family in both locations. They participate in Osher Lifelong Learning, book clubs, wine group, beer group, and line dancing. Gail continues her pottery and Bud his woodworking. They enjoyed a motor trip west, including Glacier, Grand Tetons, and Yellowstone national parks.

Bucket list travel was a big feature of 2016 for **Joy Harwood** Rogers and Bob Parker (rogersparker@comcast.net). They visited Norway for a Hurtigruten cruise up the coast, spent two weeks on a Windstar cruise from Athens to Barcelona, and, in addition, visited London, France, and even Seattle (where they live). A highlight of Joy's year was singing *The Street Requiem*, a choral piece written to support the homeless, in Seattle, Old South Church in Boston, and Carnegie Hall in NYC.

Since **Myra Maloney** Hart (mhart@hbs.edu) retired from most of her business commitments last year, she and **Kent Hewitt '59** have been embarking on many adventures they had to put off earlier. "We took a trip to Costa Rica and Panama (including a great trip through the canal), and followed that up with a Cornell trip to Cuba in February. I spent time in Hawaii with the board of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in March. **Phil Young** is also on that board. Our greatest adventure of 2016 was a family trip to Ireland in June. My brother, my sister, and I got our children and grandchildren together and stormed the island. The high point was a party that we hosted for our many cousins in Ireland. There were about 100 gathered for lots of conviviality. It was truly a reunion of a lifetime. Kent and I took a magnificent sailing trip in the Greek Islands aboard the *Sea Cloud*. One important Cornell note: I had the good fortune of being at the trustees' meeting in November at which our new president, Martha Pollack, was introduced. She is a talented and enthusiastic leader. I am sure we are going to watch Cornell flourish under her leadership." When not traveling, Myra and Kent live in Belmont, MA.

Notes from the February class officers' meeting: **Judy Prenske Rich** described how the initial gift of photographs made to the Johnson Museum many years ago by the class has blossomed into a significant collection of 24 pieces. It was decided to donate \$16,000 from the class gift funds in the treasury to the museum, with the possibility that some of these funds will be deployed prior to our Reunion event at the museum. Classmates will be able to view the collection on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Reunion weekend.

Warren '61 and **Beth Newell Spicka** (enspicka@gmail.com) winter in Naples, FL, and summer on Cape Cod, with visits to both places from their three sons and their families, including seven grandkids, ages 12 to 24.

I had lunch recently with Jack and **Dee Dee McCoy** Stovel (ddstovel@sbcglobal.net), who were in town to visit daughter Kate in Kingston, WA, and to interview Jack's 95-year-old uncle. We should all take advantage of learning family history before it's too late! The Stovels' travels have taken them to France and to Tanzania with Cornell and to baseball spring training in Arizona from their home in San Carlos, CA.

Your correspondent also enjoyed Christmas and New Year's with 13 close family members at the US Consul General's residence in Sydney, Australia—the first time in years that the family has all been together for the holidays. Daughter

Valerie has been posted there since September, and her invitation to visit was eagerly accepted by all! I was lucky to be there until early February and to take advantage of many of Sydney's attractions. The Sidneysiders do love their beaches and boats!

An amusing tale of the row taken by returning crew members at our 50th Reunion came from **Albert J. Haberle**, DVM '64, of Westport. It's too long to print here; e-mail him at ajh55@cornell.edu for a copy. **Harvey Kaufman**, BArch '63, died on December 22. He was an architect practicing in New Canaan, CT. At the January memorial service there were six classmates, fraternity brothers in Tau Delta Phi: **Larry Hoffman**, BArch '63, **Mickey Alpert**, **Bud Carey**, **Vann Jones**, **Rick Sommer**, and **Phil Handler**, BArch '64, March '65.

Our 55th Reunion is just weeks away—be there!

Jan McClayton Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Our 55th Reunion is just a little over a year away! Put June 7-10, 2018 on your calendar now. The class officers had a phonecon meeting on January 12. **Paula Trested** Laholt is anxious to find a replacement for the class website management. Discussion was also held on topics to consider for Reunion weekend. **Joanne Jordan** Davenport is our Reunion chair. Contact me if you have any ideas and I will forward them to her.

Madeleine Leston Meehan, BFA '63, sent good wishes for 2017. She still bounces back and forth between St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and East Hampton, NY. She had to have open-heart surgery to repair her mitral valve at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC, where she volunteered while at the High School of Music and Art. "Couldn't have survived post-op without family, friends, and two guardian angels at the ready in East Hampton and St. Thomas. Slow but good, gradual recovery including green light for my 100th birthday party. You are invited." **Art Resnikoff** writes, "Besides continuing to work as a consultant full time in leadership and development and premier assessment, my wife and I like to travel a good deal. I have been putting together a travel blog at: humoroustravelswithart.blogspot.com." One of the highlights was "an encounter with a toilet in Japan that has the French bidet beat hands down." You can read about it on his blog.

Marty, BEE '65, and **Dianne Flannery Lustig** '66 live in Kansas City, MO. Marty is president of the Cornell Club of Mid-America. He sent a photo of the holiday party and scholarship fundraiser held at their home in December. **Zachary Ruben** '11, a professional photographer and videographer, took the photo. **Allen Wright** '87, BS Ag '89, helped with food preparation. Unable to attend was **Carl Thorne-Thomsen** '91, executive chef and owner of Story, one of Kansas's best restaurants. The group photo was posted on the Alumni Photo Gallery: <http://www.cornellalumimagazine.com/photogallery>.

John Mizerak is retired and "heavily into the Knights of Columbus in Carmichael, CA." He retired mainly for angina concerns, he says. "I have also retired from soccer refereeing and softball—physical issues have become more prevalent. If I had time I would love to help Cornell more." He wanted to know if Balch Hall was still being used, and I told him that, indeed, it was. **Stephanie DePue** Murphy wrote, "My life took a surprising turn this year with a new dance teacher and my 75th birthday. In early November, I went to a dance competition in Charlotte, my first after six months with my new teacher, and took home best

performer. Stunned. In late November I went on a dance-themed ten-day tour of Kenya, apparently with pneumonia. If I didn't get on that plane there would be no refund, and it all cost too much to do it again. Hundreds of pics, by the way."

Warren Icke '62 and I had dinner with **Neil Kochenour**, MD '69, and **Jim**, MD '69, and **Christine Newton Dauber** last week. Neil will be busy in the next few months attending the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in Boston, a lecture at the U. of Utah in **Edie Osborne** Kochenour's memory, the Wallace Stegner Symposium on the Environment in Salt Lake City, and the Conference of World Affairs in Boulder, CO. He is active at Academy Village in Tucson, where he lives. The Daubers spend time going back and forth to Portland, OR. They keep busy attending the theater and chamber music concerts, and enjoying the wine-tasting events at a local restaurant.

Fred and **Wendy Parkin** joined **Jim** and **Rae Mitchell** on a golfing cruise down the Danube River in late 2015. They played golf in Nuremberg, Passau, Vienna, Budapest, and Prague. They report "good fun." **Stephen Fisch** is the owner of Milridge Properties LLC in Ridgewood, NJ. He is also a "board member and longtime volunteer at the Cinema Arts Center in Huntington, NY, doing promotions, fundraising marketing, and facility development. Daughter Heather is a social documentary filmmaker, associate librarian of outreach, and an organizer of the Women's Prison Book Project. Last year she produced a PBS show narrated by Meryl Streep. Daughter Justine is clinical dietitian at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, NC."

Lee Leonard is retired in Reynoldsburg, OH. He keeps busy "church volunteering, visiting shut-ins, reading book manuscripts for publishers, planning forums for political candidates, and encouraging civil social dialogue. A book I co-authored, *James A. Rhodes, Ohio Colossus*, won the best history book of 2015 for the Ohioana Library Assn." Lee says the people at Cornell who had the greatest impact on him were professors **Milton Konvitz**, PhD '33, in ILR and **Charles Russell** in Ag.

That's all for this column. Do e-mail me with your news. Let me know if you have ideas about our 55th Reunion or want to help out with the website. ☐ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 We hope you enjoyed the annual class News & Dues letter you received recently, and that you have responded (or will soon) by sending your dues and submitting news of your doings for future class columns. PLEASE! Not only do your other classmates like to read '64's news, but those from adjoining classes like to read ours too.

Big congrats are in order. Last October, **Carl Bender**, the Konneker Distinguished Professor of Physics at Washington U. in St. Louis, was named recipient of the 2017 Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics. This highly prestigious award (Stephen Hawking has been a recipient) is awarded every year jointly by the American Physical Society and the American Inst. of Physics. The prize is awarded solely for valuable published contributions in the field of mathematical physics. In Carl's case, he was cited "for developing the theory of PT symmetry in quantum systems and sustained seminal contributions that have generated profound and creative new mathematics, impacted broad areas of experimental physics, and inspired generations of mathematical physicists." Carl writes, "I use physics to generate interesting

problems, and then I use mathematics to solve those problems." He says that he and classmate-wife **Jessica (Waldbaum)** "are having a great time traveling, visiting three grandchildren, and enjoying life." I might note that the prize's \$10,000 cash award, plus travel expenses to receive the honor, should add to that enjoyment.

Linda Cohen Meltzer writes that she and husband **Rick '65** spent two weeks in Spain last year. "We saw some beautiful scenery and sights, did some hairy driving, and overall had a swell time."

"I use physics to generate interesting problems, and then I use mathematics to solve those problems."

Carl Bender '64

A few days after they returned last fall, she had a mini-reunion lunch at the Cornell Club-New York with her sorority sisters **Sheila Zouderer Strauss**, **Donna Gellis Grushka**, MILR '68, and **Roberta Matthews Monat**. The four then spent the afternoon together. Linda adds, "Donna was visiting from Israel, and at our 50th Reunion we vowed to not let year after year go by without getting together. We all had a wonderful time." As Donna has a daughter and a sister living in the US, Linda hopes she will visit again before our class's 55th Reunion [hint, hint] in June 2019.

Roberta noted that the luncheon was on her birthday, then added, "As for me, I retired from being a geriatric social work administrator. My husband, **Larry**, still works part time in labor and employment law. We bought a place in Sarasota in 2012 and have become snowbirds. There are 500 Cornellians in the Sarasota area! We have three daughters and two grandsons. One of our daughters lives in Seattle and the other two live in the New York area. We are well and happy and keep in contact with our Cornell friends." In non-snowbird season, they can be found in Huntington, NY.

Sheila also wrote about their fun luncheon meeting. "It was wonderful to be together, reminisce about our Cornell years, and then discuss what was happening in our lives. I am still working with my husband, **Marvin Strauss '63**, MBA '65, at the Strauss Agency Inc. in NYC. He is the third generation of his family in the life insurance business and both our daughters, **Robin Strauss Rashbaum '89** and **Debra Strauss Zik**, as well as her husband, are in the business also. Because of this, we participated in the Smith Family Business Conference at Cornell last October. It was stimulating and enriching to be able to meet with other family businesses, students, professors, and professionals in other fields. The icing on the cake was being there with our eldest grandson, **Benjamin Rashbaum '18**. We enjoyed walking around campus and seeing the continued vibrancy of the Cornell community."

As for Donna, the fourth luncheon attendee, she wrote, "Sad news. My husband of 51 years, **Eli Grushka**, PhD '68, passed away in March 2016 after a brief illness. [After many years away, Donna and Eli came back to Cornell for our 50th Reunion.] I really was blessed to share my life with him and I am thankful that my daughters and their families have provided loving support. Eli, who was professor emeritus of chemistry at Hebrew U., had continued to teach and mentor graduate research students until the time of his death. In recent years he had been honored by the Israel Analytical

Chemistry Society with a Lifetime Achievement Award and by Hebrew U. for Continued Excellence in Teaching. The Grushka family has established the Professor Eli Grushka Prize for Excellence in Analytical Chemistry in Eli's memory. The prize, awarded for the first time in January of this year, will be awarded annually at the meeting of the IACS. Among those who attended this year's prize ceremony was Prof. **Stuart Fischman '57**."

Lastly, **Bruce Wagner**, MEE '66, has a reminder for us: "Mini-reunion this summer! We'll

be learning together at CAU, just as we did in the '60s—but without exams! Cornell's Adult University offers a range of one-week courses for adults, taught by Cornell faculty. The week of July 31 to August 5 will be 'Class of '64 Week' at CAU. See our class website for details."

That's it for now. Again, please don't forget that it's now that time of year when we have dues time in addition to news time, so be sure to send in both—the news to me by e-mail, regular mail using the News Form, or even a sheet of paper: ☐ **Bev Johns Lamont**, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

65 The following was posted in the Cornell Trustees Update that **George Arangio**, MD '69, passed along: "Especially as the years go by, I think it is a great daily reminder to remember the good people around us in our family and friendship circles as well as business contacts. Although each of us has experienced challenge and deep sadness, I know many of us also acknowledge the good fortune, the good things in our lives. Below is the quote from Robert Frank, professor of management and economics at the Johnson School: 'The more you acknowledge good fortune, the better off you are. In short, it's often in your interest to acknowledge luck's role in your success—if only because people will think better of you for having done so. Evidence also suggests that being grateful for your good fortune will make you feel happier.'"

Our class meeting was held as part of CALC in Baltimore in January. Our class dues at \$65 will remain unchanged for 2017, and **Myron Jacobson** reported that Reunion transition arrangements for the 55th Reunion in 2020 will begin in the year prior to Reunion. Go to our class website, ably managed by **Steve Hand**, to read the full minutes. Participating in the meeting in person and by telephone: **Frank McCreary**, president; **Liz Gordon**, VP; **William Vanneman Jr.**, secretary; **George Arangio**, immediate past president; **Myron Jacobson**, Reunion chair; **Lou Ferraro**, VP for communications; **Sharon Hegarty Williams**, treasurer; **Joan Hens Johnson**, class correspondent; and class council members **Barry Cutler**, **Bob Kessler**, **Grace Hershberg Morgenstein**, **Jamil Sopher**, MEE '66, **Roberta Tarbell**, and **Barbara Turner**. Their e-mails are found on the Cornell Class of '65 website, if you want to contact anyone.

Marco Dicapua, ME '66 (Washington, DC) is the chief scientist in the non-proliferation R&D office of the national Nuclear Security Administration of the US Dept. of Energy. His current project is developing a plan to sustain the infrastructure of the national laboratories in Los Alamos. Thinking back on those at Cornell who had the most influence on him, Marco references Thomas Sokol, Ed Desler, Seymour Sack, Hans Bethe, **Boyce McDaniel**, PhD '43, and Dale Corson. Another classmate still actively working outside the home is **Ed Kelman**. He comments, "I'm busy in my legal practice." Eileen and Ed live in NYC.

Sam Sage (Syracuse, NY) had a big article about his work in the *Post-Standard/Empire*, April 17, 2016. Titled, "Meet the 'Gloomy Gus' who made

66 Mete Tulin Tanrikut, MBA '66 (metetulin@gmail.com) wrote that, at the age of 78, he lives in Istanbul, Turkey, for seven months of the year. The rest of the year he's in Bodrum, Turkey, at his resort house, which is only 50 meters from the sea. After receiving his MBA from Cornell, he taught at the Middle East Technical U. in Ankara, Turkey, for a while, got his PhD from the U. of Illinois, and continued his career at Middle East Technical U. In 1984, while he was the vice rector there, he accepted an offer to serve as the general manager of a holding company before he moved on to consultant work. He received an offer from Yeditepe (Seven Hills) U. in Istanbul to teach a course

67 You may receive this early enough to make a last-minute decision and join us at the once-in-a-lifetime 50th Reunion on June 8-11! Go to our class page at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/groups/2017/1967.cfm>.

Noel Relyea, PhD '73 (Cupertino, CA; nrelyea@yahoo.com) reports, "In 2008, following retirement from our careers in biotech, my husband and I opened our winery—R&W Vineyards. Check it out at rwvineyards.com. Although our business is very small (about 300 cases/year), we can now ship to 39 states. Our backgrounds in biochemistry are well suited to this second career and we definitely enjoy having a business where we do it all, from growing the grapes to selling the wine. I'm also enjoying time with my daughters and grandchildren."

"My daughter Emily was married February 27, 2016, at the Colour Restaurant at 9,095 feet in a snowstorm in Jackson Hole, WY," reports **James Sagalyn**, ME '68 (Northampton, MA; jsagalyn@aol.com). Emily (Columbia '00, UMass MD '06) did a fellowship in wilderness medicine at the U. of Utah and is an emergency medicine physician in Reno, NV. Her husband, James Brown (Texas A&M '01) is a professional mountain guide and owner of SWS Mountain Guides and California Ski Guides, based in Shasta, CA. Cornellians in attendance included **Lynne Beyer Sagalyn** '69, **Barbara Levitz Lindheim** '69, **Dave Polan** '98, and **Hannah Hardaway** '01, BA '05, who was the event photographer. I continue to work as president of Holyoke Machine Co., manufacturer of paper and textile machinery in Holyoke, MA, and live in Northampton, MA, with my wife, Jane Herzenberg. Looking forward to our 50th."

Another classmate in the wine trade is **Bill Forbes** (Columbus, OH), who reports, "The wine distribution company—Vintage Wine Distributor—keeps growing every year. It was started by my father, **James Forbes** '36, and is now owned by my brother **Casey Forbes** '74 and me. Both of my sons are now entrepreneurs here in Columbus." Bill would like to hear from freshman roommate **Bob Kinasewich** and recalls professors **Christopher Stahler**, MD '60, Chandler Morse, and Walter LaFeber as having the greatest impact on him. **Lois Thetford** (Seattle, WA; loist@uw.edu) is now co-chair for maternal and child health for the MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Training Program at the U. of Washington School of Medicine, with sites in Anchorage, Spokane, Tacoma, and Seattle, at all of which she lectures. "After 39 years together, Jean Rietschel (U. of Rochester and JD from U. of Washington) and I married last year," she notes. She would like to hear from **Bethanie Gilbert** '66.

Sally Nellis Kuehl (Rochester, NY; bksk74@frontiernet.net) reports that she is a trustee of Keuka College, Keuka Park, NY (near Penn Yan) and a director of 4 Walls Project (4wallsproject.org), a 501(c)(3) organization building houses in Nicaragua. She and husband Bob continue to travel the world—"Last year, New Zealand and Australia and a day trip down the Salmon River in Idaho. We plan to visit an ancestral family village in Germany—the Nellises left Sitters in 1708." **Sandra Ford Schenkar** (South Edmonds, WA; sfschat@comcast.net) says, "Gardening and landscape design is my 'happy' busy: 'To plant a garden is to have hope for the future.' Ron and I enjoy many activities on the waters and islands of Puget Sound and in the mountains of Western Washington. After 37 years of living in our state capital of Olympia while raising my family and working my career, I have moved back to the

'My daughter was married at 9,095 feet in a snowstorm in Jackson Hole, WY.'

James Sagalyn '67

Onondaga Lake safe for swimming again," the piece notes that it took Sam, "an ornery guy," to push for a cleaner Onondaga Lake. His 1988 lawsuit forced Onondaga County to spend nearly \$700 million to transform the lake from a sewer pit to a potential swimming hole. Sam is president of the Atlantic States Legal Foundation and has been a clean water advocate for decades. The entire feature article is terrific to read, and I'll reference the last paragraph: "County Executive Mahoney said, 'Sam has held people accountable for the worst environmental mess that our region has made. There have been thousands of people over the years who complained about the smell in Onondaga Lake and the pollution and the fact that we have this lake in our community that no one wanted to get near. Sam Sage did something about it. Now this generation and the ones after it will have an entirely different experience around Onondaga Lake because this man did more than complain.'" Thanks to **William** and **Mary Anne Maccallum Perks** (Horseheads, NY) for sending this article along to the class!

Some bad winters in New England convinced me to buy rather than rent in Venice, FL, and now I own a condo and happily spend January, February, March, and part of April in Venice and return to Andover just in time to get an extension on my taxes! Last year held terrific travel adventures for me—to Cuba, Paris, Vietnam, and Cambodia, and a Christmas trip to the Galápagos with my son and daughter-in-law and the grandchildren. Absolutely fantastic! It's also great to be in Florida. George Arangio (casarangio@aol.com; Fogelsville, PA) and his wife, Judy, and Sharon Williams (shw6@cornell.edu; Venice, FL) and Eileen Ryan (**Joe Ryan**'s widow, who lives in Venice) joined me for dinner and lots of shared memories and laughter. George has restarted the Cornell Club of Lehigh Valley, PA, and has about 40 alumni in the area energized for Cornell Cares and other programs.

All the best to everyone as we move into spring! Please note that, in the news above, if there was no e-mail noted or state/city listed, it is because none came along with the news submitted. Your handwritten news forms are welcome, and your submissions by e-mail very much appreciated! Often certain handwriting is a puzzle to figure out. You can send news via e-mail to: **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com; or **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

called "Contemporary Management" in their executive MBA program, which he accepted. Mete says he is happily married and has a son who graduated from the U. of Wisconsin. He added, "I am and have always been proud of being a Cornell alumnus."

In the spirit of learning being a lifelong opportunity, Donald and I, **Susan Rockford Bittker**, continue to attend workshops and conferences related to an ongoing "craft" interest. Last summer we attended the biennial conference of the Artist-Blacksmith's Assn. of North America, held in Salt Lake City, UT. It was a premier occasion to watch masters of the craft create and teach. It also offered the opportunity to meet metal-smiths from all regions of the country. Whether it is metal, clay, glass, or other media, we find it fascinating and satisfying to see different artists take the raw materials and produce an enormous range of work.

In early February, **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, **Mary Jansen** Everett, **Larry Rubenstein**, and I attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore, MD. This annual program aims to help class officers work with their classes to get others involved and keep connections with classmates. Some of the workshops give general guidance and also provide opportunity for individual classes to gear information to their needs. There was also time for Rolf, Mary, and me to go over specific '66 issues. Larry is very active in the CAAAN student recruitment program and attended that workshop. At Saturday's group luncheon, we were delighted to hear Interim President Hunter Rawlings talk about the university as he looks forward to the new president taking the helm in April. We were especially happy to hear from him as he is an honorary member of '66, having graduated Haverford that year. Many of us heard him speak at Reunion last June.

It's hard to believe that nearly a year has passed since our 50th Reunion. We all have memories of Reunion, and we would love to hear a special memory from you. Just a reminder, if you have not yet paid your class dues, please consider getting them in. News is always welcome and appreciated. **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

Seattle area and reconnected with high school friends, KKG sorority sisters, and both my children who have settled in Seattle." She would love to hear from **Carol Stilwell Himes**, **Barbara Boochever Lindh**, and **Melanie Mayer**. She recalls Prof. **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** as having a great impact on her. "He imported important knowledge about child development, which augmented my psychology major."

"Still doing some surgery at the Lawndale Christian Health Center in Chicago, a great clinic in the inner city for the underserved," writes **Adam Romeiser** (Lake Forest, IL). "I work there one day a week, and home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is a great place to unwind. Six grandchildren under 6 keep us hopping. Climbing more mountains: climbed one (14,250 feet) in Blue River, CO, two summers ago." **Helene Dansker Bergman** (Muymimada@aol.com) advises, "**Lawrence Bergman '65**, MEE '66, passed away on January 5, 2017. He is survived by daughters Jennifer and Allison and myself, their mother." **Hillel Fradkin** (Washington, DC; hillel@hillelfradkin.com) is kept busy by Middle East and Muslim politics "as a senior fellow at the Hudson Inst. I'm also at work on a book on the Hebrew Bible. My daughters, Abigail and Rebecca, have graduated from college and live and work in New York City." He adds that he'd like to be "spending more time in Israel, Italy, and France" and recalls as major influences professors Allan Bloom and Walter Berns.

Stephen Johnson (Missoula, MT; synapse@bigsky.net) is "contemplating whether retirement is interesting enough to replace neurology." He adds, "I miss my son, **Ethan '95**, but my daughter, Erica, is an associate professor of economics at Gonzaga U., and my grandson, Ishaar, is, of course, precocious." He'd like to be "spotting birds of paradise in New Guinea" and would like to hear from **Sam Patten**. He recalls English instructor **Mary Fuertes Boynton '31**, PhD '41, as having had the greatest impact on him while at Cornell. **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Happy spring! I hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/classes.cfm>. I look forward to publishing your news in an upcoming column! **Chuck Levitan**, clevisan22@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

69 Greetings from Maine, where Old Man Winter gave us a run for the money once again. Looking forward to a pleasant spring and summer!

John Mitchell, MD '73, enjoys practicing ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology in Harlem and is doing glaucoma research. He operates at Columbia U. Medical Center. This summer he will go on his 28th medical mission to the Dominican Republic. He has a 3-year-old grandson and a 2-year-old granddaughter born on his birthday, May 27. He is also a playwright, and his work *Chosen* will be showcased with five performances May 4-7 in Manhattan. It's a story about three jazz musicians from Harlem who arrive in the 1942 US Marine Corps at Montford Point, NC, which was the first time the Marines permitted African Americans. "We see them through boot camp to Iwo Jima and, still alive in 2013, deciding if they want to follow their

leader, Aloysius 'Big Al' Sam, to D.C. for the second swearing in of the first African American president." For dates, place, and further information, contact John at mitchellmdj@verizon.net. His documentary entitled *The Chosen Few*, about the Montford Point Marines, was seen at Cornell February 4 at the Black BioMedical and Technical Assn. and the Marine Division of NROTC. Best of luck to you, John. He would love to hear from **Ralph Kamell '68**, MD '72, and **Reuben Munday**, BA '71, MPS '74, who were great influences on him at Cornell, along with **James Bliss**, PhD '85, and **Michael Thelwell**.

"Our 50th Reunion is coming, June 6-9, 2019!" **Alan Cody** and **Charlotte Bruska Gardner** report that your class officers and council members met recently at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore and have some great ideas to make our 50th Reunion the best ever. Alan and Charlotte will be in touch with the class over the next few months to tell you more and see what you want most for our 50th. Your class officers and council want to see you all there, so please save the date and tell your friends from '69 to join you at Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! Enjoy spring! Please send news to: **Tina Economaki** Riedl triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Our 50th Reunion will be a full and fun weekend party in Ithaca in just three years! The dates are June 4-7, 2020. As always, I encourage each of you to check out our various '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

With our milestone 50th approaching, the Class of '70 is looking for classmate volunteers to help with ALL aspects of our Reunion, both big and small. At least two Reunion chairs would be great, or we could have a Reunion coordinator working with many Reunion committee members. There are many aspects of Reunion that will be planned and prepared before we meet in June 2020: planning meals and menus and meeting with caterers; picking the campus venues for all events; selecting a Reunion souvenir (or not!); arranging a unique Class of '70 forum; decorating our Reunion headquarters; refreshments for headquarters (food and drink); and more! Please let me know what role you would like to fill, keeping in mind that Cornell's alumni staff is very organized and incredibly helpful with "everything Reunion"! We will all work together toward a great Reunion weekend.

During summer 2016, **Phil** and **Andrea Schwartz** (Santa Monica, CA; philschwartzdp@gmail.com) spent three remarkable weeks exploring the Scottish Highlands on foot and by car while traveling with two good friends from the L.A. area. Phil says he shot "way too many images" with his Nikon. Then in December 2016, they went on a two-week journey to Cambodia and Vietnam. It included an eight-day cruise on the Mekong River on an AMA Waterways vessel. Phil reports that it was an eye-opening experience, though they were not always pleasant sights (e.g., the Killing Fields sites in Cambodia). It was a genuine exposure to life in Southeast Asia. They explored small fishing and farming villages, met hospitable people everywhere, and visited many historically significant places. The food in Vietnam was fabulous. Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) is a huge metropolis of 11 million people and eight million motorbikes, all on the streets at the same time! Phil continues teaching cinematography, as an adjunct, at the U. of Southern California and Cal State, Long Beach

three days a week. He says that his life is full and completely enjoyable between travel, teaching responsibilities, preparing a photography book, and enjoying their grandchildren. Sounds delightful! He recently started working on his coffee table book, selecting images that he has shot all over the world since 1973. Phil would enjoy hearing from his Cornell friend **Marty Goldstein '69**, DVM '73. **George Staller**, PhD '59, his professor in his senior Economics seminar, had a great influence on Phil when we were on the Hill.

During their first year of retirement, **Paul** and **Betsy Reed Guthrie** made their fifth trip to Burning Man. Betsy (betsyguthrie@comcast.net) has also found that there are many stimulating volunteer opportunities in their community of Novato, CA. They both continue to camp and hike in the nearby mountains on a regular basis mid-week, and so miss the crowds. They have two children. One is Cornell '02, both are married, and one has Betsy's "sassy smart 5-year-old granddaughter." It is Betsy's Government professor, Eldon Kenworthy, for whom she did research for his book on Eva Peron, that she remembers to this day.

Ellen Saltonstall (ellen.saltonstall@gmail.com) writes, "I teach yoga and Bodymind Ballwork, a therapeutic method of tension release using rubber balls. I also write books and offer webinars about these topics. I have three adult children and three grandchildren." After 40 years teaching biology at Marygrove College in Detroit, MI, **Donald Rizzo**, MS '70, PhD '73 (Drizzo1577@me.com) retired with the status of professor emeritus to Santa Barbara, CA. He reports that, in 2016, the fourth edition of his textbook, *Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology*, was published by Cengage Learning. Donald volunteers at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and is an active member of both the Santa Barbara Historical Mission and the Saint Barbara Parish, all while being a caregiver for a cancer patient. He would enjoy hearing from his former fellow graduate students in the Entomology department from 1968-73. Both Dr. Bernard Travis and Dr. John Paul Kramer had a great impact on Donald.

Two of our classmates took part in a CAU (Cornell's Adult University) study tour over three days at the end of October 2016. **Phil Batson**, PhD '76, along with his wife, **Deirdre Courtney-Batson '72**, MA '75, and I traveled to New Paltz, NY, specifically to the Mohonk Mountain House, for the course entitled the 2016 Presidential Election: A Weekend Seminar. The setting was beautiful, and the professors, **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Nick Salvatore, were interesting, informative, and certainly entertaining. I would definitely recommend attending in future presidential election years. The company and the food were also excellent. Send news to: **Connie Ferris** Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 **Michael Kubin** checks in with this news: "A bunch of us who lived together at Lansing West celebrated New Year's Eve at **Ted Grossman**, JD '74's house. Ted recently moved from Cleveland to NYC, where he is a senior partner in the litigation department of Jones Day. The other attendees were: **Bob Beleson**, who has retired from an operating role at Bulldog Gin (but remains on its board of directors) and spends a great deal of time traveling as well as enjoying his home in Brookfield, CT; **Cliff Essman**, who lives in Maryland, continues to work as a psychologist, and plays pickleball in his spare time; **Marty Michael**, who has retired

as a partner in a law firm and now teaches constitutional law at Birch Wathen Lenox School in Manhattan; and **Danny Bernstein '70**, CEO of the construction firm Alexander Wolf & Son. Danny and his wife, Vivian, live in NYC and have two grandsons. As for me, I'm staying busy as EVP of Invidi Technologies, a media tech firm, as well as co-CEO of Ionic Media, a media planning and buying company based in Los Angeles. I expect to be a grandfather by the time you read this, through my son Zach and his wife. My two other sons—**Daniel '08** and **Greg '09**—are thriving in their businesses."

John Hennehan, BS Ag '76 (j.hennehan@gmail.com) sent this update on his life and times: "It all started at WVBR in 1967. I was a DJ, newscaster, salesman, and commercial producer. That led to ten years in radio news, including a network anchor job in D.C. with the Mutual Broadcasting System. In 1983, I switched to TV news, ending up with a 28-and-a-half-year run with WTTG (Fox 5). Because I worked in union jobs for many years, having a pension allowed me to retire in 2014. Along the way I married, had kids, and then divorced. Sally, 24, has finished college at Virginia Commonwealth U. and Scott, 22, is there now. Despite arthritic knees, I play volleyball twice a week and like to go dancing. I am still active in my union and teach religious education in my Unitarian church."

Duane Tananbaum (duane.tananbaum@lehman.cuny.edu) is a professor of history at Lehman College, City U. of New York, where he has been teaching for more than 30 years. He and wife Joan live in Mount Vernon, NY. Duane's book *Herbert H. Lehman: A Political Biography* was recently published by SUNY Press (www.sunypress.edu/p-6327-herbert-h-lehman.aspx). Duane proudly reports that sons **Rob '08** and **Willie '11** followed in his footsteps (or snowshoes), graduating from Arts and Sciences and Human Ecology, respectively.

Once again, alumni leaders gathered at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), which was held in Baltimore February 3–4. Class president **Barbara Brem Noveau** sent this report: "CALC is a great opportunity for volunteers to get together, hear from students and administrators about what's going on at Cornell, develop our leadership skills, and have some fun. Along with me, those attending from our class were **Sandie Feinman** Antar, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas**, **Dale Cohen**, **Kathy Menton Flaxman**, **Mark Kantrowitz**, **Arthur Mintz**, **Jan Rothman**, **Joe Thanhauser**, **Donna Vlasak**, and **Jay and Julie Reisner Carter**. On Friday night, the classes of the '70s got together for a happy hour at Pratt Street Ale House, Baltimore's oldest brew pub, and on the next night we had a wonderful class dinner at La Scala in Little Italy. On Saturday, we heard from a stellar group of student leaders about diversity and inclusion at Cornell. We were also fortunate to have President Hunter Rawlings and **Ahmed Ahmed '17**, the university's newest Rhodes Scholar, join us at lunch. At our class meeting, we kicked off by sharing favorite events from our 45th Reunion and started to think about the next one in 2021. To lay the groundwork, we've broadened the class council and identified class liaison co-chairs. We will be focusing on affinity networking and marketing, fundraising, potential class gifts, and better ways to connect classmates to each other and the class. We're going to need a lot of volunteers to make the 50th our biggest and best Reunion ever, so please think about what you could do to help."

On February 7, Arthur Mintz spoke to the Cornell Club of Ithaca (of which he is the president) about the upcoming book *Forever Faithful*:

Celebrating the Greatest Moments of Cornell Hockey, which he has been working on with me, **Jim Roberts**, during the past year. "I talked to about 35 people at a pregame dinner before the Cornell men played Colgate at Lynah Rink," Arthur reports. "**Jeremy Downs '05**, former Big Red defenseman and co-organizer of the event along with **CJ Delvecchio '88**, introduced me. I spoke about the process of making the book and my role, illustrated by about a dozen photos that I selected from the hundreds I looked at while doing photo research."

Cornell won that night's game, which I take to be a good omen for our book. It is scheduled to be published by Cornell University Press this fall. Please remember to support our class and renew your CAM subscription by paying your dues—and send news to: **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu; or **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

72 For only the ninth time in our illustrious history, the Class of '72 will be celebrating a Reunion this year: June 8–11, 2017. It will be our one and only 45th. Please try to attend. Reunion headquarters and housing will be at Carl Becker House on West Campus. Have questions? Don't hesitate to contact either of our Reunion co-chairs, **Deirdre Courtney-Batson**, MA '75 (ddc27@cornell.edu) or **John Nicolls**, BArch '73, MPS '01 (jcn11@cornell.edu).

In the meantime, send your news to: **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; or **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

73 February is generally a slow news month here at News and Notes, although not the case for US news, we note. Your class officers were busy at the beginning of February, planning our 2018 Reunion. If you haven't read **Paul Cashman's** letter to the class, you can view it here: cornell73.com/february-2017-class-letter/. We're launching some changes and would love to hear from you about what would bring you to our 45th Reunion.

Luckily for me, **Thilde Peterson** (Laguna Beach, CA; thildepeterson@gmail.com) took some time out of the busy leadership weekend to send me news. She has taken an early approach to non-retirement by moving into a concierge living community. When you're still working, she notes, having someone clean your living space, make your dinner, and provide cable and covered parking makes life that much easier. Thilde has made many friends, most of them older than her. She also found ways to give back to this community. She's led a series called "Tower Talks" once a month. The final one featured Dr. Daniel Amen, from PBS, on aging and the brain. They tape the talks and then rebroadcast them on their private cable channel. Thilde is truly turning her vocation into a community resource. You may not know that she is our leader in organizing our affinity group program for Reunions. Every one of us has multiple ties to Cornell. Her goal is to help you find and engage with the groups you care about. Consider being an affinity group leader. I acted as one for our 40th and you'll be delighted at who you'll find. Finally, Peterson & Partners celebrated its 27th year of operation. They have a new client who has an outstanding local food tour. If you're in Thilde's

neighborhood, don't hesitate to contact her and she'll set your taste buds on the right path.

I saw **Ellen Rosenthal** in Ann Arbor in January, as we share the same hairdresser. She and husband Rick spend winters in Florida now and, given the vagaries of Michigan winter, one can only celebrate their escape. Otherwise their life is peaceful in Royal Oak, MI, as they continue to enjoy their retirement from the National Labor Relations Board. Please send your news to: **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; or **Pamela Meyers**, psmeys73@gmail.com.

74 **Elliot Sloane** continues to be happy that he and his family relocated from Philly to Sarasota three-plus years ago. "Grateful I finally completed a PhD in '99, because I am still teaching graduate courses online for Villanova and at Tampa's South U. I'm also cutting back on most consulting and business travel, as I desperately try to transition into retirement mode, whatever that is!" He says he is staying active with Engineering's **Jerry Goff** biomedical research scholarships, Lambda Chi Alpha house rebuilding, and undergrad mentoring, and some new work for our class. He writes, "I find that all college students I work with are under severe stress and really need guidance and encouragement; it is rewarding when they succeed! Reminds me of me/us such a long, long time ago."

Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte updates that her Cornell family has been quite busy. Daughter **Lynn '09** is in the design in engineering master's program at Stanford. Son **John '06** is working on a PhD in computer science at CU Boulder (and is a weekend ski instructor at Breckenridge). Daughter **Lisa '04** sings with the Washington Choral Arts Society, which is directed by Scott Tucker, her former professor at Cornell who directed her in the Chorus. They perform often at the Kennedy Center. Son Paul (Purdue '10) is in a general surgery residency and lives with his wife in Columbus. Daughter **Lauren '17** is finishing her senior year and starts at Google in Boulder after graduation. As for Jodi, she was tapped to direct *The Lion King Jr.* in February/March with a cast of 106 students. She says this was a "creative challenge and a ton of work, but also a ton of fun. **Lynda Roth Guenther '76**, wife of **Walt**, MBA '75, from our class, helped with the technical side of the production."

Diane Kopelman VerSchure writes, "In September, 14 DGs from '74 and '75 converged on Portland, OR. **Barb Johnson** played host to me, **Betsy Beach**, **Jackie Dolat**, **Marleen Kay Davis**, **Mi O'Connell**, **Chris Shiber**, and **Kristen Rupert** from '74, along with **Elyse Byron**, **Chris Curran Williams**, **Maria Mickewicz Lewis**, **Karen Leung Moore**, **Valerie Novak Sheline**, and **Joanie Pease** from '75. The group spent five days exploring the Portland area. The DGs cycled along the Columbia River, took a coffee roast class, toured the Columbia River gorges and waterfalls, sampled the famous Portland food carts and Voodoo Donuts, taste tested some Portland craft beers, visited the Japanese Gardens, and shopped at the Pendleton flagship store, Powell's Books (which bills itself as the world's largest independent bookstore), and the Portland Saturday Market. As always, the highlight of the trip was spending time together, catching up with each other, and reminiscing about our days on the Hill! Talks are under way for this year's trip, which will celebrate the 65th birthday of the '74s!"

My fellow Cornell Club of Washington, DC, board member **Steve Piekarec** traveled in Europe at the end of the year, visiting friends in the Netherlands, Belgium, France, and England. "Most I had not seen in many years (one 35-year gap, four others after 20 years). I joined **Claudia Benack '74**, MS '75, in London for the last week." **Barry Raff** reports that the recent birth of his daughter's fourth child (and sixth grandchild overall) provided a good reason to cut back at work. So, after almost 35 years as a clinical cardiologist in a large single specialty practice located in and around the greater Philadelphia area, he will be reducing from full time down to four days per week. His plan is to eventually go to three days per week before even considering fully stopping. He says, "Despite some administrative challenges, the practice of cardiology itself remains very rewarding and the direct patient contact most satisfying."

Our esteemed class president, **Dale Lazar**, JD '77 (also from the D.C. area), was among five alumni recently featured on the Cornell volunteer website. His profile included: favorite Cornell spot: the suspension bridge; favorite Cornell tradition: the Big Red Band; Cornell volunteer communities experience: Cornell Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee, Class of '74, Cornell Engineering Alumni Assn., Cornell Club of Washington, DC, Class of '77 Law School Reunion Committee, CAAAN, Cornell University Council; most impactful Cornell volunteer experience: "As chair of the Cornell Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee, I am helping to shape the future of the university."

For the last ten years, **Diane Robinson Knapp**, MS '77, has served as the "First Lady" of George Washington U. in D.C. while her husband, **Steven**, PhD '81, served as president. They are concluding their tenure in July. Diane, a Human Ecology alumna, was recently profiled in the fall 2016 issue of the college's magazine. As the article, written by **Olivia M. Hall**, PhD '12, states, "True to her Cornell training in nutrition and education and her work as a clinical and administrative dietitian, the Weedsport, NY, native chose to make her mark in food and nutrition with a strong focus on sustainability. The couple moved from the family's sheep farm near Baltimore into F Street House on campus, which was renovated with as many sustainable features as possible. Knapp hired university chef Rob Donis to prepare meals for the many events she hosts, collaborating to offer foods that are healthy and locally sourced. Since then, Knapp has been working hard to make nutritious fare and sustainable living the standard across the institution. As for life after GW, Knapp's plans are still open. 'Something exciting always comes up,' she says. 'I'm hoping whatever we decide will allow more time at our farm.'" [Editor's note: My older daughter, **Annalise Schoonmaker '14**, is currently a graduate student at GW.]

Hope you can make it to our 65th Birthday Reunion on campus, June 8-11. As Dale wrote in his e-mail note earlier this year: "No class in Cornell history has ever undertaken a non-Reunion-year Reunion. Classmates **Perry Jacobs** and **Bob Baldini** are planning a fun weekend for all of us who like our five-year reunions, but wish we could see classmates more often. This is the official Cornell Reunion weekend, so you can take advantage of all the official Reunion events including performances, tours, and lectures. (Note that this is in addition to and not a substitute for our official 45th Reunion, which will take place in June 2019.) Our housing will be at Cornell's Sheldon Court in Collegetown." I had a chance to chat with Perry at the classes of the '70s reception in Baltimore

on the Friday evening before CALC back in February, so I know this is going to be a great weekend. See you there! **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

75 I heard from **Joan Pease** that she was going to a Cornell hockey game. And I want to state publicly, as I told her privately, that I am very jealous. Unburdened, now I can get to the news.

Stephen Pearlman is now the quality and safety officer for women and children's services at Christiana Care Health Systems in Newark, DE. He also is an associate editor for the *Journal of Perinatology* and was recently elected to the Committee on Chief Health Financing of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Youngest daughter Arielle will graduate in May from Colgate with a degree

Italy and Argentina. She went to the US Open with **Karen Seidler** Goodwin, **Myrna Bank** Gardner, **Susie Corner** Rosen, **Julie Loeb** Aurigemma, **Louise Belevich**, MBA '76, and **Kimberly Christy** Gordon '74. "We had the best time seeing many up-and-comers as well as the fan favorites!"

I'm writing this on a Friday night, and tomorrow it's off from Orlando to NYC with my younger daughter to see *Hamilton*. Her eyes got very wide when I told her our orchestra seats, bought for about \$160 each (face value) about nine months ago, were going for at least \$1,000 per ticket. So did mine, actually. Please keep your news coming. Your classmates want to hear what you are doing and it encourages others to do the same. Put June 4-7, 2020 on your calendar for our 45th Reunion! **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, Karen.boroff@shu.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Mitch Frank '75

in psychology and Spanish. **Kim Bressant** Kibwe (Jersey City, NJ) re-launched her online business at www.WeBringAfricaHome.com. Kim notes it is the first business to bring African-inspired home furnishings to the US market. She is looking forward to traveling with husband Talib and finding service projects in Africa. Who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her? Carson Carr and her professors at the Africana Studies and Research Center.

Julie Ann Racino (Rome, NY; jar329@cornell.edu) keeps busy at the American Society for Public Administration with health and human services, budget and finance, environment and natural resources administration, and the international chapter. She was recently in Seattle in conjunction with her 2014 book, *Public Administration and Disability: Community Services Administration in the US*. Greatest Cornell impact? **Ellie Macklin**, PhD '73, in HumEc. **Joanne Bicknese**, DVM '78 (Cream Ridge, NJ; bicknesj@verizon.net) keeps busy preparing regulatory documents for health authorities. She adds that she finally settled with the insurance company three years after a house fire and moved into her new house two years ago. She says she still can't find anything. Joanne can't wait to retire and play with her goats full time—she added three sheep to the farm last summer and had her first crop of lambs!

Sean Lemass (Dublin, Ireland; sean@sdlexpo.com) has been running his own exhibitions business for 40 years (www.sdlexpo.com) and hopes to retire with wife Ruth in the next couple of years. About a year ago, **Tony Brannon** '76 visited them from Bermuda—he has been very active in the gay marriage campaign there. **Karen Leung** Moore (kdlmoore@gmail.com) writes from St. Louis, where she has been the owner of Metro Medical Equipment & Supply for two years, selling to the US government and supporting our armed forces and veterans with their medical needs. She left Build-A-Bear Workshop after 13 years. Karen says, "It's a lot different than teddy bears!" She has identical twin granddaughters, age 4, and she tries to spend as much time with them as she can. Karen is looking forward to traveling—her bucket list includes

76 While political events took up much of our attention this winter, our classmates have also been working, traveling, and playing. **Jody Jacobson** Wedret was promoted to pharmacist specialist and full clinical professor at UC Irvine Health. She writes that she's "enjoying new challenges coordinating education and competencies. I'm still docenting at Richard Meier's Getty Center. I had a marvelous trip to India last year and met up with former French students in their hometown of Bordeaux. Have only five more US states to go for all 50!" If there's anything she wishes she could be doing, it's traveling more. Who, at Cornell, had the greatest impact on her? **Michell Sienko** '43 (whose textbook *Chemistry* even this English major remembers) and Theodore Lowi. Jody says, "Dr. Lowi taught us to think."

Kate Bronfenbrenner, PhD '93, writes, "I have been a member of the ILR faculty at Cornell in labor relations, law, and history since 1993 doing teaching and research on labor policy, corporate structure, and union and employer strategies in organizing and bargaining in the global economy. I also offer 8-12 undergraduates hands-on research training and experience working on public policy research." Who had the greatest impact on her? Kate says it was sociology professor Arthur Paris. "He left Cornell, but I am still in contact with him." **Richard** '72 and **Marlaine Brem Darfler** have been nearby. Marlaine writes, "We just sold our beautiful house in Lansing, 12 miles outside of Ithaca, and moved temporarily into the City of Ithaca while we are building our retirement home in Trumansburg, 12 miles outside of Ithaca on the other side of the lake from Lansing. We want to retire to this walkable, vibrant community close to Cornell, where two of our children and grandchildren live. I will have my massage studio out there in our home. I plan to continue working for another five years or so. My husband is retiring at the end of the year and we are both so excited about our future plans in Trumansburg—the library, the music, the parks, the restaurants, and our family."

There is sad news from **Wayne Tatusko, JD '76**. "I am profoundly sad to report the death of my wife of 22 years, Cathy, after a seven-year struggle with breast cancer. Cathy was a Fulbright scholar who returned to school later in life to earn an MS in nursing and a master's in social work. Her breast cancer went undetected by mammograms because of her dense breast tissue. In 2012, she spearheaded the effort in Virginia to get a bill passed mandating that women be directly informed of their breast density and of the need for other diagnostic options. This lifesaving law stands as a memorial to her desire to help others. Cathy was the subject of a *Washington Post* story on the legislative effort (February 9, 2012). She died at home on August 2, 2016. I continue to practice law in my own small firm, Tatusko Kennedy PC. My two sons and five grandchildren are a great comfort in this time of sorrow." Our condolences go to Wayne and his family.

Edward Robinson, MPS '76, writes from Yokosuka, Japan: "We recently relocated to Japan from Manila, where I was posted as vice consul in the US Consulate. I faced mandatory retirement upon turning 65." He is now consulting in the area of US Immigration American Citizen Services and visa issuance, and is also a full-time student at the U. of Maryland. The Cornell friend he'd most like to hear from is **Horst Uwe Christiansen '75**. Asked about who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell, he names Hotel dean **Robert Beck '42**, PhD '54. From Adana, Turkey, **Abdullah Paksoy, ME '77**, writes that he is working in farming and civil engineering. "Our son Mustafa married Anabel in Petaluma, CA, on September 3, 2016." He wishes he could be getting a professional engineer certification in the US. Abdullah would love to hear from old Cornell friend **Joe Doherty**, and names Prof. Floyd O. Slate as the Cornell person who was most influential.

More news from afar: **Eric Lee** lives in London and says, "This year I published my latest book, *Operation Basalt: The British Raid on Sark and Hitler's Commando Order* (The History Press). The *Wall Street Journal* review called it 'riveting.' I am currently completing my next book, for Zed Books, on the first Georgian republic (1918-21)." That gives me an excuse to mention a book I've written (as Patricia A. Relf) with D. A. Dirks, *To Offer Compassion: A History of the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion* (U. of Wisconsin Press). This nationwide group of ministers and rabbis referred women for safe abortions before the Roe v. Wade decision and will observe its 50th anniversary on May 22. Please get in touch with your own news! **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com;

Lisa Diamant, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 Happy spring! We hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/classes.cfm>. We look forward to publishing your news in an upcoming column! **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

78 Now that so many of you are retired or semi-retired, why not consider spending some of that free time on behalf of Cornell? There are myriad volunteer opportunities you can do remotely that benefit the university and keep you connected with your alma mater. In addition to writing this column and helping to plan our class Reunions, I interview high school students who have applied to Cornell as part of the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). It's an easy and enjoyable annual assignment and, while admittedly making me "feel" my age, it's a great way to learn what's on the minds of young people today.

Victoria Hartman has been an active volunteer since graduating. She was among five alumni recently featured on the Cornell volunteer website (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/>) for their services. You can see her Spotlight at: http://alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/documents/November2016_VolSpotlights_post.pdf. Other classmates immersed themselves in a summer Cornell's Adult University class on campus last July or joined study tours to destinations around the world in 2016. **Leslee Moore** toured Hawaii, while **Valerie Jacobs, JD '81**, studied American Trials and **David Levine** learned to paddleboard. These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell's gifted faculty, allow alums to enjoy the educational life of our exceptional university in the company of other bright, curious, and warmly engaged adult learners. Read more about CAU at www.cau.cornell.edu. Just one last plug: our 40th (OUCH!) Reunion is just a year away (June 7-10, 2018) and planning is under way. Find out what's in store for our class in this column and on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/407220466029298/>.

I see on Facebook that my former Eddy St. housemate **Diana Bletter** is working on her next book. She's also continuing her long tradition of activism, using her writing talents for a *Huffington Post* article reflecting on the post-inaugural Women's March in Washington: "The New President and My Old Marching Shoes" (<https://thebestchapter.com/2017/01/22/the-new-president-and-my-old-marching-shoes/>). Our only other update comes from **Cynthia Kubas**, who joined Eli Lilly Oncology last year as a thoracic oncology thought leader liaison covering the Northeast. Cynthia celebrated her 60th birthday last May with a Silversea Cruise to Alaska. She was joined by **Angela DeSilva** and her sister at a Bruce Springsteen concert in Philadelphia, where Cynthia reports they "rocked out for four hours with the Boss!"

So, what's new with you? We can't share what we don't know! E-mail me or Cindy today—so you don't forget! **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com.

79 A large group of Cornellians from all over the world attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore, MD, this past February. At the two-day event, alumni volunteers had the opportunity to interact with Cornell staff and learn what is happening at the university. A particularly moving presentation, focused on diversity and inclusion, was delivered by several current students. These students openly expressed the challenges that exist for them in the Cornell community and provided alumni with the opportunity to contemplate the need to be sensitive to these issues and support university efforts to address them. We were also privileged to meet **Ahmed Ahmed '17**, a Somali immigrant who was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford U. for two years. Ahmed has spent his time at Cornell not only excelling as a student, but also mentoring other under-represented students on campus. Mentorship was a focus of many of the event sessions, with a goal of having alumni volunteers and leaders be mentors for one another. Class of '79 CALC attendees included **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger, MPS '87**, **Margie Wang, Mark L. Wilson, MBA '80**, **Janet Rubin, Nancy Sverdluk**, and **Elina Yi-Lin Hum**. It was good to catch up over lunch with what everyone is doing in their career, community, and family life.

Margie Wang continues to enjoy traveling in her position as COO and CFO for Junior Achievement Worldwide. She reports that her daughter, **Marlene '11**, graduated last year from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and has begun her internship; she is looking forward to a residency in ophthalmology. Mark Wilson and wife **Denise Rempe '80** were delighted to report that their daughter, **Brooke Wilson '16**, has relocated to Boston to join a patent law firm's technical support group, which will make good use of her Chemistry degree from Cornell. Brooke joins her brother, Ryan (Syracuse '13), who is a CPA with PWC in Boston. In July, Mark and Denise cycled around the Finger Lakes region with the CAU Road Warriors for the third consecutive summer. Mark, a CPA, CFO contractor, and investor, is currently running for reelection to his third term as a trustee of the Village of Briarcliff Manor in Westchester County, NY.

Janet Rubin continues with her work in Short Hills, NJ, as an independent college counselor specializing in pre-college planning and applications. Nancy Sverdluk is the founder and president of Dabe Mija Corp., a human resources consulting firm in NYC. Elina Yi-Lin Hum is an international tax attorney with Hum Law Firm PLLC in Washington, DC. She enjoys mentoring young legal professionals as well as those interested in a law career.

Class officers who attended CALC met virtually with the remaining officers on a conference call to discuss upcoming events. Reunion chairs **Karen Mineo** and **Steve Magacs** report that plans are well under way for our 40th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019. We got a sneak preview of the Reunion logo that was designed by **Debby Yowell** Alberts, as well as some ideas of Reunion favors by **Deb Waterman** Johns and the Scout label. It's not too late to let our Reunion chairs know if you or your business would like to be involved in Reunion support.

Marcie Gitlin is looking forward to our 40th. To get ready, she and classmate **Michael Feinberg** took a Reunion weekend trip in June 2016 on the Campus-to-Campus bus from NYC. They attended the Olin Lecture, the State of the University address, Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall, and the Service of Remembrance at Sage Chapel. Marcie

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was able to have a book signed by **Andrea Strongwater '70**, one of several Cornellians whose publications were being featured at the Cornell Store. She enjoyed having a drink at the Statler with her former professor Sherman Cochran (Chinese history, emeritus) and his wife. Two weeks later, Marcie flew off to northern India for a week in Ladakh, near the Chinese and Tibetan borders, at a minimum elevation of 11,000 to 12,000 feet! Marcie continues her role as a social worker at a skilled nursing facility in NYC and lives in Washington Heights. She often sees classmates **Judith Sherman**, **Peter Coy**, and **Paula Fuchsberg**, as well as **Jane Sabin Sklar '78**, **Meredith Levine '00**, and her brother, **Saul Gittlin '84**. She is always up for reconnecting with people, and can be reached at vbabe214@hotmail.com.

Fern Chin Murtagh (fern@cs.williams.edu) and husband **Tom**, PhD '83, welcomed their youngest grandchild, Eleanor, into the family last September, and two days later they celebrated **Doug Cohn**, DVM '85's wedding to Barry Brown. Fern teaches first grade at Williamstown Elementary School in Massachusetts. On a recent professional development day, Fern climbed in the treetops on a ropes course with **Brad Whateley** and found out that there is a technique for zip-lining across a forest! When she was not flying through the trees, last year Fern completed a graduate degree in assistive special education technology.

Please continue to keep in touch so we can inform classmates about your latest adventures. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly to: **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 According to a respected audiologist, my incipient deafness was furthered—if not precipitated—by two major noise events marking my youth, namely a bomb blast (long story) and the Doobie Brothers concert in Barton Hall in 1978 during which I stood in front of a speaker as big as a house. I'm not whining, au contraire! You can't unring a bell, but if you can't hear the bell to begin with, you're ahead of the game. My hearing aids perform light duty because there's a lot of junk I don't need to hear—they spend most of the time in my pocket while I stare blankly at people asking me for money, or lecturing me on my myriad shortcomings. This is woven into the fabric of my life as a Curmudgeon. While I'm spry now and can hike and bike many miles at a time, someday I will likely carry a walking stick, which I will use to point at things and whomp reproaches and others who annoy me.

Now that their children have been let loose on the world at large, **Chas Horvath**, ME '81, and wife Mary have left their home of 27 years in Concord, MA, and moved into Boston, specifically a neighborhood called Jamaica Plain. They are thoroughly enjoying city life, their new home being a few minutes' walk from many restaurants, the multiple parks Jamaica Plain is known for, and the Sam Adams Brewery. A subway stop (not the sandwich kind) is a few blocks away, and Chas aspires to eventually achieve a car-free lifestyle.

Chas occasionally reflects on fellow Pi Kappa Alpha brother **Dik Saalfeld**'s recent move from downtown D.C. to Florida and concedes that Dik probably has the edge on shuffleboard.

A news release from the Colorado Water Trust reports that **Wayne Forman** was elected to serve as a member of the board of directors. Wayne has practiced water law in Colorado for more than 30 years. The 15-year-old water trust is dedicated to restoring flow to Colorado's rivers in need.

There is a difference of opinion in our household as to the nature of the retirement job I (correspondent Dik Saalfeld) should take in order to remain properly socialized, and to bring in a bit more scratch. My lovely spouse thinks I should show some ambition, whereas I would like nothing more than to sell beer and bait to crusty alcoholics on the pier. It's a noble calling, in my view; those guys need to get out of the house, too, and what better way to accomplish this than in the sun and surf of Florida's Gulf Coast? The debate rages. Stay tuned.

Keep those cards and letters coming, kids. Let us know what you're up to. Go to the Cornell Class of 1980 Facebook page and post amusing anecdotes, pictures, videos, and whatnot. Postings are starting to pick up, thanks to some engaged classmates. Things you may see as dross may make someone's day. That random Instamatic shot of the Phi Psi 500 crowd? Post it—maybe someone will recognize the folks chugging beer. **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

81 I am writing this column in mid-February in sunny South Florida as storms continue to dump on fellow classmates all over the country. **Mike Bell** and I have empty bedrooms now with all four kids out of the nest; we want them filled up with Cornell friends next winter!

We have just returned from the 2017 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore, MD, where we enjoyed meeting with classmates and other fellow Cornellians. Mike and I joined class president **Fred Cohen**, treasurer **Monique van Perlstein**, **Celia Rodee**, **Renee Miller-Mizia**, **Cathy Cosentini** Bonczek, **Laura Dake Roche**, **Steven Ritchey**, **Lisa Kremer** Ullmann, **John Boochever**, **Laura Fratt**, and **Betsy Silverfine** for reporting and brainstorming. Interim university president Hunter R. Rawlings III delivered an inspirational and informative talk. Conference topics included diversity and inclusion, Cornell Giving Day (March 14), leadership, mentoring ("Let's Grab Coffee"), and community intervention. One of my favorite remarks overheard at CALC: "Cornell is not perfect, but Cornell is exceptional, and Cornell continues to strive to be better." Mark your calendars for next year and join us in Philadelphia, PA, for CALC February 2-3, 2018.

We have our very own class social media guru in Steven Ritchey! Steve is part of CornellSOCIAL, serving as one of 550 volunteer social media ambassadors who help Cornellians stay connected and engaged with each other and Cornell. Join our class Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of 1981 Alumni") and stay connected! New officers and new energy has come out of our 35th Reunion—we want to be able to communicate with all of you as we plan events and engage with each other. Snail mail is slow and expensive. Please help us by sending your most current e-mail address to

TanisMBell@gmail.com so we can update our records. Our 40th Reunion, June 10-13, 2021, can be the biggest and best ever. It will be here before we know it!

Marianne Van Sicklin Knight writes from Ontario, Canada, that life is busy and her family is expanding! "2016 was a very busy year. We now have a new granddaughter, born in September, compliments of our daughter and son-in-law, who is a doctor from Haiti. They live in Virginia. We also welcomed a new daughter-in-law last May. She's a second grade teacher and lives with our son in beautiful Fernie, BC (in the interior of the Canadian Rockies). We moved in August to 300 feet of waterfront on Lake Erie and look across the lake at New York. In December I completed an executive MS at Columbia U. in information and knowledge strategy."

Tim Riccardi tries to return to Cornell each January to run the Hartshorne indoor mile race. This is a masters indoor race that just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Tim and classmate **Tony Boyadjis**, JD '84, most recently "competed" (he claims they are a little bit slower than they were back in 1981) at Barton Hall in January 2017. This is Tim's seventh or eighth race in this event since turning 50. Tim even met his fiancée at this meet four years ago! **John** and **Laura Dake Roche** share that their youngest daughter, **Carolyn '20**, is a freshman in Balch (where Laura lived)—"and enjoying ALL that Cornell has to offer including the Lynah Faithful. She has become a rabid hockey fan! John and I are loving the quiet nest—trying to think about what we want to do in our next phase, including exit strategies from the work world. When? Who knows?"

Over the years, Mike and I have visited **Nancy McDonald** Cousins both in Maine and outside Albany. When I recently talked to her she promised to send me some news. Keeping her promise, Nancy shares, "I live in Upstate New York and have three children, Heather, 26, Kelly, 24, and Andrea, 22. I currently work as a teaching assistant in a local high school, and tutor math privately. I love being able to walk out the door at school at 2:30 with no worries, and I have a blast tutoring. I was diagnosed last year with breast cancer and have recently completed intensive treatment. I had incredible support from my family, my friends, and my community! I am very happy to be back to a normal schedule!"

CDI Studio One Designs (the architecture division of L.R. Kimball), of which classmate **Gary Lapera**, BArch '81, FAIA, is a principal, is reported to have completed the new office complex/operation center for Sheetz Inc. The Sheetz corporate campus is located midway between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. The project included a 115,000-sq.-ft. modern headquarters/operation center and an adjacent 13,000-sq.-ft. daycare center. Gary stated, "In the design of this building, fluidity was the key conceptual driver. From a highly flexible workplace that can morph with dynamic growth to a building perimeter that obscures the boundary between inside and outside, this project will continue to evolve with the Sheetz upward trajectory."

We are always looking for news to share—the Class Notes remains the most read segment of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. An easy way to submit news is via the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Keep sending your news; we love to hear from you! **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com; **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

82 As you read this, our 35th Reunion is less than a month away! We have now been out of college almost twice as long as the time it took us to “grow up” and then arrive on Cornell’s beloved East Hill. I have been lucky in that my fraternity events and my daughter’s four years at Ithaca College have allowed me frequent opportunities to return to campus. And every time, I love the experience of the years melting away and the memories flooding back as I walk the paths of my college years and let my mind wander. It is exhilarating. From the sublime (“My wife’s dorm room was right . . . there!”) to the ouch (“That is where my roommate’s dad’s car was towed . . . boy was he mad . . . all those alumni donations and he still gets towed . . . jeez, it’s not even a road anymore”), it’s all there (well, not the U-Halls) as you stroll up and down the Hill between buildings, across the campus, and around the gothic dorms. If you have not already signed up for Reunion, you still have a chance, and I guarantee that it will be memorable. Google the class Reunion site for the details and a list of events, or check out our Facebook page. See you there!

We are at the end of the dues cycle, and news input was sparse. The class officers met in Philadelphia for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) and got caught up on Reunion planning, finances, and strategies for increasing class membership and Reunion attendance. **Mark and Melissa Duncan Fernau ’83** spent a week in Seattle this past winter on a business trip and then took the Amtrak Coast Starlight train down to Davis, CA, to visit **Rick Meigs ’80** and **Pam Lein ’81**. Several trips to the wine country and a tour of Old Sacramento were very enjoyable.

From our Facebook page: **Mark Stenzler** is still bringing the blues to the airwaves and the Internet (<https://www.facebook.com/BluesZeppelin/>). He will be hosting the show live from Ithaca on Reunion Saturday, complete with a Swiss chocolate giveaway! **Leslie Fields** is making the world a better place (<http://as.cornell.edu/news/alumna-leads-sierra-clubs-environmental-justice-efforts>). Any Tri-Delts out there, check out the photograph that **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom posted of the March 1982 senior picture. Clearly a group that is ready to take on the world (along with a cocktail or two). That’s it for now. Soon we will have Reunion news to report, along with dues-renewal news submissions. **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@npmlaw.com; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

83 Hello, Class of ’83! I’m happy to provide you with some news from our classmates. **Megon Phillips Aesch** (megonaesch@aol.com) has this news: “My husband, **James ’80**, and I both graduated from the Ag school. In 1994, I had a hemorrhagic stroke. I have written and recently published a book recounting this. *I Tied My Shoes Today* discusses my life before and after the stroke.” Best of luck, Megon!

Sheldon Hervey (hervey.sheldon@gmail.com) was recently presented with an Intelligence Community Human Capital Outstanding Leadership Award for his strategic leadership in the delivery of several significant enterprise initiatives while concurrently empowering his workforce and creating an inclusive work environment. He is in his 31st year with the CIA and is a member of the Agency’s Senior Intelligence Service. Sheldon lives

in Lorton, VA, with his wife, Nancy, and their two high school-aged children.

We also got the following report from **Alyssa Bickler** (alyssainvenice@gmail.com) regarding planning for our 35th Reunion in June 2018: “Hello, classmates! If you have ever wondered what your class officers and council do, let me tell you. A large part of what we do is to reach out to all of you to maintain the connection from our years on the Hill, plan activities throughout the year, and plan our Reunion. We have monthly conference calls, and we meet at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) annually to learn how to do a better job for you and to plan for Reunion.

“Most of your class officers and class council members met at CALC 2017 in Baltimore, February 3-5. In attendance were president **Nancy Gilroy** (nancygilroy@yahoo.com), VP **Abbie Bookbinder Meyer** (abbiemeyer@aol.com), VP **Alyssa Bickler**, VP **Matt Palumbo**, BS ILR ’86 (mpal999@gmail.com), secretary **Diane Barsky** (Barsky310@verizon.net), treasurer **Mark Rhodes** (mkrhodes@comcast.net), webmaster **Linda Lovero-Waterhouse** (lwaterhouse@wsiwebsystems.com), co-Reunion chair **Andy Sosa** (jas247@cornell.edu), co-Reunion chair **Susan Wasserman Guerin** (sguerin62@gmail.com), Reunion registration chair **Carin Lewis Evans** (carin.evans@verizon.net), and council member **Lynn Leopold** (lynnmleopold@gmail.com).

“We met with Teri Baier, senior associate director of Class Programs, to plan for our best Reunion to date. We want to make sure that as many as possible of you plan to attend on June 7-10, 2018. You can help our efforts by keeping your class membership current, staying connected with us on Facebook and LinkedIn, and reaching out to classmates that may not be involved and encouraging them to reconnect. In advance of CALC, we reached out to classmates in the Baltimore area. Several joined us for dinner Saturday night at Brio. It was fantastic to see people we hadn’t seen since 1983! Among the dinner guests were **Kim Osborn Rhodes** and **Stephen Putscher**.

“Reunion 2018 is going to be very special for the Class of 1983. To celebrate our 35th anniversary, four very prominent classmates—two Obama Cabinet members and two University Trustees—have agreed to participate in a panel discussion on Friday morning, June 8, 2018. The namesake of Cornell’s King-Shaw Hall, University Trustee **Ruben King-Shaw Jr.**, has been a health-care, economic, and policy advisor (as both a public servant and a private citizen) to five consecutive US Presidents: Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. A noted philanthropist, Ruben is devoted to education. He is CEO of Mansa Capital.

“University Trustee **Doug Braunstein** graduated from Harvard Law School and entered the finance industry, rising to become CFO and vice chair of JPMorgan Chase. He now runs his own hedge fund, Hudson Executive Capital. Doug endowed the Braunstein Family Professorship in the ILR school in October 2011. In the 2009 bestseller *Too Big To Fail* by **Andrew Ross Sorkin ’99**, Braunstein is credited as a key figure in the stabilization of the economy during the 2008 financial crash.

“**Seth Harris** graduated from New York U. School of Law and has enjoyed a truly distinguished career in public service and academia. He received a series of progressively responsible positions through the Clinton and Obama administrations, culminating as Acting Secretary of Labor under President Obama. After his time in the Obama Cabinet, Seth became a Distinguished Scholar in the ILR school and is now executive

in residence at the Cornell Inst. for Public Affairs (CIPA) in the College of Human Ecology.

“**Alan Krueger** received his master’s and PhD in economics from Harvard U. He became a professor at Princeton and founding director of Princeton U. Survey Research Center, taking time off to serve in a series of increasingly important positions in the Clinton and Obama administrations. A prolific and distinguished author, Alan became chairman of President Obama’s Council of Economic Advisers in November 2011. He is among the 50 highest ranked economists in the world.

“You won’t want to miss this and all of the other great Reunion activities we are planning. We look forward to seeing you at Zinck’s, at local Cornell Club activities, and especially at Reunion!”

In the meantime, we love to receive updates on classmates and what’s happening in your lives. Please e-mail your news to: **Barb Warner Deane**, barbdeane@barbdeane.com; or **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

84 Early in our freshman year, news of a \$70 increase in the endowed colleges’ semester tuition made the headlines. As of spring 1991, the annual endowed college tuition would be up to \$6,000. The same article pointed out that the trustees declined a requested \$25 increase in the state school tuition leaving the state school annual tuition at \$2,471. You may recall that by the time we graduated the annual endowed college tuition was over \$10,000.

This information and the stories to follow are all thanks to the *Cornell Daily Sun* pages from nearly 37 years ago when we first met on the Hill. My research was made easier by the *Sun* digital archiving project that now gives us all online access to the *Cornell Daily Sun* through their website. During our first weeks on campus, the *Sun* reported the start of a three-year expansion project to Uris Library that would add a 24-hour study center. What a concept! Gone would be the days of climbing in through the windows of Stimson Hall to create our own 24-hour study room!

The Iran hostage crisis was daily news in all the national press, and the *Sun* was no exception. This crisis would play a major part in the presidential election. The election itself was big news throughout our first semester on the Hill and many of the *Sun* editorials centered on the candidates. Though many look back at President Reagan as a great president, there was considerable skepticism about the former California governor and once actor when he was a candidate. The September 4 editorial read, “By now, we have come to expect a daily revision of history to spew forth from California’s favorite son. And we willingly suffer humiliation abroad as a result of Reagan’s uninformed representation of the American political scene. What we are increasingly unable to swallow, however, is the possibility that the source of these numerous factual errors may one day sit behind the desk in the Oval Office instead of prowling the beaches of the Pacific Palisades.” So apparently, the accusations of “fake news” or “alternative facts” is not a new phenomenon.

Some of the differences in politics when compared to today are striking. An August 29 article chronicled the personal loans taken out by three New York senatorial candidates to fund their campaigns. New York Democrats Bess Myers and Elizabeth Holtzman borrowed \$610,000 and

\$200,000, respectively; while Republican Alphonse D'Amato took out a paltry \$50,000!

Coverage of the Polish Workers' strikes was frequent. The accusations and subsequent Soviet denials of Soviet meddling in the Polish government handling of the strikes was also on the pages of the *Sun*. The Soviet Union's misadventures in Afghanistan were frequently covered as well. As I read these headlines, I couldn't help but think of the adage, "Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it."

Part of the *Daily Sun's* regular national news coverage was the ratings races of the "big three networks." The September 4 edition declared, "ABC network wins week's rating race. NBC comes in third." Boy, would those network executives love to go back to those days! Days later the paper covered FCC proposals to allow "many" new TV stations. As we know from the abundant television/cable choices, those proposals passed.

The "new" Faculty in Residence program started during our first semester on the Hill with Baker, Dickson, and High Rise 1 home to the fledgling program. In the areas of entertainment, the *Sun* regularly listed movie offerings both on and off campus. During our first weeks on campus, *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Smokey and the Bandit 2*, *The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu*, and the cult hits *Caddyshack*, *Airplane*, and *Fame* were playing. Cornell Cinema offerings were many, but *War and Peace* (all six hours of it) and *The Wild Bunch* stood out.

Though the *Sun* also picked up AP news stories of national importance, some were just plain funny. Who could pass up the story with the headline, "Plan to Fight Rats with Snakes Fails"? The Chicago AP reported, "The janitor in a rat-infested building tried a variation on the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Instead of luring the rats away with a flute, he used snakes. But it didn't work. Now the 50-unit apartment has rats and hundreds of reptiles too." Apparently 6- to 12-inch garter snakes can neither eat nor frighten rats.

News of the freshman class's Primal Scream first appeared in the September 19 edition of the *Sun*. "Dozens of North Campus residents—primarily freshmen—are going to their windows at 11:00 p.m. every night and screaming their lungs out," reported the *Sun*. The charter members (aka "primates") told the *Sun*, "It's our answer to the false rumors that North Campus is boring." Charter club members were quoted to have high hopes of spreading this practice to other college campuses: "This definitely has great potential to become a national college fad." I'm not sure it spread to other campuses, but I know our class put our personal stamp on the Cornell community with our primal serenades.

Take a look at the *Daily Sun* archives. You will have a new (or renewed) appreciation for the work that our fellow Cornellians did to keep us all informed. ☐ **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com; **Janet M. Insardi**, janetinsardi@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

85 Hello, Class of 1985! At this writing it is February. The groundhog saw his shadow and that means six more weeks of winter. It's times like these that I question my move from Florida.

To the news. **Julie Frost** Goldblatt wrote in from Massachusetts that she has recently taken a new job in sales and marketing with Dean Foods. She has two boys; TJ is a high school senior and

Ben is in sixth grade. **Kim Lawson** Murphy writes from Brentwood, TN, that her daughter **Aislinn '19** has recently transferred to CALS as a Communication major. Aislinn is complaining daily about the "trek up Libe Slope and adjusting to the weather after one and a half years in L.A." Kim

“My kids couldn't understand why someone would willingly subject themselves to more schooling.”

Marco Pinter '87

says the remodeled U-Hall dorms are amazing, and she and her husband love visiting the campus!

Ma Veet Deha, MS '85, is in Jhansi, India. She is visiting a social NGO called Development Alternatives, where she is learning about development from the ground up. She says she was first inspired by **Randy Barker '53's** class on Farming Systems and is now seeing it in action. The resource center is called TARAGram Orcha, in the historic area of Bundelkhand. There are tribal and marginalized farmers working in drought-prone and heavily deforested areas of central India. She says, "Except for the mosquitos and oppressive humid heat, I love it!"

One of the perks of being a class correspondent is learning about the lives of so many people I barely or never met on campus. I love hearing about and sharing the news of personal achievements, new jobs or travels, and proud parents whose children are now facing the same adventures we did back in 1981-85 when we called Cornell our home. Another perk is getting to write about people I do know. Facebook, I hate to admit, is a quick way to get a fleeting look into the lives of those I saw every day in classes at Statler High, I mean Hall, or the Straight, or on weekends at a party or late night meet-up at Johnny's Hot Truck.

On Facebook, I get to see **Jill Fahey** Palmerino '84 and her hubby, Mark, dressed head to toe in Patriots gear ready for the Super Bowl. **Doug Birnie** celebrating a child's graduation, or at the annual bocce tournament at his home. **Bruce Sandground '84** taking his lovely wife out for Valentine's Day or nearly killing himself on his . . . dirt bike? motorcycle? Vespa? **Jaan Jones** is always posting about his wife, Monica, the artist (she is phenomenal, BTW!). **John Gabel** finally accepted my friend request and his pics are typical Chi Psi chaos—but now with his family! **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez is always flying around the nation and the "islands" with her new job. Next year she'll be an empty nester. **Michael Smith '84's** status pops up regularly, traveling with his girlfriend and meeting up with **GINNY SCAROLA** and reminiscing. **Andrew Meltzer** is out in Arizona and never fails to post something that has me laughing for days! And I am happy to have reconnected with **Scott Frentrop '86**, who is out in California, self employed, and loving it! The point is that, 32 years after graduation, I still see those same faces popping up in my day, just like running into them at the Straight or on the Quad. It's great to see you all.

My "forever friends" and I get together (however many of us can) twice a year, in a warm and sunny state, to catch up, remember the crazy things we did at Cornell, cry and laugh together, and promise our unending friendship no matter what. We are still the same friends from U-Hall 1, 35 years ago: **Karen Magri Dadd**, **Maryellen Fisher** Magee, **Leslie Nydick** Roseti, **Sharon Tolpin** Topper,

Joyce Zerkowitz Cornett, **Jill Beckenstein** Lerner, **Margaret Vanasse**, **Liz Mozesky** Langston, **Cindy Cowan** Bowman, and **Debra Eisenstat** DeRoche. Enjoy life. Be kind. Send us news. ☐ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfariesq@aol.com.

86 Happy spring! We hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/classes.cfm>. We look forward to publishing your news in an upcoming column! ☐ **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; **Mike and Lori Spydell Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com; **Nancy Keates**, Nancy.Keates@wsj.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

87 As I'm writing this column, there are 102 days until our 30th Reunion. Of course by the time you read it, you will already be registered—right? I just returned from a great Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore. We were the most well represented class! Among the attendees were many class officers, and we spent a great deal of time discussing/planning our Reunion. I can tell you it's going to be an amazing weekend. Save the dates of June 8-11! Our class has broken many attendance records in the past and we'd like to do so again! So reach out to those classmates who've never been back and show them what they've been missing. Can't wait to see you there.

In the meantime, here's a bit of class news. **Marco Pinter** writes, "I live in Santa Barbara with my two kids, who are 13 and 14—they basically grew up on the beach. I ended up going back to school for a PhD at UC Santa Barbara and finished last year. My kids couldn't understand why someone would willingly subject themselves to more schooling. I now have a foot in both the art world and the science/engineering world, working half time as an artist creating computational artwork and robotic sculpture, and half time as director of software innovation for InTouch Health, a telemedicine company. I also recently took a part-time position as curator of interactive media for a new science museum, MOXI, and I'm looking forward to working with kids and artists there."

Suzanne James Penavic, **MPS '16**, reports, "2016 was a year of transition to 'what's next' for me and my husband. In August we sent my youngest stepdaughter off to join her sister at Cornell and then welcomed the first grandbaby, who was born in Tokyo in October. I received an executive master's degree in HR Management from the ILR school and exited my corporate career shortly thereafter! With the kids all out of the house, my husband joined me in retirement. We are going to throw ourselves into running our vineyard and winery in the Istria region of my husband's home country of Croatia. We spent six weeks there this fall for our first harvest and are in love." **Debra Ann Pollack** shared, "My daughter, **Caroline Wollman**

'18, is a junior at Cornell/CALS; pre-vet and loving it! I am planning to attend our 30th Reunion in the coming year. I am a physician (neurologist specializing in sleep disorders) practicing in Connecticut."

John Parry sold his printing business in Troy, NY, moved to Jupiter, FL, and has started a new career with HMY Yacht Sales. "Being on the water and in the sunshine is much more exciting than running a manufacturing business in Upstate New York." He has been married for 26 years and has four children. **Joe Peterson** recently got a new job at Galvanize, in Denver, CO, as a technical lead enterprise instructor, teaching software development to classes within companies. He is looking forward to translating what he learned over the years as a software architect into teaching new skills to students. Before this, he spent 15 years on unmanned space missions, like the New Horizons mission to Pluto and the Mars rover *Curiosity*. Attending the launch of the Pluto rocket and the landing event of the rover were amazing, and a highlight of his career, he says. Joe and his wife have lived in Colorado since 1999 and are still loving doing things in the mountains. He skydives (he has amassed over 1,700 jumps) and has been a pilot since 2000.

Just a reminder that *Cornell Alumni Magazine* now has an online photo gallery! You can submit your photos at: <http://www.cornellalumni.com/magazine.com/photogallery>. Please be sure to send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing any of us at the following: **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hfh6@cornell.edu. See you in June!

88 Greetings, classmates! We are pleased to announce that the Class of '88 applied for and received a \$2,000 grant from the Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Board to fund a series of online lectures. In February, **Howard Greenstein** and **Lisa Pasquale** Semmes accepted the award on behalf of the class at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore. We are now in planning mode and welcome your input on topics or speakers for the webinars. Please share your ideas and stay tuned for announcements as this program is rolled out.

For those who prefer a "live" learning experience, now is the time to think about Cornell's Adult University, offering classes on campus or around the world. From sports clinics (such as kayaking and paddle boarding on Cayuga Lake or biking in the magnificent Finger Lakes region) to writing seminars, current event workshops to culinary explorations, you are sure to find something to suit you and your family. Just ask some of our classmates who participated last year. **Eric Hoertdoerfer** attended the golf clinic last summer, and **Wan-Lung Tony Lau**, ME '90, and his wife, **Farah Del Pilar** '89, took the course Small Eats: An International Culinary Exploration. If you'd rather travel beyond Ithaca, reach out to **Bill**, PhD '89, and **Maria Blasiak Pence**, who took their family to Alaska to explore the Inside Passage from Juneau to Ketchikan. For more about CAU, visit www.cau.cornell.edu.

In other news, we are thrilled to congratulate classmate and Hockey Hall of Famer **Joe Nieuwendyk** for being named to the Top 100 Greatest NHL Players of all time!

Believe it or not, we are starting to prepare for our 30th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018. Thanks to those of you who took the planning survey circulated

earlier this year. If you have ideas, now is the time! Please share your suggestions with us or pass them along directly to **Angelica Watson** Botkin (abamca@mac.com), one of our Reunion chairs. As always, visit our class page on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>, or write to either of us, your class correspondents: **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

89 Last fall I confessed, red-faced, to losing your snail mail submissions (granted, ten months into a remodel of one-third of our home). During that time I also had major spine remodeling surgery, and we shepherded our first born through his final bumpy months of high school. Happily, I found that envelope when order gradually returned to our home. Both remodels are near completion; we moved up from "cooking" in the basement into a beautiful larger kitchen, dining room, laundry room, and mudroom (yes, it's at 18 months, but who's counting?). Additionally, this week I will wrap up physical therapy and have returned to playing cello and swimming. So let me regale you with the pile of news from our class.

Ted Shafer (ted_shafer@yahoo.com) recently rejoined his former employer, ASMC. He and his wife, Rita, live in the Hermosa/La Jolla area of California, and they "keep busy playing with 11-year-old triplets, Zachary, Zander, and Katherine." That does sound busy! **Jeffrey Spector**, along with his wife, Robin, celebrated their son, Avi, becoming a bar mitzvah in December 2015. Cornellians in attendance were **Randall Singer '91**, **Dan Goldman '91**, and **Laura Koss-Goldberg**. **Tracy Feeney** Lea works in the consumer health division of Bayer in New Jersey. She excitedly shares that her son, **AJ '20**, is part of the Cornell College of Engineering! Congratulations!

Lee Wood Morand (Mechanicsburg, PA; lee.morand@verizon.net) writes, "I am committed to a thriving psychology practice in an old Victorian that we recently renovated." I wish there were photos along with her submission. Anything else she wishes she could be doing? "Spending more time with my niece Krystal, who is currently pursuing her doctorate in psychology in Virginia!" Lee would love to hear from classmate **Rick Del Sesto**, MS '91, and reflects that Dr. Gertrude Armbruster, associate professor in Nutritional Sciences, had the greatest impact on her while at Cornell.

Do you love to eat your veggies? I confess it's not easy for me some days. However, some of our classmates loved them enough to make a career out of it. **Kevin Cook** (cookiebluebird@comcast.net) shares that he works as the research and development lead, managing "the open-field pepper breeding programs in the US, Brazil, South Korea, Thailand, and India." He writes that he is "enjoying life in Naples, FL, most of the year and New Harbor, ME, in the summer months, gardening and birding." He would love to hear from Cornell friends and '89ers **Paul Cerosaletti**, MS '98, **Kent and Laura Sandin Miller**, and **Aileen Popp Miner** and husband **Ed '90**, DVM '03. The most impactful educators at Cornell for Kevin were professors **Henry Munger '36**, PhD '41, Donald Viands, and **Roger Kline**, MS '69. What else does he wish he could be doing? Spending more time in classes and workshops with the local botanical and Audubon societies.

Do you enjoy attending Reunions? I am grateful for the mighty effort put in by our class leadership,

many of whom have served steadily in varying capacities since graduation. Co-president of our class **Debbie Schaffel** shared news of the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), which convened this year in Baltimore, MD, from February 3-4. Debbie attended along with class VP **Shannon Gallivant** Bol. The Class of 1989 meeting included secretary **Jinny VanDeusen** via phone, where they discussed ways to engage classmates this summer, since it is both the halfway point between our class 25th and 30th reunions, and time to celebrate nearly everyone's 50th birthdays. Debbie encourages, "We will be reaching out to class officers, class council, and anyone else interested in participating to suggest ideas for events we can host over the summer months." Additionally, it's never too early to start planning for Reunion, so if you have an idea or want to help, please let one of our three Reunion chairs know: **Debbie Schaffel** (cornellian89@yahoo.com), **Carol Copenhaver** (cabcope@hotmail.com), or **David Scher** (davescheresq@gmail.com). We are also looking for a new webmaster for our class, so if you are interested let us know.

Allow me to encourage you not to wait until you think you have an honor or accomplishment to share. We welcome updates on what classmates and their families are doing in everyday life. Do you travel, spend time with other Cornellians, have hobbies, or do service work you enjoy? Let us know. **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Kristina Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 Happy spring, classmates! Can it really be 30 years since we attended our first Slope Day?! I remember being warned by a high school classmate with a Cornellian dad and sister that Cornell is a geek school, but they must not have let him in on the secret social side of student life in Ithaca!

Using Facebook, I asked for some favorite recollections about being serenaded by Robert Cray. Musician **Mark Tanouye** chipped in with, "I was in U-Hall 1. We were right behind the stage. Awesome!" Special recognition goes to **Robin Fussteig** Goodman, who posted a photo of her scrapbook page from Slope Day 1987 in response to **Kristyn Benzinger** Whitney sharing, "All I remember is that Robert Cray was fantastic! And I'm pretty sure I was hanging with Robin Fussteig Goodman that day. Maybe she remembers my life memories better than I do." **Susan Mrozek** Cavaleri, Kristyn's freshman-year roommate, wistfully wrote, "Wish my memory was better. Know I was there, but . . ." One of the Class of 1990 Facebook page administrators added: "Hanging out with our Chem 207 professors. I have an old pic of both of them (Pete Wolczanski and Jon Clardy) somewhere, flipping the camera the bird." My own comment: "I met J. Roget there for the first time," to which **Shari Greenfield** Noonan '91 remarked, "I met J. Roget (aka J. Rockgut) that day, too. Let's just say we didn't get along. On another note, my now husband was there that day visiting a friend, but we didn't actually meet until almost seven years later!" **Jason Arnold** wrote, "Hard to separate the years, but I expect pony beers from Rolling Rock and Old Vienna." **Alisa Kossowsky** Strauss commented, "I can't remember much about Slope Day 1987. I think that was the point!" **Thwen Chaloehtiarana** said

pretty much the same thing, but a little more colorfully! **Matthew Gold** offered, "Not much for publication . . ." and **Steven "Slip" Rueben** quipped, "Can't share anything—sworn to secrecy!" Borrowing from a popular Vegas ad, "What happens on the Hill stays on the Hill."

It has also been 30 years since the Phi Psi 500 weekend, which was capped off by a concert in Lynah Rink with Elvis Costello and Nick Lowe. To be honest, I think a lot of the people who attended had no idea who either singer was, but I still remember that, instead of playing from a set list, Elvis brought a huge wheel with all his song titles written on it, and he spun it to see which song he would sing next. Speaking of Phi Kappa Psi, news of alumni brothers came to my attention from LinkedIn. **Dennis Edwards**, who has served our country in the Army since graduation, was named the deputy chief of staff of the US Army Reserve Command in January. **Steve Haggerty** is all about the Hyatt Centric brand and is Hyatt's global head of capital strategy and franchising. **Jeffrey Kennedy** was appointed senior director of project finance for GlassPoint, a California-based company that provides solar power for oil-field operations. Lastly, in October 2016, **Andrew Hovet** joined Novantas, a retail bank marketing and distribution strategy company after serving as an executive at Iberia Bank and Capital One.

Thanks so much to the many classmates who enthusiastically responded to questions on the News and Dues forms, so much so that **Allan Rousselle** could not squeeze it all into the March/April 2017 column. Here is the continuation of it for your enjoyment:

Elisa Barfus Bremner writes to us from Armonk, NY, that she has been "working for the JCCA/Pleasantville Cottage schools for just over a year as the nutritionist for the entire campus." Elisa says she hopes to visit **Amy Leventhal** Stern soon, and loves keeping up with **Lisa Rhodes**, **Neeta Dhawan**, **Melissa Wasserman** Goldman, **Caroline Rosen**, and **Michele Holzer** by Facebook. The "Who, at Cornell, has had the greatest impact on you?" question is interesting, because the answers are just as likely to mention fellow students as professors. Elisa says, "**Davena Barfus** Levine '88, my sister! She has always encouraged me to do things that she may not have but wishes she did!" In family news, Elisa reports that her son will be starting college in England this fall at Durham U., while her younger son has started his own leather-working business. Meanwhile, nephew **Payton Levine** '19 is in his second year at Cornell. She says they have also welcomed six new additions to the family: chickens! No word yet on what schools they will be attending, but I'm betting it will be an Ag school. Gotta love Allan's humor!

In closing, well wishes go out to class president **Caroline Miscagna** Sussman, who suffered a bad fall in icy winter conditions and has had to have surgery to repair serious leg muscle damage. Ever the dedicated Cornellian, she continues to steer class projects during her recovery and rehabilitation. [Rose.Tanasugarn](mailto:Rose.Tanasugarn@cornell.edu), nt28@cornell.edu; [Allan.Rousselle](mailto:Allan.Rousselle_agr2@cornell.edu), agr2@cornell.edu.

91 Fresh off the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore on Feb 3-4—what a great time! If you are interested in getting involved with our class affairs, please contact our president, **Jana Pompadur** Kierstead (Needham, MA; jkierstead@hbs.edu). We're looking for a social media/webmaster to manage the Class of '91 website. Check

it out for yourself at <http://cornellclassof1991.com/>, and contact Jana if interested.

Bruce Frauley (Oakville, ON) was planning a spring wedding in Jamaica. More to come on this in a future column. **Doug Derraugh** (Ithaca, NY) is the women's ice hockey coach at Cornell. Doug has been extremely successful as the head coach and is currently serving his 12th season with the team. His teams have a 202-126-28 record in his first 11 seasons. **Bob Baca** (Annapolis, MD) works for the USDA and recently returned from Africa, where he was part of the team that negotiated a treaty to reduce chemical exposure to ozone. **Eric Rosario** (Ithaca, NY) works at Ithaca College in alumni relations and is also very good friends with **Eric Gonzalez** (Brooklyn, NY), who is now the Brooklyn district attorney (https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/28/nyregion/brooklyn-district-attorney-eric-gonzalez.html?_r=0).

David Peck, MPA '92 (Pound Ridge, NY), a national park enthusiast, just came back from an epic hike with classmates **Seth Lehrman** (Sea Ranch Lakes, FL) and **Doug Greene** (Irvington, NY). They hiked Grand Canyon National Park. "It's ten miles down to the bottom and then ten miles back up to the top, and, surprisingly, we encountered snow." **Felise Feingold** (Newport, RI) is living with two Vizsla dogs, Aida and Rhedd, her "professional athletes." She and **Kris Hurley** Van Riper (Cabin John, MD) are in the process of planning a mini-reunion for our classmates in early fall in Newport, RI. Stay tuned. Also, Felise has set up a nonprofit to raise awareness about ovarian cancer. Over the last three years, she has been able to raise \$400,000. Classmates that have shown up for her event include Kris, **Shar Carter** Heslam (Boston, MA), **Jenny Harris** (NYC), **Kristen Sciacca** (Falmouth, ME), **Cynthia Lee Dow** (Old Greenwich, CT), and **Amy Gellert** Lebovitz (Bernardsville, NJ).

Jeff, MD '95, and **Robyn Lipsky Weintraub** are doing well in Westchester County, NY. Jeff needs two more courses to complete his online MBA from UMass Amherst. The emergency room physician and Reunion chair, aka "Johnny Cornell," is already fired up for our 30th Reunion! (For editorial reasons, I was not allowed to put ten exclamation points on the end of this last sentence, but that's how fired up he is.) Robyn continues to create crossword puzzles for the *New York Times*. They will be sending son Bryan off to East Hill this fall. Speaking of which, **Joel Stevens**'s (Darien, CT) daughter will be attending in the fall too.

Deborah Squires-Lee (Hingham, MA) has been named to the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* 2016 list of "Top Women of Law." This prestigious award is given to an elite group of women lawyers who have made important contributions to the legal community through outstanding leadership, vision, passion, and advocacy. **Sanjeev Dhawan** (Woodcliff Lake, NJ) is celebrating the 20th anniversary of his company, Unicorn Construction Enterprises, this year. "We maintain and repair bridges and tunnels in and around NYC, including some historic transportation landmarks." He and his wife, Britt, have three children, ages 10, 12, and 13. They like to escape to Maine to either ski in the winter or fish, canoe, and kayak during the warmer months.

John Heimlich (Bethesda, MD) is approaching his 16th anniversary with Airlines for America. "My team tackles a wide range of issues including aircraft landing slots in foreign countries and air traffic control reform in the US." In the near term, John writes, "I'm looking forward to the March wedding of one of my senior-year Cornell roommates, and the start of softball season." **Jeff Hyink** (Pacific Grove, CA) retired from the Navy

last fall after 25 years of service as a Naval aviator. "I achieved almost 3,000 hours in F/A-18 aircraft, had command of Strike Fighter Squadron 151, and finished up my career with a four-year tour teaching gig in the operations research department at the Naval Postgraduate School." I can't imagine! "I then found a great transition job doing project management for Orbital ATK, a defense contract firm that allowed me to stay in the area while my son, Garrett, finishes high school, then TBD." When not doing his best *Top Gun* impression, Jeff likes to mountain bike, golf, and rehab the house.

Keep the news coming even if you use Facebook! You can submit your info at the online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or contact one of us directly. Cheers! [J. Tim Vanini](mailto:J.Tim.Vanini@icloud.com), lavanooche@icloud.com; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wfaifinet.com.

92 Our 25th Reunion is upon us! As one of your Reunion chairs, I will take this opportunity to plug attendance at our Reunion, June 8-11. The Class of '92 has broken attendance records at previous Reunions, and we anticipate yet another record turnout. If you have not yet registered, please do so ASAP. Please also encourage your friends to join you for a weekend full of class activities, athletics, lectures, tours, and many other university events. Revisit your favorite campus and Ithaca-area hangouts, introduce your family to Cornell, discover all that has changed on campus in the past 25 years (and what has stayed the same), catch up with old friends, and maybe make some new friends, too!

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We have some great Class of 1992 events planned including: a lecture and reception to honor our classmate **Stephen Mong**, ME '93, MBA '02, the seed donor for the new Cornell Neurotech program; a Big Red tailgate-themed BBQ on Beebe Beach (with some surprise special guests!); a 25th Celebration with reception near the Houston Pond and dinner in the Newman Arboretum (formerly Cornell Plantations); and a post-dinner, family-friendly dance party in the Arboretum's Sculpture Garden with NYC/Hamptons DJ Lady Bunny.

Cornell's new president, Martha Pollack, will give her first State of the University address. Plus, there are old favorites like Cornelliana Night, tent parties, and Hot Truck, and new favorites like Reunion wines classes, dueling pianos shows, and **Bill Nye** ['77] the Science Guy! Zip line across a gorge, paddle on Beebe Lake, take your kids to Fun in the Sun (then drop them off at Kids Club)!

Would you like to get back in touch with your freshman dorm pals, club or fraternity/sorority members, or sports teammates, but don't know how? If you're interested in connecting with lost friends OR contacting others and encouraging them to attend Reunion with you, please drop an e-mail to our affinity chair, **Laurel Beverley**, at lab68@cornell.edu and we'll help. We're also looking for volunteers to help us during the weekend, so please let us know if you're interested in lending a hand. Last but not least, we are putting together a slide show, so please send your favorite (G-rated) pictures from your days on the Hill (1988-92), as well as pictures from our previous Reunions, to cuclassof1992@gmail.com.

As we gear up for Reunion, please stay up to date via our class website and social media. Here are the links: <http://classof92.alumni.cornell.edu>; www.facebook.com/cornellu92; www.twitter.com/CornellU92.

At the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore, we saw many of our class leaders. We had lots of meetings to help us get ready for Reunion and to inform and inspire us. Here's some news from our classmates who attended. **Allison Bergstrom** continues to travel the world. **Jon Simon** didn't travel far, coming from D.C. for the meetings. **Terry Horner**, PhD '98, is the incoming president of the Cornell Club of Washington, DC. **Todd Kantorczyk** is juggling his love of CrossFit with his continuing responsibilities as a school board director and partner at an environmental law firm. **Laurel Beverley** was recently named to the Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corp. and is starting a sports medicine program at MetroHealth, where she is an orthopedic surgeon. **Maureen Coughlin** Torelli is coming back as our Reunion registration chair and was trained on the new computer system to assist with that. Lastly, I am busy with my job as an event planner and as a local volunteer.

Other classmates are busy as well. In addition to running his consulting and coaching firm, THRIVE, in New York City, **Lou Diamond** just published a new book, *Master the Art of Connecting*. **Dan Smalls** is the president of Dan Smalls Presents, a concert promotion company based out of Ithaca. His company books shows, and Dan recently did a TED Talk in Utica called "The Straw That Stirs The Drink." It's about his job as a concert promoter, his time at Cornell, saving the State Theatre, etc. Dan talks about reviving a struggling Upstate New York concert scene.

Some classmates took advantage of Cornell's Adult University. **Charles**, MBA '02, and **Elizabeth Linderman Colagiuri** participated in "the 2016 Presidential Election—A Weekend Seminar" in October at Mohonk Mountain House, led by **Glenn**

Altschuler, PhD '76, and Nick Salvatore. Participating on campus last summer were: **Steven Haller** and his wife, Bridget Kerr (the Wines course), **Douglas Hohner**, ME '93, and his family (Bike the Finger Lakes), **Matthew Hutcheson**, MILR '95 (Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes), **Julie Graffam Kaplan**, MBA '94, and her family (the Harried Gourmet: Tasty Meals in an Hour or Less), and **Dana Aron Weiner** and her family (Bike the Finger Lakes). These non-credit courses, designed and led by Cornell faculty, allow alums to enjoy continuing education back on the Hill. If you are interested in coming back to campus to take a summer class or traveling with Cornell, visit www.cau.cornell.edu.

Please keep in touch! Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Thanks! ☐ **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com.

93 Happy spring, classmates! As I write this, it is Valentine's Day; so, because of this, and since by coincidence red and white are Cornell colors, I'm feeling all warm and festive about our class. If you are too, or if you want to do something philanthropic and/or fun for our alma mater, then please consider e-mailing earlpinto@outlook.com to join a planning committee for our 25th Reunion (June 7-10, 2018) or become a part of our class council.

Several members of our class council—**Earl Pinto**, **Scott Kauff**, **Jessica Graus Woo**, **Loren Rosenzweig**-Feingold, **Mike McMahon**, and **Theresa Flores**—convened in Baltimore in early February for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). They were productive—and also moved by Interim President Hunter R. Rawlings III's recognition of **Ahmed Ahmed** '17, a Cornell Rhodes Scholar who grew up in a refugee camp. In addition to attending CALC, Scott got his Cornell on when he visited Ithaca with his wife, **Jackie (Finkel)**, and **Bob Puchalski**, **Andrew Yarmus** '94, and their families. They went to a Cornell-Harvard hockey game, and Scott explained, "Although the game didn't end well for the Big Red, we had a great time at Lynah, touring campus, rock climbing, seeing the rare books and manuscripts, and eating at old favorites like the Hot Truck, the Nines, and Collegetown Bagels. Always great to be back, especially with classmates and friends from our days on the Hill!"

Pankaj Talwar (ptalwar1@gmail.com) has also been re-connecting with Cornell friends; he caught up with **Joe Catanese**, **Colin Kessinger** '92, ME '93, and **Denton Chase** '92, ME '93. He also ran into **Vivek Krishnappa** at a "cool hipster coffee cafe in Palo Alto!" Pankaj and his wife, Jyoti, and their two daughters, Anika, 7, and Karina, 4, recently moved back to the US after almost five years in Sydney, Australia. The Talwars now live in San Francisco and would love to connect with any fellow Cornellians who are there or traveling through.

Matt Kelman, JD '97, has also had a significant move. After nearly nine years at Bloomberg LP, Matt has become the new assistant general counsel for Daily Mail and General Trust, working across all of its North American entities. Matt lives in Merrick, NY, with his wife, Karen, and his children, Caroline, 13, and Ryan, 10. Also on the move is **Steve Cohen**, magician extraordinaire, who has relocated his celebrated and consistently sold out

show, "Chamber Magic," to the New York Palace Hotel. Steve shared, "Many Cornellians visit, and they always come up to introduce themselves after the show. I look forward to meeting more Cornell alumni at my new shows at the Palace!" Steve's Palace shows will start in March 2017, and they usually sell out four to six weeks in advance, so plan ahead (www.chambermagic.com).

As a final note, and speaking of magic performances, I was recently lucky enough to see *Dear Evan Hansen*, an amazing Broadway musical. It's filled with so many key themes: the power and effects of social media, teen suicide, and depression, and an inner struggle of conscience when a lie has a significant healing effect on others and oneself. If you can go, then go. Do you have a play, a book, a film, or anything magic or magnetic to recommend in this column? Your opinion matters. Classmates, please send in some news to help make our column a fun and interesting read, and "Like" our class Facebook page (Cornell University—Class of 1993). Take care and please share. ☐ **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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95 Cornell has a wealth of age-old traditions, so it's certainly memorable when you are part of something new on campus. After a couple of semesters reporting and writing for the *Cornell Daily Sun*, I thought it would be a nice change of pace to be assistant arts editor and was honored to be part of the launch of *Red Letter Daze*, a reformatted multi-page arts insert. It was there that I got to work with arts editor **Brian Salsberg**, who had conceptualized the new addition to the paper, and together we put out a weekly evisceration of pop culture and reviews of local artists, bands, and performances. It was a lot of fun, especially on nights when Brian was suggesting pun-heavy headlines one after the other for each of our stories.

But Brian got serious, went on to Harvard Law School after Cornell, and is now a partner in the transactions advisory services group of Ernst & Young, where he leads the firm's US merger integration group. He resides in Manhattan, after living in Tokyo and Singapore for six years. His wife, Abbie Chessler, is the director of ethics and compliance at Weil Gotshal, a New York law firm. He has two children, Ari, 13, and Rena, 10, both of whom attend the Horace Mann School. Ari enjoys water polo and cooking, and Rena plays tennis. "We all remain perpetually disappointed New York Jets fans," he says.

Patrice Winter Rousell is "an incredibly busy mom of three kiddos" in pre-K and first and third grades. She works full time as a project management consultant for Matisia Consultants (she has been working for the company for a little more

than three years) and lives in beautiful Seattle, WA. "I am also a troop leader for my third grader's Brownie Girl Scout troop," she explains. "So the latest adventure there is planning an upcoming camping trip for 12 girls and wondering what I may have gotten myself into!" An update comes from another alum in one of the Western states. **Jennifer Morgan** reports that she is in Incline Village, NV, freelance mapping and computer tutoring. And she's a professional disc golfer to boot.

Dana Roth has an interesting story to share. After living in Manhattan for 11 years (and losing a dear friend and Cornell roommate in the September 11 tragedy), she and her husband moved their family to Newtown, CT, to raise their children. Her children were 7 and 9 when the Sandy Hook tragedy shook their family and community to the core. "Many organizations sprung up around town, both to fundraise in memory of those lost and to help our grieving and shell-shocked children," she says. One such organization, originally called 12/14 Foundation and more recently renamed NewArts, sought to empower such kids through theater arts (<http://newarts.org>). Dana's daughter, age 9 at the time, decided to audition for their first musical, and was cast in *Seussical the Musical*. The organization brought in Broadway actors, directors, and choreographers to work with kids. "At one rehearsal, my daughter wore a Cornell T-shirt, and the organization's founder happened to be at rehearsal that day. 'Why are you wearing a Cornell shirt?' he asked. 'My mom went to Cornell,' she replied." When Dana picked her up that day, she discovered why he was so interested in her daughter's shirt: **Michael Baroody** was a '95 classmate! "Since 2012, Michael and NewArts have had an enormous impact on the children of our community, using performing arts to empower them beyond the tragedy we've endured," she says. "Michael has spent countless hours (and I can't imagine how many of his own dollars) forwarding this mission."

Let us know what's going on in your world! **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Steven Strell**, strells@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

96 Some news from our classmates: **Jamison DeSantis**, **Kris Cibulskis**, **Lisa Rangel**, and **Brian Cosgrove** met in NYC for the Frozen Apple hockey game last winter. "An unofficial 20-year reunion, of sorts," said Jamison. **Jim Butler** was recently promoted to senior VP at American Airlines. He has been with the airline for 21 years, working in several departments including sales, marketing, pricing, and finance.

Congratulations to **Chris Johnson** (chrisjohnson@lawyer.com), who was named Volunteer Attorney of the Year by the New Jersey Pro Bono Partnership for his pro bono legal services given to nonprofit organizations in New Jersey. Chris is now living in Glenview, IL.

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97 Congratulations to **Joy Kuebler**, founding principal of Joy Kuebler Landscape Architect PC, who received the 2016 Ellen Shipman Distinguished Private Practitioner Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects/New York Upstate Chapter. The award recognizes an outstanding individual practitioner for achievements in three areas: design, leadership, and ASLA Chapter involvement. Joy has worked on myriad projects including half-acre community-built parks, learning gardens at public schools, large university campus redevelopment, street-scapes, and green infrastructure developments.

David Misita (dmsita@me.com) wrote that he is the attending anesthesiologist at Western Connecticut Medical Group and an assistant professor of anesthesiology at New York Medical College.

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98 In October, I attended Cornell's First-Year Parents' Weekend with my sister, and we were in for a Big Red treat! The waterfalls of Beebe Lake gushed to welcome us along with the other families for a busy weekend filled with campus tours, open lecture halls, special library exhibits, a cappella concerts, Big Red athletic events, and much more. Amidst the hustle and bustle of campus life, I felt my Big Red heart beam with pride because, although there was a new generation of Cornellians milling around the many "new-to-me" academic and residential buildings, I was home. No matter when or why you decide to return for a visit, no matter whom you bring along, you can always come back home. Class of 1998, our Reunion is just around the corner, June 7-10, 2018! Hope to see you there!

Our fellow classmates have been very busy. **Kisshia Simmons-Grant** is a partner with Simmons Grant PLLC. The NYC-based law firm specializes in small business legal services, immigration law, and torts and personal injury. Kisshia received her law degree from Georgetown U. Law Center, and she serves on the Federal Practice committee as a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA). Her firm recently welcomed a new partner, Lillane Mair. Collaboration is key to success, but **Divya Gugnani** is not a newbie entrepreneur. Divya launched her fourth venture, Wander Beauty, with her co-founder, supermodel Lindsay Ellington, in April 2015. The cosmetics company offers a "globally inspired" line of cosmetics for modern, on-the-go women, and its products have been sold across the US, Europe, and Asia. She credits her time at Cornell, where she majored in Policy Analysis and Management and explored her passion for food, as her "defining experience." Divya shares, "What I love about being an entrepreneur is the constant mission to create. I love experimenting and taking risks." While working at Goldman Sachs, she attended the French Culinary Inst. and apprenticed with chefs on nights and weekends. She worked in private equity and venture capital and earned her Harvard MBA before she started her first venture, Behind the Burner, a business that created culinary videos and TV

content. Her other startups include Send the Trend, a fashion website, and Concept to Co.

We would like to share your latest news and updates. An easy way to pass the news along is to access the online form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. You can also e-mail either of your class correspondents: **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Toni Stable** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu.

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00 Hello, classmates! Thanks to all who sent updates.

After more than a dozen years managing a genetic testing laboratory for Charles River Laboratories in Troy, NY, **Donna Esposito, PhD '00**, switched gears and is now an independent writer. She recently published her first novel, *Flying Time*, a historical fantasy set during WWII. It's available through major online retailers and independent bookstores. Donna is also pursuing her passion for aviation and WWII history as a member of the curatorial team at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum in Glenville, NY.

Globe hopper **Javier Cedillo Espin** reports that he spent ten years in the Asia Pacific region, namely Japan and Singapore, and recently moved to Paris with his family. Javier is the proud parent to three children and works as a chief integration officer. In Shanghai, **Andrew Yang** is a lecturer at Shanghai JiaoTong U.-U. of Michigan Joint Inst.

Mayling Blanco was recently elected partner at the law firm of Blank Rome. She represents corporations and individuals in white-collar defense, government investigations, and commercial litigation matters. Remember: this column needs your participation! Please send updates, big or small, to me anytime. I love hearing from you! **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Can you believe it's already been a year since our 15th Reunion? Or, to put it in a more exciting way, can you believe it's only four years until our 20th Reunion?! Start planning now—you won't be able to get away with saying we didn't give you enough notice! Even better: New Year's resolution-style, set some fun goals you'd like to reach by then, then keep us posted on how you're doing along the way.

For my part, I've been inspired by the six-day "Jeopardy!" winning streak of **Lisa Schlitt '07** and decided to throw my own thinking cap into the ring. For the first time since high school, I'm watching the game show religiously—let's make it a true Daily Double for "Books of the Bible." Alex!—plus taking practice tests online and boning up on trivia related to the periodic table, Shakespeare, and all sorts of other things a well-rounded Cornellian should know to make her alma mater proud. Turns out I'm not alone in our class: **Peggy Imboden** also has her eye on that contestant podium, even

making it as far as the same tryout that launched Lisa! Plenty of room to join us—let's get some Class of '01ers on the show before we all meet again. (In addition to hitting Lisa up for advice, we can also beg **Greg Rutter '03** to put us in touch with his super-champion brother, Brad, for some insider tips.)

Another goal I've set for myself before our 20th Reunion is to make it back East for one of our annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conferences. This year's CALC, held in Baltimore in February, was attended by our class officers **Claire Ackerman**, **Lorraine Medeiros**, and **Diana Tyler**, along with classmates **Pete Bachrach**, **Elizabeth Herman**, and **Michael Hanson**, MPA '02 (flying in from across the pond—scroll down for the rest of that story). Claire reports, "CALC provided a wonderful opportunity to network with other class and group leaders. We listened to a panel of amazing and inspirational students discussing the challenges and progress of diversity on campus." Topping things off tower-pumpkin style, our class won two grants from the Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO): a \$3,000 grant written by Lorraine and Claire for class engagement, programming, and networking initiatives, and a \$1,500 grant written by **Sarah Binder** and **Lora Epstein** for a Tower Club recognition event. Great work, officers! If you'd like to help plan these events or join our slate of class officers, we'd love to have your help. Contact **Nathan Connell** at nconnell@gmail.com.

Many of you would love to get more involved, but just have your hands full at home for the time being, like **Kate McMahon** Galvin, who just became a mom to twin boys! Joseph Gregory and Nicholas Patrick (named after their grandfathers) have joined her daughters, Elle-Marie and Hayley. The family is doing great down in Lexington, KY, where Kate's love of coffee has been coming in handy these past few months, our mutual pal **Maureen Sullivan** Mauk reports.

Congratulations are also in order for **Adam Kerzner**: After "16 years strong" with the NYC Dept. of Education, he's reclaimed some of that Upstate New York state of mind as a new homeowner in Poughkeepsie, NY! It's a 75-minute commute to his high school biology classroom at Mott Haven Village Preparatory High School in the South Bronx—along with his summer gig as lead teacher for high school enrichment classes at the Center for Excellence in Youth Education at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine—but he's enjoying the drive. "I need to get my podcast game up," he admits. Any recs?

And now for that Hanson family update: Michael and **Susan Mueller** Hanson, ME '02, relocated to Yorkshire, England, in October after Michael landed a two-year information security position supporting US/UK communications and defense. "It was an opportunity to expose the family to a new environment and see more of the world," Mike explains. The Hansons plan to check another five countries off their map in 2017, but otherwise it's only a short stroll to the tea shop or pub for anyone who wants to catch up and visit! Maybe they can start coaching us "Jeopardy!" hopefuls on fun facts related to British pop stars and Western European civilization.

Interested in getting more involved in our class? We have many opportunities available to pitch in on alumni outreach, event programming, fundraising, publicity, and social media. Take a look at our class website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001), and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). And if you'd like to join me as a class correspondent or share some news, just find me online or e-mail me at: Nicole Neroulis Gupta, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

O2 **Rosa Clemente**, MPS '02, was recently featured in a *Cornell Daily Sun* article for her work to put an end to racism. A former Green Party VP candidate, Rosa gave a talk at the Africana Studies and Research Center in January about the need for "an uncompromising movement against racial oppression." You can read the article at: <http://cornellsun.com/2017/01/24/former-green-party-vp-candidate-rosa-clemente-02-calls-for-heightened-resistance-against-racism/>.

Jonathan Meer, MPA '03, writes, "I was elevated to partner at the law firm of Wilson Elser, and my wife, **Jolie (Bell)**, is currently co-chair of the leasing practice team at her law firm, Rosenberg & Estis." **Stacey Bastone** recently became principal at Jackson Lewis PC, in their Long Island office. Stacey assists companies in the preparation of affirmative action plans for federal contractors including job group analyses, EEO-1 classifications, utilization analyses, compensation analyses, and adverse impact analyses.

Melissa Kosack was among four lawyers who were elected to partnership at BakerHostetler. Melissa is a member of the firm's litigation group, focusing her practice on commercial litigation, securities and regulatory enforcement, and white collar defense. She earned her JD from Yeshiva U. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2005. **Margriet Schaberg** was appointed to counsel at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP in Morristown, NJ, at the beginning of the year. She practices in the firm's insurance and litigation groups, where she represents insurers in both state and federal courts in New Jersey and New York.

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O4 We love to hear your news—send it our way!

Ji Hye You has just been promoted to partner at Schulte Roth & Zabel in the firm's finance group. She focuses her practice on commercial and corporate finance transactions and representation of private equity funds, hedge funds, investment banks, and borrowers in a wide range of domestic and cross-border financing transactions. She received her JD from Fordham U. School of Law. **Mike Quinn** produced and appeared in the film *After Adderal*, which was the closing night film at Slamdance this year. Slamdance is the art film side of Sundance. Upcoming screenings will be in Chicago and Hollywood. For more details, see afteradderall.com.

January 6 in NYC, ten Cornellians attended the New York Theatre Workshop production of *Othello* starring Daniel Craig and David Oyelowo and

directed by Cornellian **Sam Gold '00**. Members of our class council were in attendance, as were classmates from as far as Boston. Thank you to **Lee Ann Gullie** for making this experience a reality. The interactive nature of the theater made us all feel like we were in the story as Iago's villainous plan unfolded. Thank you to all who attended for supporting Second Decade and Class of 2004 events. We look forward to seeing you next time! If you are interested in attending similar events, please reach out to Lee Ann (leeanngullie@gmail.com).

What are you up to?! [✉ Jessi Petrosino](mailto:jessi.petrosino@ey.com), jessi.petrosino@ey.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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O7 Hello, Class of 2007! It seems it's been a quiet couple of months for our class, but I hope that everyone will come back with great stories and memories from our upcoming 10th Reunion, June 8-11. Can't wait to hang out on the Hill!

I look forward to sharing more exciting stories with everyone as we approach Reunion. Have more updates to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online. [✉ Samantha Feibush](mailto:srf29@cornell.edu) Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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O9 Friends and classmates: I am pleased to share a few developments from our class in professional and personal areas. As always, please e-mail me with your own updates. We love to hear from you!

Michael Rossidis and **Avery Miller** were recently married on Long Island. The couple first

met in 2006 in Clara Dickson Hall. Michael and Avery are also completing residencies at UPenn: Avery, a general surgery residency, and Michael, a podiatric surgery residency. Congratulations! In 2016, Brin and **Thomas Weber** were married at the Scripps Seaside Forum in La Jolla, CA. They celebrated with friends and family, many of whom were also Cornellians from the classes of '71, '08, '09, '10, and '12. Of course, the night concluded with all the Cornellians singing the Alma Mater.

Also newlywed, **Adam and Alyssa Ehrlich Kressel** tied the knot at Whitby Castle in Rye, NY. The couple first met as neighbors in Mary Donlon during freshman year. Adam is a general surgery resident at Northwell Health (formerly North Shore-LIJ Health System) on Long Island, and Alyssa is a director of global communications at the Estée Lauder Companies in Manhattan.

Congratulations to **Alexander Callen and Rachel Tamaroff**, who welcomed a son, Jacob David, on November 29, 2016.

Megan Sofen Opel started her own interior design business called Megan Opel Interiors. If you are based in the Chicago area, make sure to check out her work. Congratulations are also due to Megan and husband **Dan '08**, who welcomed their second son in May 2016. **Becky Katz** has led a new initiative in eco-friendly travel for the city of Atlanta, GA. Becky has been dubbed the city's first chief bicycle officer. In this neat role, she is charged with developing programs to help in remedying the city's infamous traffic congestion. ✉ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu.

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12 Class of 2012, remember to mark your calendars for our 5th Reunion, which will be held from Thursday, June 8 to Sunday, June 11. See you in Ithaca in a few months!

Our very own class webmaster, **David DyTang**, was recently featured in the *Human Ecology* magazine. The article, entitled "Making Connections," highlighted David's efforts to increase HumEc's young alumni engagement through the Human Ecology Young Alumni Council (human.cornell.edu/alumni/heyac.cfm). David currently works for Uber, developing a global drive-partner and merchant fraud prevention and management program.

Michael Mueller writes, "I moved to Washington, DC, following graduation and have grown quite fond of the city. **Charlotte Werner** and I are in the midst of planning our nuptials. On a professional

note, I am working for Thayer Lodging, Brookfield Hotel Properties—primarily focusing on acquisitions and development. I look forward to catching up with the Class of 2012 at CALC and Reunion."

Keep your classmates up to date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents: ✉ **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu; or **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu.

13 After a one-year hiatus, the 2013 Cornell Alumni Council gathered in Baltimore, MD, for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in February. We came to the conference eager to get to work on a number of initiatives and left feeling rejuvenated and ready for another positive year. Some of the initiatives that were discussed included creating a better system of communication via social media for our class and organizing a nationwide (perhaps worldwide) event that coincides with some of the major Cornell events like Slope Day and Homecoming. Re-launching our social media channels and creating excitement around Cornell events will hopefully start getting everyone excited for our 5th Reunion! Mark your calendars for June 7-10, 2018!

While we reunited in Baltimore, our classmates were once again reaching life's milestones and taking the next steps in their careers. **Shawn Malloy**, ME '14, joined me in Cambridge, MA, from Chicago, where he now works at Biogen as a drug delivery device development engineer. Shawn is developing large-volume wearable injectors and auto-injector pens. He even had a few patents issued for some infusion pump accessories. While Shawn was in Chicago working for Abbvie, he began his MBA part time, so he is looking to transfer to a school here in the Boston area to finish it up. In the long term, Shawn hopes to get involved in a startup. **Ruben Ortega** also joined me in Cambridge, where he and his fiancé, Bobby, both attend Harvard Business School. Back in school as first-year students, both Ruben and Bobby are overjoyed to call Boston their home and experience #lifeatHBS together.

David Kobi Acquay graduated with a JD from Harvard Law School this spring. David was active in Harvard's Office of Career Services, where he mentored and assisted first- and second-year law students in the job search process. This fall, he will be working at the law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett as a mergers and acquisitions attorney in NYC. **Emily Futcher** also left Cambridge, MA, where she worked for the Dept. of Transportation Volpe Center for three years. While at Volpe, she conducted transportation policy research and supported program evaluations, cost-benefit analyses, and strategic planning efforts for a variety of federal clients. Emily is now at the U. of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy getting her master's. She is focusing on social impact programs, public/private partnerships, and innovating funding models for public services. In her free time, Emily enjoys cooking, skiing, and running (when it's not too cold). This past summer she traveled to China, Taiwan, and Japan with **Kimmi Cheng**, **Hillary Paulsen**, and **Melissa Fiore**. She is gearing up for a trip to Cuba.

Annaclaire Brodnick finished up Teach For America Hawaii in 2015 and moved to yet another tropical paradise, the West Indies. Annaclaire completed her post-bacc in pre-medical sciences at St. George's U. School of Medicine in Grenada and began medical school there this past August. She's been lucky enough to find an extensive Cornell network, including classmates

Taylor Dodds and **Sana Siddiqui**. This Cornell family makes Annaclaire feel very much at home in an international and high-pressure environment, but this time she gets to do that in a very sunny and warm climate! **Melissa Green** Sharma recently celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary by visiting Alaska with her husband. Melissa is currently taking actuarial exams and spending time with her standard poodle, Olivia.

Another major agenda item that we discussed at CALC was how to engage you all in volunteer efforts. Cornell recently launched the CU Volunteer portal (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/>) that allows you to create a profile and get keyed into volunteer opportunities. Check it out and reach out to me and Dan (below) if you're interested in getting involved in our board's specific efforts. More to come as we get closer to Reunion! As always, we want to hear what you've been up to since graduating so that YOU can be featured in our columns! E-mail us: ✉ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com; **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

14 Hello, 2014 classmates! Can you believe it's already been three years since our graduation? If you're looking for a reason to return to campus, then it's time to save the date for our 5th Reunion, which will take place from June 6-9, 2019. Before you know it, our Reunion chairs will be starting to put together the details for what is sure to be a memorable weekend.

This February, several 2014 class officers had the opportunity to attend the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore, MD. Asked about the CALC 2017 experience, our Annual Fund representative, **Dana Lerner**, said, "CALC is always an amazing weekend, full of passionate Cornell alumni who love giving back to their alma mater. I love reconnecting with college friends and meeting alumni from all classes. It's easy to be an alumni volunteer when there are so many other passionate alumni to draw inspiration and ideas from."

Dana also sent us an exciting update that she will make her Broadway co-producing debut with *Indecent*, the new play from Pulitzer Prize winner **Paula Vogel**, PhD '16, inspired by the true story of the controversial 1923 Broadway debut of Sholem Asch's *God of Vengeance*. Called "superbly realized and remarkably powerful" by the *New York Times* and hailed as one of the best plays of the year by critics, *Playbill* notes that "*Indecent* charts the journey of an incendiary drama and the path of artists who risked their careers and lives to perform it. Created by Vogel and director Rebecca Taichman and set at a time when waves of immigrants were changing the face of America, this play with music is a riveting look at an explosive moment in theatrical history and comes to Broadway from its critically acclaimed, sold-out run at the Vineyard Theatre."

Nichole Wiggins recently launched a new care package company, Bucket of Care. She got the idea to start the company when she was trying to order a care package for a friend during midterms, but couldn't find the mix of products she was looking for, even in a premium price range. This experience gave Nichole the idea to create a company that offered customizable care packages that could be purchased once or as part of a recurring subscription. The buckets contain a wide variety of items such as snacks and stress relievers, and each care package also comes with a comic that tackles college-centric subjects as well as a "Random Act

of Kindness" item for a friend who might need some encouragement. Learn more at BucketofCare.com. In addition to managing and developing her company, Nichole is still working full time for an airline in Dallas doing revenue management.

Thank you to everyone who provided news for this issue. Have a wonderful summer and please continue to share your exciting life updates with us! **Samantha Lapeln**, SRL76@cornell.edu; **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu.

15 Hi, Class of 2015! Hope you're thawing out from the winter and making great plans for this summer. As the Class of 2015 hits two years since graduation in May—where has the time gone?!—here are a few things your classmates have been up to recently all across the world.

Jessica Gerson is the third generation to run her family business, Gerson & Gerson Inc., a children's clothing company that she joined after graduation. Gerson & Gerson celebrates its 82nd year of bringing the joy and beauty of a new dress to girls around the world. Within the company, Jessica focuses on bringing innovation to small markets and was a founding member of the Cornell Smith Family Business Initiative's Young Alumni Group. She recently spoke on a "CEOs under 30" panel at the 2016 Family Business Conference at Cornell. After spending an extra year on the Hill to get his master's degree, **Adam Kirsch**, MBA '16, has become active in a New York startup community. His company, Yorango, which he refined through Cornell's eLab and Big Red Venture Fund, rents to over 6,000 students in Ithaca.

Mary Kim is making her home in Houston, TX, as a first-year medical student at Baylor College of Medicine. **Haley Jones** is also taking her talents to higher education. She received her master's in education and is pursuing a school psychology degree at Loyola U. Chicago, while interning in Chicago public schools. **Ray Zhuang** is making waves in Palo Alto, CA, and passed the qualification exam as a Stanford PhD student. While working at Boeing in St. Louis, MO, **Rehan Kaluarachchi** is working toward a master's in aerospace engineering from Washington U.

Michael Jalkio started a new job in San Diego, CA, as a software engineer at Classy, a company that makes software for nonprofits. **Hannah McGough** ditched NYC and made the move to San Francisco to be a merchandise coordinator at Sephora. Sounds very glamorous to us! **Catherine Rieflin** is also making moves in California as she started a new position as a recruiting researcher for Netflix. **Lawrence Goun** became an analyst in management and budget consulting at the PFM Group in Philadelphia after working in collective bargaining with the United Steelworkers in Pittsburgh. **Renee Girard** started a new role as the executive director for Enlivan, a senior assisted living facilities and communities provider.

Want to spend your summer months reconnecting with your fellow Cornellians? Hang with your classmates by checking out the alumni events in your area (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/search.cfm>) and getting involved. Have some news? Did you start a new job or get a promotion? Go on an exciting vacation? Have other things to tell us? Share it all with the Class of 2015. Please send us your updates and we will include them in a future column. **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

'39 BA, JD '41—**Bernard R. Rapoport**, New York City, October 28, 2016

'39 BA—**Rawley Apfelbaum** Silver, Bethesda, MD, January 1, 2016

1940s

'40 DVM—**Frank E. McClelland Jr.**, Brevard, NC, December 29, 2016

'40 BS Ag, MS Ag '42—**Thressa Campbell** Stadtman, Derwood, MD, December 11, 2016

'41 BA—**Marie C. Bahnmuller**, Purchase, NY, January 22, 2017

'41 BA, MD '44—**Henry Tesluk**, Sacramento, CA, January 16, 2017

'42—**Edwin R. Scotcher**, Endicott, NY, February 1, 2013

'43 BA—**Miriam Freund** Hurewitz, New York City, September 25, 2016

'43, DVM '45—**Walter M. Klein**, Eau Claire, WI, November 5, 2016

'45—**John G. Albert**, Monroe, VA, February 3, 2017

'45, BME '44—**H. Wood Bacon II**, Hanover, NH, December 11, 2016

'45 BArch—**Jose D. Firpi**, Santurce, PR, April 1, 2016

'45—**Harvey G. Kittredge Jr.**, Beaufort, SC, December 31, 2016

'45 BME—**Saul Levinson**, New York City, December 8, 2016

'45, BA '46—**Alvin Silverman**, Great Neck, NY, December 28, 2016

'47-49 SP Ag—**Stewart H. Anderson**, Groveland, NY, December 27, 2016

'47 BA—**Walter Fedirko**, Hillsborough, NJ, January 2, 2017

'47, BCE '46—**John F. Hallam**, Rockville, MD, September 10, 2011

'47 MS Ag, PhD '49—**William Hansel**, Baton Rouge, LA, January 2, 2017

'47 BS Nurs—**Joanne Foster** Laufer, New Rochelle, NY, January 15, 2015

'47, BS HE '46—**Gertrude Harvey** Smith, Brewerton, NY, August 2, 2016

'47 BCE—**Donald H. White**, Galesburg, IL, December 22, 2016

'48 BS Ag, PhD '51—**Albert L. Brown**, Lincoln, NE, December 30, 2016

'48, BS Ag '49, MS Ag '51—**Gordon L. Conklin**, Trumansburg, NY, December 27, 2016

'48 BS Hotel—**Wade H. Lowry**, Winston-Salem, NC, December 10, 2016

'49 BA—**Kay Polachek** Deutch, Fayetteville, NY, January 18, 2017

'49 BCE—**Wendel F. Kent**, Sarasota, FL, January 27, 2017

'49 BME, PhD '55—**Frank W. Kinsman**, Fairport, NY, December 26, 2016

'49 BS ORIE—**Stanley J. Metzner**, Albany, NY, December 27, 2016

'49 MS HE, PhD '57—**Rose E. Steidl**, Ithaca, NY, December 10, 2016

1950s

'50 BS Ag, MBA '52—**John Baran**, Needham Heights, MA, November 29, 2016

'50, BS Ag '51, MFS '52—**Verne A. Fogg Jr.**, Westchester, IL, December 15, 2016

'50 BA—**Robert A. Heuerman**, Vero Beach, FL, January 8, 2017

'50 MS—**Edgar N. Hinrichs**, Lakewood, CO, December 20, 2016

'50 BA—**Thomas W. Koch Jr.**, Mount Vernon, OH, December 24, 2016

'50 BA—**Virginia Vaughan** Maine, Farmington, CT, February 10, 2017

'50 BS ILR, JD '53—**Stuart R. Shamberg**, Mystic, CT, January 1, 2017

'50-51 SP Ag—**Maurice M. Smith**, Vancouver, WA, December 1, 2016

'50 BA, MD '54—**Corbett H. Turner**, Atlanta, GA, December 24, 2016

'51, B Chem E '52—**William H. Abraham**, Ames, IA, December 28, 2016

'51, BME '52—**Arthur M. Jaggard**, Chillicothe, OH, July 17, 2016

'51 BS HE—**Margaret Healy McNulty**, Red Bank, NJ, November 30, 2016

'51 MA—**Vera Cooper** Rubin, Princeton, NJ, December 25, 2016

'51 B Chem E—**Clarence T. Shoch Jr.**, Coatesville, PA, December 5, 2016

'51, BEE '52—**Edgar R. Taylor**, Houston, TX, January 31, 2017

'51 PhD—**J. Richardson Usher**, Webster Groves, MO, February 6, 2017

'52 BS HE—Liddell Tauscher Bald, Barrington, IL, August 23, 2016
 '52 BA, MBA '56—Dean F. Bock, Sarasota, FL, January 21, 2017
 '52—Karl G. Jaeger, Bath, England, November 2, 2015
 '52 BA, JD '59—Walter J. Relihan Jr., Ithaca, NY, January 11, 2017
 '52-61 GR—Paul M. Tice, Horseheads, NY, December 24, 2016
 '52 JD—Neil Underberg, New York City, January 14, 2017
 '52, BEP '53—George J. Wolga, Ithaca, NY, December 14, 2016

'53 BS Ag—Roger C. Eastman, Belleville, NY, December 29, 2016
 '53, BFA '54—Kenneth A. Lawrence, Fairfax, VA, December 17, 2016
 '53 DVM—Joseph L. Thorne Jr., Murray, UT, December 30, 2016

'54 BA—David J. Albert, Orchard Park, NY, October 20, 2016

'55 BS ILR—Konrad H. Bald, Barrington, IL, January 1, 2017
 '55, BS ILR '56—Peter Cusack, Brooklyn, NY, December 20, 2016
 '55—Liliann Lihn Rifkin, New York City, January 1, 2017
 '55 MS HE—Alice Powers Stein, Tonawanda, NY, January 1, 2017
 '55 BS Nurs—Elizabeth S. Trever, Silver Spring, MD, November 23, 2016

'56, BS Ag '57, DVM '58—Clarence M. Burgher, Lewisburg, PA, January 10, 2017

'56 BS HE—Barbara Fraser Csavinsky, Old Town, ME, December 25, 2016

'56 BA—Marianne Karmilowicz Gabler, Rhinebeck, NY, December 23, 2016

'56 BS Ag—Peter M. Huberth, Juneau, AK, February 9, 2017

'57 MD—Max J. Kartchner, Benson, AZ, December 24, 2016

'57, MA '71, PhD '73—Robert N. Seidel, Webster, NY, November 4, 2015

'58 BS HE—Norma J. Edsall, Ghent, NY, January 31, 2017

'58, BArch '61—Theodore L. Lownie, Buffalo, NY, January 17, 2017

'59 LLB—Robert R. Douglass, Greenwich, CT, December 6, 2016

'59 BS Hotel—George M. Randall, West Hollywood, CA, December 16, 2014

1960s

'60 DVM—Fred R. Beyeler, Fruita, CO, December 29, 2016

'60 BS Ag—William C. Foard, Phoenix, MD, January 25, 2017

'60 B Chem E—Herbert T. Kaplan, Broomfield, CO, December 8, 2016

'60 LLB—Richard H. McMahon, Rome, NY, December 5, 2016

'60 BS Hotel—Richard P. Schucker, Port Huron, MI, December 4, 2016

'61 LLB—Kenneth C. Anderson, Baltimore, MD, October 8, 2016

'61 BA—Daniel Grossbard, Grants Pass, OR, July 16, 2014

'61, BEE '63, MEE '64—Gunnar Hurtig III, Palm Desert, CA, November 29, 2016

'61—Fredric H. Kolber, Miami Beach, FL, November 25, 2016

'62 PhD—Richard C. Axtell, Raleigh, NC, January 24, 2017

'62 BS Hotel—Diane Teal Riddell, Forks Township, PA, January 2, 2017

'62-63 GR—Raymond L. Swadley, Mt. Sidney, VA, December 20, 2016

'62, B Chem E '63—William W. Wallis, Scotch Plains, NY, October 23, 2016

'63, MS Ag '69—Roger A. Kline, Tucson, AZ, December 24, 2016

'63 BS Ag—Lorain M. Schultes, Columbus, IN, December 9, 2016

'63 BA—John J. Schumacher, Chatham, MA, December 27, 2016

'64 BS Ag—Frederick E. Bellinger, Indianapolis, IN, December 24, 2016

'65 PhD—Samuel J. Errera, Bethlehem, PA, December 29, 2016

'67 PhD—Marjorie Mealey Devine, Dover Foxcroft, ME, January 19, 2017

'68 BS ILR—Richard A. Cohen, Washington, DC, December 12, 2016

'68, BArch '69, MS '72—Richard H. Penner, New Paltz, NY, December 11, 2016

1970s

'70, BA '71—G. Ridge Loux, Reston, VA, November 27, 2016

'71 PhD—Clyde E. Eastman, Las Cruces, NM, February 4, 2017

'71 BA—Jonathan H. Miller, Buffalo, NY, December 31, 2016

'72 JD—Paul G. Hughes, Stamford, CT, December 8, 2016

'73-74 GR—Michael E. Akenova, Ibadan, Nigeria, September 13, 2016

'74—Bonny L. Y. Kwok, New York City, August 31, 2016

'76—Craig C. Millican, Ithaca, NY, December 12, 2016

'78 JD—Richard A. Maresca, Dayton, OH, December 27, 2016

1980s

'80 BS Ag—Frank J. Evans, Oshawa, ON, August 18, 2015

'80 BEE—Jody L. Glasser, Camas, WA, February 5, 2017

'80 MS Ag—John T. Greenplate, Manchester, MO, January 17, 2017

'80 BS Ag—Norbert J. Nolte, Spencer, NY, September 5, 2016

'82 MBA—Timothy B. Hussey, Kennebunk, ME, June 13, 2016

'82 BA, JD '85—Rosemary Rovick, Watsonville, CA, January 22, 2017

'87 BEE, MEE '88—Francois P. Pigeaud, Framingham, MA, January 9, 2014

'89 BA—Patrick S. Donovan, Ridgefield, CT, January 5, 2017

1990s

'96 MEE—Steve Curtis, Austin, TX, December 21, 2016

2000s

'00 JD/MBA—Douglas F. MacLean, Marblehead, MA, February 6, 2017

'02 MBA—Xiong Wei, Sammamish, WA, January 1, 2017

2010s

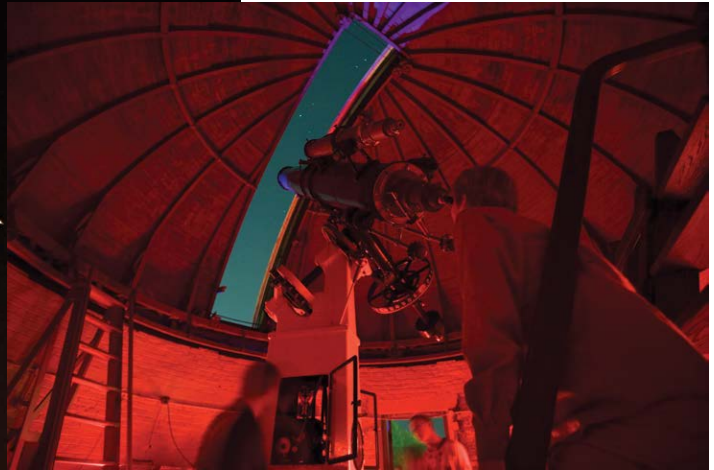
'11 MS—Susan Jean Barnes, Seattle, WA, January 3, 2017

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Stars Above

North Campus's Fuertes Observatory Turns 100



OUTWARD LOOKING: Visitors to Fuertes can check out the night skies every Friday—weather permitting.



After a long week of classes, Cornellians have a variety of choices for how to spend a hard-earned Friday night. Dinner in Collegetown? A movie at Cornell Cinema? How about . . . stargazing? Every week, if the Upstate skies are clear, members of the University and local communities can trek to North Campus to view the skies at Fuertes Observatory, which is celebrating its centennial this year.

Fuertes's main attraction is its refracting telescope, twelve inches in diameter, that is nestled under its retractable dome. Depending on the eyepiece, the telescope is capable of magnifying objects from between fifty times to more than 600; viewers can see the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter, the polar ice caps on Mars. Installed in 1922, the telescope is one of the few of its kind whose workings have remained unmodified, notes Sam Newman-Stonebraker '17, president of the Cornell Astronomical Society, the student group that has led the Friday observations for half a century. In warmer weather, Newman-Stonebraker says, the weekly observations draw as many as 300 people. "Not all at once," he hastens to add. "The building would sink."

Although Fuertes is no longer employed for academic research—and other University-affiliated telescopes outside Ithaca offer more powerful instruments and far less light pollution—it's still used by intro astro classes for observing star clusters and other phenomena. It's also a popular field trip stop for local elementary and middle schoolers. "A telescope is a nice

thing to introduce young kids to the idea of science," says astronomy professor Phillip Nicholson, the Society's adviser. "Even quite small children can appreciate looking up and seeing things that you can't see with the naked eye."

The observatory's newest feature—a museum created by Society members—was completed in fall 2015. Housed in two adjacent rooms, it showcases equipment dating back to the late nineteenth century. Fuertes was the fifth and final observatory built on campus under the supervision of Cornell's civil engineering department, which—in an era when stars served the purpose now filled by modern GPS—used it for large-scale land surveying. At the telescope's 1923 dedication ceremony (as civil engineering and astronomy professor Samuel Boothroyd recalled in a written description of the event) guests were invited to see

Viewers can see the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter, the polar ice caps on Mars.

the instrument "and view Jupiter and Saturn and the Globular Cluster in Hercules through it. A goodly number availed themselves of the opportunity and were favored with clear skies and good 'seeing.'"

On the *Daily Sun's* ever-evolving list of "161 Things Every Cornellian Should Do," a visit to Fuertes currently ranks at Number 17. If you missed out as a student, you can catch up during Reunion, Homecoming, or another return visit to campus—but be sure to check the forecast before heading out. "We get a surprising amount of people who come here on a rainy, cloudy night and ask, 'Can we see anything?'" Newman-Stonebraker notes with a laugh. "I'm like, 'Nope. The telescope can only see as much as you can.'" ■

—Faiza Ahmad '19

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